

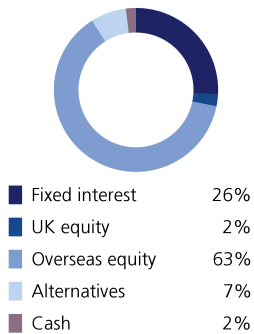
# Sustainable Model Portfolio Service

In partnership with LGT Vestra

January 2022

## EPIM Sustainable Balanced

### Asset allocation



### Top 10 holdings

Vontobel Sustainable Short Term Bond	9.70%
Stewart Investors Worldwide Sustainable	8.80%
Morgan Stanley Global Sustain	7.70%
AB Sustainable US Thematic Equity	7.70%
Lazard Global Sustainable Equity	7.20%
Trojan Ethical	6.50%
Liontrust Sustainable Future Global Growth	6.40%
Janus Henderson Global Sustainable Equity	6.40%
Rathbone Ethical Bond	6.00%
WHEB Sustainability	5.40%

### Portfolio information

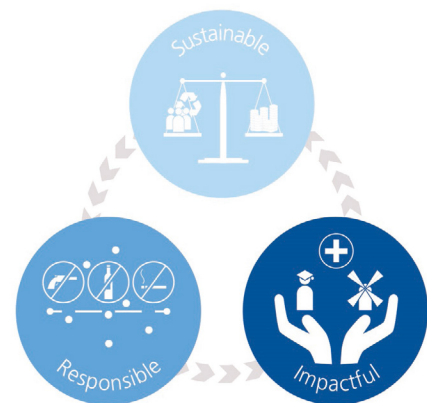
Launch date	1 June 2020
Minimum cash holding	2%
Annual management charge	0.3%
Total Cost of Investment	0.81%

### Portfolio description

The primary objective of this portfolio is to achieve capital growth in excess of inflation. The portfolio is diversified across a range of asset classes, with a medium allocation to funds investing in equities (expected to be no greater than 75%) and other risk assets. Target Volatility: 5%-9%

### 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

Markets were volatile throughout the first month of the year, with every major index around the world ending the month in negative territory, triggered by the signalling of intentions by central banks to raise interest rates and the end of coronavirus economic support to combat rising inflation. The Federal Reserve's hawkish stance on tightening sent global markets into a frenzy, with US technology-focused Nasdaq falling 11% over the course of the month. Heightened tensions between Russia and Ukraine added to this macroeconomic uncertainty. Whilst it seems unlikely the Kremlin will escalate further, US deploying troops across Eastern Europe certainly sent a strong signal of solidarity with NATO from Biden.

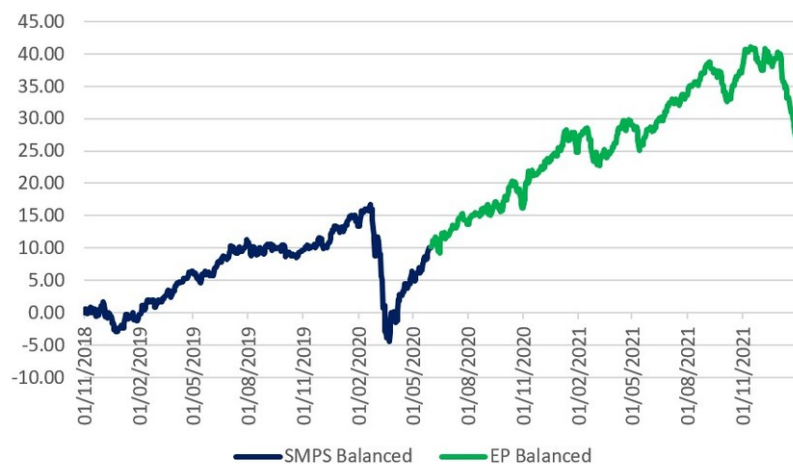
The bulk of the sell-offs were concentrated in the riskiest parts of the market such as speculative tech companies. However, this hasn't left the portfolios entirely immune to the more indiscriminate tech sell-offs. Where the portfolios do have exposure to technology businesses, is in profitable companies, with solid balance sheets and low debt. We believe these businesses will be in a position to thrive once the correction has run its course. Further, quality companies with strong financials are a core characteristic of the portfolios, as we look to invest in long-term secular system changes that will prevail in the transition to a low-carbon economy.

The end of January saw a mix in corporate earnings results: names like Alphabet & Microsoft had successful quarters and saw their share prices rally following results. However, Meta, the parent company of Facebook, Instagram and Whatsapp recorded a surprisingly weak quarter, shocking markets and losing 26% in the immediate aftermath.

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## Performance



Source: Morningstar

As at end of January 2022

<b>1 month</b>	-7.85%
<b>3 month</b>	-5.85%
<b>6 month</b>	-3.45%
<b>1 year</b>	3.37%
<b>3 year</b>	29.59%

	Target
<b>Volatility</b>	5 to 9%
<b>Return</b>	5.2 to 7.5%
<b>Potential drawdown</b>	-13.5%

	Yield
<b>Assumed yield</b>	0.48%
<b>Dividend</b>	72%
<b>Savings</b>	28%

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.

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