

## Platform Managed Portfolio Service Defensive Strategy October 2023

### Key information

#### Strategy details

Inception	2 June 2011
Minimum initial investment	£1,000
Rebalancing strategy (minimum)	Quarterly
Currency	£ GBP
Annual management charge	0.30%
Annual yield (current)	2.95%

#### Annualised volatility and OCF

Bordier Defensive	4.60%
Ongoing charges figure ('OCF')	0.63%

Annualised 3-year volatility data as at 31.10.23\* - Source: FE Analytics

\*VAT applied to AMC from inception (02.06.11) until 31.08.21

#### Investment update - October

October was a weak month for both equities and bonds as the market's 'higher-for-longer' expectation around interest rates rolled over from September. While the tragic events in the Middle East have not materially affected markets to date, the added level of geopolitical uncertainty did serve to further dampen market sentiment. Stronger-than-expected economic data, particularly in the US, led to the view that a reversal in rate policy might be further away than hoped. The economic outlook in the UK continues to look challenging with inflationary pressures remaining more acute than in most other regions. Markets continue to look for more clarity in the outlook for interest rates and the global economy. While data remains mixed, we are positioned for our central view that inflation in developed regions will revert to close to central bank target levels by the end of next year and that we will see global growth of between 2-3% per annum over the next three years, a supportive level for risk assets, accompanied by a recovery in corporate earnings. This thesis leads us to continue to favour equities as an asset class with the strategy remaining at the top end of its allowable equity range. With inflationary pressures easing and the likelihood that interest rates have peaked, we also see attractive investment opportunities in fixed income. As such we are increasing investment grade credit exposure, funded from a slight reduction in our more defensive alternative funds. We are, however, retaining some exposure to alternatives – the challenging environment for both equities and bonds recently has again showed the value of holding these funds.

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#### Platform Managed Portfolio Service

Our Platform Managed Portfolio Service ('PMPS') has been awarded the maximum Defaqto 5 stars as a solution for advisers to manage client assets on a third-party platform. The service offers five investment growth strategies ranging from Defensive to Adventurous and is available on the following platforms: Abridn, Advance by Embark, Aviva, Embark, FundsNetwork, Fusion, Hubwise, James Hay, M&G Wealth, Novia, Nucleus, Praemium, Quilter, 7IM 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

The strategy is managed with a maximum target of 20% equity market exposure and is categorised as a **Bordier Risk Profile 1** and **Defaqto Risk Rating 2** (Very Cautious).



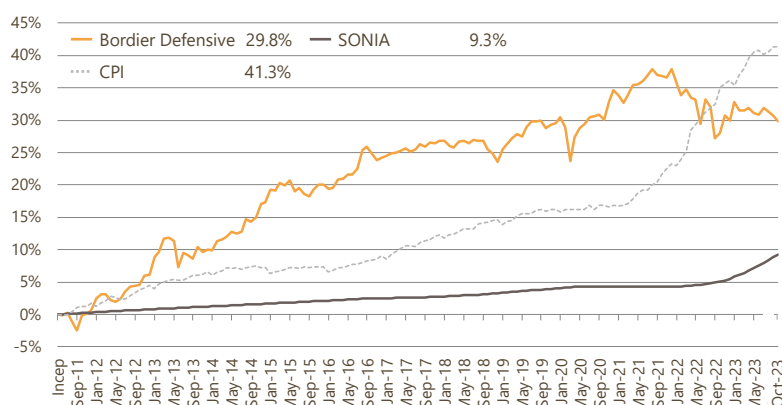
#### Discrete performance

	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
PMPS Defensive (20% eq.)	-0.1%	-5.8%	2.5%	3.9%	4.9%	-2.6%
SONIA	3.6%	1.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%
CPI	3.8%	10.5%	5.4%	0.7%	1.3%	2.1%

#### Cumulative performance

	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
PMPS Defensive (20% eq.)	1.4%	-0.2%	3.5%	17.5%

#### Inception performance



Source: FE Analytics as at 31.10.23.  
Bordier UK figures net of 0.30% AMC. VAT applied to AMC from inception until 31.08.21.  
Past performance is not a guide to future results. See full risk warning overleaf.

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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.

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.

Bordier UK is part of the Bordier Group. The Bordier Group is built on solid foundations, with a strong Tier 1 capital ratio of 35%. Established in Geneva in 1844, the Bordier Group operates in six countries across three continents, managing assets of circa £14.5bn for approximately 4,400 families (Source: Bordier & Cie as at 30 June 2023).



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## Headline asset allocation

Summary of current Bordier UK Investment Committee positioning

	UW (-)	N (=)	OW (+)	
Fixed interest				
Equities				
Property				
Alternative investments				
Cash				

### Key

Current

UW (-) Underweight

N (=) Neutral

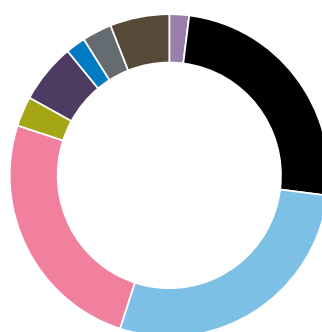
OW (+) Overweight

As at 31.10.23

## Headline positioning

- ~ The strategies remain at the upper end of their allowable equity range as we remain broadly optimistic about the economic outlook for the second half of 2024.
- ~ We have trimmed our commitment to the US market and some thematic funds in favour of exposure to Europe and an increased allocation to Japan (excluding Defensive) where opportunities have arisen.
- ~ 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



Sector	%
Cash	2
International fixed interest	25
Strategic bonds	28
Alternatives	25
UK equity growth	3
US equity	6
European equity	2
Asia-Pacific ex Japan equity	3
Thematic and global equity	6

## Top 10 holdings

Holding	%	Holding	%
Vanguard Global Bond Index	10	Artemis Target Return Bond	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
TM Tellworth UK Select	7	BNY Mellon Global Dynamic Bond	5

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**Risk warning:** The value of an investment and any income from it may fall as well as rise, may be affected by exchange rate fluctuations and you may not get back the amount you originally invested. The information in this factsheet does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation to buy or sell any security. Levels and bases of tax can change. The securities detailed in this factsheet may not be suitable for all investors. The model portfolio is applied to client accounts by the platform provider but it may take some time for the client accounts to mirror the model. Please note that the calculated OCF from FE Analytics may vary from that stated by your chosen platform provider. Bordier & Cie (UK) PLC recommends that you seek the advice of your financial adviser.

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