

# MANAGED PORTFOLIO SERVICE MPS CAUTIOUS

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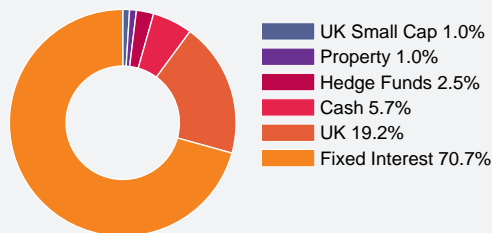
## OBJECTIVE

The investment objective is to generate a return from the income from the portfolio. The Quilter Cheviot MPS Cautious Strategy is designed for an investor with a time horizon of more than 1 year, and a lower tolerance for risk that regardless of market conditions would only be comfortable with minimal variation or disruption to capital value or income.

The Quilter Cheviot MPS Cautious Strategy is a diversified portfolio comprising predominantly fixed interest funds with a small exposure to domestic equity funds. There may also be an allocation to funds investing into "alternatives" such as commercial property, private equity, commodities and absolute return strategies.

## ASSET CLASS / GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

As at 31 July 2019



## STRATEGY PERFORMANCE (30 JUNE 2005 TO 31 JULY 2019)



Source: Quilter Cheviot, Financial Express (FE). Model performance is shown in GBP, gross of management fees with all income reinvested, actual returns may vary. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

## PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

### Fixed Interest & Cash: 76.4%

Vanguard Global Short Term Bond Index  
Allianz Gilt Yield  
L&G Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bond Index  
AXA US Short Duration High Yield Bond  
Cash (£)  
M&G Optimal Income  
PIMCO GIS Global Invnt Grade Credit £-Hedged  
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index

### UK Equity: 20.2%

Artemis Income  
Investec UK Alpha  
LF Majedie UK Equity  
Merian UK Alpha  
Legal & General UK 100 Index  
Franklin UK Smaller Cos  
Aberforth UK Small Companies

### Alternatives: 3.4%

PIMCO GIS Dynamic Multi-Asset  
Merian Global Equity Absolute Return  
BMO Property Growth and Income

Name	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
MPS Cautious	6.0%	2.7%	9.2%	21.0%	81.1%
MPS Cautious Composite Index	5.2%	3.4%	7.6%	28.3%	119.3%
IA UK Gilt TR	6.8%	7.1%	5.8%	32.3%	92.4%
Cash	0.4%	0.7%	1.4%	2.5%	24.7%

Risk Statistics	Estimated	Realised (3 Year)	Realised (Since Inception)
Annualised Volatility	4.2%	3.1%	3.8%
Drawdown	-7.9%	-3.2%	-4.2%

## Key Facts

Strategy Benchmark: MPS Cautious Composite Index

Strategy Launch Date: 30 June 2005

Historic Yield: 2.1%

Source: Quilter Cheviot, Financial Express (FE) 14 August. All figures to 31 July 2019

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up. You may not recover what you invest.**

The historic yield data is calculated using the previous year's dividend information and the bid or mid price from the last dividend. Data provided by Financial Express (FE), Quilter Cheviot (31 July 2019). The level of yield actually achieved on your portfolio will be dependent on the tax treatment of the product you have invested in and your personal tax circumstances.

Volatility is a measure of risk and measures the variability of price fluctuations of an investment, or a portfolio of investments. Realised (i.e. experienced) model volatility is expressed as the annualised standard deviation of returns over the stated time period(s), calculated using monthly data. The realised drawdown is the peak to trough decline experienced by the model over the stated time period(s), calculated using monthly data. Estimated annualised volatility and drawdown figures have been calculated based upon an historic analysis of the model's current strategic asset allocation, calculated using monthly data. IA Sector returns are net of the underlying manager fund charges whilst benchmarks will not include any charges.

The asset allocations shown are dynamic, based upon the price movements of the underlying investments. Clients investing in the strategy for the first time, either via new business or a switch, will have their portfolio determined by the fund and asset allocations set at the last rebalance date.

Please note that at the beginning of November 2014 the strategy changed name from Defensive to Cautious and the benchmark changed from the FTSE A British Govt Over 15 Years TR Index to the MPS Cautious Composite Index. The composite benchmark performance is therefore shown as a combination of both benchmarks over the affected time period(s) and may differ from the performance calculated for one of these alone. Full details of the underlying components of the current benchmark are available upon request.



## MARKET COMMENTARY

Share prices globally pushed onto new highs in July. US, Japanese and European markets rose between 0.5% and 1.5% in local currency terms, but were eclipsed by a 2.2% gain in the UK market. The pound fell 4% against the dollar to \$1.21 on Brexit uncertainty. Central banks are easing monetary policy once again. Bond investors see this as pre-emptive action ahead of a global economic slowdown, perhaps even recession, whereas equity investors anticipate a pick-up in corporate profitability from a boost to GDP growth.

Economic data is surprising on the downside however. Manufacturing weakness broadened across global economies and while there was a small uptick in new orders in the US and China, they remain in contraction territory, implying a continued drag on global growth in the third quarter of 2019.

Unfortunately, trade tensions show no sign of abating, at least not until closer to the 2020 US election. For now, the President has tweeted that the US will impose a 10% tariff on the remaining \$300bn of Chinese imports starting on 1 September. There is scope to raise this to 25% and/or increase tariffs on goods already suffering this rate.

An extended trade war, unrest in Hong Kong and Japan/Korea semiconductor tensions mean growth is slowing quite sharply in much of Asia. Japan has stabilised, however, with consumer spending offsetting negative net exports. The Chinese economy continues to grow strongly. Annual GDP growth slowed to near 6% in the second quarter of 2019 – services grew at around 7%, while manufacturing slowed to 5.6%. We expect a similar performance in the second half of the year.

Meanwhile, US consumption rebounded in the second quarter. The economy looks on track to grow 2.6%, a touch lower than last year but still well above the advanced world average. Low levels of unemployment will likely keep wages growing at 3%+. Investors will be watching to see if higher labour costs can be passed on by price rises or whether competition forces margin compression. At the end of July the Federal Reserve announced an end to its 'quantitative tightening' balance sheet reduction and cut rates by 25bp to 2.25%, citing a mid-cycle adjustment and insurance against weak global trade. This represents a dovish pivot by the Fed, and markets anticipate further cuts.

Euro area surveys point to further deterioration. As with other regions, there is a contrast between manufacturers and consumers. Extended weakness has prompted the ECB to provide additional – as yet unspecified – support, likely involving interest rate cuts and renewed bond buying.

A UK general election looks likely and possibly further Brexit delays. Protracted uncertainty and global headwinds have pushed business surveys in the manufacturing and construction sectors into recession territory. Hard data has been more resilient, especially consumer data.

Investors have been prepared to look through the sharp deceleration in corporate profit growth this year, in the expectation of an improvement in 2020 once supportive monetary policy kicks in. This optimism has pushed valuations towards the top end of their normal range, leaving them vulnerable to disappointing news. An estimated 3% increase in global earnings this year looks reasonable, but 10% growth for next year appears optimistic.

## ABOUT QUILTER CHEVIOT'S MANAGED PORTFOLIO SERVICE

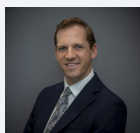
Quilter Cheviot has a heritage that can be traced back to 1771. We are one of the UK's largest discretionary investment management firms, focusing on providing and managing bespoke investment portfolios for private clients, trusts, charities and pension funds.

Our Managed Portfolio Service (MPS) provides a range of discretionary investment portfolios which offer clients diversified exposure to global financial markets. MPS was launched in 2001 and provides clients with a high level of diversification through investment in collective funds. With a strong track record, we offer a range of investment Strategies and the flexibility to switch seamlessly between them without charge should an investor's circumstances or risk appetite change.

## PLEASE NOTE

Our MPS does not take unrealised capital gains into account when making changes to client portfolios. This means there may be occasions when realised gains are in excess of your Annual Exempt Amount (AEA), which may result in you having to pay capital gains tax (CGT). Please also be aware that the minimum investment amount for our MPS is £25,000 when accessed through Quilter Cheviot's own nominee arrangements. It may not be possible to align your portfolio to the agreed strategy should the investment value of your portfolio fall below this amount. This may have a detrimental impact on the ability to manage your portfolio to the agreed mandate.

## INVESTMENT MANAGERS



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Simon joined Quilter Cheviot in 2007 and is lead portfolio manager of the Quilter Cheviot Managed Portfolio Service (MPS) and chair of the firm's Investment Funds Committee. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin with a first class honours degree, Simon has completed the Investment Management Certificate (IMC), the CISI Masters in Wealth Management and has passed Level I of the CFA Program.



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