

Market and portfolio review

The month of November saw most equity markets struggle over the persistence of the rate of inflation and of the coronavirus, in spite of strong corporate earnings. The latest omicron variant needs further research to assess whether it is as harmful as it seems transmissible and whether resistant to vaccines, and the uncertainty has impacted sentiment and certain sectors. There may be a benefit in the sharp recent fall in energy prices, which have been an important component of the increased rate of inflation across the world, such as at 6% in Germany. Central banks have been reluctant to move to raise interest rates, in part as they have wanted to see a complete economic recovery with full employment and in part as they are conscious of the issue of higher interest charges for heavily-indebted countries, companies and individuals. To an extent there has been a degree of fiscal rather than monetary tightening, as governments cut back on their extreme levels of expenditure during the pandemic and raise taxes to cover some of the costs they incurred. There has certainly been an increased realisation that the current level of inflation is not proving as temporary or transitory as the central banks first envisaged; once a higher rate of inflation becomes more established it can become more embedded, as companies look to increase prices and as workers expect a rise in wages. Corporate profits have proved robust for now while the COP26 summit in Glasgow should lead to greater investment in new infrastructure, if nothing else.

For the portfolio the total return in November was +0.5%. HSBC American Index was the largest contributor to performance at +0.14%, with HSBC FTSE All-Share Index the largest detractor at -0.09%.

Portfolio information

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Launch date: | October 2011 |
| Initial charge: | Nil |
| Investment management fee: | 0.3% |
| Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF): | 0.54% |
| Transaction costs: | 0.14% |
| Ancillary costs: | 0.08% |
| Dealing costs: | Nil |
| Portfolio yield: | 1.5% |

Platform availability:

Aegon; Ascentric; Aviva; Elevate; Novia; Quilter (formerly Old Mutual); Standard Life; Succession; FundsNetwork.

Investment objective

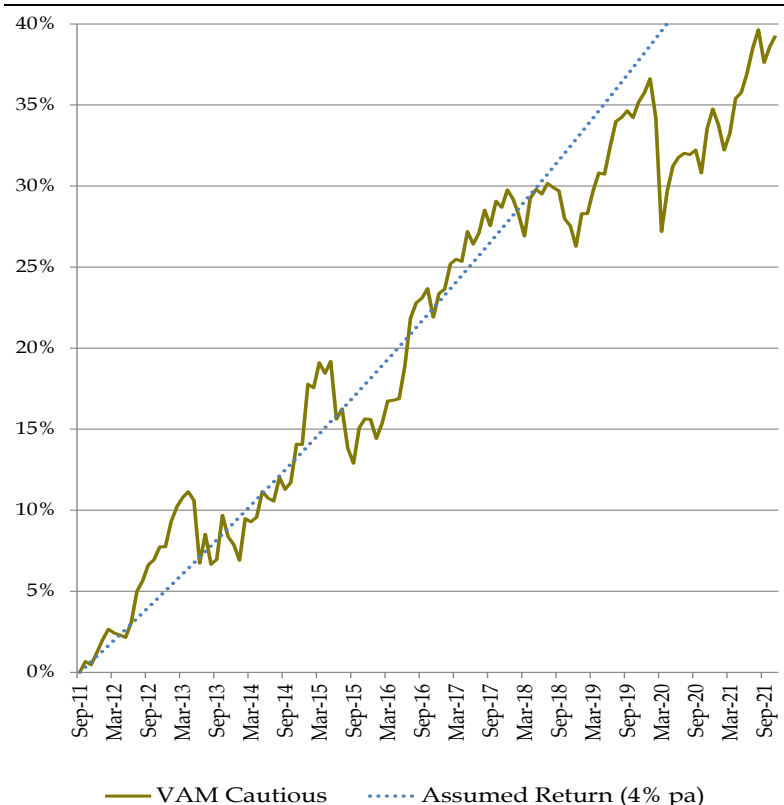
The Cautious portfolio has assumed returns of 3-5% p.a. net of fees over a rolling three-year period. The investment manager has discretion to weight the portfolio towards any of the asset classes comprising bonds, equities, alternatives and cash provided that any such investment is compatible with the objectives.

The OCF and other costs represent the average charge of funds in which the portfolio is invested; it is an indicative figure calculated at each quarter balancing, as is the portfolio yield. As well as the regular quarterly re-balance we may re-position the portfolios on an ad hoc basis and at each occasion we assess the risk profile.

Historical performance (as of 30th November 2021)

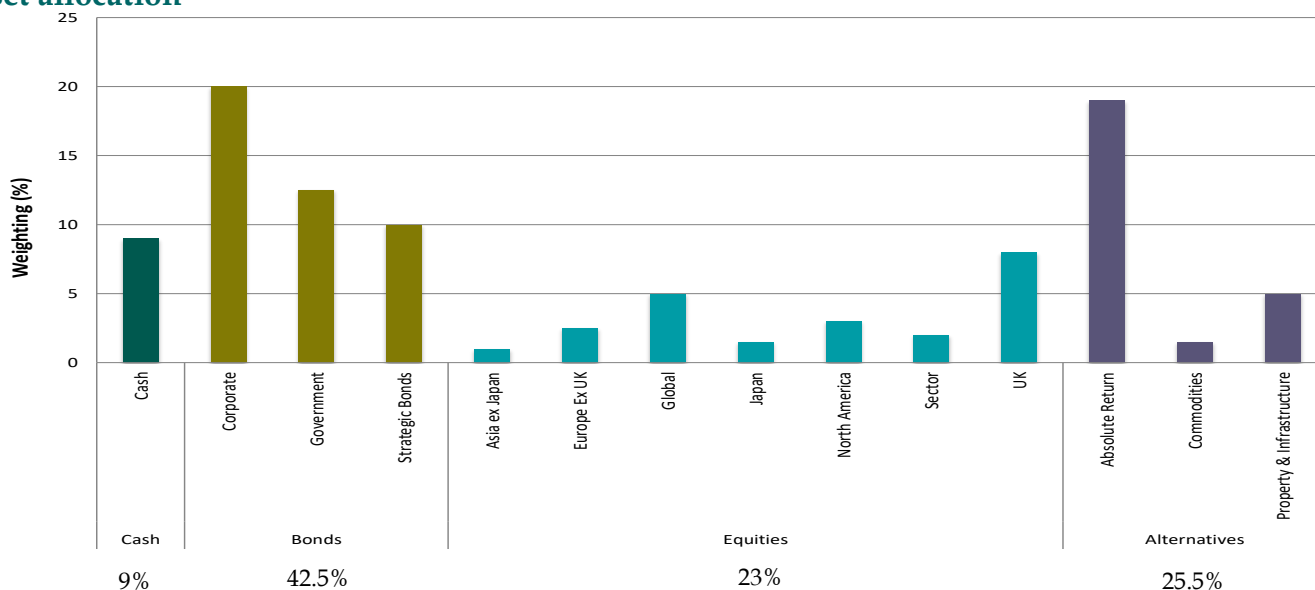
| Rolling | 1 mth | 3 mth | 1 yr | 3 yr | From inception |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
| VAM Cautious | +0.5% | -0.3% | +4.3% | +9.2% | +39.3% |

| Annual | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 to date |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| VAM Cautious | +5.2% | -2.7% | +7.5% | -0.7% | +3.4% |



Please note that past performance is no guarantee of future returns and that capital in the portfolio is at risk of loss. The figures are based on a model and may vary between platforms if holdings differ due to availability. Performance is shown net of the OCF, transaction and ancillary costs and the investment management fee (deducted monthly) but gross of platform (and adviser) fees; it is calculated using Financial Express with Bloomberg for contribution analysis and assumes no frictional dealing costs nor any delay during model rebalancing. The investment management fee was 0.375% until end June 2021 (0.37% on those platforms that only calculate to two decimal places) and it was liable to VAT until end March 2021, so equivalent to 0.45%. The assumed return is set at 4% p.a. compounded monthly.

Asset allocation*



*This is based upon VAM's classification of each holding by asset class and sector, taking into account the holding's investment strategy, and does not purport to aggregate the asset distribution of each holding's underlying investments, which may vary from that represented above. The asset allocation and top 10 holdings are shown as of the latest re-balance (which was implemented on 29th October 2021).

Top 10 portfolio holdings (excluding cash and money market funds)

| Weight | Holding | Weight | Holding |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|---|
| 5.0% | Royal London Short Duration Credit | 5.0% | Rathbone Ethical Bond |
| 5.0% | Fidelity Short Dated Corporate Bond | 5.0% | CG Absolute Return |
| 5.0% | Allianz Strategic Bond | 5.0% | Janus Henderson Fixed Interest Monthly Income |
| 5.0% | Nomura Global Dynamic Bond | 5.0% | BlackRock European Absolute Alpha |
| 5.0% | Gravis UK Infrastructure Income | 5.0% | Janus Henderson Absolute Return |

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