

# **Hybrid Passive Managed Service Defensive Strategy**

November 2021

# **Key information**

#### Strategy details

Start date 15 June 2015 Minimum initial investment (direct) £20.000 Minimum initial investment (platform) £1.000 Rebalancing strategy (minimum) Quarterly £ GBP Currency Annual management charge (direct) 0.75% 0.30% Annual management charge (platform) Annual yield (current) 1.55%

\*Not including platform charges

#### **Annualised volatility and OCF**

**Bordier Defensive** 3.77% Ongoing charges figures ('OCF') 0.46%

Annualised 3-year volatility data as at 30.11.21\* - Source: FE Analytics \*VAT applied to AMC from inception (15.06.15) until 31.08.21

#### **Investment update - November**

Concerns over the new Omicron variant led to a sharp reversal in equity markets towards the end of November and developed markets ended the month over 2% down. Investors are now looking to ascertain the efficacy of vaccines against the Omicron variant and the potential requirement for further lockdowns and other restrictions globally. However, there appears to be some optimism in terms of the likely protection offered by existing vaccines and also a belief that key economies will be more resilient to potential lockdowns. Nevertheless, central banks face an even more muddied picture in terms of inflation outlook. Prior to the Omicron variant, the rhetoric from the US Federal Reserve was becoming more hawkish in the face of the Consumer Price Index rising above 6%. It remains to be seen to what extent the potentially damaging economic consequences of the new variant might impact that view. During the month, no changes were made to the strategy at a headline level, as equity exposure was maintained at the top end of allowable equity range. With heightened levels of inflation in many developed economies, investors seeking real returns continue to look to equities. We are, as ever, mindful of the current risks and as such have added further diversification, with the addition of the Artemis Target Return Bond fund, to our alternatives exposure, which continues to provide embedded protection in the shape of lower risk and absolute return focused

#### **Discretionary manager**

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#### **Hybrid Passive Managed Service**

The service consists of five actively managed investment strategies, offering lower cost access to our discretionary fund management capabilities, through the combination of active and passive collective investments. The service provides a solution that, when cost considerations are paramount, does not compromise on quality. Investment strategies are monitored by our central Investment Committee to ensure consistency of performance from one portfolio to another. The service is available on the following platforms: Ascentric, Aviva, Embark, Fusion, Hubwise, Novia, Nucleus, Seven IM, Standard Life and Transact.

#### **Investment objective**

To preserve capital in real (inflation-adjusted) terms over the medium to longer term. Investors should expect low levels of reward and a low correlation to stock market behaviour, including modest fluctuations in values.

# Risk profile

This strategy is managed with a maximum target of 20% equity market exposure and is categorised as a Bordier Risk Profile 1.



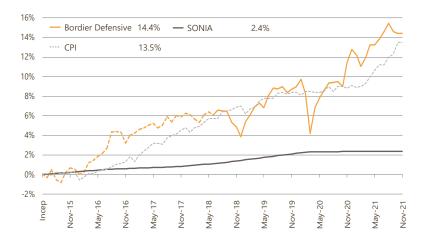
#### Discrete performance

	YTD	2020	2019	2018*	2017*	2016 <sup>*</sup>
Defensive (20% eq.)	1.4%	3.5%	4.9%	-2.3%	2.2%	3.5%
SONIA	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%
CPI	4.0%	0.7%	1.3%	2.1%	2.9%	1.6%

#### **Cumulative performance**

	Tyr	Syr	Эуг
Defensive (20% eq.)	2.7%	9.1%	10.8%

# Inception performance



\*Performance from inception to 01.08.18 is simulated past performance based on back-tested data.

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#### **About Bordier UK**

Bordier & Cie (UK) PLC ('Bordier UK') is a specialist investment manager that promotes a long-standing culture of consistency and excellence, whether in the performance of our portfolios, the service given by our staff or the quality of our reporting.

Bordier UK focuses on managing the wealth of individuals, families and trustees. We manage portfolios for pensions, trusts, charities, offshore bonds, livery companies, institutions and welfare committees, as well as investments from our own staff. Working alongside professional advisers and managing investment solutions on behalf of their clients is core to the Bordier UK business.

Bordier UK was previously known as Berry Asset Management, one of the country's most widely respected private portfolio management firms. The team that led Berry Asset Management continue to run the business to this day.

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#### **Headline** asset allocation

Summary of current Bordier UK Investment Committee positioning

Kev Fixed interest Current Previous\* UW (-) Underweight Alternative investments N (=) Neutral OW (+) Overweight

> As at 30.11.21 \*Positioning prior to last Investment Committee change (October 2021)

# **Headline positioning**

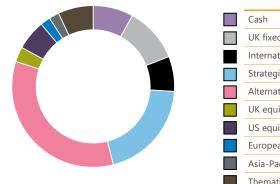
Equities

Property

Cash

- Equity exposure remains at the top end of the strategy's allowable equity range with a bias to the US and Asia-Pacific ex. Japan.
- Within our active equity exposure, we maintain a blend of both 'growth' and 'value' investment styles, with a preference towards flexible all-cap managers that can rotate into mid/small caps to help enhance longer term growth.
- In our lower risk strategies, we have reduced exposure to corporate bond funds in favour of flexible strategic bond funds, inflation-linked bond funds and 'market neutral' alternative investments, which continue to act as good portfolio stabilisers, diversifiers of risk and sources of return.
- Cash exposure remains low and there continues to be focus on high levels of liquidity in everything that we own.

#### Model asset allocation





# **Contact us**

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#### Top 10 holdings

Holding	%	Holding	%
Artemis Target Return Bond	9	TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit	8
BlackRock Absolute Return Bond	9	Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond Index	7
Cash (deposit)	8	Janus Henderson Strategic Bond	7
Fidelity Strategic Bond	8	Vanguard UK Short-Term Inv. Grade Bond	6
Janus Henderson Absolute Return	8	BNY Mellon Global Dynamic Bond	5

As at 30.11.21

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