

OMNIS MANAGED PORTFOLIO SERVICE

OMPS Managed Portfolio Service quarterly update for Defensive investors



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Who is this investment for?

The Service is designed for an investor who is looking to minimise their exposure to risky assets for a short time frame.

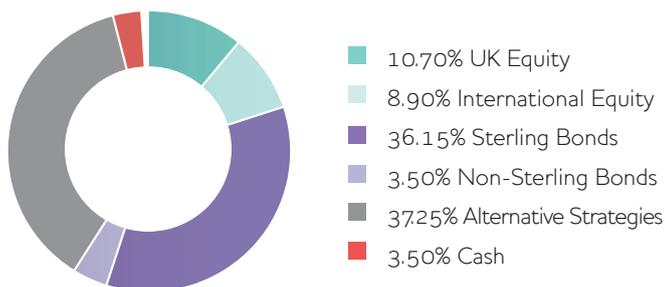
- This might be someone who is looking to consolidate gains ahead of a specific objective or who is concerned about prevailing market conditions. As such, they will have a preference for outcomes that have a degree of certainty.
- While, they understand that the value of their investment could fall or rise, the level of these changes is likely to be lower than portfolios which invest more in risky assets (like global equities).
- They know that this is not a long-term holding for their investment as the value is likely to diminish in real terms over time.

The Service aims to improve total returns and actively manage short-term risks through increasing or decreasing holdings in asset classes and individual funds. These allocations are determined by the Openwork Wealth Services Limited investment team, which benefits from full transparency of the funds' underlying investments and is controlled through a strict governance framework.

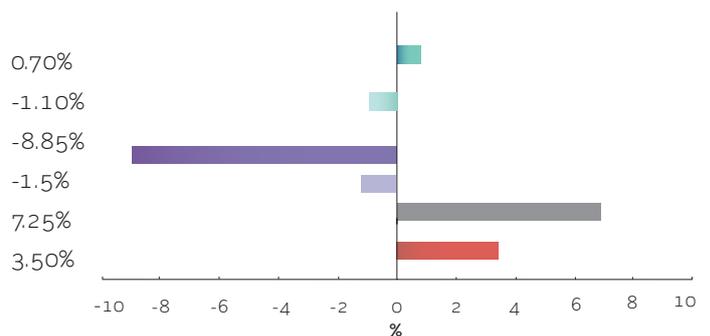
The quarter in review

- The Defensive portfolio has been designed as a short-term investment, suitable for clients who would like to minimise their exposure to risky assets over a relatively short time frame;
- The investment team did not trade in September, so the portfolio remains underweight shares, underweight bonds and overweight alternative strategies and cash;
- We believe the outlook for shares is positive because the world's major central banks have indicated that they plan to keep interest rates at record lows for the foreseeable future and further government support to offset the economic impact of the pandemic should be forthcoming;
- However, for the time being we are underweight shares. After adding to our holdings following the market correction in March and April, we decided to take profits as the markets recovered over the summer;
- We are primarily underweight US shares because a relatively small group of technology firms, which we believe are overvalued, have driven returns. This positioning was justified to some extent by the sell-off in tech shares at the start of September;
- We are underweight government bonds because with interest rates at record lows, prices have been pushed up and the income they pay investors has fallen. We do not think they offer value other than as protection against market turbulence;
- We are overweight the Strategic, Short Dated and Absolute Return Bond Funds which have benefited from the Federal Reserve's (US central bank) decision to add corporate bonds to its bond-buying programme, known as quantitative easing;
- In keeping with our active approach to portfolio management, we monitor the issues influencing the markets, particularly the potential economic impact of further waves of coronavirus infections and efforts by the UK and EU to agree a free trade deal.

Current Asset Allocation



Overweight/underweight position relative to Strategic Asset Allocation



Who is managing your money?

	Omnis UK All Companies Fund managed by Franklin Templeton Investments	3.70%
	Omnis UK Smaller Companies Fund managed by Franklin Templeton Investments	0.80%
	Omnis Income & Growth Fund managed by Jupiter Asset Management	3.70%
	Omnis UK Equity Income Fund managed by Royal London Asset Management	2.50%
	Omnis US Equity Leaders Fund managed by T.Rowe Price	1.60%
	Omnis US Equity Smaller Companies Fund managed by T.Rowe Price	0.00%
	Omnis European Equity Leaders Fund managed by Jupiter Asset Management	0.70%
	Omnis European Equity Opportunities Fund managed by RWC	0.70%
	Omnis Japanese Equity Fund managed by Schroder Investment Management	3.50%
	Omnis Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Equity Fund managed by Veritas Asset Management	2.00%
	Omnis Global Emerging Markets Equity Opportunities Fund managed by Jupiter Asset Management	0.30%
	Omnis Global Emerging Markets Equity Leaders Fund managed by Fidelity International	0.10%
	Omnis UK Gilt Fund managed by Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management	20.40%
	Omnis Sterling Corporate Bond Fund managed by Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management	3.00%
	Omnis Global Bond Fund managed by Schroder Investment Management	3.50%
	Omnis Strategic Bond Fund managed by Fidelity International	12.75%
	Omnis Diversified Returns Fund managed by Fulcrum Asset Management	15.00%
	Omnis Short-Dated Bond Fund managed by AXA Investment Managers	12.50%
	Omnis Absolute Return Bond Fund managed by Hermes Investment Management	9.75%
	Cash	3.50%

Ongoing Charges Figure

The OCF provides a measure of the combined cost of investing in each of the individual Omnis funds that make up the portfolio but excludes any portfolio service charges. The combined OCF is subject to change in line with the underlying composition of the portfolio.

0.63%

Commentary and data reflects position on 30/09/2020.

The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the original amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be relied upon. Always seek professional advice before acting.

This update reflects Omnis' view at the time of writing and is subject to change.

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