Model Portfolio Ultra Cautious

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The 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

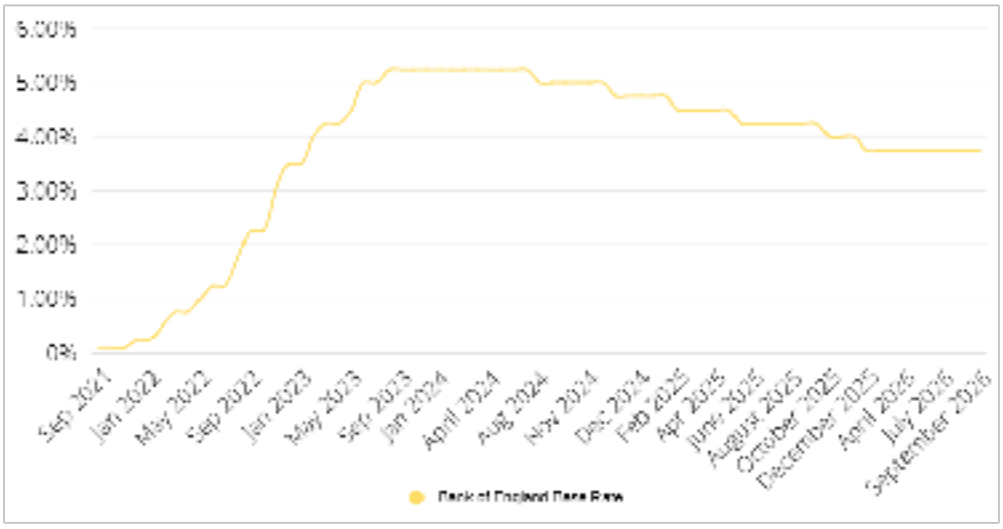
Global financial markets faced a more challenging backdrop over the third quarter of 2026 albeit still delivered positive returns, with geopolitics once again at the forefront of market movements. The resurgence of tensions between the US and Iran reversed the de-escalation seen in the previous quarter, with Brent crude again rising above $100 a barrel as surging energy prices added to inflationary pressures across key developed economies. Government bond yields moved higher as a result, with markets reassessing the outlook for inflation and monetary policy. The rise in fuel and broader energy costs increased concerns that inflation could remain above central bank targets for longer than previously expected, reversing earlier expectations that interest rates could begin to fall which weighed on overall fixed income performance over the quarter. Corporate fundamentals, however, remained a source of support, as strong earnings growth from key AI names lifted sentiment over the quarter, although investors became more discerning towards the theme, as the bar for revenue and capital expenditure continues to be raised in order for the sector to justify their current valuations.

Central bank policy remained a key driver of sentiment over the quarter, as both the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank raised interest rates in response to rising inflation. The Bank of England held interest rates at 3.75% at both its July and September meetings, although a 6-3 vote split in September, signalled growing concern within the committee that higher energy prices could feed through to more persistent domestic inflation.

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 Term 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 01/09/2021. The yield available on Money market assets typically reflect the Central Bank's underlying interest rate.

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