

WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED DEFENSIVE Pershing

MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 31st December 2022

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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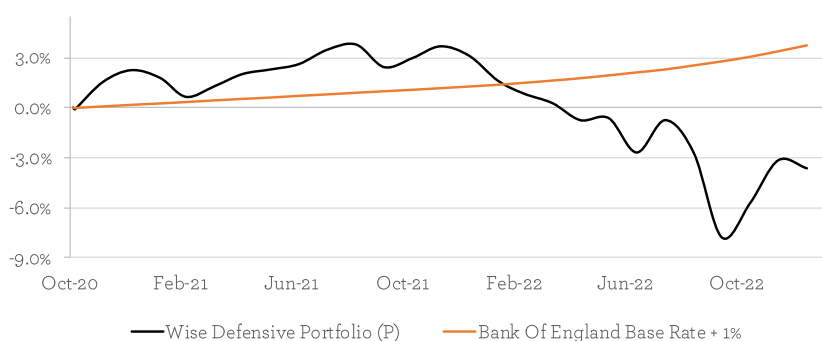
Head of Investment
Management

Robert joined Wise Investment in July 2017 and has 20 years' experience in managing private client multi asset class portfolios. His main responsibility is the selection of suitable investments for portfolios and ensuring our investment service meets your requirements. Robert is a member of the CFA Society of the UK and has successfully passed the examinations for all three levels of the Chartered Financial Analyst qualification.

PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

The Wise Defensive Model Portfolio is designed for clients who are looking for a total return in line with Bank of England Base rate + 1% over a 5 to 10 year period with lower volatility than could be expected from full exposure to the stock market. We aim to achieve this by investing in a select and focussed list of funds (unit trusts, investment trusts and OEICs), with diversification across geography, asset class and investment style. These funds invest in real assets, such as company shares (listed both in the UK and overseas), property, fixed interest and cash. The Portfolio is selected with no more than 40% invested in 'medium' risk assets, such as shares and property. The balance of at least 60% is held in assets defined as 'moderate', 'low' or 'minimal' risk, which are mainly comprised of fixed interest (UK government and higher quality company debt) and cash. No exposure will be allocated to higher risk assets. We therefore consider the portfolio to be suitable for those willing to adopt a defensive risk profile.

PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (using month-end data)



Key Portfolio Details

Launch Date	29th October 2020
Holdings	10
Historic Yield¹	2.7%
Volatility²	5.6%
Benchmark	BoE Base Rate + 1.0%
Model OCF³	0.5%
Service Charge⁴	1.9%

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	Launch
Wise Defensive Portfolio (P)	-0.5%	4.5%	-1.0%	-6.5%	-3.6%
Bank Of England Base Rate + 1%	0.3%	0.9%	1.6%	2.5%	3.8%

DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
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Wise Defensive Portfolio (P)	-6.5%	0.8%
Bank Of England Base Rate + 1%	2.5%	1.1%

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1 The Historic Yield is the weighted average yield of the model based on the model's current constituents

2 The Model OCF calculates the annual charges levied by the underlying fund holdings according to the model portfolio weights

3 The Service Fee incorporates the model OCF, the standard non-tiered annual fees levied by Wise Investments Limited and custodian fees, of which this is the highest possible fee. Further details of these charges are disclosed to clients investing in the model portfolios.



MONTHLY COMMENTARY

In December, equity markets finished the year on a weak note with global equities lower by just over 5% in sterling terms and almost 8% lower for the whole of 2022 (Source: Financial Analytics). The US equity market lagged other regional indices over the month partly through a weakening dollar and partly through a large exposure to Technology oriented stocks. Technology equipment and service stocks have had a challenging 12 months after peaking at the end of 2021. Pessimism over the sector began with scheduled rises in overnight interest rates by central banks and an associated higher discount rate applied to future earnings. This has been exacerbated by a slowing global economy and the expectation of reduced spending on most things including technology. Consequently, the Electronic Technology and Technology Services sectors that contain companies such as Microsoft, Alphabet (Google) and Apple are lower by around 20% and 30% respectively over the last 12 months (Source: Factset). However, in the same way revenues and earnings at the end of 2021 looked unsustainably high for these businesses and investors had placed even more unsustainable valuations on them, we now feel that investors have become overly bearish on the Technology sector. Earnings have dropped sharply over the last 12 months, but we believe that this correction in underlying fundamentals is close to bottoming out which will lead to strong positive gains from the sector going forward. Timing the actual mood change is a little trickier (in fact, it is nothing short of a fool's errand) but we believe acquiring under-priced assets and then applying patience can be rewarding.

In Commercial Property, both listed UK property companies and physical assets saw declines. As with the Technology sector, listed property shares have had a difficult 12 months as similar dynamics have tempered investor enthusiasm. Yet, in the same vein, we feel that the expectation inferred by market prices is, on balance, probably overly pessimistic and although we would be the first to acknowledge that rising interest rates, a generally slowing economy and a reluctant consumer are hardly positive factors for the asset class, pricing seems to already reflect this (and then some).

Fixed interest assets were under pressure from longer term interest rates rises in December as investors waxed and waned over the trajectory and peak for overnight rates. Fixated on each word from central bankers as they feed their views into the market which either seem to ameliorate sentiment or sour it. Particularly troubling for investors in December was a 0.5% increase in overnight rates across US, UK and European central banks which, although a smaller rise than the 0.75% increases declared at a number of prior meetings, did little to stem concerns that rates might have some way to climb. Accompanying commentary from rate setters that was, at best, ambiguous, also caused some nervous reflection by bond investors. With its limited sensitivity to interest rate moves, high yield bonds were relatively unscathed in the month and, in absolute terms, remain attractively priced relative to investment grade and sovereign bonds.

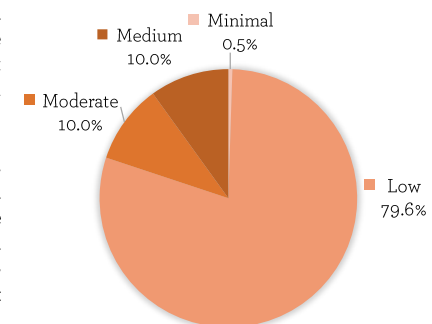
In the Defensive model portfolio, returns were lower by -0.5% in December. This was significantly behind the benchmark, the Bank of England Base Rate + 1%, which returned 0.3%. There were strong absolute and relative returns from holdings such as BNY Mellon Real Return and Fundsmith Equity which both exhibited characteristically defensive returns in a generally weak equity and bond market backdrop. However, this was offset by longer dated bond exposure held through L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust and M&G Strategic Corporate Bond where rising bond yields depressed capital returns.

In market performance terms, December was a month to forget in a likewise year. Having been wary of asset prices at the beginning of 2021 we now feel more sanguine. Yet, despite declines in asset prices value is not universal which is why we are selectively allocating to specific sectors such as Technology and Real Estate and sub asset classes such as high yield bonds. The current challenge for markets is that there remains plenty for investors to be nervous about in the short term and therefore the critical test for investors is to remain patient. As we have noted before, we expect valuations to react positively not when the current pressures (inflation, interest rates, war, Chinese Covid disruption etc.) have actually disappeared but when the market perceives that they will abate at some point in the future. Timing this sea change is impossible but the data we look at suggests we are close to the nadir.

HOLDINGS

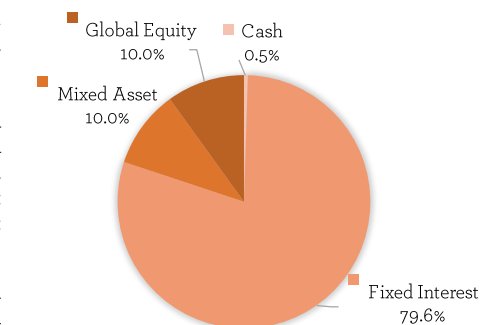
Name	Weight	OCF
Schroder Strategic Credit	14.9%	0.77%
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust	10.0%	0.15%
M&G Strategic Corporate Bond	10.0%	0.43%
L&G Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bond	14.9%	0.14%
M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond	14.9%	0.44%
TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit	14.9%	0.35%
BNY Mellon Real Return	10.0%	0.79%
BNY Mellon Global Infrastructure Income	5.0%	0.81%
Fundsmith Equity	5.0%	0.94%
Cash	0.5%	0.0%

ASSET RISK



For Asset Risk Category definitions see the Wise Investment Risk Appendix, supplied to investors in the model portfolios.

ASSET ALLOCATION



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Portfolio returns from the Wise Investment Model Portfolio Service will be subject to investment market fluctuations and there is no guarantee that the portfolio objectives, including any income targets, will be achieved. Where income is received as dividends, these will be automatically reinvested in the Model Portfolio, which may result in the Model Portfolio returns being higher than what a client portfolio can actually achieve. The performance will be reduced by the withdrawal of income and the impact of the ongoing charges and portfolio transaction costs. The charges can vary. Prices of funds and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Consequently, an investment into this portfolio should be considered for a 5 to 10 year period. The funds may invest in higher-yielding or non-investment grade bonds. The funds may hold investments denominated in currencies other than sterling. Changes in exchange rates will cause the value of these investments and the income from them to rise or fall. The funds can use derivatives for investment purposes. These instruments can be more volatile than investment in equities or bonds. Every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of the data used in this document, but no warranties are given. Wise Investment has expressed its own views and these may change. The data contained in this document has been sourced by Wise Investment and should be independently verified before further publication or use. Wise Investment is a trading brand of Wise Investments Ltd. Wise Investments Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Ref no. 230553.

