

What's the aim of the Cautious Plan and who is it for?

The aim of the Cautious Plan is to achieve returns above the UK inflation rate. Investing always involves some level of risk, and movement up and down in value is to be expected. With the Cautious Plan, our aim is to limit the extent of these movements, but there is still a risk that you may get back less than invested.

The Cautious Plan is suitable for investors who aim to grow their money slowly and steadily, and are happy to take on small amounts of risk, as they are more focused on preventing losses than making large gains.

Investing should be part of a long-term savings strategy and whilst money can be withdrawn at any time, investing for less than 5 years is unlikely to be appropriate.

What makes the Cautious Plan different?

The example below shows a typical mix of investments for a Cautious Plan, but it can hold between 0% and 20% high-risk investments (Commodities, Emerging Market Bonds, Private Equity, Shares and Property), with the remainder in low-risk investments (Bonds, Cash, and Cash Equivalents).

	LOW RISK	🛑 HIGH RISK
CAUTIOUS PLAN	80%	0%
TENTATIVE PLAN	45%	30%
CONFIDENT PLAN	30%	45%
AMBITIOUS PLAN	10%	65%
ADVENTUROUS PLAN	0%	80%

The chart above shows the range for the Cautious Plan, which can include a minimum of 80% low risk assets and a minimum of 0% high risk assets.

Benchmarking

The Cautious Plan performance is measured against the SONIA interest rate benchmark. This is effectively the base rate set by the Bank of England, but is based on actual transactions and reflects the average of the interest rates that banks pay to borrow money from other financial institutions.

Typical Investments in a Cautious Plan

This is an example of the typical investments you might see in a Cautious Plan. We mainly use passive investments in our Plans.

Investment	ISIN	% of Plan
Cash	Cash	2%
L&G Money Market Bonds	GB00B0CNHB64	4%
Vanguard US Government Bonds	IE00BFRTDB69	26%
Vanguard European Government Bonds	IE00BFRTD722	3%
Royal London Short Dated Government Bonds	GB00BD050D80	21%
Fidelity UK Government Bonds	GB00BMH2B327	5%
iShares UK Government Bonds	GB00B83HGR24	11%
Vanguard Global Short Term Bonds	IE00BH65QG55	12%
Vanguard US Corporate Bonds	IE00BFRTDC76	1%
Vanguard EU Corporate Bonds	IE00BFRTD839	1%
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bonds	IE00B1S74Q32	1%
L&G Short Dated UK Corporate Bonds	GB00BKGR3H21	1%
Fidelity Index World	GB00BJS8SJ34	10%
L&G Global Technology	GB00BJLP1W53	1%
L&G Global Infrastructure	GB00BF0TZL74	1%

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Foreign currency



Typically, the more foreign currency held in a Plan, the greater the risk and potential volatility.

Investment Mix

This is a typical example of the mix of investments in a Cautious Plan.



Regional Mix

This is a typical example of investments by region in a Cautious Plan.



The Investment Team at Wealthify review and adjust the investment and regional mix on an ongoing basis to try to optimise the performance of our Plans.