



# Information Sheet

## Psigma Zurich Cautious Portfolio

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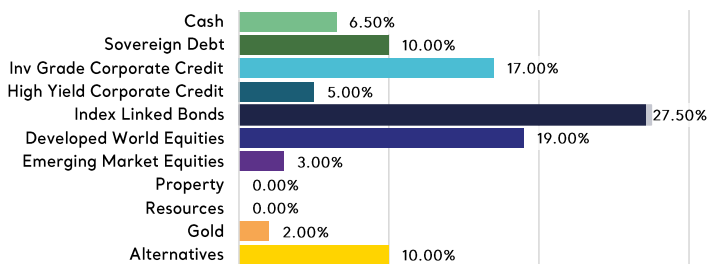
### Overview

The Psigma Zurich Cautious Portfolio invests in a diverse range of asset classes, where the asset allocation is actively managed. The strategy uses a number of qualitative and quantitative inputs to decide on the asset allocation. The Cautious Strategy is for the more conservative investor, focused on attaining inflation like returns while minimising the downside loss of capital.

### Investment Objective

This strategy aims to preserve your wealth above the rate of inflation. Given this target, it also attempts to generate defensive returns through diversified investments with a maximum equity weighting of 40%.

### ASSET ALLOCATION



### TOP TEN HOLDINGS

FUND	ALLOCATION
Fidelity Global Inflation Linked GBP HGD	15%
L&G Global Inflation Linked Bond	12.5%
AXA Global Short Duration	7%
Twenty Four Core Corporate Bond fund	7%
Allianz Gilt Yield	6.5%
TwentyFour Focus Bond	5%
L&G UK Index Trust	5%
Fulcrum Income	5%
Jupiter Absolute Return	5%
Artemis Income	4%

### STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS

Launched	October 2018
Target Return	Inflation +2%
Max Equity Holding	40%
Max Higher Risk Fixed Interest	10%
Estimated Yield	1.89%
Recommended Investment Period	5 Years +
ISA Eligible	Yes

### PSIGMA PORTFOLIO CHARGES

Psigma AMC (Ex VAT)	0.35%
Fund Expenses (OCF)#	0.55%
Total Charges (Inc VAT)	0.97%

### MINIMUM INVESTMENT

For minimum investment levels please contact Zurich directly

### ABOUT THIS INFORMATION SHEET

We are pleased to be able to provide a discretionary managed portfolio service on the Zurich Intermediary Platform.

Our six actively managed and broadly diversified portfolios represent our best asset allocation thinking and are carefully selected by our central investment team from over 3600 funds made available to us by Zurich.

The information highlighted in this document illustrates our asset allocation and top ten holdings at launch.

This information sheet is also intended to outline the context in which we are managing our clients' assets. Overleaf you'll find commentary on recent market developments as well as Psigma's forward-looking views on emerging risks and potential opportunities.

#OCF is an overall total annual charge for investing in a fund

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## Recent Market View

The theme of a more volatile 2018 regarding risk assets continued in the second quarter. Geopolitical tensions remained elevated, with increasingly negative headlines concerning trade wars, as the rhetoric between the US, Europe and China escalated through the quarter. In addition, investors closely watched ongoing developments on the Korean Peninsula, where for now there seems to have been a positive outcome. In the Eurozone, political uncertainty returned when the government formation process in Italy was thrown into disarray. Eventually a coalition was formed between the populist parties, the League and Five Star Movement. Although volatile, equity markets in the developed world made positive returns. The UK market led the way, as Sterling weakness through the quarter was a supporting factor, with the Oil & Gas and Basic Materials sectors leading the way. The US market continued to perform well, backed by a positive economic and earnings backdrop. European equities were decent, but weakness hit the autos sector following the rhetoric on trade wars, and financials were impacted by the negative headlines from Italy. Japanese equities were solid, but were buffeted by trade war tensions. A weaker Japanese Yen was supportive for the market. In contrast, Emerging Markets had a tough second quarter, with escalating trade tensions and a strengthening US dollar providing a big headwind. Latin American equities were hammered, with Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela being poor.

With a strong economy behind it, the US Federal Reserve duly raised interest rates by 0.25%, while signalling for a further two increases before the year end. Market View

Data was solid, but showed signs of moderating in the Eurozone and the ECB signalled that rates would remain lower for longer, but that its quantitative easing programme would come to an end by year end. The Bank of England remained on hold, but indications signalled that a rate rise would be forthcoming before the end of the year. Focussing on bonds, the US ten year treasury yield hit a seven year high in mid-May, as growth and inflation expectations continued to build. Although yields did moderate, US treasuries still ended in negative territory. The UK ten year gilt yield fell, with Brexit concerns weighing on risk sentiment. In the Eurozone, there were fireworks in Italy, with yields spiking on political uncertainty. Italian bonds lost money, but on safe haven demand, German Bund yields fell in the quarter.

## Forward-looking Commentary

- Our asset class forecasts are predicting that future returns from equity and fixed interest markets will be lower than they have been through history. While such returns might be perceived to be "conservative" by the perennially optimistic investment community, we believe that "realism" is appropriate at a time when asset valuations are high and the economic potential of the developed world, in particular, is lower than it has been for the last 50 years.
- Our portfolios are positioned with a "neutral with a hint of caution" stance, with high levels of diversification and a healthy cash buffer. This should have helped partially protect against the volatility of all major asset markets so far this year, although making positive returns has been challenging. We are operating with a flexible mindset as to our next strategy moves, as we move into the second half of the year.
- We are alert to take advantage of selective opportunities as they present themselves with emerging market assets chief amongst the investments that we are reviewing for possible increases. Other investments that have performed badly could be ripe for an increase, despite our core view that there is a "new regime" for the global economy and financial markets and we need to be more respectful of growing volatility and rising risks, while remaining alert to any opportunities that come our way. The key advice we can have for all investors at this time is to be very "open minded" about one's ongoing investment strategy.

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