

## Market Update Week Ending 15 January 2021

US and European equity markets fell last week in what was described as a relatively quiet week. The main news was President-elect Joe Biden's announcement of a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package which was largely already priced in to the markets and so traders seemed content to book profit from recent gains.

	Weekly performance up to 15 January 2021
FTSE 100 (UK)	-2.0%
Dow 30 (US)	-0.9%
Euro Stoxx 50 (Europe)	-1.2%
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	+0.4%

In terms of £ Sterling, it closed the week (to 15 January), at 1.36 US Dollars, which was 0.2% higher than the figure at the end of the previous week (8 January).

Against the Euro, £ Sterling closed on 15 January at 1.12 Euros, which was 1.3% higher than the closing figure on 1 January.

Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) was 0.6% in November 2020 (this is November's data which is reported in December). This was down from 0.9% in the previous month with falling prices for clothing, and food and non-alcoholic beverages resulted in the largest downward contributions. The 12-month rate for the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rate which excludes owner occupied housing costs and council tax was 0.3% in November, down from 0.7% in October.

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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