

# Strong conviction STABLE RETURNS



## OBI Active 3 – March 2019 Portfolio Update

### Investment Objective

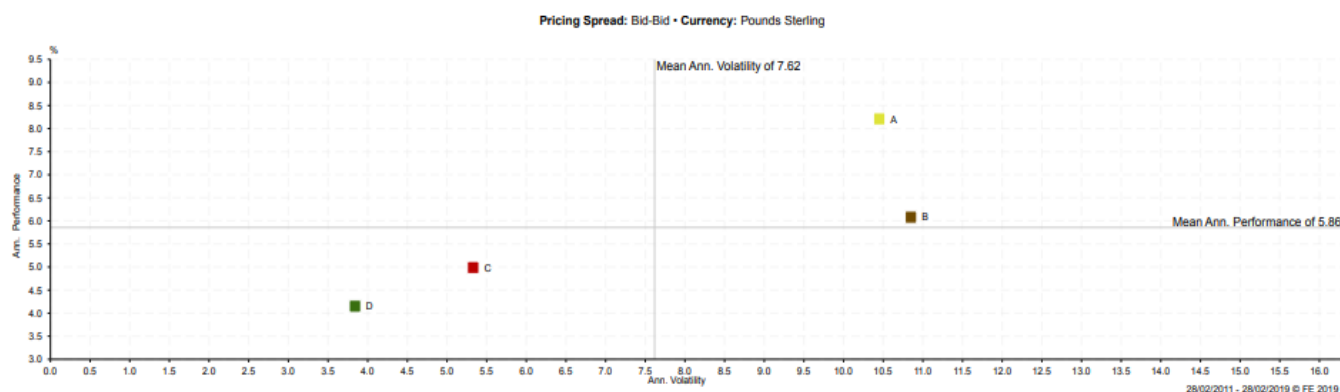
This portfolio is NOT a risk-free portfolio, rather, it is suitable for a client who requires stability of capital and is prepared to accept small levels of capital losses when markets are falling, based on the higher non-equity asset allocation. The portfolio is managed dynamically by altering the asset allocation and by predominantly using low-risk 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 35% equity on average to achieve the portfolio objectives, provided economic conditions permit. The portfolio will be managed to try and limit the **indicative capital loss in any rolling 12-month period to 6% in a significant event and 4% in normal market conditions** and to target an **annualised total return averaged out over an economic cycle (usually 5 – 7 years) of 4% per annum before any adviser, custodian, switch and/or discretionary investment management fees, but after fund manager charges**. Despite the higher allocation in non-equity assets, these asset classes are in some cases becoming riskier than equity assets, however we feel that the current positioning is acceptable when we consider our mandate regarding a client’s capital loss acceptance.

The benchmark we use for comparison purposes for volatility is **AFI Cautious** noting this benchmark currently **holds 51.87% in Equity (Analytics 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019)** and is therefore more aggressive than this portfolio and has no capital preservation mandate. It would be expected therefore that the benchmark would outperform the model and that the volatility of the benchmark would be higher. The model performance therefore cannot be directly compared to the benchmark.

OBI Active 3 Performance – Source Analytics 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Asset	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Launch (01/06/2009)
OBI Active 3 Portfolio	-0.04%	-0.32%	-3.85%	-2.36%	0.46%	7.62%	15.64%	29.17%	83.19%
Benchmark	1.19%	1.06%	-2.75%	0.83%	3.85%	16.05%	23.57%	43.65%	88.33%
UK Gilts	-1.23%	4.74%	0.71%	3.75%	0.68%	13.51%	47.49%	50.84%	110.30%
FTSE 100	2.75%	2.76%	-2.64%	2.61%	6.49%	31.77%	27.00%	58.48%	126.85%

Scatter Chart Reflecting Volatility and Annualised Return in GBP over the past 8 years



Key	Name	Annualise Performance	Annualised Volatility
■ A	FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilt Over 10 Years TR in GB	8.21	10.45
■ B	FTSE 100 TR in GB	6.08	10.85
■ C	AFI Cautious TR in GB	4.99	5.33
■ D	OBI Active 3 - 19 December 2018 GTR in GB	4.15	3.84

## Outlook & Positioning

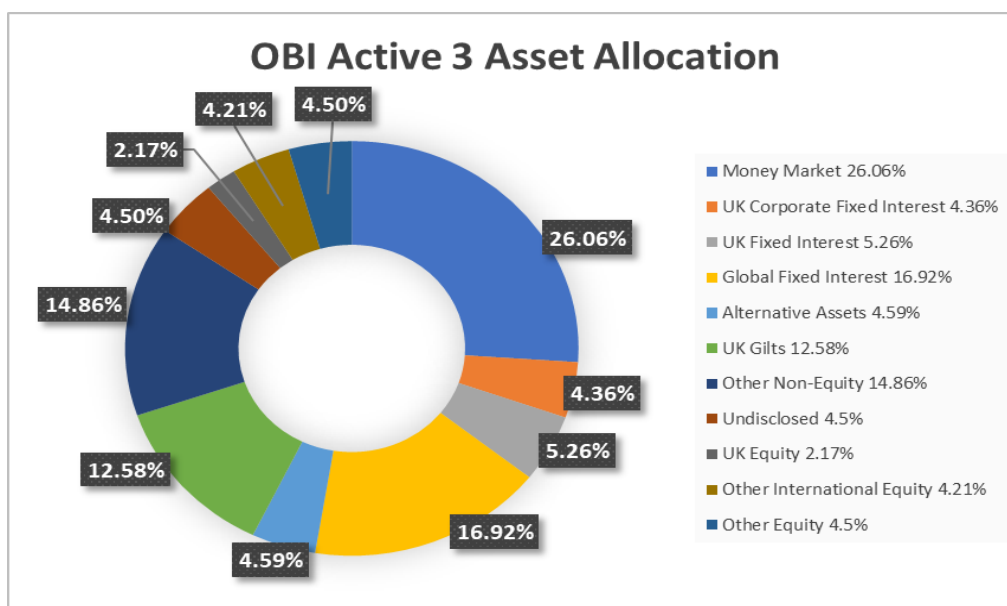
OBI Active 3 is a cautious portfolio with a higher non-equity allocation based on a low-risk mandate, with the delivery of outcome and capital preservation at its core which aims to achieve a return outcome of 4% per annum.

In December, following a series of more negative economic data and a continuation of uncertainty over future trade and political movements, an in-depth analysis of the economic situation highlighted excessive risks in the global economy. This prompted us to act on the capital preservation mandate and position our portfolios defensively in preparation for difficult trading conditions over the first half of 2019. As it stands, portfolios are defensively positioned, with high cash levels as we await further clarity in markets.

The first two months of the year have been a challenging period for portfolio returns, with markets regaining ground from December's losses. So far this year, most global indices have rallied despite an increasingly uncertain global economic outlook, fluctuating on currency movements, Brexit uncertainty and speculation over US-China trade discussions. February appears to have been a positive month in markets, however while upside potential remains limited in equity markets, an overwhelming amount of economic data has now begun tilting towards the downside. Away from the speculation and euphoria in markets, the data now suggests that we are in a bear market, with high volatility and significant risks persisting in equity markets. Over the month, the portfolio remained relatively flat due to the more defensive positioning, protecting against excessive volatility in the markets.

Based on the indications of reduced spending and lower economic growth, it is likely that economic data will become more negative as Q1 of 2019 unfolds, as the performance of key lagging economic indicators results in a selloff in equities. When this selloff happens, our defensive positioning allows us to protect against downside and reduce volatility while high cash levels allow us to capture upside as the market recovers. Providing we get the re-entry point right for reinvesting into equities, we remain optimistic about 2019 portfolio returns.

The portfolio has been constructed with a high level of diversification in terms of asset classes and geographies. In the December rebalance, we moved more defensively, therefore portfolios are currently constructed with a higher weighting of non-equity exposure due to risks facing equity markets. The low level of equity exposure within the portfolio is gained through exposure to diverse, globally managed multi-asset funds, and short equity positions which seek to benefit from a decline in markets. The portfolio currently holds a 10.88% equity exposure following the defensive repositioning, which is significantly lower than the benchmark. We would expect this to fluctuate over 2019 as we reinvest into equities, becoming more in line with the mandate of the portfolio as opportunities return.



\*Undisclosed asset sector represents the allocation to inverse ETFs and long/short equity assets which have been regarded here as non-equity due to their inverse relationship with equity markets.

Equity: 10.88% – Non-Equity: 89.12%

## Portfolio Facts

Benchmark Index for Volatility – AFI Cautious

Historical Yield: 1.34%

Portfolio Expense: 0.29% p.a

## Important Information

- All data in this document has been extracted from Analytics as at **1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**.
- 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.
- Unless otherwise instructed any accrued income is reinvested into the portfolio.

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