

4th Quarter 2023

ARC data is confirmed until 30 September 2023.

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### Glossary

**Annualised volatility:** risk is measured by the variability of performance. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the variability (and therefore the risk) of the Fund or the index.

**Maximum historic loss:** is the maximum loss from peak to trough in an investment's history. The figures are indicative and will depend on circumstance.

**Sharpe ratio:** measures the risk/return trade-off. It is the annualised return less the average risk-free rate, divided by the annualised volatility of the model.

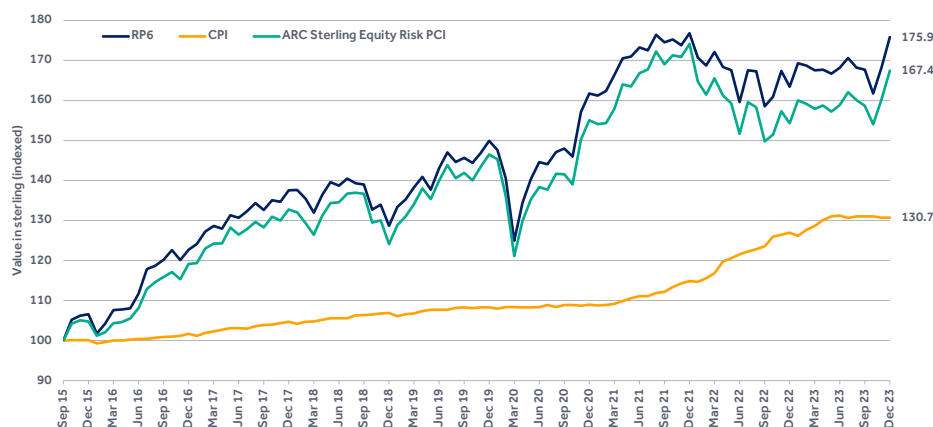
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## MPS Risk Profile 6 Portfolio

### Investment objective

Our objective for this strategy is to generate a total return equivalent to 80% of the equity benchmark over a minimum rolling period of 10 years. A proportion of the overall return will come from the income generated. The strategy is designed to generate risk adjusted returns over the suggested time horizon. This portfolio is mostly focused on global equity investments, but will also invest in fixed income assets, as well as using other diversifying financial instruments. To assist in the reduction of volatility and deliver uncorrelated returns during periods of unfavourable market conditions, alternative asset classes such as commodities, currencies, infrastructure and hedge funds may be used. Investors in the Risk Profile 6 strategy are prepared to accept a very high proportion of equity risk in pursuit of returns closer to the longer-term returns available from major equity markets. By the same token, at times of stress, the benchmark has generated losses slightly lower than those from major equity markets. The strategy is heavily exposed to equities, which increases the risk of losses that may take some years to recover.

### Performance since inception (30/09/2015)



Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

### Discrete performance (%)

Total return to end of last calendar quarter 31/12/2023.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Model	+7.6	-7.6	+9.3	+7.9	+16.5	-6.5	+12.1	+15.1	+6.6
CPI	+3.5	+10.5	+5.4	+0.6	+1.3	+2.1	+2.9	+1.6	+0.1
ARC Sterling Equity Risk PCI	+8.1	-11.4	+12.3	+5.8	+18.0	-6.5	+11.4	+13.7	+4.8

\* 2023 YTD is data for year to date from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

### Cumulative performance (%)

Total return from inception to 31/12/2023.

	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception (30/09/2015)
Model	+4.9	+7.6	+8.7	+36.6	+75.8
CPI	-0.2	+3.5	+20.6	+23.0	+31.4
ARC Sterling Equity Risk PCI	+5.5	+8.1	+7.6	+34.4	+66.8

### Risk & return since inception (%)

	Model	CPI	ARC Sterling Equity Risk PCI
Annualised volatility	9.6%	1.6%	10.3%
Maximum historic loss	-11.1%	-0.8%	-11.0%
Sharpe ratio	0.7%		0.6%

Source: Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management (CGWM) Interactive Data as at 31/12/2023.

\*Inception to date. Inception is 30/09/2015.



Investment involves risk.

The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Figures represent the performance of a model portfolio, investors should note that individual account performance may differ.

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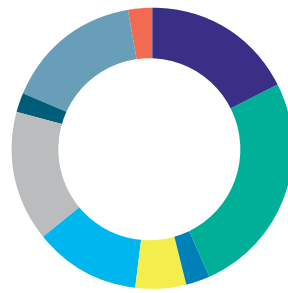
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## MPS Risk Profile 6 Portfolio suggested asset allocation (%)



Asset Class	Model
Fixed Interest	17.5
UK Equity	26.0
Emerging Equity	2.7
Asia Equity	5.9
International Equity	12.3
US Equity	14.8
Japan	2.3
Thematic Equity	15.9
Alternatives	0.0
Cash	2.6

## Top 10 holdings (%)

iShares FTSE 100 ETF	8.2
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	7.6
Threadneedle (Lux) - US Ds Cr Eq Fund	4.5
Fundsmith Equity Fund	4.4
WS Evenlode Global Income Fund	4.4
Fidelity Special Situations Fund	4.3
Artemis Income Fund	4.0
iShares \$ Trs Bd 7-10yr ETF	4.0
Liontrust Sust Fut UK Growth Fund	3.9
LF Lindsell Train UK Equity Income Fund	3.8

Top ten holdings excluding cash

Source: CGWM

## Portfolio Manager commentary

2023 ended with a bang, and November and December proved to be richly rewarding months for investors. Global equities rose by 10% in the last two months of 2023, with global bonds also rising an impressive 7%.

The change in tone from the miserable month of October 2023 was down to a major shift in messaging from the US Federal Reserve in terms of interest rates, and the US Treasury over bond issuance. The consensus is now expecting significant policy loosening (interest rate cuts) in 2024 and, while there has been a modicum of pushback in recent weeks, the US Federal Reserve has not tried overly hard to change investors' minds. At the same time as this change of mentality around interest rates and a symbiotic shift lower in bond yields, recent economic data has been dull but not disastrous, hinting that an economic 'soft landing' is still the 'base case'.

The obvious question is whether there will now be a period of 'January blues' for investors, as markets digest the significant gains made over the past couple of months. Markets have moved a long way very quickly and there is little doubt that expectations around the supportive backdrop for markets (economic growth, receding inflation and rate cuts) will be tested at various points in the coming months. We suspect that the downward move in bond yields has been overly aggressive in recent weeks, not least given how much fresh debt will need to be issued later this year, and some indigestion is likely. We view current government bond yields and credit spreads (excess yield gap over government bonds) as towards to the bottom of likely short-term range.

Despite short term risks and likely volatility, we still believe that the compensation offered in fixed interest markets is appropriate and we should make money from bonds this year. Equity valuations are now more expensive, and they will be tested by corporate results in 2024 and corporate managements' guidance for the uncertain year ahead. Our base case for equity markets remains that there are plenty of opportunities in various sectors and regions where valuations are appropriate, and we again expect to make positive returns this year.

Technically, equity markets look in decent shape, with the US market in particular now benefitting from a broadening out of positive moves, after a period in the first 10 months of 2023 when the "Magnificent Seven" dominated returns. The biggest risk arguably comes from investor complacency in a year where economic uncertainty will be high and political risks are elevated.

2023 was a year for 'balance, diversification, and an open-minded approach to investment'. It might well be repetitive to say the same now, but 2024 seems likely to be a year when those mottos are once again very relevant.

Some adjustments were made in the equity makeup of the portfolio where we added two global funds with a 'quality' bias, reflecting our view that the 'quality' style will perform well in an environment of interest rate cuts and in the event of a softening of the global economy.