# **Hybrid Passive Managed Service**

# **Defensive Strategy**

March 2023

# **Key information**

## Strategy details

15 June 2015 Inception 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) 2 64%

\*Not including platform charges

#### Annualised volatility and OCF

**Bordier Defensive** 4.73% Ongoing charges figures ('OCF') 0.53%

Annualised 3-year volatility data as at 31.03.23\* - Source: FE Analytics \*VAT applied to AMC from inception (15.06.15) until 31.08.21

#### **Investment update - March**

March proved ultimately to be a positive month for equities as global economic data generally continues to surprise on the upside. The month did not pass without incident however as the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in the US and the subsequent, largely unrelated, failure of Credit Suisse stoked fears of a financial crisis. However, a recovery ensued following reassurances from central banks about the financial sector's health and a general belief that the banking sector is well capitalised post the reforms after the 2008 financial crisis. One likely consequence of the pressures within the financial sector is a further tightening in bank lending standards. This might provide a further brake to growth and inflation, potentially reducing the need for further rate rises. This, added to the already increasingly dovish stance of central banks led to a fall in bond yields (and rise in bond values). While sentiment became more dovish over the month, key central banks did go ahead with further rate rises, citing areas of stubborn core inflation and tight labour markets driving wage pressures within the services sector. No changes were made over the month as the strategy remains at the top end of its allowable equity range. We are encouraged by the improving economic backdrop and the positive outlook for corporate earnings as equity exposures are maintained, whilst we remain happy with the underlying make-up of the rest of the strategy.

### **Discretionary manager**

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# **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.

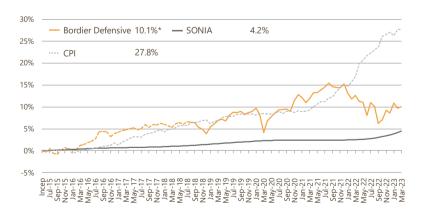
# Discrete performance

	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018 <sup>*</sup>
Defensive (20% eq.)	1.4%	-5.8%	2.2%	3.5%	4.9%	-2.3%
SONIA	0.5%	1.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%
CPI	0.6%	10.5%	5.4%	0.7%	1.3%	2.1%

### **Cumulative performance**

	1yr	3yr	5yr
Defensive (20% og.)	-2 2%	5.7%	15%

# Inception performance



\*Performance from inception to 01.08.18 is simulated past performance based on back-tested data (represented by orange dashed line)

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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.

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# **Contact us**

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#### Headline asset allocation

Summary of current Bordier UK Investment Committee positioning

| Current | Curr

As at 31.03.23

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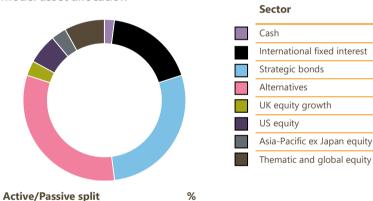
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### **Headline positioning**

- The strategies remain at the upper end of their allowable equity range with good exposure to those parts of the world less likely to be exposed to the economic fall-out from war in Ukraine.
- We have reduced or removed entirely our exposure to Europe and increased our allocation to Asia-Pacific ex Japan, where fundamentals and valuations look fairly attractive, and policy is more supportive for risk assets.
- In our lower risk strategies, we continue to allocate to inflation-linked bond funds, actively managed strategic 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**



# **Top 10 holdings**

Active funds

Passive funds

Holding	%	Holding	%
Vanguard Global Bond Index	10	BlackRock Absolute Return Bond	6
Artemis Target Return Bond	9	HSBC American Index	6
Fidelity Strategic Bond	8	Janus Henderson Absolute Return	6
Schroder Strategic Credit	8	TwentyFour Absolute Return Credit	6
Janus Henderson Strategic Bond	7	ASI Global Inflation Linked Bond	5

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As at 31.03.23

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