Managed Portfolio Service
VIP Cautious

September 2026

VINTAGE asset management

Market and Portfolio Review

Global equity markets were mostly weaker in September as concerns over higher oil prices and rising bond yields again weighed on a complicated world. Persistent inflationary pressures prompted central banks to raise rates, yet the US economy showed strength and the technology sector remained resilient despite debate over the course of Artificial Intelligence. Brent crude rose above $110 on renewed clashes in the war between the US and Iran, with attacks from Iraq temporarily closing the Saudi East-West pipeline and Houthi rebels seizing the Bab al-Mandeb. The oil price fell back but was still 8% higher over the month. The US announced tighter sanctions on Iran and its trading partners, risking complications with China. Negotiations on ending the war looked unlikely to succeed before November's mid-terms. President Xi visited the US, and the trade truce was extended to January. In Germany, the Christian Democrats fared poorly as the far-right AfD won in two states. Bond markets were weak on worries over energy-driven inflation and rising sovereign debt with 30-year Treasury yields having closed near 5.6%. The US economy looked resilient, with 162,000 jobs created in August, unemployment at 4.1% and the strongest private-sector expansion since mid-2021. The UK grew 0.4% in July and European manufacturing enjoyed its best spell in four years. US inflation held at 3.4%, while it rose to 3.1% in the UK and 3.3% in the eurozone. The Federal Reserve raised its interest rate, for the first time since 2023 to 3.75-4%, as did the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan. The Bank of England held at 3.75% but proposed selling £20bn of gilts a year.

For the portfolio, the total return in September was -0.6%. AQR Managed Futures was the largest contributor to performance at 0.17%, with Vanguard Global Bond Index Hedged the largest detractor at -0.14%.

Portfolio Information

Launch Date:	**April 2021**
Initial Charge:	**Nil**
Investment Management Fee:	**0.25%**
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF):	**0.36%**
Transactional Costs:	**0.15%**
Ancillary Costs:	**0.07%**
Dealing Costs:	**Nil**
Portfolio Yield:	**3.1%**

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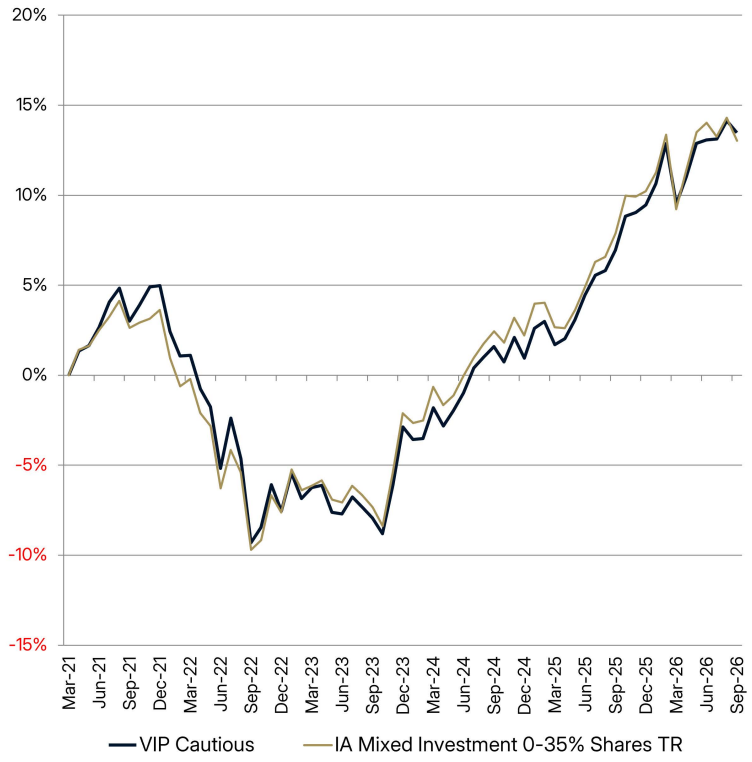
Historical Performance

As of 30th September 2026	Rolling					Calendar Year					From Inception
	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 to Date	
VIP Cautious	**-0.6%**	**0.4%**	**3.6%**	**6.1%**	**23.3%**	**-11.9%**	**5.1%**	**3.9%**	**8.4%**	**3.7%**	**13.5%**



Investment Parameters

The objective of the Vintage Investment Proposition (VIP) Cautious portfolio is to outperform the relevant peer group over a 3-5 year time horizon by investing in a wide range of assets combining active and passive funds whilst targeting a specific risk profile.

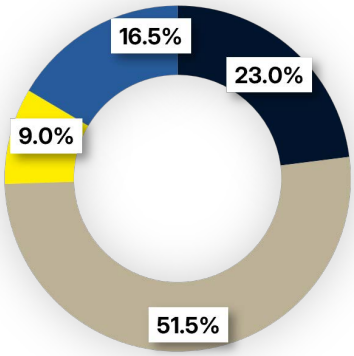
The OCF and other costs represent the average charges of funds in which the portfolio is invested; they are indicative figures calculated at each quarter rebalancing, as is the portfolio yield. As well as the regular quarterly re-balance we may re-position the portfolios on an ad hoc basis and at each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

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 0.18% until end April 2025, when the portfolio's name changed from the Core Investment Proposition.

Source: VAM based on FE Analytics

Asset Allocation

Alternatives	**16.5%**
Absolute Return	12.0%
Commodities	1.0%
Macro	3.5%
Bonds	**51.5%**
Corporate	17.5%
Global	12.5%
Government	21.5%
Cash	**9.0%**
Money Market	9.0%
Equities	**23.0%**
Emerging Markets	2.5%
Europe (excluding UK)	3.0%
Japan	1.0%
North America	8.0%
Thematic/Global	3.5%
United Kingdom	5.0%



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 ten holdings are shown as of the latest re-balance, based on a cashless model (which was implemented on 31st July 2026).

Platform Availability

7IM
aberdeen
aegon
AJBell
AVIVA
nucleus
Quilter
SCOTTISH WIDOWS
Söderberg & Partners
transact

Top Ten Holdings

1	**BlackRock Sterling Liquidity Premier**	**9.0%**
2	**Vanguard Global Bond Index Hedged**	**7.0%**
3	**TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit**	**5.0%**
4	**Royal London Short Duration Credit**	**5.0%**
5	**Aberdeen Short Dated Global Inflation Linked Bond**	**5.0%**
6	**Royal London Short Duration Gilts**	**5.0%**
7	**Fidelity Index UK Gilts**	**5.0%**
8	**HSBC FTSE All-Share Index**	**5.0%**
9	**Jupiter Global Equity Absolute Return**	**5.0%**
10	**Man Sterling Corporate Bond**	**4.0%**

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