

# Hybrid Passive Managed Service Defensive Strategy

February 2024

## Key information

### Strategy details

Inception	15 June 2015
Minimum initial investment (direct)	£20,000
Minimum initial investment (platform)	£1,000
Rebalancing strategy (minimum)	Quarterly
Currency	£ GBP
Annual management charge (direct)	0.75%
Annual management charge (platform)	0.30%#
Annual yield (current)	3.36%

#Not including platform charges

### Annualised volatility and OCF

Bordier Defensive	4.90%
Ongoing charges figures ('OCF')	0.45%

Annualised 3-year volatility data as at 29.02.24\* - Source: FE Analytics  
\*VAT applied to AMC from inception (15.06.15) until 31.08.21

### Investment update - February

February was a positive month overall for equity markets with all major developed market indices rising. Emerging markets also rose quite strongly. In contrast, most areas of the fixed income market fell over the month. The key positive driver for equities was a continued stream of better-than-expected earnings announcements, most notably in the US. The US economy also continues to prove resilient as manufacturing and labour data served to push the S&P 500 Index higher. European markets rose just under 3%, encouraged by some better economic data. The backdrop of unexpectedly resilient economic growth shaped a more hawkish view over the month, which put pressure on fixed income markets. We remain optimistic on the outlook for equities, which should be well supported by an improving earnings and economic outlook over the course of this year and into 2025. Therefore, no changes were made over the month as the strategy remains at the top end of its allowable equity range. We retain core allocations to the US and Asia, which we believe offer the prospect of superior economic and earnings growth looking ahead, however it is encouraging to see real strength from Japan, which we allocated to last year. We continue to look to skew portfolios to themes that we believe will enjoy superior levels of growth going forward, such as companies set to benefit from the structural growth in sustainable energy and from advances in artificial intelligence.

### 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: abrdn, Aviva, Fidelity, Fusion, Hubwise, M&G Wealth, Nucleus, Scottish Widows, 7IM, Quilter, Transact and Wealthtime.

### 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** and with a **Defaqto Risk Rating 2 (Very Cautious)**.



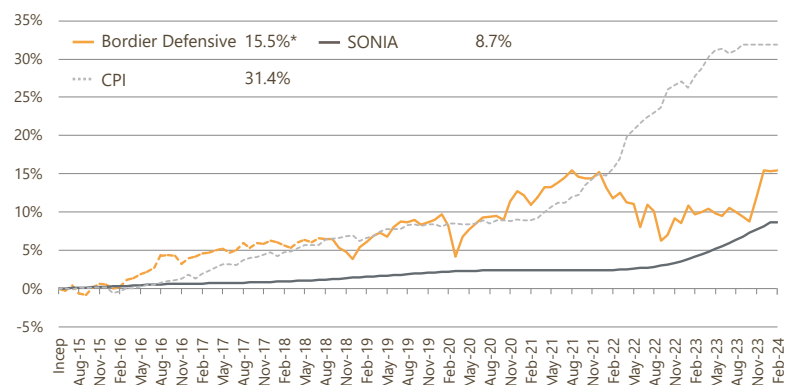
### Discrete performance

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Defensive (20% eq.)	0.0%	6.4%	-5.8%	2.2%	3.5%	4.9%
SONIA	0.5%	4.4%	1.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%
CPI	-0.5%	3.9%	10.5%	5.4%	0.7%	1.3%

### Cumulative performance

	1yr	3yr	5yr
Defensive (20% eq.)	5.3%	4.0%	8.9%

### Inception performance



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

Source: FE Analytics as at 29.02.24.  
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 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

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

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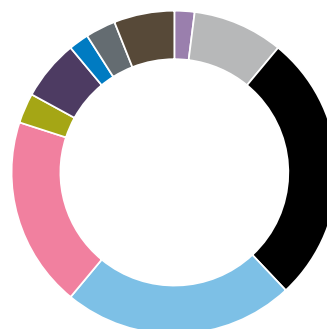
- Current
- UW (-) Underweight
- N (=) Neutral
- OW (+) Overweight

As at 29.02.24

## 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
UK fixed interest	9
International fixed interest	27
Strategic bonds	23
Alternatives	19
UK equity growth	3
US equity	6
European equity	2
Asia-Pacific ex Japan equity	3
Thematic and global equity	6

Active/Passive split	%
Active funds	58
Passive funds	42

## Top 10 holdings

Holding	%	Holding	%
Vanguard Global Bond Index	10	TM Tellworth UK Select	7
Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt Index	9	Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	7
Fidelity Strategic Bond	8	Artemis Target Return Bond	6
Schroder Strategic Credit	8	HSBC American Index	6
Janus Henderson Strategic Bond	7	Janus Henderson Absolute Return	6

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