GOVERNED RANGE
GOVERNED PORTFOLIO DEFENSIVE FACTSHEET

What is the investment objective?

This portfolio aims to deliver above inflation growth, whilst taking a low level of investment risk relative to the other portfolios in the Governed Portfolio range. Investment risk is a measure of the expected volatility. On a scale rating the investment risk of Governed Portfolios from 1 to 7, with 1 being the lowest, this portfolio is a 1. The portfolio invests in a range of asset classes, that can include, but is not limited to equities, fixed interest, cash, property and commodities.

What governance process is in place?

Your portfolio comes with ongoing governance. This simply means that our investment experts check it regularly. It allows us to maintain the best mix of assets in line with the risk category - and to make sure it is performing in line with its overall objectives - aiming to give you the best returns. The value of your investment can go down as well as up and you may not get back the value of the original investment.

If our experts decide that the mix of assets needs to be adjusted, it happens automatically on your behalf, you don't need to do anything. What's more, this service comes at no extra cost.

For full details of our governance process please visit our website at **royallondon.com/pensions/investment-options/investment-governance**.

What are the Governed Portfolios?

Our range of Governed Portfolios offers a choice of different investment risk levels for investors. Each portfolio aims to deliver above inflation growth, within a tightly controlled risk framework. The portfolios benefit from regular reviews and hands-on management from investment experts to help make sure they continue to meet their objectives.

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Which portfolio is right for you?

If you are not sure which portfolio is right for you, you can visit our online tool at **royallondon.com/pensions/investment-options/risk-profiler** to give you an idea of which portfolio may be appropriate for you.

If you are in doubt about the suitability of any particular type of investment, you should ask for advice from a financial adviser. Financial advisers may charge for their services - though they should agree any fees with you upfront.

Where is the portfolio invested?

The fund mix of the portfolio as at 19th November 2026 is shown below:

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RLS Global Mezzanine ABS Fund	1.50%
RLS Global Senior ABS Fund	4.50%
RLS UK Corporate Bond	9.00%
RLS Global Corporate Bond	3.50%
RLS Short Duration UK Corporate Bond	6.50%
RLS UK Government Bond	12.59%
RLS Short Term Fixed Income	1.90%
RLS Global Government Bond	4.72%
RLS Short Duration UK Government Bond	6.25%
RLP Real Assets	4.95%
RLS UK Index Linked	5.00%
RLS Short Duration Global Index Linked	5.00%
RLS Deposit	1.52%
RLS Global High Yield Bond	3.27%
RLS Short Duration Global High Yield	1.02%
RLS Commodity	5.00%
RLS Absolute Return Government Bond	2.40%
RLP Global Managed	21.38%

The Global Managed fund invests in UK, Global and Emerging Market equities. The current benchmark split is 20% UK Equities, 67.5% Global Equities and 12.5% Emerging Market Equities. You can replace the Global Managed pension fund with an alternative equity fund or funds from the Royal London Pensions fund range.

If you want to know more about any of the funds within your portfolio, including details of fund charges, please visit our website **royallondon.com/pensioninvestments** and view the relevant fund factsheet.

Does the portfolio rebalance?

This portfolio rebalances monthly. If a portfolio is not rebalanced regularly, the asset mix can drift significantly over time changing the suitability of the portfolio.

What is the portfolio benchmark?

The benchmark is a target against which performance is measured.

This benchmark is regularly reviewed and may be updated by Royal London so that it remains appropriate for the investment objective as detailed in the section **'What is the investment objective'** or where a component index is discontinued or replaced.

The benchmark for this portfolio is a composite of indices:

FTSE World Index (12.66%)/FTSE All Share Index (3.75%)/MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Index (2.34%)	18.75%
ABI UK - UK Direct Property	5.00%
Bloomberg Commodity Index	5.00%
BofA Merril Lynch Global HY Constrained GBP Hedged Index	3.75%
Markit iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilt Index (9.00%)/Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate GBP Hedged Index (3.50%)/ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Sterling Non-Gilt Index (6.50%)	19.00%
FTSE Actuaries UK Index Linked Gilts (All Stocks) Index	5.00%
Bloomberg World Government Inflation Linked Bond (ex UK) 1-10 year Index (3.50%)/Bloomberg UK Government Inflation Linked Bond 1-10 year Index (1.50%)	5.00%
FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts (All Stocks) Index	13.25%
JPMorgan Global GBI Hedged Index	5.37%
FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts up to 5 Years Index	6.25%
Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA)	13.63%

Details of changes to the portfolio

The following table documents the last 3 changes that Royal London have made to this portfolio.

Effective Date of Change	Overview of Changes
19/11/2026	**Governed Portfolio Defensive** Global equity markets have weakened with renewed volatility reflecting concerns around technology valuations and expectations for tighter US monetary policy. Government bonds have offered some protection during the recent risk-off move, while commodities have come under pressure amid a stronger US dollar and softer energy and precious metals prices. Against this backdrop, we are adding to equity exposure, noting that depressed investor sentiment presents a more attractive entry level following recent market weakness. Elsewhere, we are taking profits in commodities and reducing our overweight position.
05/11/2026	**Governed Portfolio Defensive** Global equity markets have remained volatile, with weakness in technology-related stocks weighing on broader equity performance over the last month. Government bonds have provided diversification, although yields remain elevated against a backdrop of resilient growth and persistent inflation. Commodity markets have also experienced some volatility, following on from a strong year of gains. Against this backdrop, we are maintaining our equity position, adding to government bonds to reduce our underweight, and taking profits on commodities.
22/10/2026	**Governed Portfolio Defensive** Equity markets have weakened as concerns over AI infrastructure spending and softer earnings expectations weighed heavily on technology and semiconductor stocks, with Asian markets leading global declines. Volatility has risen notably, with the VIX recording its largest weekly rise since May. Meanwhile, government bonds rallied as investors sought safer assets, driving yields lower despite resilient economic data and persistent inflationary pressures. Against this backdrop, we are reducing our overweight position in equities and increasing exposure to government bonds, reflecting a more cautious near-term outlook while retaining flexibility should investor sentiment and earnings expectations improve.

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