

#### SNAPSHOT

Base Currency	Pound Sterling
12 Mo Yield	2.43%
Ongoing Charge	0.54%
Management Fee	0.25%
Portfolio Cost	0.79%

#### BENCHMARK

Benchmark	UK RPI +3%
Comparator Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 40-85%

#### RISK

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
Rockhold Sustainable Balanced Growth	5.25	1.48
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	4.83	2.04

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

**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: 30/11/24

	Portfolio Weighting %
Vanguard ESG Dev Eurp Idx £ Acc	9.93
Vanguard ESG Em Mkts All Cp Eq Idx £ Acc	8.40
Brown Advisory US Sust Gr GBP B Inc	7.16
CT Responsible UK Equity 2 Acc	6.55
L&G Cash Trust I Acc	5.98
Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond B Acc	5.83
Liontrust Sust Fut Glbl Gr 2 Net Acc	5.79
Janus Henderson Global Sust Eq I Acc	5.75
iShares Japan Equity ESG ldx (UK) D Acc	4.71
iShares Pac ex Jpn Eq ESG ldx (UK) DAcc£	4.32

### ABOUT ROCKHOLD

Rockhold is a trading name of Rockhold Asset Management Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Financial Services Reference Number 565311.

Rockhold Asset Management Limited is a limited company registered in England and Wales with company number 02442391. Our registered office is at Brookdale Centre, Manchester Road, Knutsford, WA16 0SR.

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## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

The Portfolio aims to provide capital growth over the medium to long term, generating returns by investing in low cost Socially Responsible Investing 'SRI' Funds with a focus on positive screening factors, Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations and UN Sustainable Development Goals 'SDG'.

### **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. Where we don't believe a suitable active fund is available, we retain the flexibility to use passive funds. Non screened funds may be used for the purpose of maintaining diversification, provided they satisfy our avoidance criteria.

## 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. It is specifically designed for those investors who wish their portfolio to be managed in sustainable investments. This may mean that level of return or the risk experienced may be higher or lower than experienced by a non-sustainable investor. 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.

### PERFORMANCE Time Period: 01/03/21 – 30/11/24



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**

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Year 3	Since Inception (01/03/21)
Rockhold Sustainable Balanced Growth	1.96	4.35	12.69	-1.58	8.84
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	2.85	5.41	14.80	8.61	18.98

## **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.

ET ALLOCATION Portfolio date: 30th Nove	mber 2024	EQUITY REGIONAL EXPOSUR	E Portfolio date: 30th November 2
	%		%
Sterling Fixed Income	16.88	North America	36.77
Global Equity Large Cap	14.44	Europe developed	20.14
Europe Equity Large Cap	9.93	United Kingdom	13.89
Global Fixed Income	9.04	Japan	8.26
Global Emerging Markets Equity	8.40	Asia emerging	7.39
US Equity Large Cap Growth	7.16	Asia developed	5.90
UK Equity Large Cap	6.55		
Sterling Money Market	5.98	Australasia	4.74
🔵 Japan Equity	4.71	Africa/Middle East	
Asia ex-Japan Equity	4.32	Latin America	1.13
Other	12.59	Europe emerging	0.28

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# MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

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November saw buoyant stock markets and Donald Trump's decisive victory in the U.S. presidential election. Markets rallied on optimism surrounding pro-business policies, with equities hitting new highs and cryptocurrencies advancing. Surprisingly, U.S. Treasury yields fell from 4.4% to 4.2%, defying inflationary expectations. The dollar index (an index of the value of the dollar against a basket of currencies) surged, as geopolitical tensions eased, including a Lebanon ceasefire and hopes for U.S.-Russia compromise on Ukraine.

A second Trump presidency signals deregulation, onshoring, and economic growth, with bold targets like 3% real GDP growth and energy expansion. Key reforms in immigration and healthcare, led by prominent loyalists, promise dramatic policy shifts. Mr Scott Bessent, the proposed Treasury Secretary, will target a "3-3-3" policy; 3% real GDP growth, 3 million more barrels of oil production per day and a 3% budget deficit – which the markets have certainly initially applauded. However, once in the office, we will gauge the implementation of such policies. We are cognizant of the debt servicing costs and issuance policy changes that may come with the new administration.

At home the economic outlook appears bleak. Inflation rose to 2.3%, GDP growth slowed to 0.1%, and private sector output shrank for the first time in a year. Chancellor Rachel Reeves's borrowing plans and higher employer costs have triggered job cuts and stalled expansions, while green policies forced major factory closures. Bond yields hit 4.53%, reflecting investor concerns. Labour's growth ambitions have struggled, prompting caution on increasing UK allocations at this time.

Europe's outlook remains mixed, with weak industrial performance (e.g., VW profits down 64%) and rising unemployment. Bright spots include Novo Nordisk in pharma and Siemens Energy, outperforming Nvidia on energy infrastructure demand. Japan's stock market has performed well, but future growth may slow as the yen weakens and the Bank Of Japan balances inflation, currency, and growth. China's modest stimulus struggles to revive its economy, with limited benefits to equities. Emerging markets face challenges from dollar strength. Gold steadied at \$2,600, while Bitcoin surged toward \$100,000. Copper remains subdued, reflecting weak global demand evidenced by the Global Manufacturing PMIs, while uranium prices diverge from energy equities. In November, we trimmed Japanese equities after meeting targets, reallocating to cash. Portfolios performed well, anticipating 2025 growth under supportive U.S. policies. Positioned cautiously amid optimistic equity valuations.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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