# **Model Portfolio Ultra Cautious**



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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 ultra-cautious 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	5.23%
Bank of England Base Rate	5.25%
Gilts (UK 10 Year)	4.32%
Ultra Cautious Portfolio	5.23%

Source: FE Analytics, 1st June

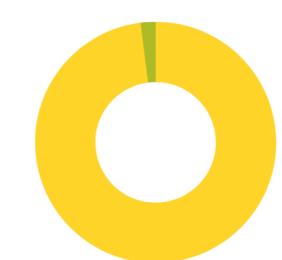
## Performance

Asset	1 Month	3 Months		12 Months	YTD	3 Years			Since Launch 01/09/2023
Ultra Cautious	0.43%	1.30%	2.63%	-	2.18%	-	-	-	4.02%
Benchmark	0.42%	1.29%	2.64%	5.34%	2.18%	8.38%	9.23%	10.19%	4.02%
UK Gilts	0.40%	-0.41%	1.05%	2.55%	-4.06%	-22.37%	-19.31%	-16.15%	3.01%

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## **Asset Allocation**

- MONEY MARKET (98.00%)
- 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 5.23% per annum

Ongoing Strategy Charge 0.16% per annum

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



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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**

An uplift of investor sentiment fed into a positive month for the OBI portfolios, with the long-dated Gilt exposure a key driver of performance following a broad decline in government bond yields. Positive inflation reports from key global economies largely calmed fears that stubborn inflation data in the US would derail the potential for key central banks to cut interest rates over the coming months.

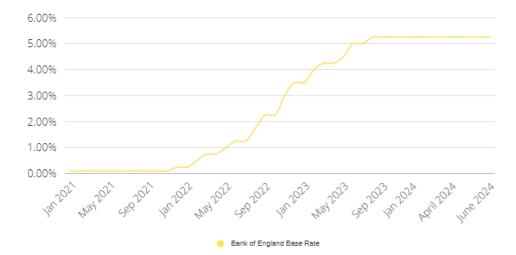
Global equity markets benefitted from positive earnings reports over the month, with US large-cap tech companies reaping the rewards from the significant investment being made towards generative AI, offsetting pockets of weakness appearing within consumer facing sectors. UK equities delivered strong returns, with mid-cap companies outperforming as inflation shows further signs of moderation. Despite commodity market volatility, companies with a large exposure to the domestic UK economy outperformed as the medium-term outlook begins to brighten as inflation cools and growth begins to pick up.

Fixed income markets remained volatile over the month, with comments from US Fed officials feeding into sentiment as bond yields rose before inflation data out of the US and UK largely quelled fears of stagflation as price pressures continue to moderate. With further price declines expected in the UK over the coming months, with energy prices in particular expected to fall, inflation is forecast to fall below 2% over the summer, opening the door for the Bank of England to begin its rate cutting cycle, feeding into our conviction that the long-dated Gilt exposure within the portfolios is well positioned to outperform over the short-term.

## 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 June 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.

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