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STABLE RETURNS



OBI Active 9 – August 2017 Portfolio Update

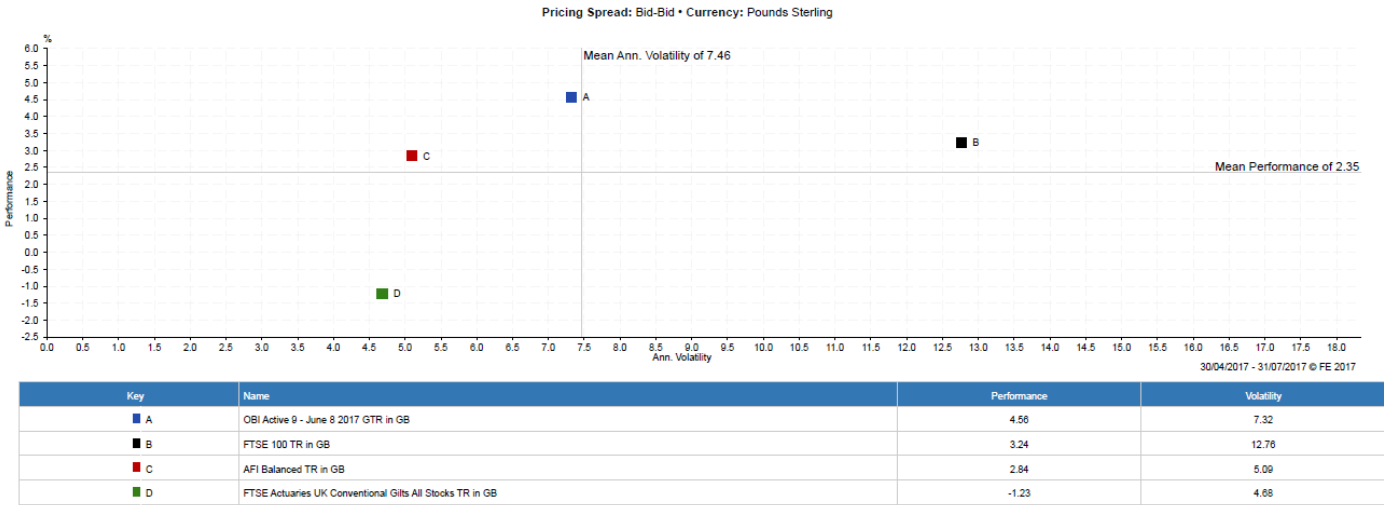
Investment Objective

This type of portfolio is not a risk-free portfolio, rather it is similar to OBI Active 8 as 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. This portfolio has a heavier weight in equities than OBI Active 8. 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 66.5% in Equity (Analytics 1st August 2017)** and is therefore more aggressive and has no capital preservation mandate. It would be expected therefore that the benchmark would outperform the model and that the volatility would be higher. The model performance therefore cannot be directly compared to the benchmark.

OBI Active 9 Performance – Source Analytics 1st August		
Asset	1 Month	3 Months
OBI Active 9 Portfolio	1.11%	4.57%
Benchmark	1.01%	2.84%
UK Gilts	0.59%	-0.94%
FTSE 100	1.57%	3.96%

Scatter Chart Reflecting Volatility and Annualised Return in GBP over 3 months

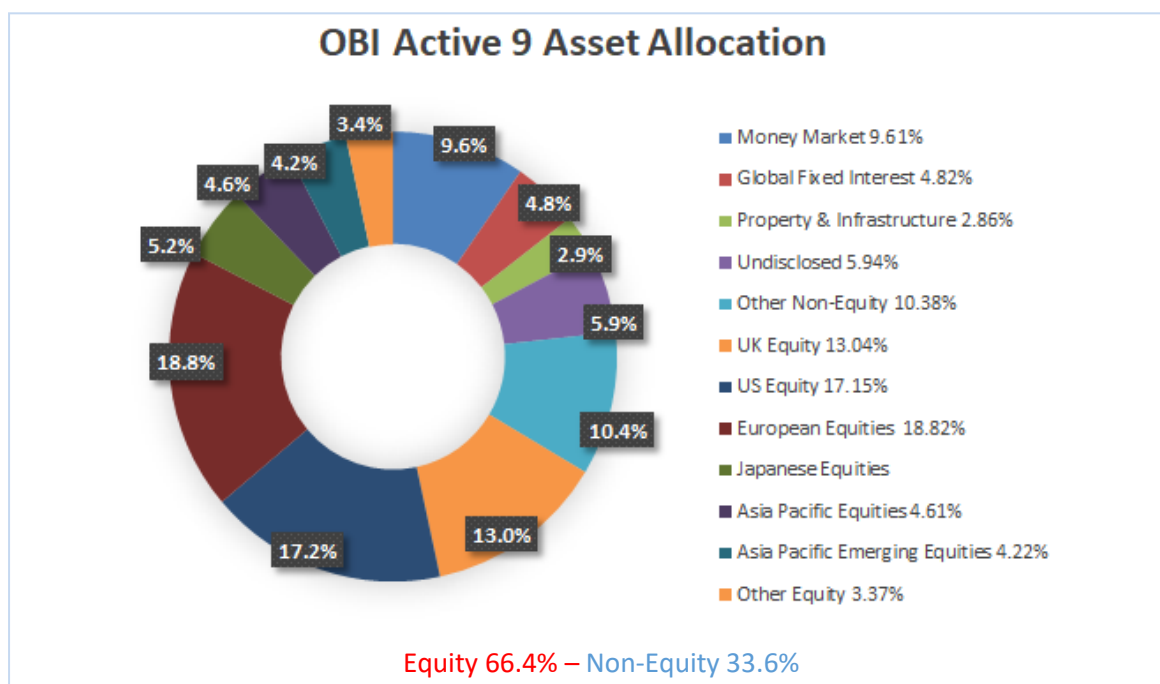


Outlook & Positioning

OBI Active 9 is the most aggressive main stream balanced portfolios that is still considered balanced as regards to the underlying asset allocation which can vary anywhere between 0% and 85% noting it tends to average about 65% and only spends short periods of time at the highest asset allocation. As with all of our portfolios the mandate is balanced between delivering the Outcome and protecting capital, noting this portfolio will spend longer than any other invested in risky assets and will therefore be the most volatile. The start of 2017 has been positive, with most markets rallying off the back of positive economic data that has started to slow down as we enter August 2017. Data is still positive but instead of overshooting expectations in recent weeks we have started to undershoot. This is not identifying anything serious at this juncture but it could be if President Trump does not get through his fiscal spending and tax reduction plans in the US.

Our non-equity exposure is achieved through Global and UK High Yield and Absolute Return assets, multi assets funds that are cautious, and finally Infrastructure. We have moved the portfolios to something that has lower market sensitivity, so the holdings are now measured using volatility based equity and non-equity holdings. From an equity perspective, most of the asset allocation is achieved through a high exposure to globally managed funds with directional exposure to markets we believe show upward growth. The remaining assets are held in globally diverse funds which will be tactically rotated by the underlying funds managers with a 13% directional asset allocation to UK, Europe and Asia. We did have 49% directionally allocated to the UK, Europe and Asia at the start of August but it was reduced to 25% on this portfolio prior to the UK Election. This was because the UK Mid CAP, UK All cap achieved all-time highs with very strong short term returns on the European and Asian positions dictating that we should be securing profits. We will remain underweight UK until we see better data and stability in the underlying UK economy.

From an equity perspective, we are holding circa **66.4% in equities** which is in-line with the benchmark. We would expect this to fluctuate during 2017 as we take profits and only repurchase again following periods of volatility and falling valuations, in line with the mandate of the portfolio. Following this, we will rotate lesser performing assets from within the non-equity sector and add to our equity allocation.



Portfolio Facts

Benchmark Index for Volatility – AFI Balanced

Historical Yield: 1.12%

Portfolio Expense: 0.92% p.a

Important Information

- All data in this document has been extracted from Analytics as at **1st August 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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