

# S U C C E S S I O N

## Platform based Discretionary Model Portfolios

Managed by Evercore Pan-Asset

### Adventurous

December 2011

#### Main objective

The objective for the **Adventurous** Portfolio is to provide Higher long-term returns whilst exposing the investor to Higher investment risk in accordance with their attitude to risk.

#### Investment Policy

**Adventurous** will be invested primarily in a range of index-tracking investments which are appropriate to the stated risk and return profile of the Model Portfolio. The Portfolio may also hold other suitable transferrable securities or units in collective investment schemes. Holdings may include:

- Government bonds and government bond ETFs
- Investment grade corporate bonds and corporate bond ETFs
- Equity market ETFs
- Funds of hedge funds or diversified hedge fund ETFs
- Commodity ETFs
- Listed property ETFs

An ETF is a fund that tracks an index but can be traded like a stock.

The Model Portfolio will typically be invested 20% in defensive investments and 80% in growth assets. The managers will revert to holding high levels of cash or bonds if market dislocations are foreseen which might otherwise lead to losses.

#### Evercore Pan-Asset's Investment Approach

Getting the big decisions right determines how much clients make on their money. Evercore Pan-Asset (EPA) takes asset allocation decisions to choose whether to be in cash or property, equities or government bonds, or in a mixture. So many asset managers charge investors for trying to choose the right shares but on average stock-picking managers do less well than just buying all the shares in the Index.

EPA concentrates on the big picture and take long-term views about the likely performance of an asset. They do move more into cash if there is substantial economic and market disruption. If an asset class becomes unattractive they will sell it and if they cannot find enough attractive assets to buy because markets are difficult they will temporarily hold cash instead to avoid losses and preserve capital.

EPA's investment universe covers over 30 asset classes across all geographic regions. The asset allocation team constantly monitor each asset class to find the best investment opportunities around the world.

Each Succession Model Portfolio has a targeted level of risk and return designed to cater for standard client risk profiles. The Model Portfolios aim to exploit the continually changing opportunities offered by different asset classes around the world. The dynamic asset allocation process combines long-term investment in assets most likely to meet investor needs, with shorter-term tactical decisions which can protect their assets in times of stress.

EPA believes that index-tracking funds are the best way to access most asset classes. This is a good way to reduce investment management costs and improve returns to the investor. It removes individual stock risk and avoids underperforming active investment managers.

#### Market commentary from EPA

Let's hope that the New Year has brought a new and more rational mood to the markets. Markets ended 2012 becalmed in the doldrums of the Eurozone crisis and Europe looks to be as paralysed by politics as it ever was, but the detail has arguably improved somewhat.

The sharpest falls in August and September 2011 were caused by rumours that certain European banks were insolvent, leading to the collapse of their share prices and bringing the rest of the index down with them. Whether some of them are technically insolvent or not remains a moot point, but a big change has occurred in terms of their liquidity. At the end of December the ECB issued around half a billion Euros of three year debt with a 1% interest rate. This has effectively thrown the European banking system a liquidity lifebelt and acts as a proxy for the barely-functioning European interbank market. More such manoeuvres may be on the cards in coming months.

While this reinforces our conviction not to risk clients' money on Eurozone assets, it gives us hope that the markets will begin to view other, better quality asset classes more rationally. We particularly favour equities in the higher growth regions of Asia, the emerging markets and the US.

We continue to invest in Asian property ETFs which now yield around 4% and are likely to show good growth. China, one of the cheapest equity markets outside Europe, has a yield of around 3%.

#### Portfolio commentary from EPA

No change was made to **Adventurous** which currently is at a neutral 20/80 position in terms of its defensive/growth asset mix following the increase in risk asset exposure last month which was achieved by adding to exposure in both US and Asian equities. Overall few asset classes generated much in the way of positive returns during generally mixed December equity markets which were unnerved by the continuing shenanigans of the Eurozone crisis. The portfolio has an excellent spread of global risk assets in the US, Asia and the emerging markets, but no direct exposure to Europe. At some point it will be appropriate to further invest further in risk assets in **Adventurous**, but before then we need to see more evidence that the Eurozone crisis has been contained.

#### Risk Profile

The **Adventurous** Model Portfolio targets a higher level of risk and return.

The Model Portfolio is not hedged and therefore will be exposed to currency fluctuations arising from any international investments. The managers take currency exposures and risks into consideration when making international investments.

#### Top Three Holdings

AXA Sterling Short Duration Bond	11%
iShares MSCI Far East ex-Japan	11%
iShares S&P 500	8%

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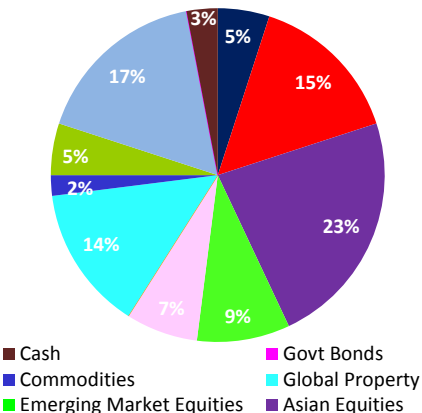
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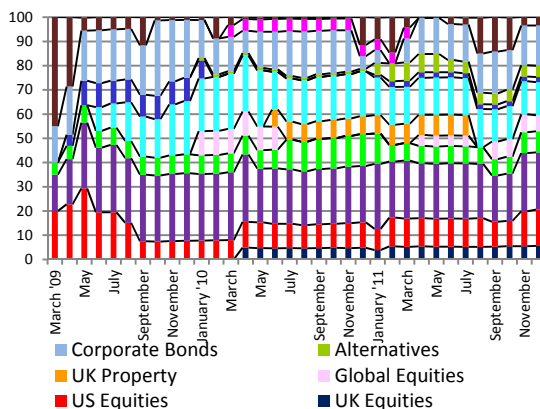
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#### Asset Allocation as at 31/12/11



#### Asset Allocation Since Inception



#### Portfolio Changes

	Increase	Decrease
Cash	-	-
Govt Bonds	-	-
Corporate Bonds	-	-
UK Equities	-	-
US Equities	-	-
Asian Equities	-	-
Emerging Market Equities	-	-
Global Equities	-	-
Commodities	-	-
Property	-	-

#### Performance

Note: Data to end December 2011. Inception April 2009.

	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	YTD	Since Inception
<b>Succession – Adventurous</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>	<b>-11.5%</b>	<b>-11.5%</b>	<b>31.9%</b>

**Disclaimer:** Performance information is intended as a guide for professional advisers and potential investors in the Succession Model Portfolios. The past performance information shown above is for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance. The performance is based on a simulated portfolio which reflects the exact holdings of the Succession Adventurous Model. Performance is shown after deduction of notional dealing costs and Evercore Pan-Asset's annual investment management fee of 0.25%, but does not take into account wrap platform costs or IFA fees.

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#### Model Details

Investment Manager	Evercore Pan-Asset Capital Management Limited, 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BU
Date of Inception	April 2009
EPA's Annual Management Charge	0.25% including VAT
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Pricing Frequency	Daily
Base Currency	Dependent on underlying investments
Total Expense Ratio of underlying ETFs*	0.52%
Yield*	2.3%

Equivalent Typical Risk Group	5			
Typical Growth/Defensive Split	80:20			
Current Growth/Defensive Split	80:20			
Asset Allocation (%)	Current Weight	Typical weight	Max Weight	
	Cash	3	0	100
	Bonds	17	20	30
	Equities	59	55	90
	Property	14	15	35
Other Assets	7	10	35	

\*Weighted based on the Adventurous portfolio as at 31/12/11

Source: Evercore Pan-Asset Capital Management Ltd/Pertrac/Thomson Reuters

Note: Data to end December 2011

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