

EPIM Cabot Balanced

Investment objective and policy

These discretionary managed model portfolios offer risk-profiled investment solutions, all of which have a dynamic top-down asset allocation strategy implemented using low cost index tracking funds.

The investment objective for the EPIM Cabot Balanced Model Portfolio is to provide a long-term total return which is superior to inflation plus 2% returns. The performance of the model portfolio is not intended to track the rise (or fall) of any specific index.

Key facts

Inception Date	30/09/2012
Typical Growth / Defensive Split	50:50
Annual Management Charge	0.20%
Total Ongoing Charges (of underlying funds)	0.16%
Portfolio Total Ongoing Charge	0.36%

Equity markets were supported in February by continued strength in the US economy, combined with signs of an uptick in European activity. This economic resilience, alongside signs that inflationary pressures have not yet entirely dissipated, suggest central banks will likely be on hold for a little while longer. Bond markets therefore suffered given the decreased likelihood of imminent rate cuts.

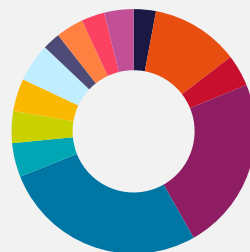
Earnings season continued, with five of the ‘magnificent seven’ US stocks reporting results for the previous quarter. These companies broadly met or exceeded expectations. With over 90% of S&P 500 firms having reported, nearly three quarters have beaten analysts’ earnings forecasts. Economic data also proved resilient, with the US composite Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) suggesting activity continued to expand over February, and the US economy adding 353,000 jobs in January.

European stock markets underperformed, despite a larger than expected rise in the eurozone composite PMI in February that suggested the worst of the continent’s growth weakness is likely over. UK stocks also underperformed, following a fourth quarter GDP print that showed the UK falling into a technical recession last year. Recent earnings data from UK companies also disappointed.

The Japanese TOPIX Index rose 4.9% over the month, despite a weaker than expected fourth quarter GDP print, which also put the country into technical recession over the second half of 2023. Further currency weakness though likely helped given the export-oriented nature of the Japanese stock market.

Chinese equity markets had hit five-year lows coming into the month. However, activity data over the Lunar New Year holiday period strengthened, and the Chinese government announced a number of supportive interventions.

Asset Allocation



- Cash & Equivalent 3.0%
- Government Bond 11.7%
- Inflation Linked 4.2%
- Investment Grade Bond 23.0%
- North American Equities 27.2%
- UK Equities 4.5%
- European Equities 4.2%
- Japanese Equities 4.3%
- Asia Pacific ex-Japan Equities 5.1%
- Global Emerging Market Equities 2.3%
- Global/Thematic Equities 3.7%
- Property 3.1%
- Infrastructure 3.9%

Top ten holdings

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Fidelity Index US P Acc Hdg	11.8
L&G US Index C Inc	10.4
L&G Short Dated Corp Bond Index C Inc	7.4
Vanguard UK ShortTerm Inv. Grade Bond Idx Plus	7.1
Vanguard Gbl.Short Term Corp. Bond Idx Hdg	5.7
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust Inc	5.6
Fidelity US Index Fund Inc	4.9
iShares Continental European Equity Index(UK)D Acc	4.2
L&G Global Inflation Linked Bond Index C Inc	4.2
Vanguard US Gov Bond Index Inv GBP Hdg	4.2

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Performance %

Discrete Performance	Feb 23 - Feb 24	Feb 22 - Feb 23	Feb 21 - Feb 22	Feb 20 - Feb 21	Feb 19 - Feb 20	3 yr Volatility
EPIM Cabot Balanced	10.1	-2.6	4.0	8.3	5.4	8.0
UK CPI + 2%*	6.1	12.2	7.5	2.7	3.8	-

Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr
EPIM Cabot Balanced	1.4	5.6	6.7	10.1	11.6	27.4
UK CPI + 2%*	-0.4	0.1	1.5	6.1	28.0	36.6

All data as at 29 February 2024

Source: APX and FE Analytics

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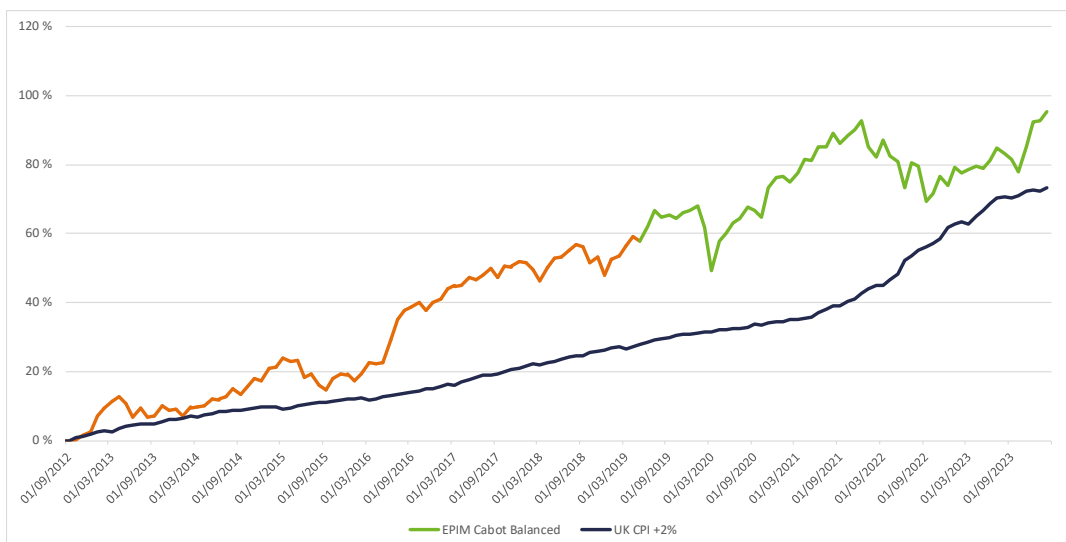
*UK Consumer Price Inflation figures quoted with a 1 month lag.

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Investment Team

The model portfolios are managed by Eden Park Investment Management, with investment advisory and management services provided by Charles Stanley. The team of portfolio managers and analysts have extensive experience, drawing upon the expertise of investment specialists, strategists and economists both internally and externally. The research team looks for the best Index tracking funds from the available passive universe.

Performance since Inception



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Minimum suggested Investment = £1,000
(subject to platform minimum requirements)

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