Harding Income Cautious Short (Aberdeen DFM) - Model Portfolio Service

As of 30/09/2026

Portfolio Objective

The Harding Cautious Short Portfolio aims to deliver capital growth over the short term, targeting returns that exceed average inflation rates. The portfolio is designed for investors with a cautious risk tolerance who prioritise capital preservation and are willing to accept only limited volatility. This portfolio should be chosen by those looking to invest for 3–7 years.

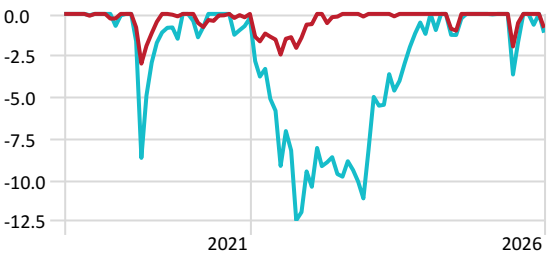
Portfolio Information

Inception Date	24/12/2018
Current Portfolio Yield	3.34%
Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares
Weighted Fund Charge (% p.a.)	0.47%
MPS Management Fee (% p.a.)	0.20%
Number of Funds in Portfolio	12
Targeted Annual Return (% p.a.)	1.85%

Portfolio Construction

Harding's Managed Portfolio Service uses a disciplined, research-led process combining EValue's strategic asset allocation with quarterly tactical insights. Our proprietary Harding Helper system applies strict quantitative screening and platform checks to build diversified, risk-aligned portfolios, which are then refined through qualitative oversight from the Investment Committee. Every model is governed through robust monitoring and a full audit trail to ensure consistency, transparency, and strong client outcomes.

Market Falls and Recovery Time



This chart shows the size of past falls and how long recovery has taken. This chart is to help investors understand risk and the value of staying invested.

Top 5 Fund Manager Holdings

	Portfolio Weighting %
Legal & General (Unit Trust Managers) Ltd	**30.83**
L&G Cash Trust I Inc	30.83
Royal London Asset Management Ltd	**9.99**
Royal London Global Bd Opps Z GBP	9.99
PGIM	**9.93**
PGIM Multi-Sector Credit I GBP H Dis (Q)	9.93
Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V.	**9.90**
GS Glbl Fxd Inc Plus (Hdg) R Inc GBP Hdg	9.90
Robeco Institutional Asset Management BV	**9.88**
Robeco Credit Income CH GBP Dist	9.88

Performance Since Inception

Time Period: 25/12/2018 to 30/09/2026



Harding Income Cautious Short (Aberdeen DFM) 133.0 IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares 128.0

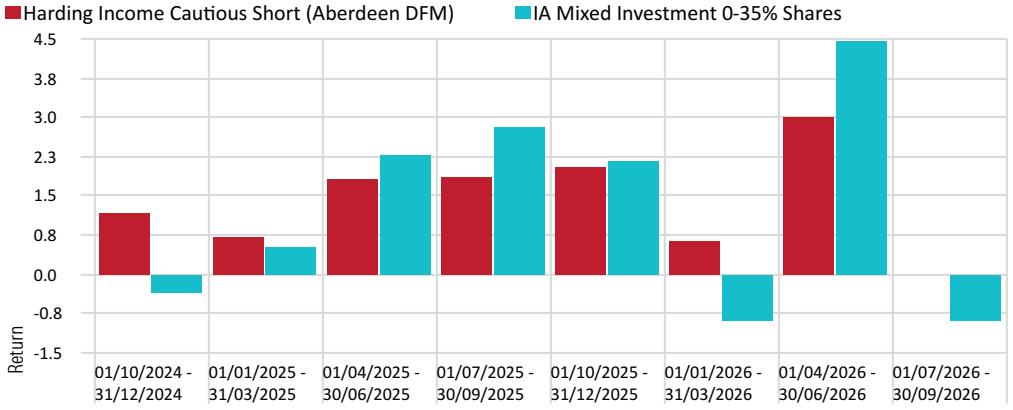
Discrete Calendar Year Returns

	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Harding Income Cautious Short (Aberdeen DFM)	3.65	6.60	6.37	5.66	-0.62	0.71
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	2.62	8.02	4.37	6.06	-10.22	2.57

Average Annual Returns

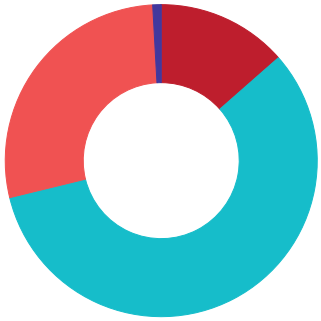
	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
Harding Income Cautious Short (Aberdeen DFM)	3.65	5.77	6.50	4.38		
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	2.62	4.84	6.93	2.16	2.63	3.76

Quarterly Returns



Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 30/09/2026



	%
Stock	13.5
Bond	57.7
Cash	28.0
Other	0.9

Performance Details

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Performance is shown net of investment management fees of 0.2% per annum but excludes platform fees and fees paid to your financial adviser.

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Q3 2026 Evalue Asset Class Outlook

Lower interest rates and high stock prices weigh on expectations across the board.

Stock fundamentals diverged less than stock prices so there is some relative variation in outlook.

Being at the back of the pack in recent performance has left US stocks looking a bit cheaper than they did. Emerging market stocks didn't do much better but their fundamentals couldn't keep up and their prospects have slipped relative to other markets. The outlook for European stocks look to have got a bit ahead of themselves and their outlook fell more than the US. The same goes for the UK but to a smaller extent.

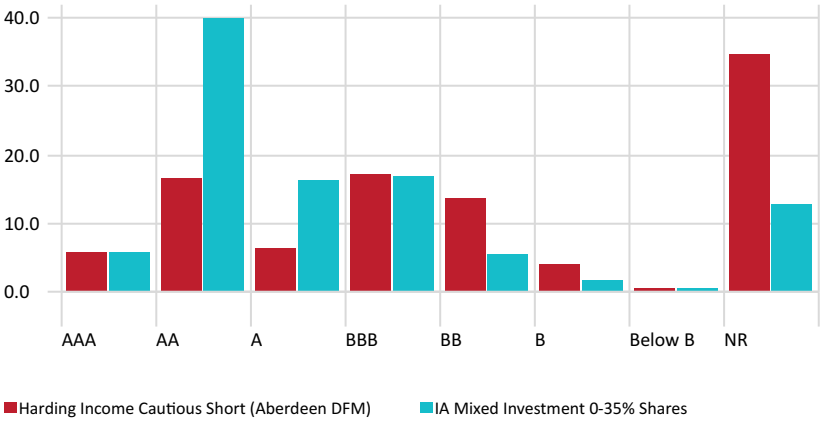
Lower interest rates mean lower returns for Gilts.

Corporate bonds remain expensive relative to government bonds and provide nothing to compensate for lower interest rates in general.

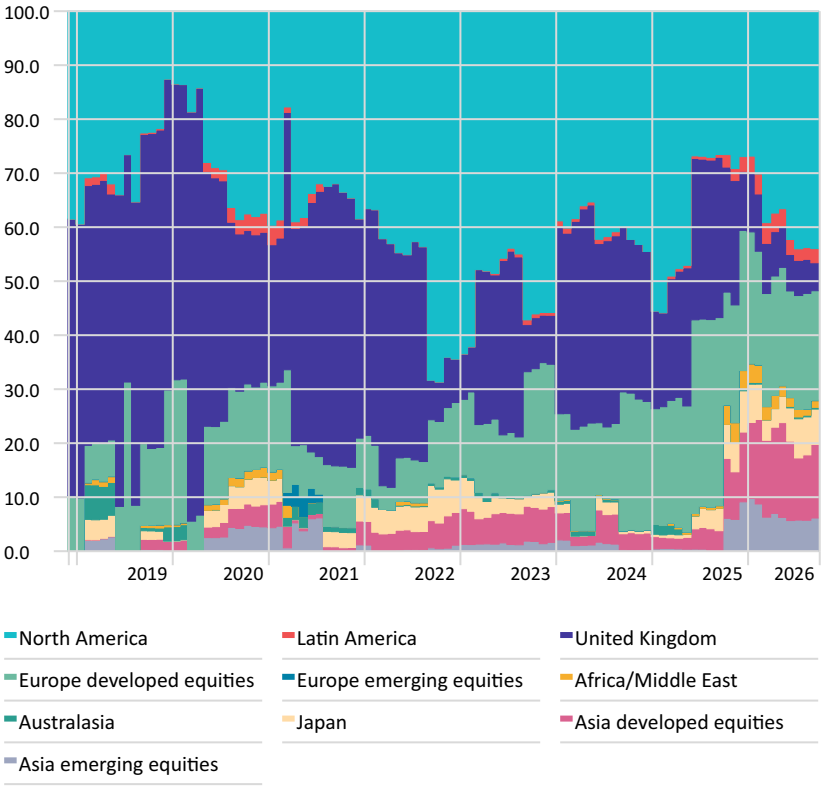
Steeper yield curves in most overseas markets provide a boost for overseas bonds.

Falling interest rates are a positive for the property market and the outlook benefits from th...

Fixed Interest Underlying Credit Ratings



Equity Regional Exposure



Top 15 Holdings

	Portfolio Weighting %
CBOT/CBT 5Y T-NOTE 9/2026	2.27
5 Year Treasury Note Future Dec 26	2.06
Euro Schatz Future Sept 26	1.89
2 Year Treasury Note Future Dec 26	1.04
Long Gilt Future Sept 26	0.70
Euro Bobl Future Sept 26	0.64
CBOT/CBT T-BONDS 9/2026	0.45
Ultra US Treasury Bond Future Sept 26	0.41
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 4.375%	0.41
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Accenture PLC Class A	0.36
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 4.125%	0.33
Germany (Federal Republic Of) 2.2%	0.32
Euro Bund Future Sept 26	0.31
United States Treasury Notes 4.25%	0.31
	11.90

Sector Exposure

Basic Materials	7.23%
Consumer Cyclical	2.71%
Financial Services	35.44%
Real Estate	1.21%
Consumer Defensive	3.86%
Healthcare	5.74%
Utilities	0.16%
Communication Services	2.48%
Energy	10.72%
Industrials	12.35%
Technology	18.09%

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