

## Trade Rationale

# **Purpose Active Portfolios**

## **Solutions**

# **Trade Activity**

PURPOSE ACTIVE BALANCED

ETF TICKER MGMT FEES	PABF 0.20%
SERIES F	PFC22101
MGMT FEES	0.20%
SERIES A	PFC22100
MGMT FEES	1.20%

### **Purpose Active Balanced Fund**

Trimmed -1.7% Purpose Gold Bullion Fund ETF (KILO CN) to 3% weight

\*Proceeds to Cash

PURPOSE ACTIVE GROWTH

ETF TICKER	PAGF
MGMT FEES	0.20%
SERIES F	PFC22201
MGMT FEES	0.20%
SERIES A	PFC22200
MGMT FEES	1.20%

#### **Purpose Active Growth Fund**

Trimmed -1.3% Purpose Gold Bullion Fund ETF (KILO CN) to 3% weight

\*Proceeds to Cash

PURPOSE ACTIVE CONSERVATIVE

ETF TICKER	PACF
MGMT FEES	0.20%
SERIES F	PFC22001
MGMT FEES	0.20%
SERIES A	PFC22000
MGMT FEES	1.20%

#### **Purpose Active Conservative Fund**

Trimmed -2.1% Purpose Gold Bullion Fund ETF (KILO CN) to 3% weight

\*Proceeds to Cash

TRADE RATIONALE April 30, 2025

Gold has done its job, and then some, currently up 23% this year after being up 26% last year. With that move, it's grown to an outsized position in the portfolios, creeping close to 5% in the balanced model.

We're taking the opportunity to trim it back to our neutral target of 3%. While gold remains a valuable hedge, the advance in April feels increasingly like a popcorn trade – somewhat violent, reactionary and vulnerable to a sharp reversal. The portfolio has enjoyed the positive benefits that gold tends to deliver when uncertainty spikes. But we are well aware those gains can disappear just as quickly if you overstay.

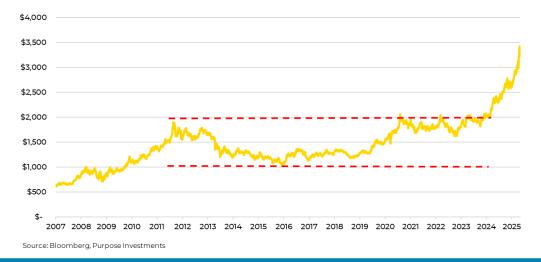
The last four months have been a near-perfect setup for gold, a rare mix of government instability concerns, a weaker USD against global currencies, and renewed market jitters all hitting at once. While we still expect a lower low in markets later this year, we think the environment will look different, more driven by corporate earnings/economy slowing down, not necessarily another round of panic around the U.S. government policy. If this kind of correction develops, bonds should act better, the USD could strengthen, and while gold should still hold up, it's

hard to imagine it outperforming the way it already has.

The risk of another crisis of confidence in the government is not zero. There is of course a case to be made for the other side of this trade. If the USD resumes its downtrend, inflation pressures reaccelerate, or geopolitical risk flares up again, gold could continue to grind higher. That's exactly why we're not exiting the position, just right-sizing it. Our new weight will still allow the portfolio to participate in further upside without being overexposed if the narrative shifts.

Gold has once again shown its strength as a dependable source of crisis alpha, and we expect it will continue to play that role in the future. That said, after a strong rally, we think it makes sense to raise a bit of cash here. However, this move isn't just about position sizing. We may be past peak conditions for gold in the near term, and with the potential for broader market weakness later this year, having cash on hand gives us the flexibility to move quickly. The portfolio will still maintain a slight overweight on diversifiers, but realizing some gains now helps keep the portfolio positioned for whatever lies ahead.

#### Gold is up over 23% YTD reaching a new all-time high in April



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