

Long Hold Balanced



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Objective

This portfolio is NOT a risk-free portfolio, rather, it is suitable for a client who is prepared to invest a larger portion of their overall portfolio into equities, whilst maintaining a balance between risk and reward. The primary objective of this portfolio is to generate a long-term total return and income above the Bank of England's base rate and real terms growth (above inflation) which is materially higher than the long-term return on cash after fees and costs. This portfolio can take up to 65% of the risk of investing in the world equity market, as measured by the worst expected loss and annualised volatility of returns. This portfolio has no defined capital preservation mandate and invests in all assets that are available from the investment universe to achieve the objectives, holding up to 15% in core, long-term assets which may be less liquid in nature, such investment trusts. The recommended time-horizon for this portfolio is a minimum of 7 years.

Management

The benchmark we use for comparison purposes for volatility is **AFI Balanced**, noting that this benchmark currently holds **70.03% in Equity** (Analytics, 1st January 2025) and is therefore more aggressive than this portfolio. It would therefore be expected that the benchmark would outperform the portfolio and that the volatility of the benchmark would be higher. The model performance therefore cannot be directly compared to the benchmark.

Performance

Asset	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch 31/08/2018
OCM Balanced	-0.58%	1.74%	2.69%	9.50%	0.00%	1.83%	29.90%	38.18%
Benchmark	-1.50%	0.04%	1.98%	7.19%	0.00%	1.28%	19.25%	24.48%
UK Gilts	-2.34%	-3.24%	-1.22%	-3.83%	0.00%	-23.10%	-20.63%	-15.22%
UK Equities	-1.12%	-0.79%	1.49%	8.92%	0.00%	17.17%	24.22%	32.56%

Source: FE Analytics, 1st January

Asset Allocation

- MONEY MARKET (3.89%)
- UK GILTS (4.88%)
- GLOBAL FIXED INTEREST (16.08%)
- PROPERTY (3.65%)
- OTHER NON-EQUITY (4.80%)
- COMMODITY (4.04%)
- UK EQUITY (14.27%)
- US EQUITY (25.00%)
- EUROPEAN EQUITY (12.70%)
- OTHER INTERNATIONAL EQUITY (6.35%)
- ASIAN EQUITY (4.34%)



Equity 66.70% - Non-Equity 33.30%

Long Hold Investing

The assets in this portfolio have been selected based on a long hold approach, with a recommended minimum investment horizon of 7 years. Unlike OCM's OBI proposition, this portfolio has no capital preservation mandate, and portfolio changes are made on a strategic rather than tactical basis, taking a long-term view on key themes and opportunities within the asset allocation.

The general asset allocation within the portfolio will be maintained over the long term, however underlying funds may be switched at the discretion of the Investment Committee in cases of underperformance or positioning shifts.

Key Facts

Benchmark

AFI Balanced

Inception Date

31 August 2018

Historic Yield

2.64% per annum

Ongoing Strategy Charge

0.46% per annum

Volatility

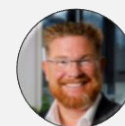
10.85%

Max Loss

-14.09%

Rebalancing Frequency

Quarterly



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Market Outlook

Investors faced elevated levels of volatility throughout Q4 2024 as political uncertainty drove concerns surrounding increasing budget deficits and a rebound in inflationary pressures. US equities outperformed over the quarter following Donald Trump’s victory in the presidential election and the accompanying ‘Red Sweep’ which saw the Republican Party take control of Congress. With the expectations for Trump’s protectionist policies to lift growth, lower taxes and cut regulation, small caps in particular delivered robust returns.

UK assets faced headwinds over the quarter, with bond yields rising on the back of the Labour Party’s Autumn Budget in which the government announced a greater level of spending and borrowing than markets had initially expected. Whilst economic growth concerns remain, with the Bank of England continuing to cut interest rates, investor concerns surrounding a rebound in inflation amid an expansionary fiscal policy has fed into a challenging period for UK fixed income and equity investors.

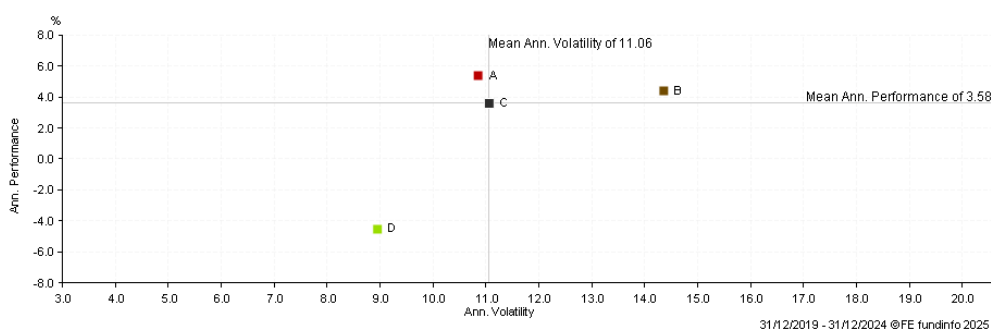
Political uncertainty remained a key theme across Europe, weighing on risk appetite as recession fears also spiked. Despite the ECB continuing to cut interest rates in October and December, the collapse of the governing party in Germany and the vote of no-confidence in France saw investors scale back their expectations for a rebound in economic growth as the bloc’s largest economies remain without a governing majority.

Portfolio Positioning

Equity market performance in 2025 will undoubtedly be influenced by how and when President-Elect Donald Trump introduces his proposed trading tariffs. This remains somewhat uncertain at present, and we therefore expect equities to remain muted in Q1 2025. However, we do expect equities to have another positive year in 2025 as interest rates continue to decline and more clarity is gained on future fiscal policies.

With key central banks set to continue cutting interest rates in the coming months as inflationary pressures moderate, we remain optimistic the medium-term prospects for risk assets, with the Long-Hold portfolios carrying an exposure to those assets which appear well positioned benefit from a brightening economic backdrop. Whilst valuations close to record highs may restrict any significant upside in the short-term, as we gain further clarity regarding potential tariffs and US interest rate expectations, we remain confident that risk assets can continue to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns over the medium term.

Portfolio Volatility



This scatter chart reflects annualised volatility and return in GBP over the past 5 years. Over the long term, we would expect the Balanced portfolio to exhibit volatility in line with the benchmark.

Key	Name	Annualised Performance	Annualised Volatility
A	Balanced TR in GB	5.37	10.85
B	UK Psv UK Equities TR in GB	4.40	14.38
C	AFI Balanced TR in GB	3.58	11.06
D	UK Psv UK Gilts TR in GB	-4.52	8.95

Important Information

All data in this document has been extracted from Analytics as at 1st January 2025. 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 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. Annualised Volatility and Max Loss Figures as detailed by FE Analytics over 5 years to period, where max loss represents the worst running return.