# WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED - DEFENSIVE Pershing



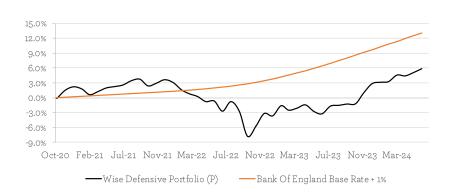
# MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 30th June 2024

# 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)



# CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	Launch
Wise Defensive Portfolio (P)	0.7%	1.2%	2.9%	9.4%	3.2%	5.9%
Bank Of England Base Rate + 1%	0.5%	1.6%	3.1%	6.2%	12.3%	13.1%

# DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	30/06/2023	30/06/2022	30/06/2021	
	30/06/2024	30/06/2023	30/06/2022	
Wise Defensive Portfolio (P)	9.4%	-0.5%	-5.2%	
Bank Of England Base Rate + 1%	6.2%	4.2%	1.4%	

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



WILLIAM GEFFEN
Head of Investment
Management

William joined Wise Investment in November 2023 and has 4 years' experience in managing equity funds. His main responsibility is the selection of suitable investments for portfolios and ensuring our investment service meets your requirements.

William successfully passed all three level of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exams gaining the qualification in 2021.

# Key Portfolio Details

Launch Date	29th October 2020
Holdings	7
Historic Yield¹	4.0%
Volatility <sup>2</sup>	5.3%
Benchmark	BoE Base Rate + 1.0%
Model OCF <sup>3</sup>	0.3%
Service Charge <sup>4</sup>	1.6%

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All data used on this factsheet is supplied by Financial Express. Rounding may result in charts and tables not adding up to 100% in displayed data. Performance is based on total returns on a bid-to-bid basis, net of UK dividend tax credits and is calculated referencing a model portfolio. Actual portfolio statistics may differ because of investment performance, cash movements, transaction costs and the timing of sales and purchases within the portfolio. Quoted performance does not include fees levied by Wise Investments Ltd or any fees from custodial services. Service fees will apply. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. This document should not be construed as an investment recommendation.

- 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

June was another good month for investors, continuing the steady "bull run" that started in back in October 2023 initially spurred by the hope of upcoming central bank rate cuts and now sustained by a steady stream of news pointing to unexpectedly strong economic growth, particularly in the US.

Global equities rose 2.8%, in sterling, with the world's largest market, the USA, leading with a monthly return of 4.3%. Emerging markets also had a strong month, returning 4.7% driven by Asia Pacific markets (excluding Japan, which was flat) returning 5%.

Laggard geographies included our local UK market, which returned -1.3%, along with Europe dropping -1.7%.

In Fixed income, yields lowered slightly off the back of slightly lower than expected inflation figures, buoying the bond market. As a result, UK Gilts (government bonds) returned 1.3%, UK corporate bonds returned 0.8% and inflation linked bonds returned 1.2%. High yield bonds also returned 0.7%.

The property sector had a worse month, despite lower yields with direct property up only 0.1% and listed property down -1.66% likely reflecting broader market weakness.

Zooming out at this mid-point in the year, this month is reflective of the broad trend so far in 2024.

The US market has continued to surge on to new highs, returning 16% in the first half of the year alone, largely driven by a very concentrated leadership in a handful of trillion-dollar technology companies - the likes of Nvidia, Microsoft and Apple each of which alone eclipse the entire UK market. This has capped off an impressive return of 40% over the last 3 years (a period which includes the substantial peak to trough from 2021 to 2022) and nearly 100% over the last 5 years.

The UK market by contrast has only returned a plucky 7% so far this year, off the back of a substantial period of sluggish returns, with the past 3 years seeing just a 26% return, and the past 5 years seeing a paltry 29%. While poor past returns do not on their own indicate good value going forward, it is fair to say that the UK markets fall from grace has led to some compelling valuations - a sentiment backed up by a recent uptick in foreign M&A - which should help get the attention of other global investors.

Similar to the UK, emerging markets have also had a reasonable start to the year, returning 8% off the back of a very poor few years, with an awful-6.5% return over the last 3 years, largely due to the struggles of the Chinese market, with their economy suffering a tough mix declaration post-covid growth and a highly leveraged real estate sector.

Bonds have been steady, if not underwhelming. Yield curves remain stubbornly unmoved and fairly flat while the market waits for long expected rate cuts as inflation cools, with only a very cautious 0.25% cut from the ECB last month actually delivered so far.

The defensive model returned 0.74%, ahead of the +0.47% return for the benchmark (BoE Base rate ASSET ALLOCATION +1%). The major positions in the Vontobel-TwentyFour ARC fund and the Premier Miton Money Market funds returned 0.57% and 0.41% respectively and were boosted by the small 10% position in global equities through Fidelity Index World fund (up 3.84%).

We haven't made any significant changes to the defensive model portfolio this month. We maintain the overweight to shorter dated bonds and securities, preferring to take on modest credit risk where prudent to boost return while looking to avoid the volatility that comes from holding longer dated bonds due to their relatively poor yield.

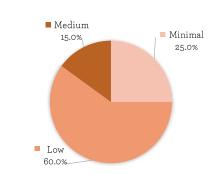
We also retain the small position in the CT property fund, as we continue to see value in this down beaten asset class as shown by the depressed prices in commercial properties and large net asset value discounts in listed real estate trusts.

The model is now nicely ahead of the benchmark on a 1yr rolling basis, returning +9.41% vs +6.25% for the "BOE base rate +1%".

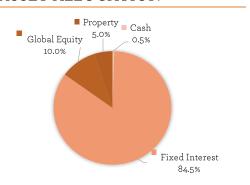
# HOLDINGS

Name	Weight	OCF
Premier Miton UK Money Market	24.5%	0.16%
L&G Short Dated Sterling Corporate	15.0%	0.14%
M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate	15.0%	0.45%
${\it TwentyFour\ Absolute\ Return\ Credit}$	30.0%	0.36%
Fidelity Index World	10.0%	0.12%
CT Property Growth & Income	5.0%	1.03%
Cash	0.5%	0.00%

# RISK ALLOCATION



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



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

