

#### **SNAPSHOT Base Currency Pound Sterling** 2.89% 12 Mo Yield 0.20% Ongoing Charge 0.15% Management Fee Portfolio Cost 0.35%

| BENCHMARK                 |                            |            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Benchmark                 | IA Mixed Investment 20-60% |            |
| Comparator Benchmark      | Composite Ber              | nchmark    |
| RISK                      |                            |            |
|                           | Sharpe<br>Ratio            | Std<br>Dev |
| Rockhold Passive Cautious | 1.65                       | 5 3/       |

1.65

1 59

5.34

5.73

SHARP RATIO - is a measurement of the risk adjusted returns of the portfolio

IA Mixed Investment 20-60%

Balanced

STANDARD DEVIATION (Std Dev) - is a measure of the portfolio's volatility (risk).

Please ask your financial adviser if you require further information

TOP TEN HOLDINGS Portfolio Date: 30/09/24

|   | Portfolio<br>Weighting<br>% |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Royal London Short Duration Gilts M Inc     | 13.37                       |
| Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx £ H Acc           | 12.48                       |
| Vanguard Jpn Stk ldx Ins PI £ Acc           | 9.84                        |
| Fidelity Index US P GBP Acc H               | 9.56                        |
| iShares North American Eq Idx (UK) D Acc    | 9.44                        |
| Vanguard FTSE Dev €pe<br>exUKEqIdxInsPI£Acc | 5.63                        |
| Man GLG High Yield Opports Profl<br>Acc C   | 3.98                        |
| Vanguard FTSE<br>UKAllShrldxUnitTrlnsPl£Acc | 3.61                        |
| Fidelity Index Emerging Markets P<br>Acc    | 2.97                        |
| Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx Ins PI £<br>Acc    | 2.97                        |

#### **ABOUT ROCKHOLD**

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# **ROCKHOLD PASSIVE CAUTIOUS** BALANCED

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

The Portfolio aims to provide capital growth over the medium to long term, generating returns by investing in a diversified range of assets across the global multi-asset spectrum. The portfolio predominantly invests in passive funds across a wide range of asset classes.

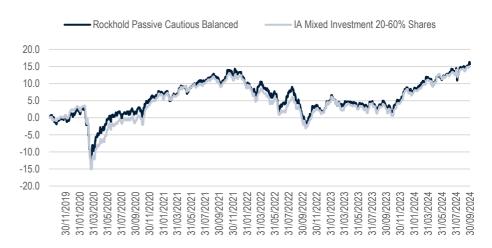
#### **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

To achieve the Investment Objectives, we use extensive research techniques that shape our macroeconomic views and select funds where we believe they can add value.

#### WHO THIS PORTFOLIO IS SUITABLE FOR

This portfolio is suitable for all types of retail and professional customers that are receiving advice from a financial adviser. As you will be investing in stock market-based investments, you should be prepared to invest for a minimum of 5 years. The portfolio is designed to generate growth but does not provide any form of guarantee. Should the value of your investment go down you should be in a financial position such that this will not have the effect of a reduction in your standard of living. Your financial adviser will determine the most appropriate portfolio based on your risk profile. We do not offer any investments that come with no investment risk or are very high risk, this means that the value of your investment may go down as well as up.

### **PERFORMANCE** Time Period: 18/09/19 – 30/09/24



Until 1st September 2022, portfolios were managed under the regulatory permissions of the firm that is now acting as investment adviser to Rockhold Asset Management. From this point they became managed by Rockhold Asset Management with the same charging structure. Returns shown are based upon GBP Sterling and include fund and management charges but exclude platform fees and any ongoing adviser charges. Dividends & Interest reinvested.

## **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS**

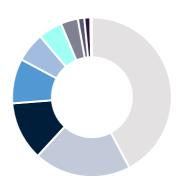
|                                       | 3Month | 6Month | 2023 | 2022   | 2021 | 2020 | Since<br>Inception |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|------|--------------------|
| Rockhold Passive Cautious Balanced    | 2.45   | 3.34   | 7.02 | -10.20 | 6.69 | 5.95 | 15.65              |
| IA Mixed Investment 20-<br>60% Shares | 2.30   | 3.52   | 6.86 | -9.67  | 6.31 | 3.49 | 15.03              |

# **INVESTMENT RISKS**

Your capital is at risk. Potential investors should be aware that past performance is not an indication of future performance and the value of investments, and the income derived from them may fluctuate and they may not receive back the amount they originally invested. The tax treatment of investments depends on each investor's individual circumstances and is subject to changes in tax legislation. The performance of actual portfolios linked to this Model Portfolio may differ from the performance of the Model Portfolio shown herein due to the variation in timing of the initial investment or rebalancing differences resulting from minimum transaction size limits on the Investment platform.



|  | %     |
|--|-------|
| Sterling Fixed Income                              | 21.95 |
| <ul> <li>US Equity Large Cap Blend</li> </ul>      | 19.01 |
| <ul><li>US Fixed Income</li></ul>                  | 12.48 |
| <ul> <li>Global Fixed Income</li> </ul>            | 10.70 |
| Japan Equity                                       | 9.84  |
| <ul> <li>Global Emerging Markets Equity</li> </ul> | 5.94  |
| Europe Equity Large Cap                            | 5.63  |
| UK Equity Large Cap                                | 3.61  |
| <ul> <li>Infrastructure Sector Equity</li> </ul>   | 2.56  |
| <ul><li>Asia ex-Japan Equity</li></ul>             | 2.19  |
| Other  | 6.09  |
| Total  | 100.0 |



|                                  | %     |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| North America                    | 42.22 |
| Japan                            | 19.64 |
| Europe dev                       | 11.91 |
| <ul><li>United Kingdom</li></ul> | 9.05  |
| Asia emrg                        | 5.98  |
| Asia dev                         | 4.87  |
| Australasia                      | 3.50  |
| Latin America                    | 1.30  |
| Africa/Middle East               | 1.21  |
| Europe emrg                      | 0.32  |

# MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

The U.S. Federal Reserve's unexpected 0.5% interest rate cut in September marks a key market turning point. Initially, a 0.25% cut seemed more likely, so the larger reduction surprised markets, prompting cautious optimism. While the U.S. economy showed strength with a Q2 GDP revision to 3%, inflation remains above the 2% target, raising concerns of future price hikes. However, unemployment has risen above 4%, and removing Owners' Equivalent Rent from the CPI calculation reads well below 2%.

Liquidity is a crucial driver of nominal returns across asset classes. The US money supply continues to expand via fiscal deficit spending and with China joining the party, liquidity trends look positive for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025, with anticipated but still debated changes to bank solvency regulations likely boosting liquidity further. Following the interest rate cut, the U.S. dollar has modestly weakened, but a significant retracement appears unlikely due to the strong economy. Goldman Sachs projects a stronger British pound against the dollar, supporting our 50/50 hedged dollar approach, which is performing well.

In September, China's economy faced recession risks due to real estate sector weaknesses and demographic challenges. The People's Bank of China launched a substantial liquidity stimulus, boosting stock prices and benefiting Pacific emerging markets. This growth could support global recovery, especially if the dollar weakens. Meanwhile, key commodities, excluding oil, rose in response to China's stimulus. Japan's inflation readings remain positive, prompting a modest rate hike from the Bank of Japan (BOJ) to address inflation and Yen devaluation, which may impact equity prices. We see BoJ in a policy trilemma and would like to see further evidence to determine the direction of travel. On September 12, 2024, the European Central Bank cut its main interest rate by 0.25%, reducing the deposit rate from 3.75% to 3.5%, marking its second rate cut since the end of the hike cycle in September 2023. The Eurozone faces near-recessionary growth, particularly in Germany's manufacturing sector, although stocks are performing well due to diversified corporate earnings. In the UK, government wage settlements exceeding targeted inflation raise concerns as debt hits 100% of GDP. Geopolitical uncertainties persist, prompting readiness for unforeseen events, especially regarding the U.S. and Ukraine. Our portfolios benefited from fixed income's stabilising role during volatility, amid potential recession risk in the rest of the world.

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