

Investment Objective

The Conservative model aims to provide a combination of long term capital growth and an income for investors who are willing to accept a low to medium level of risk by investing across global markets into a range of asset classes. Equity exposure within this portfolio will not exceed 40%. The portfolio's benchmark is the ARC Sterling Cautious PCI.

Commentary Over the quarter, the DFM Conservative model returned 5.3%, outperforming the ARC Sterling Cautious PCI by 1.3%. For 2023 as a whole, the model returned 8.4%, against a peer group return of 4.4%. 2023 will likely go down in the annals as a year of contradiction. Economic growth was relatively slow (arguably Europe witnessed a recession), inflation – although falling – remains much higher than recent past numbers (and stubbornly so) and interest rates continue to rise. In terms of politics, “stability” is not a word that would be bandied around comfortably. In pretty much every editorial relating to capital markets, the word “recession” is increasingly used too. With such headwinds, it’s surprising that many markets performed really well. The tech heavy NASDAQ for instance was up almost 50% for the year (and approaching 10% for the quarter.) We closely follow over 150 indices – a mixture of equities, bonds, currencies and commodities – and in the last quarter of the year more than 10% of these were up more than 10%. When looking at the winning indices in the final quarter, it is interesting to note that among them were gilts, non-gilts, technology, real estate, smaller companies, and value. Although the market headlines continue to be dominated by the “magnificent 7” stocks, it feels like there are opportunities across a number of asset classes and investment styles. 2024 could see inflation fall further and Central Banks start to reduce rates. Although we are not dismissing a recession, that doesn’t necessarily mean stock markets will crash. Creating a balanced, blended portfolio should be a key objective in volatile times such as these. We find the portfolio remains suitable for a client looking to obtain a broad exposure of assets diversified by manager, investment style, geography and income.

Performance Summary as at 31st December 2023

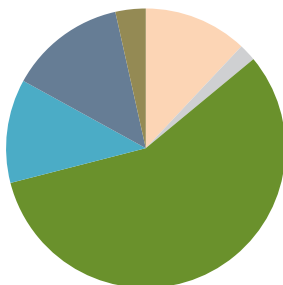
FE fundinfo

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION DATE
Conservative Model	3.2%	5.3%	6.7%	8.4%	5.7%	16.4%	75.4%
ARC Sterling Cautious PCI	2.8%	4.0%	4.3%	4.4%	0.6%	13.2%	44.9%

Source: FE fundinfo & Hawksmoor. All figures quoted are on a total return basis with income reinvested and are gross of any Hawksmoor fees that may be deducted. Deduction of this charge will reduce the illustrated performance. All ARC benchmark figures are quoted net of fees.

Current Asset Allocation

Alternatives	12.0%
Cash	2.0%
Fixed Interest	57.0%
UK Equities	12.0%
International Equities	13.5%
Property	3.5%



Top 10 Holdings

Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond	7.5%
Federated Hermes Unconstrained Credit	6.5%
Artemis Corporate Bond	6.0%
JPM Global Macro Opportunities	6.0%
L&G Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bond Index	6.0%
Royal London Corporate Bond	6.0%
WS Ruffer Diversified Return	6.0%
Close Sustainable Select Fixed Income	5.5%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands Equity Income	5.5%
Premier Miton Strategic Monthly Income Bond	5.5%

Model Details

Inception Date	30 th April 2010
Number of Holdings	20
Underlying fund Ongoing Charge Figure (exc. fees) *	0.53%
Investment Management Fee	0.35%
Estimated Yield*	3.66%
3 Year Annualised Volatility	6.1%

* Based on the current portfolio weightings using the latest available data of the underlying funds. The yield is not guaranteed and may fluctuate.

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