

# Strong conviction STABLE RETURNS



## OBI Active 7 – September 2019 Portfolio Update

### Investment Objective

This portfolio is NOT a risk-free portfolio, rather, it is suitable for a client who is prepared to invest into equities for most of the time and is focused more on the return than the risk, hoping that by doing this they can achieve greater long-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 75% 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 15% following a significant event and 8% in normal market conditions** and to target an **annualised total return averaged out over a full economic cycle (5 – 7 years) of 8% plus, before any adviser, custodian, switch and/or discretionary investment management fees, but after fund manager charges.**

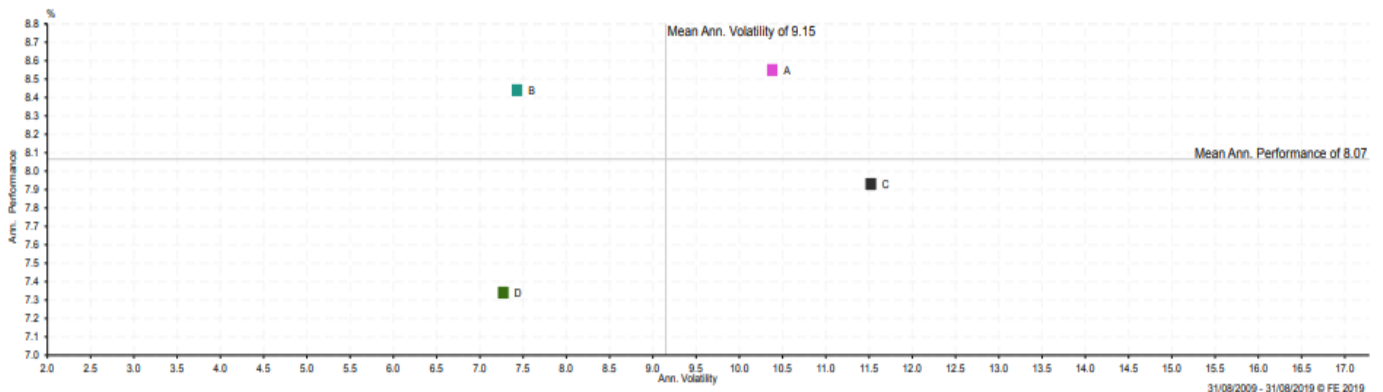
The benchmark we use for comparison purposes for volatility is the **AFI Balanced**, which currently holds **63.66% in Equity (Analytics 1st Sept 2019)**. This benchmark is therefore more aggressive than OBI Active 7 and unlike the model, it does not have a capital preservation mandate. Given the lower equity allocation, the model is unlikely to outperform the benchmark and the volatility of the model would therefore be lower. The model performance therefore cannot be directly compared to the benchmark.

OBI Active 7 Performance – Source Analytics 1st Sept 2019

Asset	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Launch (16/02/2007)
OBI Active 7 Portfolio	0.71%	1.66%	3.41%	-4.35%	1.77%	13.08%	26.66%	63.14%	174.50%
Benchmark	-0.45%	4.03%	6.87%	2.36%	12.14%	21.17%	37.15%	64.94%	82.99%
UK Gilts	6.02%	10.98%	18.44%	19.28%	19.25%	13.67%	60.19%	66.70%	173.18%
FTSE 100	-0.74%	3.02%	5.28%	2.50%	12.11%	19.63%	30.35%	67.55%	84.66%

Scatter Chart Reflecting Volatility and Annualised Return in GBP over the last 10 years

Pricing Spread: Bid-Bid • Currency: Pounds Sterling



Key	Name	Annualised Performance	Annualised Volatility
■ A	FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilt Over 10 Years TR in GB	8.55	10.38
■ B	OBI Active 7 - 21 Aug 2019 TR in GB	8.44	7.43
■ C	FTSE 100 TR in GB	7.93	11.52
■ D	AFI Balanced TR in GB	7.34	7.27

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## Outlook & Positioning

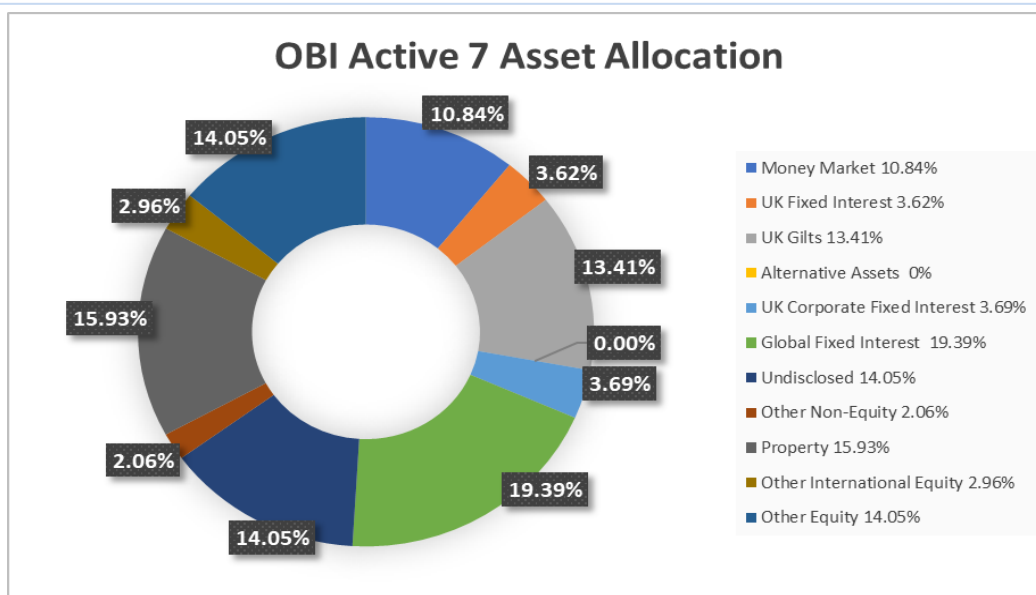
Our OBI Active 7 portfolio is a balanced portfolio with the delivery of outcome and capital preservation at its core which aims to achieve a return outcome of 8% per annum.

In December last year, 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 2019. As it stands, portfolios are defensively positioned, with low equity exposure as we await further clarity in markets.

After a challenging first quarter, with markets regaining ground from last year's losses due to currency movements and speculation over US-China trade discussions despite an increasingly uncertain global economic outlook, the portfolio performed consistently as the economic data worsened in the second quarter. Moving into the second half of the year, after the 25-basis points reduction in interest rate by the fed underwhelmed equity markets at the end of July, risk-off sentiment spread throughout financial markets over August as a deterioration in the economic data and risk off sentiment in bond markets triggered recessionary concerns. As geopolitical tensions persist and central banks become increasingly concerned with economic growth, it is clear that investor sentiment has been shifting to the downside. The economic data now suggests that we are in bear market, with high volatility and significant risks persisting in the global economy.

Based on the indications of reduced spending and lower economic growth, our expectation is that economic data will become more negative in the near term, as the performance of key lagging economic indicators and a continuation of geopolitical tensions results in a selloff in equities. When this selloff happens, our defensive positioning allows us to protect against downside and reduce volatility while gaining relatively consistent returns from the core holdings within the portfolio. Providing we get the re-entry point right for reinvesting into equities, we intend to capture upside returns in the recovery stage, and 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. The portfolio currently follows a defensive strategy, with a higher weighting of non-equity exposure due to risks facing equity markets, with bond exposure which performs particularly well during periods of weakness. 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. We would expect the equity content within the portfolio to fluctuate over the year 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: 17.01% – Non-Equity: 82.99%

## Portfolio Facts

Benchmark Index for Volatility – AFI Balanced

Historical Yield: 1.83%

Portfolio Expense: 0.60% p.a

## Important Information

- All data in this document has been extracted from Analytics as at **1<sup>st</sup> September 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.
- Portfolio Expense represents the total strategy cost and does not include the adviser charge. This is based on the Fusion platform and may vary for other platforms.

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