

Market Update Week Ending 11 December 2020

Global equity markets fell slightly last week as the Brexit negotiations continued and "no deal" talk was now at a level that would have seemed "unthinkable" a year ago. This was compounded by the additional fiscal stimulus in the United States remaining uncertain.

	Weekly performance up to 11 December 2020
FTSE 100 (UK)	-0.1%
Dow 30 (US)	-0.6%
Euro Stoxx 50 (Europe)	-1.5%
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	-0.4%

In terms of £ Sterling, it closed the week (to 11 December), at 1.32 US Dollars, which was 1.6% lower than the figure at the end of the previous week (4 December).

Against the Euro, £ Sterling closed on 11 December at 1.09 Euros, which was 1.5% lower than the closing figure on 4 December.

Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), was 0.9% in October 2020 (this is October's data which is reported in November). This was up from 0.7% in the previous month with clothing, food and furniture, furnishings and carpets making the largest upward contributions. The 12-month rate for the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rate which excludes owner occupied housing costs and council tax was 0.7% in October, up from 0.5% in September.

There were no further changes to the Bank of England base rate last week following the two previous cuts in March. The current rate remains at 0.1%.

The Omnis Managed funds, Openwork Graphene Model Portfolios and Omnis Managed Portfolio Service provide you with a diversified asset allocation in line with your Attitude to Risk, investing in Developed Market Equities, such as UK, US, Europe and Asia Pacific as well as Emerging Market equities. Cautious and Balanced investors will also have significant holdings in UK and Global Bonds, as well as Alternative Strategies.

We believe this multi-asset approach aims to minimise global equity market falls in volatile periods.

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