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OBI Active 8 – April 2017 Portfolio Update

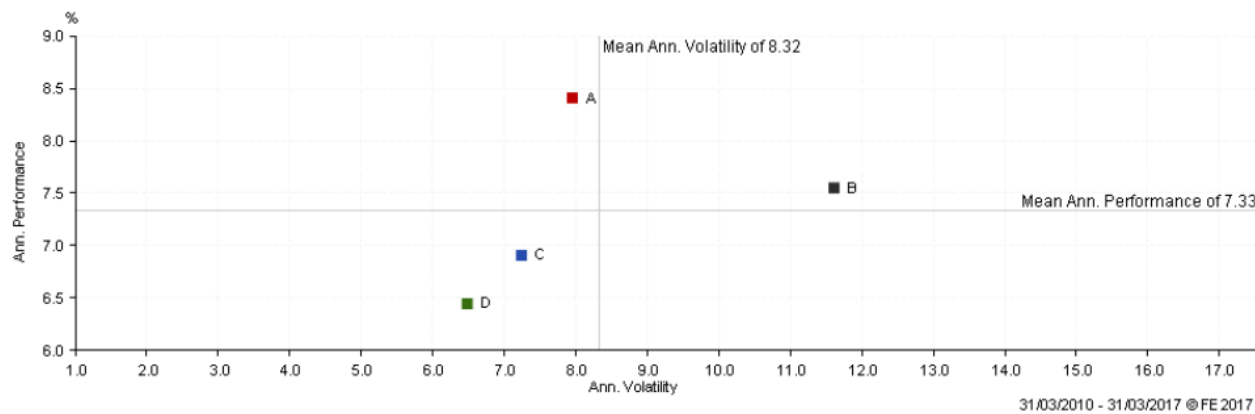
Investment Objective

This type of portfolio is not a risk-free portfolio, rather, it is suitable for a client whose is prepared to invest into equities for the majority of the time and is focused more on the return than the risk, hoping that by doing this they can achieve greater medium term returns. The portfolio is managed dynamically by altering the asset allocation using assets that carry market risk, and using all assets that are available from the investment universe. The asset allocation in this portfolio will vary between a benchmark of 0% equity and 85% equity to achieve the portfolio objectives, provided economic conditions permit. The portfolio will be managed to try and limit the **indicative capital loss in any 12-month period to 18% following a significant event and 9% in normal market conditions** and to target an **annualised total return averaged out over a full economic cycle (5 – 7 years) of 9%**.

The benchmark we use for comparison purposes for volatility is **AFI Balanced** noting this benchmark currently **holds 65% in Equity (Analytics 1st April 2017)** and although this is now the same as the portfolio, we have only recently made it similar in equity content and it has been more aggressive and has no capital preservation mandate. It cannot therefore be used for performance comparison purposes. It would be expected therefore that the benchmark volatility and performance would be similar apart from when we are in capital preservation mode.

OBI Active 8 Performance – Source Analytics 1st April				
Asset	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
OBI Active 8 Portfolio	2.20%	5.52%	6.42%	15.67%
Benchmark	0.14%	4.32%	6.47%	15.17%
UK Gilts	1.61%	3.42%	-1.86%	7.49%
FTSE 100	-0.97%	2.58%	6.24%	23.24%

Scatter Chart Reflecting Volatility and Annualised Return in GBP since launch



Key	Name	Annualised Performance	Annualised Volatility
A	OBI Active 8 - Jan 2017 TR in GB	8.41	7.95
B	FTSE 100 TR in GB	7.55	11.61
C	AFI Balanced TR in GB	6.91	7.24
D	FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks TR in GB	6.45	6.48

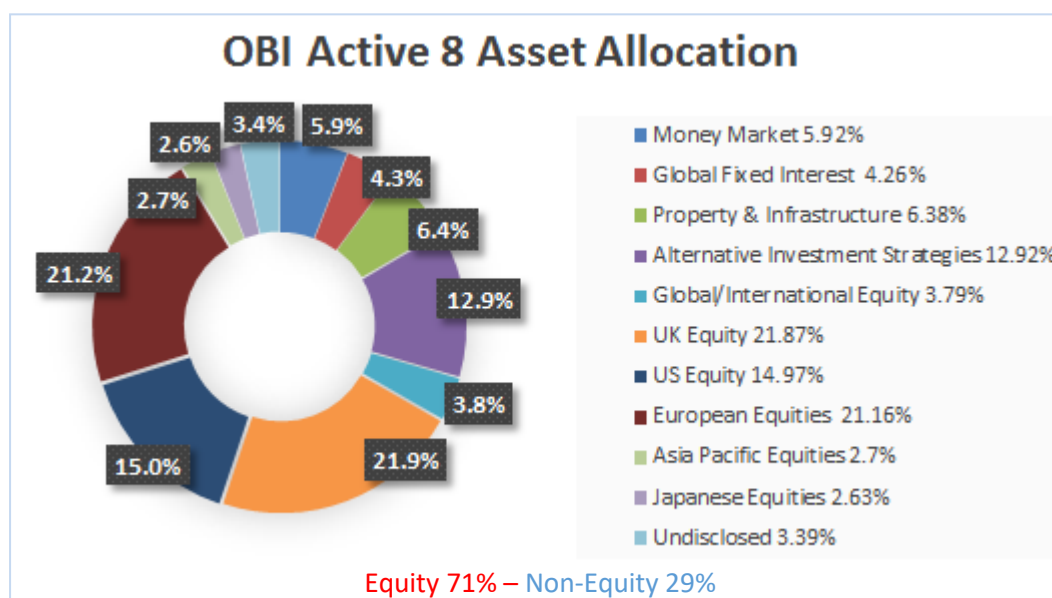
Outlook & Positioning

The OBI Active 8 is a balanced portfolio with a more aggressive position than OBI R 6 and 7, and will take some high conviction positions to try and deliver the objectives. Based on economic data, 2017 continues to show a positive outlook for risky (equity) assets which will mean an expectation of rising government bond yields and therefore falling prices on what are perceived to be non-risky assets. That theme will continue to see the volatility of non-risky assets outpace risky assets. Currently, we are underweight global gilts have reduced our exposure to commercial property as returns over the coming 12 months are not looking positive. We are still holding Global and UK High Yield and Absolute Return assets as well as Infrastructure and Non-UK Commercial property through a fund of funds portfolio with HSBC.

Whilst there is still political and fiscal risk on the horizon with Article 50 due to be triggered imminently, we have responded by gradually adding to our equity exposure since the end of 2016. The biggest risk to this portfolio is currency risk and we have therefore removed the GBP hedged positions as it is now looking more like a hard Brexit despite recent economic data looking very positive for the UK. The equity asset allocation is achieved through a high exposure to globally managed funds with directional exposure to the UK mid cap, all caps stocks, and Europe. The remaining assets are held in globally diverse funds which will be tactically rotated by the underlying funds managers and we will review all of our assets in line with momentum towards achieving our expected returns on the assets in Q1, when we expect equities to perform positively in line with momentum, conditions and sentiment.

From an equity perspective, we currently hold circa 22% in the UK, 15% in the US and 21% in European Equity. We also hold a directional position in Japan based on the outlook in Asia. From an equity perspective, we are holding circa **71% in equities** which is circa 7% more than the benchmark. Compared to Benchmark we are overweight Europe as we feel the region is offering value especially as economic data received in Q1 has been positive and risk assets are being rewarded.

We would expect our equity allocation to fluctuate during 2017 as we take profits and increase cash and then repurchase assets again after periods of volatility and valuations falling in line with the mandate of the portfolio, especially the UK assets which we expect to fluctuate excessively due to the risk around article 50.



Portfolio Facts

Benchmark Index for Volatility – AFI Balanced

Historical Yield: 1.63%

Portfolio Expense: 0.96% p.a

Important Information

- All data in this document has been extracted from Analytics as at 1st April 2017.
- The value of investments may fluctuate in price or value and you may get back less than the amount originally invested. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.
- Performance figures quoted include the fund manager charges but exclude other fees such as any adviser, custodian, switch and/or discretionary investment management fees.
- Unless otherwise instructed any accrued income is reinvested into the portfolio.

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