

# Sustainable Model Portfolio Service

In partnership with LGT Wealth Management

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# **EPIM Sustainable Defensive**



#### Top 10 holdings Trojan Ethical 10.00% Vontobel Sustainable Short Term Bond 10.00% Brown Advisory Global Sustainable Bond 9.00% ICS Sterling Liquidity 7.25% Vanguard US Govt Bond Index 7.00% Rathbone Ethical Bond 7.00% Threadneedle UK Social Bond 6.00% L&G Global Inflation Linked Bond Index 5.50% CG Dollar 4.50% AB Sustainable US Thematic Equity 4.25%

## Portfolio information

| Launch date              | 1 June 2020 |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Minimum cash holding     | 2%          |
| Annual management charge | 0.30%       |
| Total Cost of Investment | 0.46%       |

#### **Portfolio Objectives**

The primary objective of this portfolio is to preserve capital. The portfolio is diversified across a range of asset classes but with a low overall allocation to funds investing in equities (expected to be no greater than 40%) and other risk assets. Target Volatility: 2%-4.75%

### Sustainable philosophy

The ultimate goal of the portfolio is to support more inclusive social and economic development and more sustainable environmental and business practices, whilst generating strong and consistent investment returns. The portfolio will aim to achieve this by investing in a diversified range of funds which include themes such as renewable energy, financial inclusion, education, social housing, climate change action, sustainable waste management and renewable material production.



### Monthly investment update

Stocks outside of the US continued to perform well in February, with European and Asian equities leading the way. US equities lagged as investors questioned whether US exceptionalism will last given increased global competition to develop artificial intelligence (AI) technologies and rhetoric stemming from the Trump administration. The S&P 500 fell 1.3% in February and the Magnificent 7 fell 8.7% to bring its year-to-date loss to 6.5%, as technology stocks face headwinds.

Europe saw renewed cooperation and unity, particularly around defence, following high-level meetings and Germany's election. Markets in Europe thrived, with Germany's DAX and the STOXX Europe 600 posting solid gains, while UK equities also moved higher. Defence and financial stocks were among the top performers, driven by increased European cooperation. Meanwhile, Asia saw strong momentum, with Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index surging on tech optimism and attractive valuations. Bond yields trended lower, while central banks continued their measured approach to monetary policy. The Bank of England's rate adjustments signalled a longer-term path toward economic stability, despite inflation data ticking higher in the UK.

Looking ahead, March will bring key summits and central bank meetings that could further shape economic growth. European leaders are set to discuss Ukraine aid and defence cooperation, while global markets remain focused on trade developments. Amid shifting dynamics, high-quality businesses continue to offer strong long-term potential.



#### **Performance**



Source: Morningstar

|                    | As at elid of rebidary 2025 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 month            | -0.15%                      |
| 3 month            | 0.60%                       |
| 6 month            | 2.17%                       |
| 1 year             | 6.49%                       |
| 3 year             | 6.49%                       |
|                    | Target                      |
| Volatility         | 2 to 4.75%                  |
| Return             | 3 to 4.5%                   |
| Potential drawdown | -5.0%                       |
|                    | Yield                       |
| Assumed yield      | 2.30%                       |
| Dividend           | 32%                         |
| Savings            | 68%                         |
|                    |                             |

As at end of February 2025

Where targets are given, these are for indication purposes only; the actual figures achieved could be more or less than the ranges given. Source: Morningstar. Net of underlying fund costs, gross of all other charges. Source: Figaro. Fixed income considered saving income, all other asset classes (bar cash) considered dividend income.

#### Important information

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