# Core **Sterling** Cautious Income Portfolio · Monthly Report

**REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024** 

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# Portfolio objective and investment policy

The Core Sterling Cautious Income Portfolio service is designed with a dual purpose: to offer investors a regular income while also striving to preserve capital, although it does not provide any capital guarantees. Aiming for a distribution yield (not guaranteed) of 2.0% over the UK 10-year Gilt Bonds before fees, this portfolio embraces diversification within an unrestricted asset class through active asset management. Our investment philosophy centres on a structured and disciplined process, vital for delivering favourable returns. The Investment Committee, convening regularly, meticulously reviews and selects investments across diverse markets. This process yields a recommended list of investments, forming the foundation of the Core Sterling Cautious Income Portfolio. This dynamic approach allows us to capitalise on tactical ideas and 'special situations,' enhancing performance and maintaining a consistent income flow aligned with our primary objective.

The portfolio's underlying investments primarily involve long-only UCITS V compliant Collective Investment Schemes managed by reputable domestic and global asset managers. Additionally, positions in debt securities and money market instruments, including the use of the *Integra Treasury Platform* service as detailed in the related *Terms of Reference*, contribute to the portfolio's comprehensive strategy. We remain dedicated to the pursuit of optimal returns and consistent income within the framework of our Core Sterling Cautious Income Portfolio service.

### Portfolio performance - inclusive of income

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2018		0.07%	-0.35%	1.02%	-1.09%	-0.74%	1.59%	-1.26%	0.03%	-1.48%	-0.79%	-1.09%	-4.06%
2019	2.93%	0.81%	0.50%	1.30%	-1.74%	2.21%	0.98%	-1.96%	1.25%	0.58%	0.18%	1.35%	8.60%
2020	0.34%	-3.45%	-12.65%	3.13%	2.37%	0.97%	0.67%	1.53%	-1.19%	-1.49%	5.58%	1.44%	-3.88%
2021	-0.23%	-0.46%	2.06%	1.68%	0.52%	0.90%	0.64%	1.73%	-1.40%	0.80%	-0.15%	2.46%	8.82%
2022	-2.02%	-2.27%	1.23%	-1.06%	-0.74%	-4.15%	3.29%	-2.12%	-4.44%	2.22%	2.48%	-1.07%	<b>-8.64</b> %
2023	2.88%	-0.96%	-0.11%	1.50%	-1.44%	0.93%	1.16%	-1.11%	-1.06%	-1.85%	4.39%	4.12%	8.51%
2024	-0.49%	-0.07%											-0.56%

### Rolling 12 month income distribution (paid quarterly)



## **Performance\* since inception**

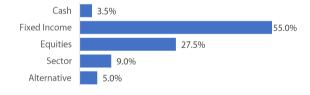


\*Returns are gross of IPW fees and distributions may be subject to Withholding Tax.

### **Key Facts**

Portfolio inception date	February 2018
Initial or exit charges	0.00%
Annual management fee	0.50%
Annual nominee fee*	0.20%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 100,000
Estimated distribution yield	5.04%
Distribution dates	end of January, April, July, October

### **Current asset allocation**



## Portfolio statistical returns

Mean monthly return	0.13%		
Annualised return	1.54%		
Rolling 12 months return	5.90%		
Monthly standard deviation	2.42%		
Negative months	33		
Positive months	40		
Excess return (ann. return less risk-free return)*	-2.59%		
Standard deviation @ 68% probability	2.55%	-1.10%	
Standard deviation @ 95% probability	4.96%	-4.71%	
Sortino ratio	0.05		
Sharpe ratio	-0.31		

<sup>\*</sup> Based on the UK 10 year Gilt Bonds

### **Worst drawdowns**

Per	riod	Drawdown	Recovery		
from	to		in months *		
Jan-20	Mar-20	-15.66%	15		
Dec-21	Sep-22	-11.85%	ongoing		
Apr-18	Dec-18	-4.76%	4		
Jul-19	Aug-19	-1.96%	3		

<sup>\*</sup> Represents the amount of time (in months) from the portfolio's valley to a new high

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<sup>\* 0.20%</sup> Annual Nominee Fee is subject to a minimum of €350 p.a. which fee is charged at client level

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### Monthly underlying fund performance

BGF European Equity Income Fund	2.17%
MS Global Brands Equity Income Fund	0.82%
BNY M. Global Short-Dated High Yield Bond Fund	0.50%
Treasury Platform - GBP	0.27%
Templeton Global Total Return Fund	0.00%
Aegon Diversified Income Fund	-0.27%
FTGF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	-0.60%
Invesco Sterling Bond	-0.69%
FTGF CB Global Infrastructure Income Fund	-0.76%
Threadneedle (Lux) UK Equity Income	-0.98%
Threadneedle (Lux) - Global Corporate Bond	-1.23%
BGF Global Corporate Bond Fund	-1.60%
Aegon High Yield Global Bond	-1.72%
FTGF WA Macro Opportunities Bond Fund	-2.82%

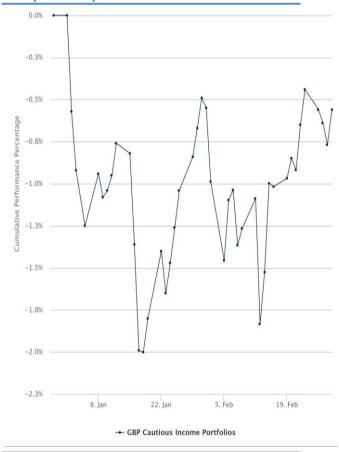
### Positive contributors in absolute terms

BGF European Equity Income Fund	+0.25%
BNY Mellon Global Short-Dated High Yield Bond Fund	+0.14%
Morgan Stanley Investment Funds - Global Brands Equit	+0.06%

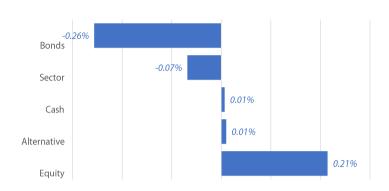
### **Negative contributors in absolute terms**

FTGF Western Asset Macro Opportunities Bond Fund	-0.17%
Threadneedle (Lux) UK Equity Income IGP GBP	-0.10%
Threadneedle (Lux) - Global Corporate Bond Class IGC G	-0.09%

### YTD portfolio performance



### Contribution to performance by asset class



### Risk and reward profile

Typically Lower potential risk/reward

Typically Higher potential risk/reward

Lower Risk Higher Risk

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This service attracts a **Cautious to Moderate** risk. The lowest category does not mean risk free. Fluctuations in exchange rates may cause the value of your portfolio to rise or fall.

This rating does not reflect the possible effects of unusual market conditions or large unpredictable events which could amplify everyday risk and trigger other risks such as counterparty risk, liquidity risk, country risk. The full list of the portfolio's risk are contained in the 'General Risks' section of the *Core Sterling Cautious Income Portfolio* Information Document.

#### **TECHNICAL TERMS**

A **Gilt** is a bond denominated in British pounds issued by HM Treasury, and payments on gilts are backed by credit of the U.K. government. When interest rates are low, gilt prices tend to be high because the rate of interest they pay will often beat anything you would get in a savings account and will therefore be in high demand.

**Drawdown** is a risk measure used to evaluate how long it typically takes an investment to recover from a temporary decline its net asset value.

The **Sortino ratio** measures the risk-adjusted return of the investment portfolio. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalizes both upside and downside volatility equally.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**The estimated distribution yield** reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next 12 months based on the income generated from the underlying funds. Investors may be subject to withholding tax on the quarterly distributions. **The portfolio charges** the management and nominee fees to the quarterly distributions, which fees can be offset by any rebates the Company may receive. Rebates are paid back in the form of a credit note. This charging method could lead to a lower level of income but will not constrain capital growth.

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