

EPIM Cabot Cautious

Investment objective and policy

These discretionary managed model portfolios offer risk-profiled investment solutions, all of which have a dynamic top-down asset allocation strategy implemented using low cost index tracking funds.

The investment objective for the EPIM Cabot Cautious Model Portfolio is to provide a long-term total return which is superior to the UK CPI inflation rate. The performance of the model portfolio is not intended to track the rise (or fall) of any specific index.

Key facts	
Inception Date	30/09/2012
Typical Growth / Defensive Split	10:90
Annual Management Charge	0.20%
Total Ongoing Charges	0.13%
(of underlying funds)	
Portfolio Total Ongoing Charge	0.33%

August was volatile, starting with a broad-based sell-off in equities as concerns that the US would fall into a recession mounted. However, these worries were overblown and equity markets generally recovered in the latter part of the month to end higher.

The sharp fall in the early part of the month was triggered by disappointing US employment data, as well as concerns about elevated technology-sector valuations. However, subsequent jobs data proved reassuring and the official estimate of US GDP growth in the second quarter was revised higher – to 3% from an initial reading of 2.8%. Subsequent data also helped soothe these fears surrounding the US economy and markets rallied.

Several of the 'Magnificent 7' fell after their earnings and outlook failed to meet elevated expectations. This included Al-chip market leader Nvidia. Bond markets also saw an increase in volatility after price gains over the summer. European shares, as represented by the Stoxx 600 index, hit a new all-time high in the last week of August.

Commentary from Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell helped convince markets that the interest rate cycle is likely to turn in mid-September. However, the central bank did not provide any clarification on how fast rates are likely to fall — and futures markets appear to have priced-in an optimistic view of the pace of interest-rate cuts.

At the end of July, the Bank of England (BoE) unexpectedly cut interest rates for the first time in more than four years. BoE governor Andrew Bailey warned that the move would not herald a rapid succession of further cuts.

The Bank of Japan's surprise rate hike in July had a dramatic impact on the yen, which rallied sharply, resulting in a steep fall in Japanese stocks. Weakness in Chinese equities continued.

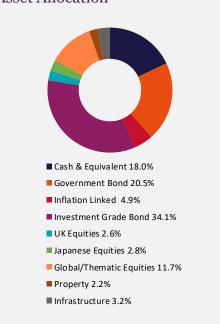
The US is expected to engineer a soft economic landing as inflation is brought down to the Fed's target level – although the pace of interest rates cuts could potentially disappoint.

Performance %

Discrete Performance		August 22 - August 23				3 yr Volatility
EPIM Cabot Cautious	9.0	1.5	-5.5	4.9	1.8	5.0
UK CPI*	2.3	6.9	10.1	2.0	1.1	-

Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3 yr	5yr
EPIM Cabot Cautious	0.6	2.9	4.2	9.0	4.6	11.7
UK CPI*	-0.2	0.2	1.8	2.3	20.3	24.1

Asset Allocation



Top ten holdings	%
L&G Short Dated Corp Bond Index C Inc	12.5
Vanguard UK Short Term Investment Grade Bond Index	12.1
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust C Inc	9.7
Vanguard Global Short Term Corp. Bond Index Inst. Plus Hdg Acc	9.5
BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity	8.0
L&G Cash Trust I Class	8.0
Legal & General International Index Trust C Inc	7.9
Vanguard Invest. Series Global Short Term Bond Index Inst. Plus	5.6
Vanguard US Government Bond Index Inv GBP Hedged Inc	5.3
Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond Index C Inc	4.9



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Investment Team

The model portfolios are managed by Eden Park Investment Management, with investment advisory and management services provided by Charles Stanley. The team of portfolio managers and analysts have extensive experience, drawing upon the expertise of investment specialists, strategists and economists both internally and externally. The research team looks for the best Index tracking funds from the available passive universe.

Sub Manager MPS Proposition Ratings



Performance since Inception





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- ISA
- SIPP
- Offshore Bond
- Onshore Bond

Minimum suggested Investment = £1,000 (subject to platform minimum requirements)

PLATFORMS

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