# **EPIM Brunel Balanced Portfolio Factsheet**

## As of 31/12/2024

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#### Overview:

The portfolio is managed by Eden Park Investment Management supported by investment expertise from Hymans Robertson Investment Services LLP (HRIS). HRIS adopts a long-term strategic approach to asset allocation and has a robust and independent approach to fund selection

The portfolio is usually rebalanced every 6 months, although we also retain the right to accelerate, postpone or cancel a scheduled rebalancing at our discretion.

The portfolio is appropriate for retail and professional clients seeking to achieve growth and/or income. The model portfolio is not deemed appropriate for clients that have no ability to sustain a capital loss, are completely risk averse, have low or no financial resilience, are looking for guaranteed returns (or a guaranteed return of capital), have an investment time horizon of less than five years or wish to access the service on an execution only basis or a non-advised basis.

#### Portfolio Objective:

The objective is to achieve capital growth over the long-term. The portfolio will seek to achieve its objective through investing in a range of funds. The portfolio can invest up to 65% in equities. The portfolio is appropriate for clients that are seeking a balance between growth and capital preservation but accept that they might bear moderate capital losses over some periods of time.

### **Portfolio Returns**



Performance is as at the return date of the factsheet. Expressed in percentage terms, the performance is calculated by taking the change in monthly net asset values reinvesting all income and capital-gains, and dividing by the starting net asset value. The total returns include fees and other costs taken out of fund assets, but exclude the DFM fee. (Including fees in the total returns will reduce the illustrated performance). Performance figures are shown in pound sterling. Performance may deviate by platform and deviate from performance provided by the platform

# **Cumulative Portfolio Returns**

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
EPIM Brunel Balanced Portfolio	1.61	3.60	9.43	8.66	29.27	38.42
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	0.06	2.37	6.18	2.49	12.76	19.39

#### Market Commentary

The last guarter of 2024 wrapped up a year of important elections, with president-elect Trump winning the US election and speculation over the new administration's intended policies impacting markets. Central banks' interest rate cutting cycles have begun but the re-emergence of inflationary pressures has caused them to re-evaluate the pace of cuts.

Following Trump's election victory in November, markets saw a host of "Trump trades" priced into markets, with investors tilting into sectors and regions that they believed would be positively impacted from a Trump administration. The overall result on the US equity market in Q4 2024, which was also boosted by a stronger dollar, was a 10% gain, outperforming global equity markets which returned 5.9% over the quarter. UK equities lagged (-0.4%) with the inflationary impact of the UK budget now baked-in but the targeted economic growth still uncertain. European equities also underperformed (-4.0%) with the prospect of European companies facing tariffs imposed by the US being priced in.

Despite the Federal Reserve (Fed) cutting their target rate twice over the guarter, the Fed signalled a slower rate of cuts moving forward into 2025 which pushed bond yields up and prices down. The Bank of England only cut once, in November, and decided to keep rates at 4.75% in December. An uplift to inflation expectations, partially driven by the Budget, led to more caution. For bond markets, global investment grade corporate bonds ended the guarter down 1% whilst high-yield bonds returned 0.4%, helped by being less sensitive to rising bond yields. UK gilts returned -3.1% over the quarter as investors digested the large increase in borrowing announced in October's Budget.

### Key Information

EPIM Brunel Balanced Portfolio	
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	
01/06/2019	
0.26%	
0.25%	
0.09%	
28	

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Any performance shown prior to 3 July 2023 is based on the portfolio when it was managed by a different provider. All performance after 3 July 2023 is based on the asset allocation provided by HRIS. Performance data prior to 3 July 2023 provided by RBC Brewin Dolphin.

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#### **Asset Allocation Portfolio Holdings** % Equity 51.30 Investment Grade Credit 29.00 Portfolio Alternative Credit 12.00 Weighting % **Government Bonds** 3 00 Liquid Real Assets 2.70 Vanguard Glb Corp Bd Idx £ H Acc 13.65 Cash 2.00 L&G Fut WId ESG Tilted & OptdDevIdxC£Acc 8.10 100.00 Total Vanguard FTSE UK All Shr Idx Unit Tr£Acc 8.10 Schroder Sus Multi-Factor Eq I Acc GBP 5.40 Vanguard ESG Scrn Dev Wrld AllCpEqIdxAcc 5.40 iShares Continen Eurp Eq Idx (UK) D Acc 4.86 M&G Emerging Markets Bond GBP I Acc 4.20 Vanguard UK Invm Grd Bd Idx £ Acc 4 20 **Regional Equity Split** Vanguard Glb S/T Bd Idx £ H Acc 3.92 % Fidelity Index US P Acc 3.24 UK 17.40 North America 44.50 M&G Corporate Bond GBP I Acc 3.15 15.90 Developed Europe ex UK L&G All Stocks Gilt Index I Acc 3.00 6.50 Japan Asia Pacific ex Japan 5.60 Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Gr B Acc 2.70 Emerging Markets 10.10 Fidelity Emerg Mkts R Acc 2.70 100.00 Total L&G Global Infrastructure Index C Acc 2.70 Veritas Global Focus GBP Acc NAV 2.70 Capital Group GlobHilnc (LUX) Ph-GBP 2.40 L&G Short Dated £ Corporate Bd Idx C Acc 2.32 JPM Global High Yield Bond C Grs Acc 2.16 PIMCO GIS Glb Hi Yld Bd Instl GBP H Acc 2.04 Hymans Robertson LLP Awards BlackRock ICS Sterling Lig Premier Acc 2.00 MI TwentyFour AM Monument Bond L Acc 1.76 iShares Japan Equity Index (UK) D Acc 1.62 ards AWARDS 2022 - meai iShares Pacific ex Jpn Eq Idx (UK) D Acc 1.62 Winner WINNER L&G Future Wld Clmt Chg Eq Fct Idx C Acc 1.62 Actuarial modelling solution of the year HYMANS ROBERTSON Pension Consultant of the Year L&G Global Emerging Markets Index C Acc 1.62 Vanguard Glb Small-Cp Idx £ Acc 1.62 LAPF Winners of MI TwentyFour AM Dynamic Bond I Acc 1.20 VESTMENTS AWARDS INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE YEAR .....

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