

# **Discretionary Managed Portfolio Service**

Strategic Model

**July 2021** 

## **Key information**

#### Model details

Launch date 1 October 2011 Minimum initial investment £1.000 Rebalancing strategy (minimum) Quarterly £ GBP Currency 0.50% Annual management charge Ongoing charges figure ('OCF') 0.49% Annual yield (current) 1.56%

\*Not including platform fees Source: FE Analytics as at 31.07.21.

#### Investment update - July

Economic data and consumer confidence indicators continued to be positive throughout July. Sentiment was impacted, however, by concerns over the rise in case numbers of the COVID-19 Delta variant. This heralded a degree of caution for investors, triggering a decline in bond yields. In terms of equity markets, the US again led the way with the S&P 500 Index reaching new all-time highs. Q2 earnings announcements have also been very encouraging so far, with 90% exceeding expectations. In the eurozone, business activity growth hit a 20-year high in July and earnings expectations are also being widely exceeded. Returns were more muted from the UK where sterling strength impacted those companies with substantial US dollar earnings. It was a very different story across emerging markets, which lagged significantly, weighed down by the announcements from China of greater regulation of the technology and private education sectors. There were no changes made to the strategy during the month, with the strategy remaining at the upper end of the corresponding Dynamic Planner risk profile. Despite near-term inflation and policy change risks, substantial monetary and fiscal stimulus is likely to remain in place, underpinning equity markets. Our fixed income exposure is well diversified, with a bias towards both corporate and inflation-linked bonds, and also to strategic managers who can pivot quickly as conditions change. Our Investment Committee continues to favour 'market neutral' alternative investments, which are acting as good portfolio stabilisers in the current environment.

#### **Discretionary Managed Portfolio Service**

The service consists of six actively managed investment models, offering lower cost access to our discretionary fund management capabilities, through the combination of active and passive collective investments. The service provides a solution that, when cost considerations are paramount, does not compromise on quality. Investment models are monitored by our central Investment Committee to ensure consistency of performance from one portfolio to another.

#### Investment objective

To preserve capital in real (inflation-adjusted) terms over the medium to longer term. Investors should expect low levels of reward and a low correlation to stock market behaviour, including modest fluctuations in values.

#### Risk profile

The model is managed in accordance with Dynamic Planner risk profile 3 (Low), with the model's expected volatility targeted to stay within the assigned Dynamic Planner risk profile's boundaries.

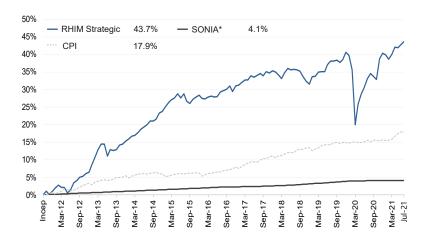
#### Discrete performance

	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
RHIM Strategic	2.4%	-0.1%	6.9%	-2.9%	3.3%	2.0%
SONIA*	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%
CPI	1.9%	0.7%	1.3%	2.1%	2.9%	2.1%

#### **Cumulative performance**

	Туг	Зуг	Буг	TOYF
RHIM Strategic	8.0%	5.8%	11 2%	_

#### Inception performance



#### Annualised performance since inception

	Inception
RHIM Strategic	3.8%
SONIA*	0.4%
CPI	1.7%

\*Sterling Overnight Index Average. Source: FE Analytics and Morningstar as at 31.07.21. Inception from 01.10.11. RHIM performance is net of fund charges, but does not include RHIM discretionary management fees, nor fees that may be incurred through your financial adviser Past performance is not a guide to future results. See full risk warning overleaf



### **About Richmond House**

We launched our discretionary management service in 2006, and have navigated the portfolios through good times and bad. We're proud to say that we've protected our clients' capital and today we have around £200 million of funds under management.

We focus on both actively managed funds and lower cost passive funds where appropriate, taking a sensible approach and always maintaining our awareness of downside risks. Adopting a global view, we continually identify where the risks and opportunities lie.

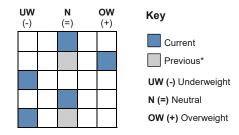
We offer a range of model portfolios, and the discretionary powers of our specialist team allow us to make alterations to these quickly and efficiently. Each portfolio typically holds between 25 and 30 funds selected from the whole of the market, ensuring diversification across asset classes, countries and sectors.

We conduct our own fund research using specialist tools such as Morningstar, but we also take the opportunity to meet fund managers regularly face-to-face to ensure each fund continues to meet its objectives and remains appropriate to our clients' needs.

#### Headline asset allocation and positioning

Summary of current Investment Committee positioning

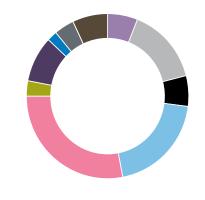
Fixed interest
Equities
Property
Alternative investments
Cash



- The strategy remains at the upper end of the corresponding Dynamic Planner risk profile with a bias in equity exposure to the US and Asia-Pacific ex. Japan.
- We maintain a diversified approach to our fixed income exposure, with increased allocations to corporate and inflation-linked bonds as well as to strategic bond managers.
- Cash levels remain reduced following our allocation to the thematic and global sector in December last year.
- There remains a focus on high levels of liquidity in everything we own.
- Market neutral alternative investments continue to act as stabilisers.

\*Positioning prior to last Investment Committee change (December 2020)

#### Model asset allocation





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## Top 10 holdings

Holding	%	Holding	%
Janus Henderson Absolute Return	11	TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit	7
BlackRock Absolute Return Bond	10	Cash (deposit)	6
Vanguard UK Short-Term Inv. G. Bond Index	10	Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond Index	6
Fidelity Strategic Bond	8	BNY Mellon Global Dynamic Bond	5
Janus Henderson Strategic Bond	7	HSBC American Index	5

As at 31.07.21

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