

# Multi-Asset Conservative MPS Portfolio GBP (£)

# TEAM

## February 2026 Monthly Report

(All data as at 27 February 2026)

### Information

#### Portfolio Facts

Manager **Craig Farley**

Launch **Aug-15**

Annual Management Charge **0.30% - 0.50%**

Ongoing Charge Fee\* **0.20%**

Currencies available **GBP, EUR, USD**

Dealing Frequency **Daily, Market Hours**

Custodian **Multiple Platforms**

Benchmark **MPI Low  
ARC MPS 20-40%**

\*Estimated, may vary depending on platform provider.

#### 3Y Volatility

Portfolio **6.64**

Benchmark **3.88**

ARC MPS 20-40% **4.32**



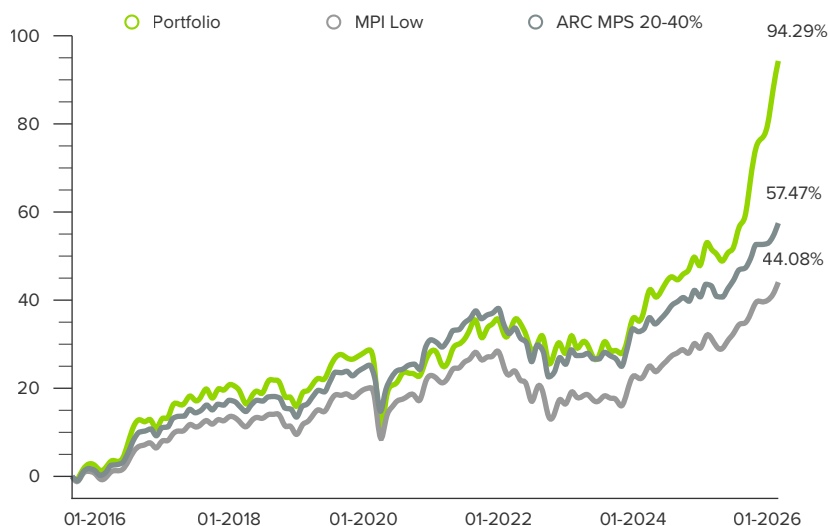
### Objective

We aim to provide capital growth and income over the longer-term from an actively managed portfolio of different asset classes and markets worldwide.

The main asset classes in which the portfolio will invest are global equities, global high yield bonds, absolute return strategies, alternative income-producing securities and real assets including gold, commodities, infrastructure and property.

Underpinning this objective is the constant search for genuine diversification. Average portfolio equity risk is approximately 25% through market cycles. There is no guarantee that a positive return will be delivered.

### Return (since launch)



### Calendar Performance (%)

(\*YTD)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026*
Multi-Asset Conservative Portfolio GBP (£)	5.62%	-5.62%	6.09%	8.94%	21.47%	8.13%
MPI Low	4.42%	-9.25%	5.32%	5.26%	8.40%	2.95%
ARC MPS 20-40 %	5.43%	-9.16%	6.40%	5.44%	8.60%	3.02%

### Cumulative Performance (%)

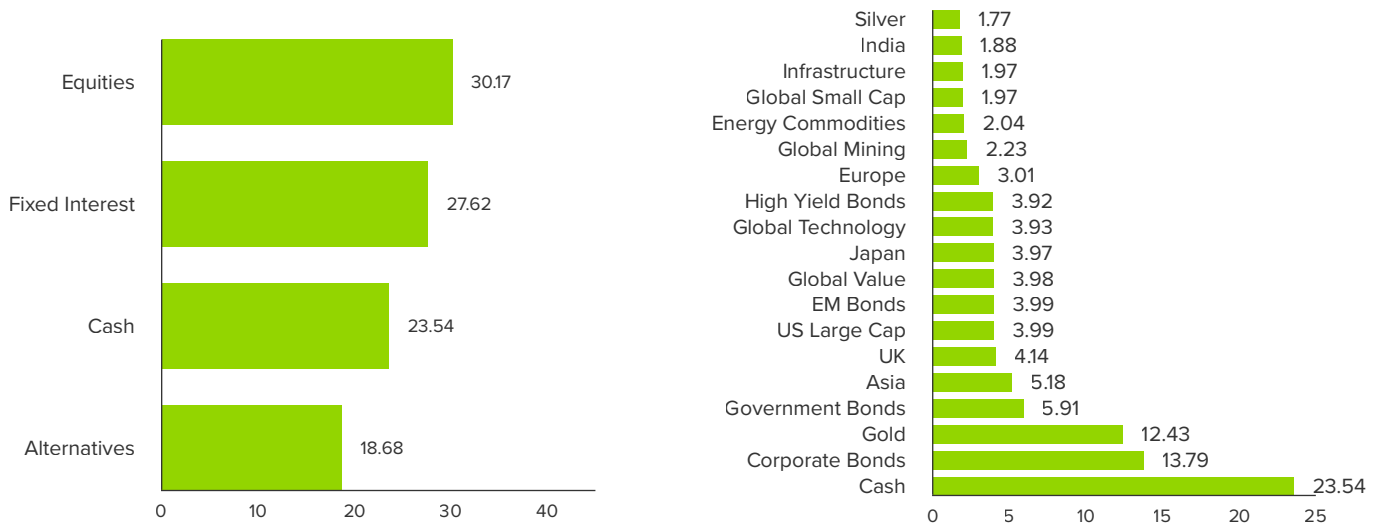
	1m	3m	6m	1Y	3Y	5Y	SL
Multi-Asset Conservative Portfolio GBP (£)	3.41%	9.95%	22.20%	28.06%	50.33%	55.15%	94.29%
MPI Low	1.91%	3.19%	6.86%	9.60%	22.05%	18.83%	44.08%
ARC MPS 20-40%	1.90%	3.17%	6.94%	9.90%	23.59%	21.73%	57.47%

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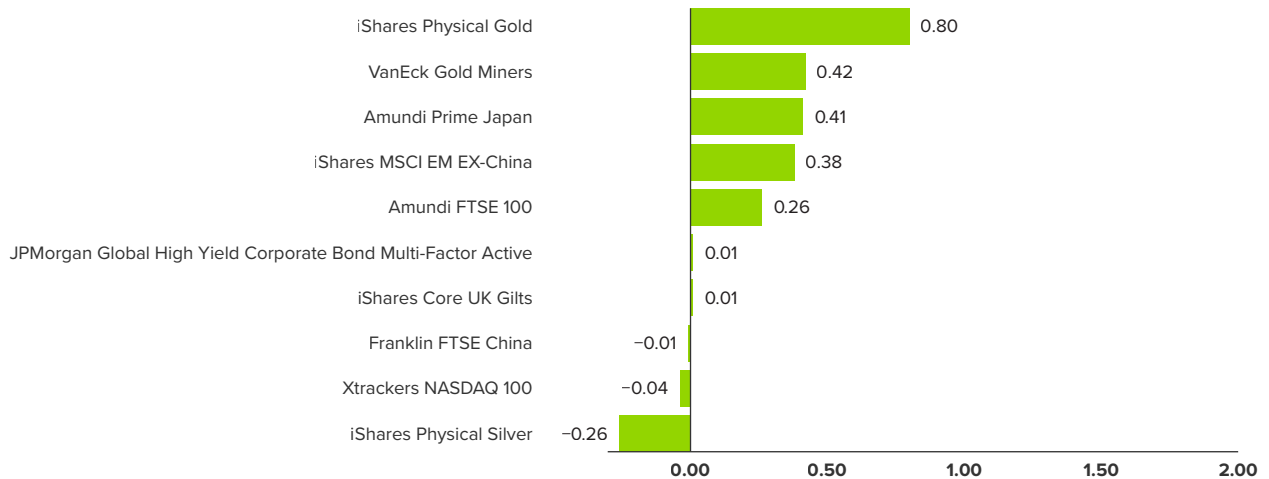
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## Asset Allocation (% NAV)



## Return Contribution (% NAV)



## Top 10 Holdings

Cash	23.54%
iShares Physical Gold	12.43%
iShares Core GBP Corp Bond	7.90%
iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr	5.91%
JP Morgan GBP Ultra-Short Income Active	5.89%
Amundi FTSE 100	4.14%
Xtrackers JP Morgan EM Local Government Bond	3.99%
Xtrackers S&P 500 Equal Weight	3.99%
SPDR MSCI World Value	3.98%
Amundi Prime Japan	3.97%

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## Market Commentary

Ongoing rotation away from major US stock markets to ex-US markets gathered pace as the prevailing narrative continues to shift from 'AI awe' to an 'AI poor' mindset. There are two key issues weighing heavy on the minds of investors.

The first is whether the projected AI related capex spend by the so-called hyperscalers (Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, and Microsoft) transpires to be the greatest misallocation of capital in history, as previous asset-light business models become 'asset heavy'. For context, the hyperscalers are projecting AI software revenues of c.\$45 billion in 2026 against a projected capex spend of a whopping \$650 billion. This FOMO-driven capex mania equates to a price-to-sales ratio of 14x or 1,400%, extremely expensive by anyone's book.

The second major question concerns the growing number of industries and sectors that are seemingly vulnerable to disruption in what has become known as the 'AI scare trade'. Having already torpedoed the technology software sector, Mr. Market turned his attention to private credit companies, insurance brokers, real estate service stocks, and listed logistics companies, leading to sharp share price declines this month as investors reassess the long-term viability of their respective business models.

In addition to 'hyperscaler headaches', further macroeconomic fog arrived following a landmark judgement from the US Supreme Court that overturned President Trump's sweeping global tariff policies in a 6-3 majority decision. The ruling states that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) of 1977, a statute that gives the US President a 'legal toolkit' to handle national emergencies, does not authorise the Donald to impose sweeping tariffs on global trading partners.

Meanwhile, outside of ongoing tariff tribulations, escalating tensions between the US and Iran moved beyond 'brinkmanship' and into a phase of extreme volatility following the assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on 28 February. This event occurred during a coordinated military operation by U.S. and Israeli forces, which targeted high-level leadership and military infrastructure in Tehran and other key cities.

In response, Iran, which had publicly threatened retaliation in the face of hostile military activity by foreign parties, launched a massive wave of drones and ballistic missiles. These strikes targeted U.S. military bases across the region and infrastructure in several neighbouring countries. Crucially, Iran has severely restricted passage through the Strait of Hormuz, a vital maritime chokepoint through which approximately 20% of the world's oil and gas flows.

Most major trading markets remained closed over the weekend of the assassination, but we will be writing more in next month's commentary, potentially sooner than that.

In terms of equity market performance, Japan finished the month top-of-the-pops as Prime Minister Takaichi's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) romped to victory in the snap election, securing a two thirds supermajority in the lower house with 316 seats secured out of a possible 465. Her strategy rests primarily on three pillars: expansionary economic and fiscal policy, hawkish moves on the security front, and domestic legislation rooted in conservative values. So far, the stock market likes what it sees.

## Portfolio Positioning

We are pleased to report that performance across the TEAM range was respectable in February, continuing the good start to 2026.

The modus operandi of our investment framework is to capture strong trends across global asset markets whilst always pursuing genuine diversification. We are conscious that the AI trade has spread its tentacles to many sectors and industries, in essence becoming one highly connected 'bet'. One of the core themes permeating through our equity exposure over the past several quarters has been an increasing skew away from US leadership, specifically Big Tech, and towards leadership across ex-US markets.

Our framework identified global value equities, emerging markets ex-China (specifically South Korea and Taiwan), Europe ex-UK, and UK equities many months ago as attractive in this regard. All four allocations delivered solid portfolio contributions during February and, pleasingly, additional diversification benefits to the overall portfolio.

Alongside our equity exposure, high quality investment grade corporate bonds and high yield corporate bonds delivered

positive returns during the month.

Finally, the commodities space, specifically precious metals, once again delivered the heavy lifting in terms of portfolio performance. We do not have much to add to previous observations, save that physical gold, physical silver, and precious metal mining stocks still look to us to be in the early foothills of secular bull markets as investors shift allocations away from financial assets to real assets. We remain confident that higher prices are ahead of us based on a range of fundamental and technical factors.

### Craig Farley

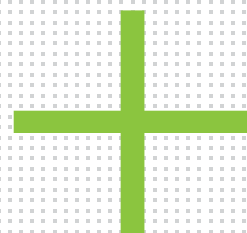
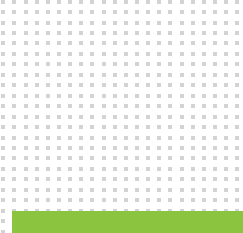
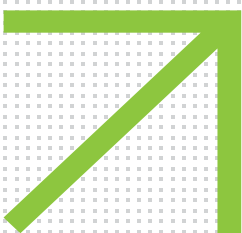
Chief Investment Officer

Craig is an experienced capital markets professional with 20+ years buy-side experience as a PM and strategist across asset classes. He is responsible for setting the optimal global asset allocation mix across TEAM's multi asset investment range. He provides frequent commentary, analysis, and insights for clients on the important issues impacting markets.

### Andrew Gillham

Head of Fixed Income

Andrew graduated with a BA (Hons) Economics degree and started his finance industry career with HSBC Private Bank's graduate programme. Thereafter, Andrew joined Insinger de Beaufort as a dealer on their bond trading desk before embarking on a career in investment management, focussed on overseeing dedicated fixed income mandates.



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