

The Omnis Managed Fund Range

A straightforward way to invest in your future

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Your investment objectives

Whatever your reasons for investing, its a good idea to sit down with your financial adviser to define what you want to achieve – and by when. Working together you can then develop an investment plan that is right for you – and can evolve with your changing needs.

If you're new to investing or thinking about moving to a new asset manager, then the huge variety of choices available today can sometimes feel overwhelming. Your financial adviser can help you take the next step with confidence.

Think about risk

There's a lot to consider before you invest your money and one of the most important factors is risk. Conditions in financial markets are always fluctuating and your investments will inevitably fall in value from time to time. Typically, the extent of the ups and downs depends on the type of assets in your portfolio. For example, stocks tend to be more volatile than government bonds, but also offer the potential for higher returns.

Finding the right balance between investment risk and potential returns will depend on your situation. For instance, if you're more than two decades out from retirement, you still have a considerable amount of time before you stop working. Since long-term investments like stocks need time to potentially grow, they're a decent asset class to build wealth over decades. You'll also have time to potentially recover from market downturns. As you get closer to retirement, it usually makes sense to reduce the level of investment risk in order to protect the wealth you have built.

The Omnis Managed Fund range

We've designed the Omnis Managed Fund range as a straightforward solution to the difficult task of choosing the right blend of investments to suit your goals and attitude to risk. Globally diversified and aligned to three risk profiles, the funds can be used as a core holding in your investment portfolio.

We've appointed Columbia Threadneedle Investments to manage the funds. The investment team considers the different risk and return characteristics of the various asset classes when making investment decisions. They are a proven multi-asset investment manager with more than 25 years of experience and a successful track record.

They have a collaborative approach and they draw upon the full resources of their global firm. This means the funds adapt to the changing environment through active asset allocation and active investment selection, though remaining true to the three risk profiles.

The funds will invest in actively managed investment strategies that are themselves managed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments. This provides various advantages; notably, an integrated investment process and enhanced risk and responsible investment controls that allow the managers to see down to the individual holdings level. While the funds are free to use other third-party funds at any time if the investment manager believes it is appropriate to do so, they are currently invested in Columbia Threadneedle Investments' strategies.



Benefits of investing in the Omnis Managed Fund range



Diversification

The funds invest in a blend of assets including equities and bonds in order to capture returns and dampen losses through all market conditions. Using three risk profiles to target different investors.



Global exposure

The investment process is built on sharing and debating ideas across teams and sectors in order to seek out investment opportunities from across the global markets.



Risk management

The manager is able to measure and monitor risk and performance in detail on all the investments held within the underlying funds so that they always know what's driving returns.



An experienced investment team

We've appointed Columbia Threadneedle to manage the funds a leading investment firm that's been managing multi-asset funds for over 25 years with more than £40 billion assets under management in asset allocation mandates in EMEA and over £110 billion globally.



Oversight

The Omnis team provide oversight on the funds. We meet the investment manager regularly to ensure the funds are being managed appropriately and within the investment objective.

Selecting the right Fund

The funds suit a broad range of investors – from the cautious to the more adventurous and those in between. After determining your risk profile, your financial adviser will match you to the most appropriate funds, according to the objectives you have set. We’ve also made it easy to switch between funds if your situation or objectives change.

The Omnis Managed Fund range offers you:

- A choice of three funds each with a different level of risk.
- The potential to grow your investment over the long term (five or more years) while keeping it within your designated risk profile.
- Global diversification across a mix of assets including equities and bonds.

Focused on managing risk

When managing the Omnis Managed Funds, the team at Columbia Threadneedle Investments carefully combines assets not only to achieve capital growth in each fund but also to ensure they always remain within their respective risk profiles. For example, the Omnis Managed Cautious Fund will have a greater proportion of traditionally lower risk assets, such as bonds. Meanwhile, the Omnis Managed Adventurous Fund contains a higher proportion of higher-risk assets, such as equities, to meet the needs of investors with a larger appetite for risk.

The funds objective are to outperform their benchmark, which consist of a mix of global indices in line with the funds' strategic asset allocation¹.

The outperformance will come from two sources:

1. Tactical asset allocation: the portfolio management team can increase or decrease the relative position against the strategic

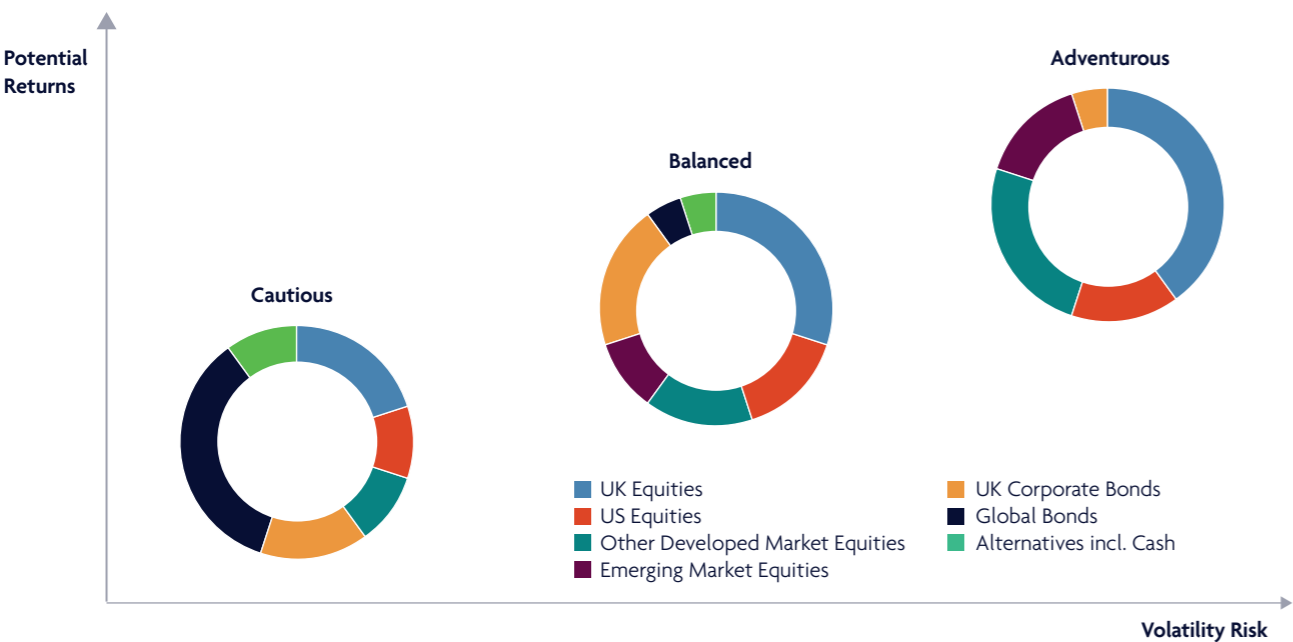
asset allocation in line with their market views to enhance returns and/or reduce risk.

2. Active management of the underlying strategies: the underlying strategies that the funds invest in are actively managed by experienced investment teams. Through active management, we expect these strategies to outperform their respective benchmarks.

Key features

	Cautious	Balanced	Adventurous
Launched	March 2009		
Appointed investment manager	Columbia Threadneedle Investments		
Portfolio manager	Alex Lyle		
Fund size (as at 30 June 2021)	£132m	£446m	£124m
Ongoing charges figure	0.88%	0.87%	0.89%

The following chart shows the different funds available in the range and the long-term mix of asset classes they invest in (also known as the strategic asset allocation)



¹The fund range's strategic asset allocation is determined by Omnis, and currently matches the strategic asset allocation that The Openwork Partnership has for each of the different risk profiles. This strategic asset allocation may change in the future if necessary. It is defined by reference to exposures to the following underlying indices (which broadly) correspond to the asset classes listed in the previous page: FTSE All Share TR Index (UK Equities), Russell 1000 TR Index (US Equities), MSCI Daily (ex UK) EAFE TR Index (Other Developed Market Equities), MSCI Daily Net Emerging Markets TR Index (Emerging Markets), SONIA GBP (Alternatives incl. Cash)), ICE BoAML Global Broad Market TR Index (Global Bonds) and ICE BoAML Sterling Broad Market TR Index (UK Corporate Bonds).



How we manage the Funds

Columbia Threadneedle Investment’s approach to achieving global diversification is through investing in a blend of its own strategies. They invest in a broad mix of assets including equities and bonds.

The team at Columbia Threadneedle Investments leverages the resources of their global investment platform through a collaborative investment process, ensuring the funds benefit from the best ideas across the organisation. The investment process has been tried and tested for over 25 years and has a successful performance track record.

With the different asset classes selected and decided, the Columbia Threadneedle team makes a judgement about which strategies best meet the risk and return profiles of the funds according to the current investment environment, always managing within the predefined risk parameters for each of the three funds. For example, this might mean incorporating strategies designed to achieve a positive return; equity strategies that concentrate on delivering income or growth; or strategies that invest primarily in larger or smaller companies. Within fixed income, the managers could decide to include strategies that express a particular currency view or have a preference for government or corporate bonds.

Each fund follows a well-defined investment research and selection process, which are adapted for each asset class, including equities, bonds and alternatives. Columbia Threadneedle’s overall investment approach is based on the following philosophy:

- Style diversification that draws on multiple sources of potential additional returns can deliver outperformance.
- Cross-disciplinary sharing and debate enables a constant refinement of investment ideas.
- Fundamental research and direct contact with companies is vital.
- A global understanding of the market and economic background, and the development of themes, enhances investment selection.

The underlying strategies the funds invest in are run by Columbia Threadneedle Investments, providing an integrated investment process across the funds.

This allows the manager to see all of the individual holdings within each underlying strategy, allowing for better risk controls within the funds. Aside from this enhancement of risk management, it allows the manager to keep the costs of the funds under control.

Responsible investing

Columbia Threadneedle Investments is a founding member of the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investing and a signatory of the UK Stewardship Code and UK Women in Finance Charter. Accordingly, responsible investing plays an important and integrated role.

The managers integrate responsible investment considerations and data across the different asset classes. For example, the funds exclude all investments in controversial weapons, reflecting the recognition and support for the importance of international conventions and treaties dealing with their production, stockpiling, transfer and use.

Who’s involved



A successful track record

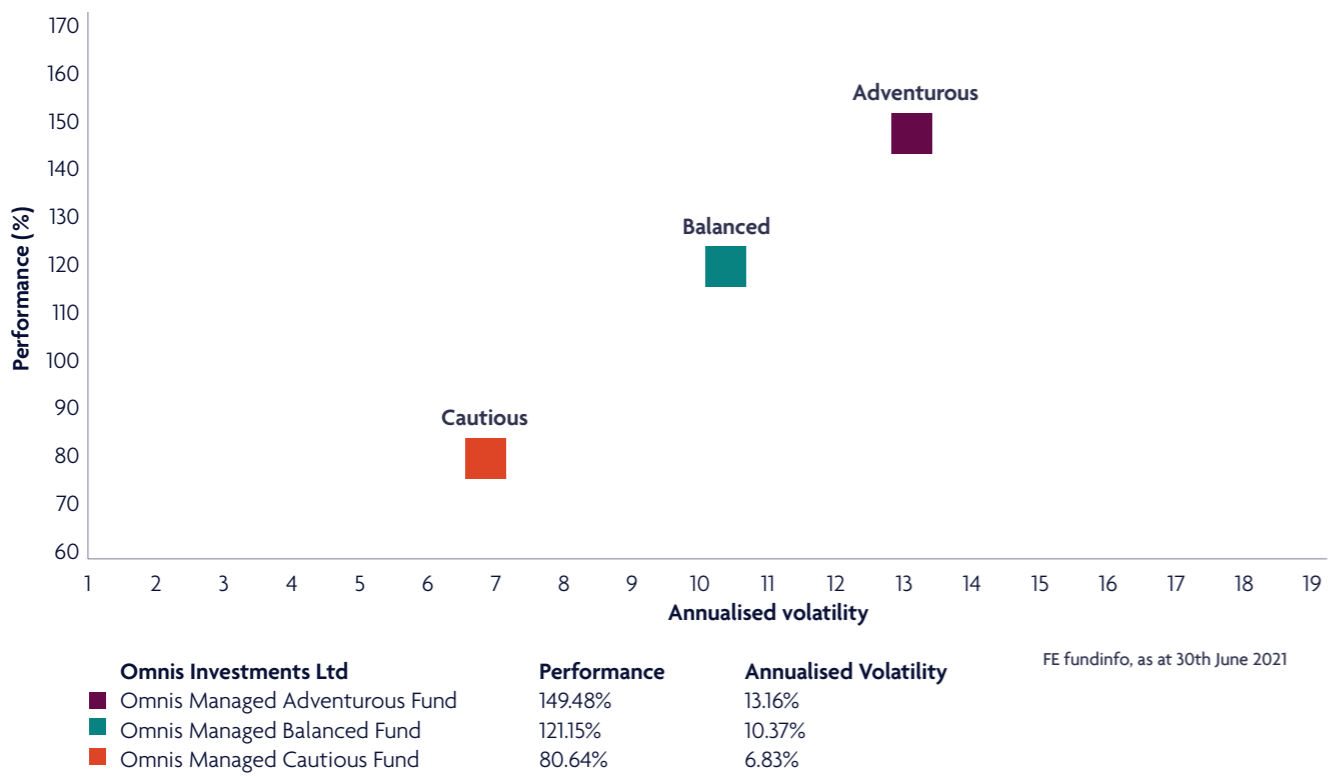
Earlier in the brochure we explained that the Omnis Managed Fund range consists of three funds with different risk profiles.

We expect the Adventurous fund to deliver the highest returns over the long term, and also to be the most volatile; because this investment strategy takes the most risk. Conversely, we expect the Cautious fund to deliver the lowest returns of the three funds over the long term, but performance will be less volatile because the investment strategy takes the least risk.

Looking at how the funds have behaved over the past 10 years can help us to understand if they are delivering what we expect. Figure 1 shows the level of risk (or volatility) on the horizontal axis and the returns on the vertical axis. The three funds appear in the order we expect – the higher the risk profile of the fund, the higher the returns and volatility.

When it comes to investing, volatility refers to the rises and falls in the price of a stock, bond or mutual fund over time. It is often used to understand how 'risky' an investment is when measuring its performance. Within the Omnis Managed Funds, we track volatility to understand whether the fund manager is taking the appropriate level of risk.

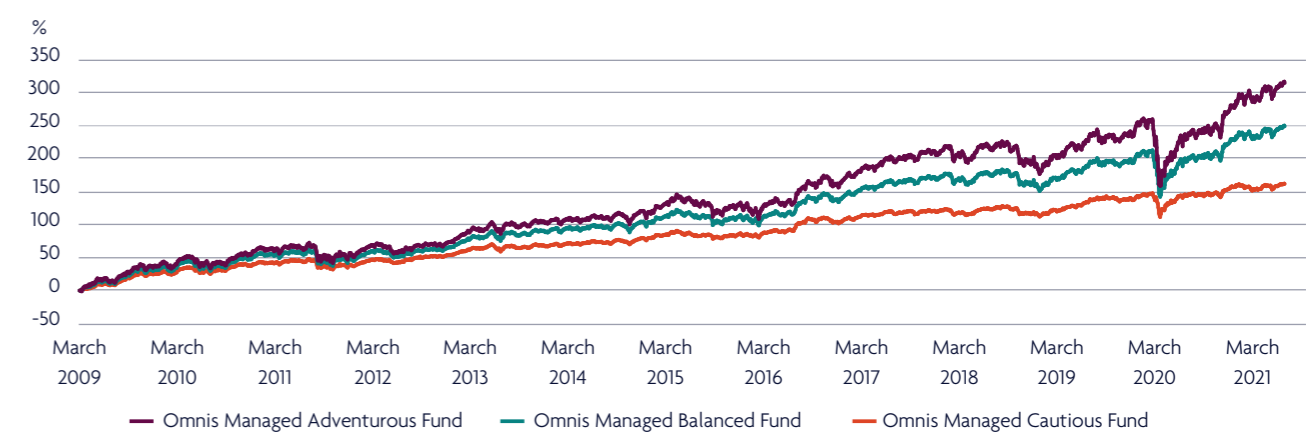
Figure 1: Performance and volatility over the past 10 years



When choosing the fund that's right for you, we recommend working with a financial adviser. They will help you understand what volatility means and explore how much risk you are able and willing to take in order to meet your investment objectives.

Figure 2 shows how the three funds have performed since they were launched in 2009. The Adventurous Fund has delivered the highest return over this period. It has also experienced larger ups and downs than the Balanced and Cautious funds along the way.

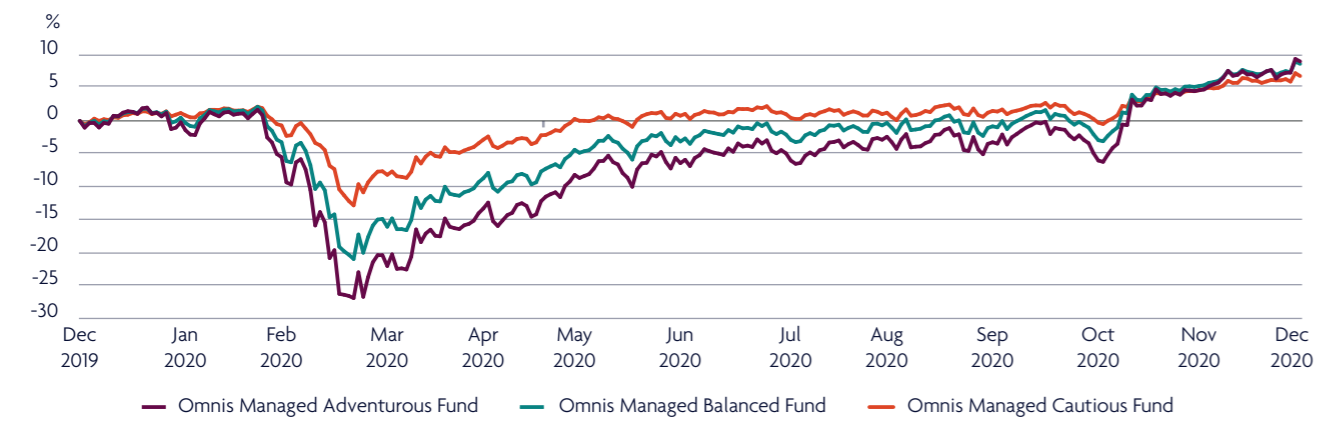
Figure 2: Performance since launch



Source: Performance is reported for the Accumulation shareclasses of the fund on a bid-bid basis in GBP, net of fund fees.

We can take a closer look at how these funds perform in volatile market conditions, such as during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic (Figure 3).

Figure 3: A closer look



Source: Omnis Investments

All three funds fell in value in March 2020 at the height of the pandemic, but they have all recovered those losses since. The Adventurous Fund experienced the largest fall, took the longest to recover but overall delivered the best performance during 2020 (Figure 4). Whilst we are not advocating looking at how a fund performs over a single year, 2020 provided a unique market environment to look at how the different risk-profiled funds navigated the pandemic.

Figure 4: Ups and downs during 2020

	Cautious	Balanced	Adventurous
Percentage fall from peak to trough	-12.3%	-21.0%	-26.9%
Time to recover	70 days	168 days	235 days
2020 performance	6.8%	8.7%	9.0%

Source: Omnis Investments

Investing is best approached as a long-term process. Markets have almost always recovered from falls in the past but it can take time. That's why your time horizon is an important factor when deciding what type of investment strategy is appropriate for you.

Although past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance, the Omnis Managed Fund range has performed as expected over the past 10 years. We believe that they will continue to meet their objectives going forwards.



About Omnis Investments

Omnis Investments provides a range of funds to help people invest in diversified portfolios. Our funds are available exclusively through the financial advisers of The Openwork Partnership and 2plan wealth management.

We offer a range of funds across asset classes and regions, which are managed by leading global asset managers that we have appointed after a rigorous selection process. Using a wide range of market data and expert independent analysis, the Omnis investment team oversees the funds, ensuring the managers meet the long-term objectives of the funds they manage. Our funds are all managed on an active basis, meaning that the managers have the flexibility to select investments they believe will outperform their particular sector or region.

We work closely with the fund managers so that we always understand how they are responding to the evolving investment environment. We can replace investment managers when we believe it's in the best interest of our investors, and in doing so, we

would not need to move your money. It remains invested in the same Omnis fund; we just simply appoint a new investment management team.

Our investment team is overseen by the Omnis Board. These senior leaders from Omnis and The Openwork Partnership are supported by external investment professionals, whose skills and expertise provide a wider perspective.



Take the next step

Why invest in the Omnis Managed Fund range?

- Three multi-asset portfolios designed to align with your risk profile
- Strategic asset allocation framework provided by Omnis
- Active investment management by Columbia Threadneedle Investments
- Daily monitoring, reporting and oversight by Omnis
- Strong performance track record

The Omnis Managed Funds may be recommended to you by your financial adviser as part of your financial plan. They will work with you to understand your attitude to risk and whether the Omnis Managed Funds are suitable.

Your financial adviser will also explain the fund they are recommending in more detail and help you understand how they are managed and the associated risks.

If you do not have a financial adviser but wish to discuss your investment options, you can search for one on theopenworkpartnership.com

Contact your financial Adviser for more information about the Omnis Managed Fund range.

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