# **Objective**

This portfolio is NOT a risk-free portfolio, rather, it is suitable for a client whose 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 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 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.

## Management

The benchmark we use for comparison purposes for volatility is **AFI Balanced** noting that this benchmark currently holds **68.61% in Equity** (Analytics, 1st February 2023) and is therefore more aggressive than this portfolio. The benchmark also has no capital preservation mandate. It would therefore be expected that this 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.

#### **Performance**

Asset					YTD			Since Launch 01/11/16
OBI ESG 8	3.07%	-	-	-	3.07%	-	-	2.03%
Benchmark	4.01%	7.75%	1.12%	-3.04%	4.01%	8.54%	16.30%	3.43%
UK Gilts	2.55%	0.90%	-10.08%	-17.96%	2.55%	-20.83%	-10.78%	-2.24%
UK Equities	4.01%	10.39%	4.53%	4.28%	4.01%	13.64%	19.97%	3.22%

Source: FE Analytics, 1st February

### **Asset Allocation**

- MONEY MARKET (5.30%)
- UK FIXED INTEREST (4.04%)
- GLOBAL FIXED INTEREST (14.57%)
- OTHER NON-EQUITY (1.39%)
- PROPERTY (3.44%)
- UK EQUITY (19.03%)
- NORTH AMERICAN EQUITY (27.31%)
- EUROPEAN EQUITY (17.69%)
- ASIAN EQUITY (5.36%)
- OTHER INTERNATIONAL EQUITY (1.87%)



## **Outcome Based Investing**

At OCM, we believe that assets in a client portfolio should be adjusted through each phase of the economic cycle.

In line with the OBI strategy, at the extreme point when the cycle is at its most extended and the economies are overheating, it is our view that by moving defensively and focusing on the core portfolio assets, we are able to provide the desired outcome with the least amount of expected volatility.

The key with the strategy of "Outcome Based Investing" is to limit the surprises and capture as much of the upside as possible, with a focus on delivering the client's strategised outcome.

## **Key Facts**

Benchmark AFI Balanced

Inception Date 01 November 2016

Historic Yield 1.96% per annum

Ongoing Strategy Charge 0.70% per annum

Rebalancing Frequency Quarterly (or as required as per the OBI strategy)



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

#### **Market Outlook**

Financial markets have begun 2023 on the front foot, driven by a renewed sense of investor optimism and backed by promising economic data. Whilst we are expecting tough economic conditions throughout the year, the outlook for the global economy is improving, with a several key developments helping to support sentiment during the first month of the year. In Europe, a milder than anticipated winter has improved the outlook for the energy story and expectations of lower demand for natural gas has caused prices to cool, alleviating inflationary headaches. Whilst the outlook for the UK is a little more uncertain, investors have not shied away from attractive valuations in domestic markets, as the outlook for the global economy improves.

Results from earnings season in the US have been somewhat mixed, with some key tech companies missing earnings estimates whilst some financials exceeded forecasts. However, at the time of writing, of the 50% constituents of the US Large cap index that have reported results thus far, 70% have posted a positive EPS surprise. Whilst expectations have been low, US corporate earnings have signalled a level of resilience in US economy, whilst forward guidance and increased loss provisions suggests companies are well prepared for an economic slowdown. In the UK, energy giants continue to post record profits, supporting the UK large cap index.

## **ESG Focus & Positioning**

Our optimistic outlook for markets continues to be reflected in our portfolio allocation, and whilst in recent months we have held an overweight towards US assets, our outlook for European and UK assets has become more optimistic. As such, we have increased UK and EU equity exposure within the portfolios, having reduced some of our global equity exposure that consists of approximately 60% US assets. It should be noted that we remain positive on the outlook for US assets, however in reducing this overweight, we are looking to increase diversification and take advantage of the attractive valuations currently seen in UK and European equities, which in turn helps us to manage currency risk moving forward.

When managing the ESG portfolios, we look to identify key themes that in our view are set for strong growth over the coming years. As such, we continue to hold clean energy infrastructure exposure within the portfolios, providing exposure to companies developing technologies and infrastructure required for the clean energy transition, whilst generating income for the portfolios.

### **Portfolio Volatility**

No data to report on.		

#### **Important Information**

All data in this document has been extracted from Analytics as at 1st February 2023. Past performance cannot be used as a guide to future performance and the value of your investment will fall as well as rise in value. You may not get back all of your investment and the final value of your investment will depend on the performance of your portfolio. Performance figures quoted include fund manager charges but exclude adviser, discretionary, custodian and switch charges. Unless stated, income is reinvested into the portfolio. The information contained in in this document is for information purposes only. It does not constitute advice or a recommendation or an offer or solicitation for investment. Portfolio Expense is based on the Fusion platform and may vary for other platforms.