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# **Objective**

This portfolio aims to deliver a return that is in line with the Bank of England's base rate whilst providing a greater level of liquidity than fixed term deposits. The portfolio will achieve this objective by investing solely in cash and money market securities, using a dynamic and diversified approach to fund selection to manage risk over the long term. The portfolio is managed in line with an ultracautious risk profile, with the ability to move to 100% cash if required in line with market conditions. This portfolio will not take any risk other than investing in money market assets.

## **Management**

The benchmark we use for comparison purposes for total return is the **IA Standard Money Market** sector, which is representative of the combined performance of the money market sector.

# **Yield Comparison**

Asset	Yield
Average IA Standard Money Market	5.10%
Bank of England Base Rate	5.25%
Gilts (UK 10 Year)	4.08%
Ultra Cautious Portfolio	5.24%

Source: FE Analytics, 1st April

## **Performance**

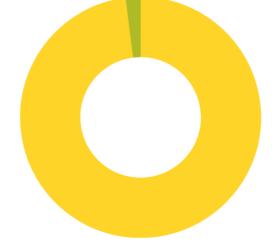
Asset	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Launch 01/09/2023
OBI Ultra Cautious	0.40%	1.28%	-	-	1.28%	-	-	-	3.10%
Benchmark	0.41%	1.29%	2.69%	5.18%	1.29%	7.42%	8.43%	9.23%	3.12%
UK Gilts	1.91%	-1.82%	6.14%	-0.44%	-1.82%	-20.00%	-16.52%	-13.47%	5.42%

Source: FE Analytics, 1st April

#### **Asset Allocation**



CASH (2.00%)



# **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**

IA Standard Money Market

### **Inception Date**

01 September 2023

#### **Current Yield**

5.24% per annum

## **Ongoing Strategy Charge**

0.16% per annum

### **Rebalancing Frequency**

Quarterly (or as required as per the OBI strategy)



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OBI Ultra Cautious Portfolio is designed to deliver an ultra-low risk mandate, with the delivery of outcome and capital preservation at its core which aims to achieve a return in line with the Bank of England Base rate.

#### **Market Outlook**

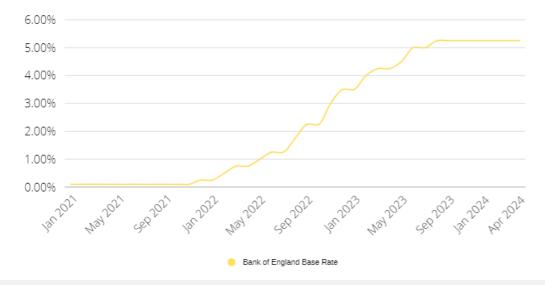
March played host to a number of key central bank meetings as investors await further clarity surrounding the path for interest rates moving forward. Whilst the US Federal Reserve, Bank of England and European Central Bank all left interest rates unchanged as expected, a mixed month of inflation data resulted in a turbulent month for financial markets. Within equity markets, whilst ongoing resilience within the US economy has supported sentiment over the year-to-date, a mixed set of inflation data saw US equity markets finish the month on a negative note as investors contemplated the impact of the data on the prospect for rate cuts. With US earnings season around the corner, we expect the short-term volatility within equity markets to persist as key US large-cap tech names remain a focal point in the coming weeks. With valuations near record highs, investors will be looking for how elevated interest rates have impacted consumers and whether the earnings reports justify valuations at their current levels.

Fixed income markets were particularly volatile over the month as investors were forced to reconsider the outlook for central bank monetary policy over the remainder of 2024 as economic data out of the US continued to point to robust economic growth despite the ongoing feedthrough of previous rate hikes. Despite a volatile month, we continue to believe that the short-term outlook for fixed income markets is more positive as rate cuts edge closer, than that of equity markets which appear to be being driven by momentum rather than fundamentals.

## **Portfolio Positioning**

This portfolio holds a diversified blend of money market funds, that invest in short term money market instruments such as Certificates of Deposit, Government Bills and Time Deposits. Whilst this portfolio is positioned to hold 100% in money market instruments to generate a yield, we continually monitor the available money market funds for the best yield and lowest cost, to ensure this portfolio generates the highest yield possible. Through investing in open-ended money market funds, we believe the portfolio can continue to generate an attractive yield at a low cost, whilst allowing a greater sense of flexibility in comparison to fixed deposits.

## **Bank of England Base Rate**



This chart highlights the Bank of England's base rate since 01/01/2021. The yield available on Money market assets typically reflect the Central Bank's underlying interest rate.

#### **Important Information**

All data in this document has been extracted from Analytics as at 1st April 2024. 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.