

#### SNAPSHOT

Pound Sterling
2.64%
0.57%
0.25%
0.82%

#### BENCHMARK

Benchmark	UK RPI+1%
Comparator Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 20-60%

#### RISK

	Sharpe Ratio	Std Dev
Rockhold Sustainable Cautious Balanced	5.63	2.37
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	5.16	2.74

**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: 31/10/24

	Portfolio Weighting %
iShares Japan Equity ESG ldx (UK) D Acc	9.78
RLBF II Royal London Ethical Bond Z Inc	7.38
EdenTree Responsible & Sust Stlg B	7.35
Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond B Acc	6.31
EdenTree Responsible & Sust Shrt Dtd B	6.13
CT Responsible Sterling Corp Bd C Inc	6.00
Vanguard ESG Em Mkts All Cp Eq ldx £ Acc	5.97
Liontrust Sust Fut Eurp Gr 2 Net Acc	5.36
BNY Mellon Sust Glb Dyn Bd Instl W Acc	5.16
Brown Advisory US Sust Gr GBP B Inc	5.06

#### 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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# ROCKHOLD SUSTAINABLE CAUTIOUS BALANCED

## 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'.

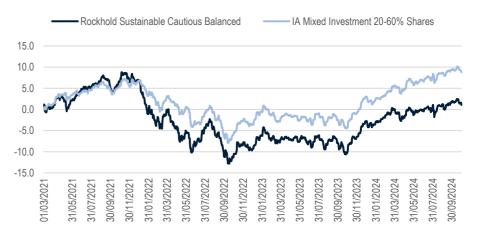
### INVESTMENT APPROACH

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 - 31/10/24



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	3 Year	Since Inception (01/03/21)
Rockhold Sustainable Cautious Balanced	0.04	2.78	12.87	-5.03	1.08
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	0.77	3.72	13.63	3.21	8.78

# **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.

ASSET ALLOCATION Portfolio date: 31st Octo	ber 2024	EQUITY REGIONAL EXPOSURE	Portfolio date: 31st October 2024
	%		%
Sterling Fixed Income	34.40	North America	34.14
Global Fixed Income	11.47	Japan	20.84
Global Equity Large Cap	9.89	Europe developed	16.19
Japan Equity	9.78	United Kingdom	11.50
Global Emerging Markets Equity	5.97	Asia emerging	9.55
Europe Equity Large Cap	5.36	Asia developed	4.64
US Equity Large Cap Growth	5.06	Asia developed Asia developed Africa/Middle East	1.39
UK Equity Large Cap	5.02		
Infrastructure Sector Equity	2.55	Latin America	1.08
Asia ex-Japan Equity	2.13	Australasia	0.49
Other	8.37	Europe emerging	0.18
Total	100.0		

# MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

October was turbulent for risk assets, with early gains eroded by month's end as liquidity waned. Valuations in some sectors appear stretched, raising questions about the potential for a year-end rally.

In the UK, Chancellor Reeves abandoned fiscal rules, adding £50+ billion in debt. Despite parallels to Mrs. Truss's policies, market reactions were muted. Gilt yields rose to 4.4% with more issuance expected, while UK equities remain selectively appealing. The US economy remains strong, with 3.4% GDP growth and low credit spreads indicating corporate health. Inflation hovers at 2.4%, though adjusted figures fall below 2%. Improved October employment data reduced bond market's expectations for further Federal Reserve rate cuts, pushing Treasury yields higher and challenging equity valuations. Despite this, a November rate cut remains likely as the Fed navigates easing employment pressures.

As the US election nears, markets react to shifting poll dynamics. Ample liquidity supports risk assets, and a stronger dollar reflects geopolitical concerns. Overall, optimism persists for a solid year-end finish. China's \$28bn stimulus, though significant, falls short of market expectations, leaving recovery prospects uncertain. Investors demand more decisive action from the People's Bank of China. Japan's weaker yen and rising inflation have become problematic, increasing the likelihood of Bank of Japan intervention. Additionally, China's low-cost exports are pressuring Japan's vehicle exports, signalling that equity values may have peaked.

In Europe, inflation has dropped to just above 1%, but economic struggles in Germany and France persist, with manufacturing in decline. Volkswagen's factory closures highlight the challenges. Another round of quantitative easing could be on the horizon as the Eurozone navigates its fragile recovery. Portfolios have performed well, benefiting from strong liquidity. However, with momentum fading, we're considering profittaking and reducing risk, particularly in Japan, where positive trends are losing steam.

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