

# WISE INVESTMENT LIMITED CAUTIOUS

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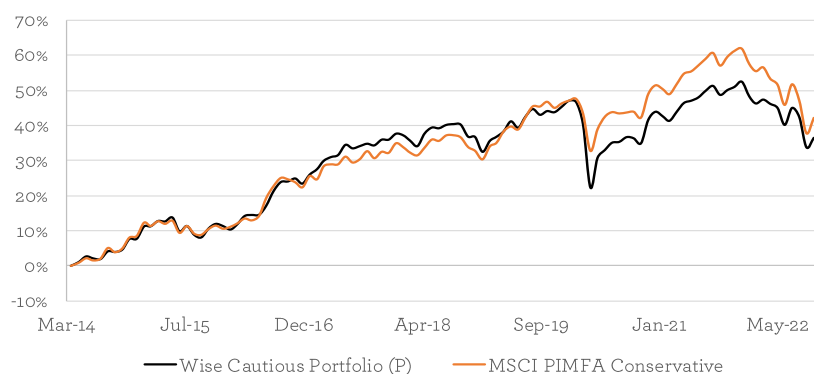
### MONTHLY FACTSHEET

all data as at 31st October 2022

## PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

The Wise Cautious Model Portfolio is designed for clients who are looking for a total return in line with the MSCI PIMFA Conservative index over a 5 to 10 year period, but 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 20-60% invested in 'medium' risk assets, such as shares and property. 40-80% 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, and any remaining balance up to 5% can be invested in higher risk assets, such as shares in specific countries and industries. We therefore consider the portfolio to be suitable for those willing to adopt a cautious risk profile.

## PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (using month-end data)



## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr	Launch
Wise Cautious Portfolio (P)	2.0%	-5.9%	-6.6%	-9.1%	-5.1%	0.4%	36.6%
MSCI PIMFA Conservative	3.2%	-6.3%	-7.3%	-10.9%	-2.0%	7.3%	42.3%

## DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

	31/10/2021	31/10/2020	31/10/2019	31/10/2018	31/10/2017
	31/10/2022	31/10/2021	31/10/2020	31/10/2019	31/10/2018
Wise Cautious Portfolio (P)	-9.1%	11.3%	-6.2%	5.1%	0.6%
MSCI PIMFA Conservative	-10.9%	12.2%	-1.9%	8.3%	1.0%

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



### ROBERT BLINKHORN

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.

## Key Portfolio Details

<b>Launch Date</b>	28th March 2014
<b>Holdings</b>	11
<b>Historic Yield<sup>1</sup></b>	3.1%
<b>Volatility<sup>2</sup></b>	11.1%
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI PIMFA Conservative
<b>Model OCF<sup>3</sup></b>	0.7%
<b>Service Charge<sup>4</sup></b>	2.1%

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

2 Volatility is the annualised monthly volatility of the model portfolio to the most recent month end over a 3 year period or since launch if this period is less than 3 years

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

4 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 October, global equity markets were higher by just under 4% in sterling terms with Technology Service firms the main contributor to performance. Last month, the sector staged something of a recovery from what has been a very difficult year. The largest Technology Service companies are Microsoft, Alphabet (owner of Google) and Tencent which by themselves make up around a third of the sector by market capitalisation. At the end of September, the sector as a whole had fallen by almost -40% year to date. To some extent this decline was entirely justified in our view as by the end of 2021, investors had become overly enthusiastic about the prospects for Technology firms. Covid provided a catalyst to the uptake of technological equipment and services to facilitate business and leisure activities during the global lockdown period and this boosted corporate revenues of technology firms throughout last year which, on average, rose by 34%. Investors reacted to this with exuberance sending prices higher by almost 85% in dollar terms from the trough of markets in early 2020 to the end of 2021<sup>1</sup> so a correction in 2022 was in our view to be expected. For reference, the long-term trend growth of earnings for the sector is just under 10%; our long-term modelling identified that the Covid boost to earnings growth was unlikely to be sustainable.

There are a number of things that might happen to address abnormal earnings growth. For example, the burst in spending could slow once people and companies have the items and services they want and need. Alternatively attractive profits in a sector can lead to increased competition, which forces excessive earnings to be competed away. Thirdly, legislators could identify excessive profits and either enact laws to inhibit them, force a break-up of dominant businesses or tax and fine them heavily.

Over the long term, we expect earnings growth should generally revert back to a more normal level which we equate with an observable earnings growth rate for the sector. True to form, earnings from the Technology Service sector have begun to fall back in 2022, peaking in February and falling by around -7% to the end of October. Market commentators initially blamed rising interest rates as being the factor disproportionately hitting Technology firms. This premise is based on a bigger number being used to discount future earnings. However, it has never really been clear to us why large, profitable technology businesses should be dealt with more harshly than any other business. More recently, technology companies are guiding for slowing earnings in the face of a global recession and this is adding further pressure to share prices.

Now we *do* believe that short term changes in fundamentals have a significant impact on share prices. Whether the size of share price moves based on these short-term fundamental changes is justified is another matter – but the point is that they *do* move in this way. Having crested in February, just ahead of our estimated cyclical peak for earnings, we expect earnings to be no more than another -5.5% lower from their current levels based on long term growth rates and volatility of the Technology Service profit cycle. Based on this, we anticipate that the market price for the sector should be around 30% higher than it is today. To look at it another way, by our estimation, the market is pricing in earnings falls of around -25%. This is akin to the bursting of the dot com bubble over 20 years ago. The question we ask ourselves today is, ‘are technology companies today as precariously positioned as they were in 2000?’. Some are, but many of the larger, well established and profitable businesses we are interested in are not. Consequently, we have been judiciously adding to this exposure since mid-July and anticipate continued positive performance from it.

In the Cautious model portfolio, performance was higher by 2% in October. This was behind the MSCI PIMFA Conservative index which returned 3.2%. Underperformance was mainly due to an extraordinarily strong return from the Alternatives component of the benchmark although this was compounded by underperformance in other areas. Fixed interest provided the strongest contribution to positive returns. M&G Strategic Corporate Bond and L&G All Stocks Gilt Trust were driven by declining interest rates across the maturity term. Despite expected rises in the short term for overnight rates orchestrated by the Bank of England, investors have lowered their expectations of longer dated interest rates given the recent reversal by the government in fiscal policy. Falling asset values in August and September prompted us to rebalance the portfolio in October adding to longer dated Gilts as well as equity positions that focus on those sectors we consider attractive.

<sup>1</sup> This compares with the broader global market that recovered by an attractive but more modest 65% on the same basis.

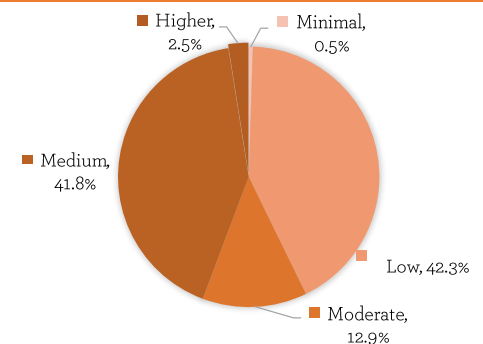
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## HOLDINGS

Security	Weight	OCF
M&G Strategic Corporate Bond	14.9%	0.41%
Schroder Strategic Credit	14.9%	0.77%
L&G All Stocks Gilt Index Trust	12.4%	0.15%
BNY Mellon Real Return	12.9%	0.79%
CT Property Growth & Income	5.0%	1.03%
TB Wise Multi-Asset Income	5.5%	0.71%
JOHCM UK Equity Income	10.0%	0.67%
Fundsmith Equity	14.9%	0.94%
BNY Mellon Global Infrastructure Income	6.5%	0.81%
Janus Henderson Global Technology Leaders	2.5%	0.85%
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

