

**Managed Portfolio Service**  
**Defensive Strategy**

March 2024

**Key information**

**Strategy details**

Inception	2 July 2012
Minimum initial investment	£20,000
Rebalancing strategy (minimum)	Quarterly
Currency	£ GBP
Annual management charge	0.75%
Annual yield (current)	2.93%

**Annualised volatility and OCF**

Bordier Defensive	4.79%
Ongoing charges figure ('OCF')	0.58%

Annualised 3-year volatility data as at 31.03.24\* - Source: FE Analytics  
\*VAT applied to AMC from inception (02.07.12) until 31.08.21

**Investment update - March**

March concluded an excellent first quarter of the year for equity markets with the MSCI World Index up a further 3.4% in sterling terms. Markets remain encouraged by economic data pointing to a resilient economic backdrop, particularly in the US. The Japanese market continues to perform strongly as investors increasingly see value opportunities as the health of the economy and corporate sector continue to improve. Resilient economic data and cautious rhetoric from central banks continues to cause some volatility in fixed income markets. March, however, saw some positive returns across both sovereign and corporate bonds against a mixed inflation backdrop. The European Central Bank has flagged a possible interest rate cut in June, dependent on wage growth continuing to moderate, and the expectation for the number of rate cuts in the US this year has now fallen to three. No changes were made over the month as the strategy remains at the top end of its allowable equity range. The US and Asia, now including Japan, remain our favoured regions for stockmarket exposure – these markets offer the best combination of plentiful and superior growth opportunities, attractive valuations, and access to longer-term beneficiaries of domestic demand and structural recovery potential. Exposure to European markets, including the UK, is also merited based on cheap valuations and future recovery potential. Within fixed income, our shifts made during 2023 and early 2024 to increase exposure to fixed interest investments are beginning to pay off as reductions in inflation and more certainty over interest rate cuts come into view. Exposure to alternative investments has been reduced in the past year to fund increased allocations to bond markets, but they have not lost their fundamental appeal.

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**Managed Portfolio Service**

Our Managed Portfolio Service ('MPS') has been awarded the maximum Defaqto 5 stars as a solution for advisers to manage client assets directly with Bordier UK. There are five actively managed investment strategies to choose from, each with its own risk profile and the ability to select an income option to benefit from regular income from the strategy as well as potential long-term capital growth.

**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**.



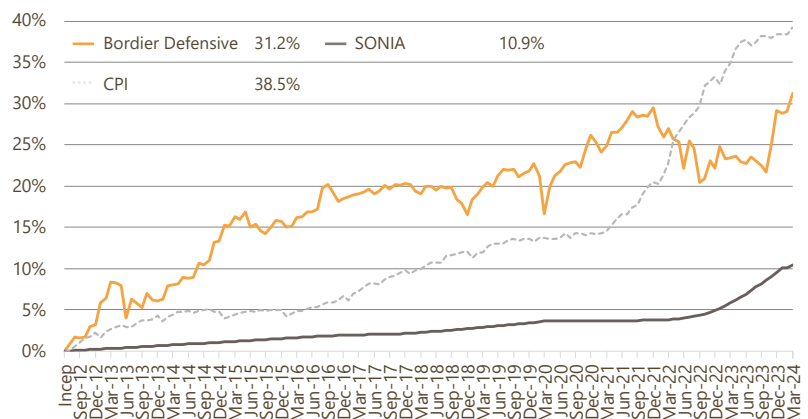
**Discrete performance**

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
MPS Defensive (20% eq.)	1.6%	5.7%	-5.6%	2.6%	3.6%	4.6%
SONIA	1.3%	4.4%	1.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%
CPI	0.1%	3.9%	10.5%	5.4%	0.7%	1.3%

**Cumulative performance**

	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
MPS Defensive (20% eq.)	6.3%	5.0%	9.5%	21.0%

**Inception performance**



Source: FE Analytics as at 31.03.24.  
Bordier UK figures net of 0.75% AMC. VAT applied to AMC from inception until 31.08.21.  
Past performance is not a guide to future results. See full risk warnings 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 35.9%. Established in Geneva in 1844, the Bordier Group operates in six countries across three continents, managing assets of circa £15.2bn for approximately 4,400 families (Source: Bordier & Cie as at 31 December 2023).



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## Headline asset allocation

Summary of current Bordier UK Investment Committee positioning

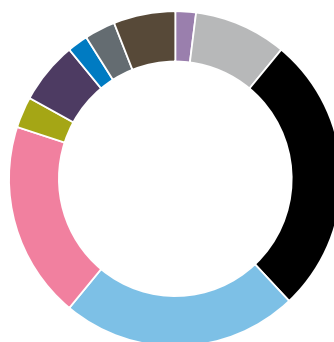
	UW (-)	N (=)	OW (+)	Key
Fixed interest			Current	Current
Equities			Current	UW (-) Underweight
Property	Current			N (=) Neutral
Alternative investments		Current		OW (+) Overweight
Cash	Current			

As at 31.03.24

## Headline positioning

- The strategies remain at the top 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

## 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	Janus Henderson Absolute Return	6
Schroder Strategic Bond	8	Man GLG Alpha Select Alternative	6
Janus Henderson Strategic Bond	7	abrdn Global Inflation Linked Bond	5

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