



RUSSELL INVESTMENTS

# Investment Update

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Aggressive PLUS Portfolio  
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## The cycle of market emotions

Over the lifetime of an investment you will experience a range of different emotions. Investment success over the long term depends on you working with your adviser to ensure this emotional journey does not lead to decisions that could derail your investment journey. This section illustrates that cycle in terms of historical periods.

## Market outlook

This section looks at the current economic environment and what factors are driving markets. We also describe how we have recently adapted our multi-asset portfolios to adapt to this environment.

## Model portfolio fact sheet

This section describes the model portfolio/s you are invested in, the makeup of the portfolio in terms of multi-manager investment funds, and the performance of the portfolio over time.

## Capacity for loss guide

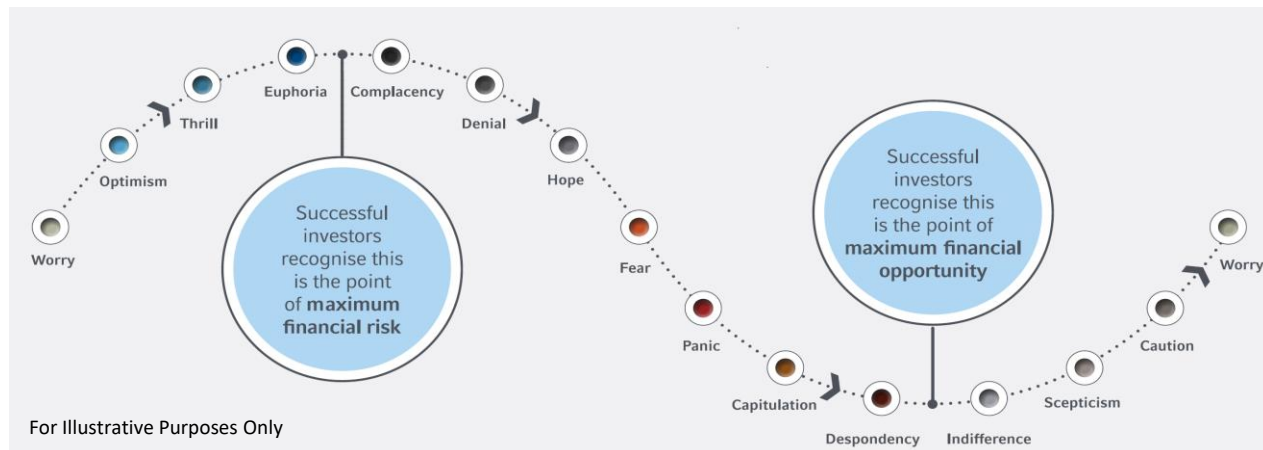
We'd like you to have a clear picture of the returns you may experience in this investment, so this section illustrates the typical returns your investment portfolio may generate over the coming years as well as a transparent look at what performance the portfolio has delivered over 12-month periods, since inception.

## Model portfolio performance

A look at cumulative returns across the ten model portfolio range allows you to see the relationship between increasing risk and the resultant returns in rising markets (such as 2012) as well as more challenging times (such as 2011).

# The cycle of market emotions

## Greed and fear throughout the economic cycle



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	OPTIMISM	THRILL	EUPHORIA	COMPLACENCY	DENIAL	HOPE	PANIC	CAPITULATION	DESPONDENCY	SCEPTICISM	CAUTION	WORRY
Market Cycle 1	<b>NOV 1971-DEC 1972</b> > Inflationary pressures. > Productivity improvements > Rapid corporate earnings growth > Introduction of paperless technology <b>30%</b>			<b>JAN 1973-JAN 1974</b> > OPEC Oil crisis – crude oil prices tripled. Inflation > Credit squeeze > Property company failures <b>-15%</b>			<b>FEB 1974-NOV 1974</b> > Global recession > Extended bear market <b>-24%</b>			<b>DEC 1974-JUN 1975</b> > Share market recovery despite recession <b>39%</b>		
Market Cycle 2	<b>AUG 1984-AUG 1987</b> > Credit Boom > Strong world economic growth <b>136%</b>			<b>SEP 1987</b> > Irrational shareholder sentiment. > Peak of overinflated stock values vs historical PEs. <b>-2%</b>			<b>OCT 1987-NOV 1987</b> > 1987 Global stock market crash. <b>-28%</b>			<b>DEC 1987-DEC 1989</b> > Stock market recovery as value hunters sought to buy quality stocks cheaply. <b>64%</b>		
Market Cycle 3	<b>APR 1997-SEP 2000</b> > Tech boom. Investor exuberance > Emergence of 'new economy' sectors <b>99%</b>			<b>OCT 2000-SEP 2001</b> > Tech bubble burst > September 11 terrorist attacks <b>-28%</b>			<b>MAR 2002-FEB 2003</b> > Reduced global economic growth forecasts. > Extended bear market. > Corporate accounting scandals. <b>-22%</b>			<b>MAR 2003-MAY 2005</b> > Geopolitical uncertainty > Refocus on world economic fundamentals > Boom in resources in response to industrialization of China <b>52%</b>		
Market Cycle 4	<b>JUN 2005-JUL 2007</b> > House prices hit highs > Credit boom > Higher interest rates <b>28%</b>			<b>AUG 2007-SEP 2008</b> > Credit crunch. Sub-prime mortgage crisis. > Collateralised debt obligation (CDO) failures > Lehman Brothers declares bankruptcy <b>-17%</b>			<b>OCT 2008-FEB 2009</b> > Global financial crisis > European and US recessions. > Negative real GDP reported for major developed countries in Q4 2008. <b>-37%</b>			<b>MAR 2009-DEC 2013</b> > Global share market recovery > Deleveraging, slow economic growth <b>187%</b>		

Percentage returns refer to the increase/decrease in the S&P 500 index in USD over their period shown

# Market Outlook

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## Market Review – April

- Global equities continued an upward trajectory over April. US Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Powell confirmed the central bank failed to see "a strong case for moving in either direction" in regard to interest rates. Powell's comments came as the US core personal consumption index, the Fed's preferred inflation measure, declined to 1.6% YoY for March, the weakest since October 2017.
- Bank of England Governor Carney suggested the central bank could hike rates if UK growth remained healthy over the next few years.

## Strategist's Outlook

- Global Equities: Underweight US, primarily due to valuations. Overweight exposures to EM, Europe and Japan remain significant.
- Fixed Income: Credit overweight modestly increased, while at the same time duration has been increased as a hedge. Underweight IG versus benchmark favouring European corporates and US consumer credit.
- Currencies: We remain long US dollar, Japanese yen, Mexican peso and short Swiss franc and Thai baht
- Macro forecasts - US economy joining the global slowdown, expected GDP growth of 2.2% in 2019 as fiscal stimulus wanes. Downside risks have grown.

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# Aggressive PLUS Portfolio

Russell Investments Aggressive Plus Portfolio is the most aggressively allocated portfolio in their range and is the only portfolio not to feature any of their defensive strategy allocations. 60% of the total portfolio is invested in global and emerging market equities, a further 20% is allocated to UK-only equities and the remaining 20% is allocated to investments that have a historically demonstrable link to inflation. These strategies and assets include property, commodities and infrastructure, which have proven over the long term to help mitigate the impact of inflation upon a portfolio. Given the structure of this portfolio it is suitable only for those with a significant capacity for loss, very long investment time horizon and a definite appetite for risky investments.



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Client Portfolio Manager

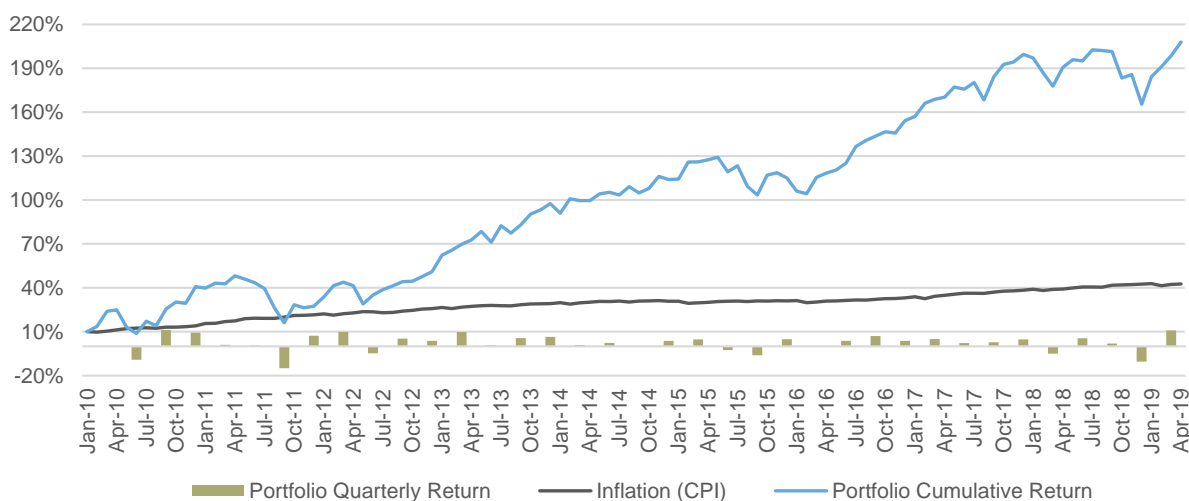
Using a multi-asset approach, our Model Portfolios are globally diversified. Each one provides exposure to a mix of shares, bonds and alternative investments delivered by a variety of underlying money managers and investment styles.

This careful blending emphasises return potential whilst attempting to manage risk and may help provide more consistent returns over the long term. This diversification means that your investment is working for you no matter what investment approach or style is in favour at any given time.

## The Aggressive PLUS Portfolio within our Model Portfolio Range



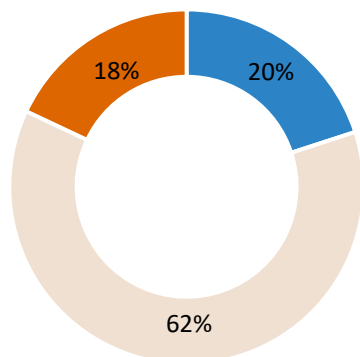
## Inception to Date Cumulative Return



Source: Russell Investments, net returns in GBP from 01/02/2010 to 30/04/2019. Any past performance figures is not a guide to future performance.

# Capacity for Loss

## Aggressive PLUS Model Portfolio

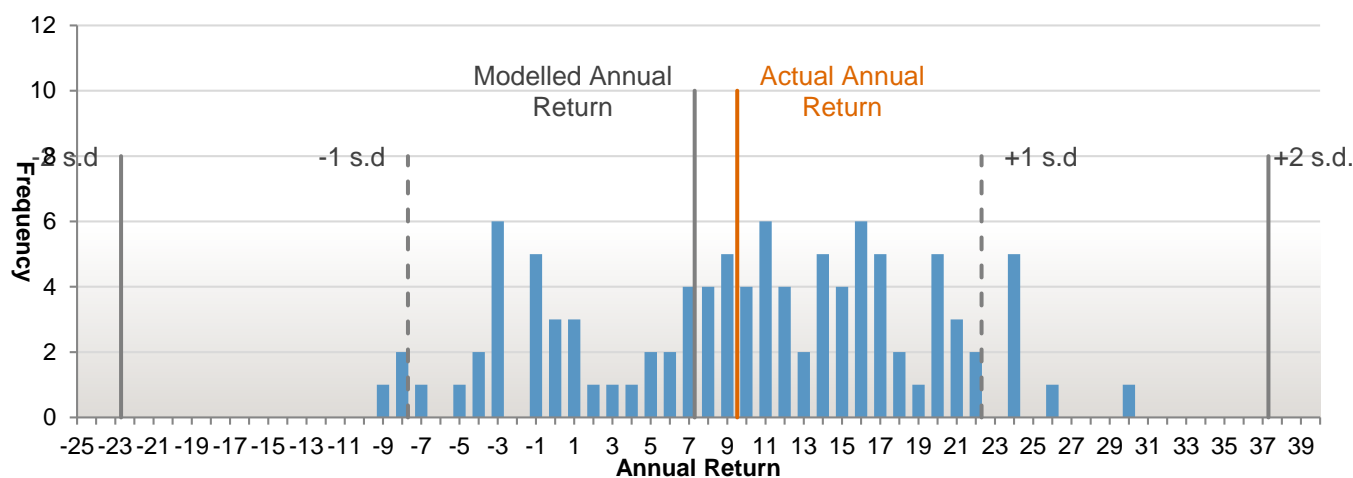


- UK Growth Assets
- International Growth Assets
- Real Assets

Russell Risk Score	10 / 10	Projected Annual Return (%)	7.3
DT Risk Score	7 / 10	Since Inception Annual Return (%)	9.5
Max 12-month Return (%)	29.2	Projected Annual Volatility (%)	15.0
Min 12-month Return (%)	-9.2	Since Inception Annual Volatility (%)	10.4

## Historic Returns

The number of times a portfolio has experienced a given return (horizontal axis) in any 12-month period since launch. Standard deviation is applied to the annual rate of return of an investment to measure the investment's volatility, it is a statistical measurement that illustrates historical volatility. For example, a volatile stock has a high standard deviation, while the deviation of a stable stock is lower. A large dispersion indicates how much the return on the fund is deviating from the expected normal returns.



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# Model Portfolio Performance

## Performance data as at 30 April 2019

This table shows the performance of all ten Russell Investments Model Portfolios for different periods.

Cumulative Performance (%)						PA (%)	Discrete Performance (%)				
Portfolio Name	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since launch*	31/03/19-31/03/18	31/03/18-31/03/17	31/03/17-31/03/16	31/03/16-31/03/15	31/03/15-31/03/14
Secure	0.6	2.6	2.9	9.2	10.1	2.5	2.8	0.8	6.0	-2.4	2.2
Cautious	0.9	3.1	3.2	11.9	13.7	3.2	3.2	1.2	7.5	-2.5	3.1
Conservative	1.1	3.7	3.5	15.0	17.7	4.1	3.7	1.6	9.2	-2.7	4.1
Moderate	1.4	4.2	3.8	18.0	21.7	4.9	4.2	2.0	10.8	-2.9	5.1
Balanced	1.7	4.8	4.2	21.1	25.8	5.7	4.6	2.4	12.4	-3.1	6.0
Progressive	1.8	5.3	4.3	24.0	29.7	6.5	5.0	2.8	14.0	-3.3	6.9
Adventurous	2.1	5.8	4.6	27.1	33.8	7.3	5.4	3.2	15.7	-3.5	7.9
Growth	2.3	6.3	4.8	30.3	38.3	8.1	5.8	3.6	17.5	-3.7	8.9
Aggressive	2.6	6.9	5.1	33.6	43.0	8.9	6.2	4.1	19.2	-3.9	10.0
Aggressive Plus	2.8	7.3	5.3	36.5	47.0	9.5	6.6	4.4	20.8	-4.1	11.0

This table shows the performance of some common asset classes for different periods.

Cumulative Performance (%)						PA (%)	Discrete Performance (%)				
Common indices	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since launch*	31/03/19-31/03/18	31/03/18-31/03/17	31/03/17-31/03/16	31/03/16-31/03/15	31/03/15-31/03/14
Cash Bank of England Base	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.4	2.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5
UK Gilts ICE BofAML UK Gilts All Stocks	-1.5	0.8	3.2	10.7	27.8	5.2	-0.4	0.5	6.6	3.3	13.9
UK equities FTSE All Share	2.7	7.8	2.6	33.3	35.2	8.5	6.0	1.2	22.0	-3.9	6.6
Global equities MSCI World Net GBP Hedged	3.7	8.7	7.2	37.5	49.1	10.1	7.1	8.8	16.6	-5.0	14.0
Property FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Developed	-1.4	2.9	15.8	31.0	69.3	11.4	14.0	-8.0	16.0	3.7	29.3
Commodities Bloomberg Commodity	-0.5	1.3	-2.8	10.2	-21.1	-2.4	0.0	-7.6	25.0	-16.9	-18.1

Source: Russell Investments as at 30/04/2019 (% change, GBP). Performance figures for the Russell Investments Model Portfolios are calculated using the performance of the underlying FP Russell Investments ICVC funds (C class shares) during the same period. The performance of the Model Portfolios is calculated using the current portfolio weightings of each fund as shown in the brochure "Helping you achieve outcomes that matter" dated June 2017. The since launch date (31/01/2010) is the date that we launched the Russell Investments Model Portfolios. 3 and 5 year figures are cumulative, since inception annualised. All performance quoted net of C share class fees. Performance figures are calculated assuming a quarterly rebalance. Any past performance figures are not necessarily a guide to future performance.

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