

# NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio

August 2020

## Key Information

A summary of key information about the NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio:

### Inception Date

01.01.15

### Current Holdings

26

### FE Risk Score

37

### Historic Yield

2.45%

### Targeted Average Annual Return<sup>†</sup>

3-4%

### Passive/Active Split

58/42

### Indicative Risk Level

2/10

### Rebalance Frequency

Biannual

### Benchmark<sup>†</sup>

IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares

## Portfolio Charges

At NorthStar, we're committed to providing clear and simple charges for our investment portfolios. We believe in total transparency so you'll always know what you will pay.

The charges for the NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio are:

### Annual Portfolio Charge (OCF)

0.36%

## Investment Objective

The NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio is suitable for investors who are seeking capital growth but require a high level of capital security, protecting their investment from the majority of short-term market fluctuation. The portfolio is constructed using a broad range of assets which may include equities, fixed income, property, infrastructure, alternative investments and cash. The diversification and low-risk construction of this portfolio will insulate investors from a significant amount of short-term market volatility and provide a high degree of capital protection. Equity exposure will typically be around 30%, meaning long-term returns may be lower than some portfolios in the NorthStar range to achieve the required level of capital security.

Due to the nature of underlying holdings, investment in this portfolio should be seen as a long-term strategy. Risk aspects include inflation risk, capital risk, shortfall risk, and exchange rate risk. The portfolio targets capital growth in excess of 3-4% per annum over a rolling 5-year period and is benchmarked against the IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares sector average. Values may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Portfolio Performance

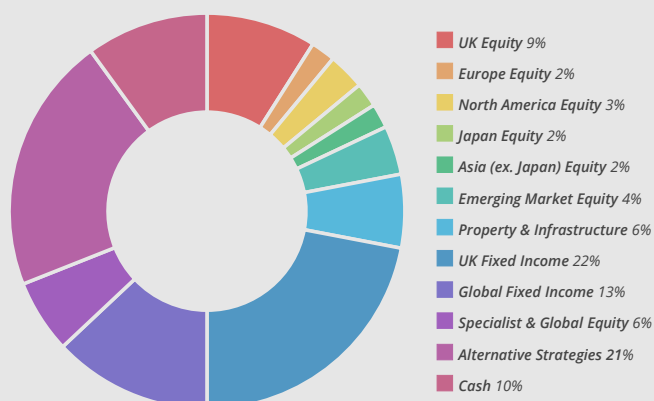
Performance of the NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio to August 2020:



	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio	4.8%	-1.9%	-0.9%	5.7%	16.5%	18.8%
Benchmark: IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	4.3%	-1.3%	0.0%	5.6%	16.7%	18.1%
Relative Performance	0.5%	-0.6%	-0.9%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.7%

## Asset Allocation

Current asset allocation of the NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio:



## Portfolio Commentary

The past six months have seen investment returns largely guided by the impact of COVID-19. Markets plummeted in the early spring as the extent of the virus came into focus and the economic implications of the mitigation measures became apparent. Despite a steady rebound in stock prices since the market lows in March, most markets remain well below the levels at which they started the year with the FTSE-100 index of leading UK companies down nearly 20% in the past six months. Governments and central banks took unprecedented steps to try to reduce the impact from the pandemic but the full extent of the economic and wider societal impact remains to be seen.

In addition to the challenges of COVID-19, the UK will soon have to deal with the end of the Brexit transition period. This is likely to be a significant challenge with a weakened economy. Elsewhere, the US election will be upon us soon. This could lead to a significant change in US domestic policy, trade relations with China and have other implications that will drive markets and shape investment returns in the years to come.

The NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio recorded a fall of 1.9% during the six months since the last investment review. This performance saw it finish behind the benchmark which ended the period 1.3% lower. Over the past year as a whole, the portfolio is down by 0.9%. The best performing fund was AXA Framlington Global Technology, with a return of over 18% over the past six months. At the other end of the spectrum was iShares Global Property Securities Equity Index, recording fall of almost 20% over this period.

As we look ahead to the remainder of 2020 and into 2021, much will depend on the severity and longevity of the damage caused by COVID-19. How the global economy bounces back and the decisions taken by policymakers will shape the economic outcome and investment landscape over the next few years. The impact from the virus is likely to last far beyond this period, with profound changes to societies and economies predicted to endure.

## Constituent Funds

<b>UK Equity</b>	<b>9%</b>
Vanguard UK All-Share Index	4%
Franklin UK Equity Income	3%
HSBC FTSE 250 Index	1%
Marlborough UK Micro Cap Growth	1%
<b>Europe Equity</b>	<b>2%</b>
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	2%
<b>North America Equity</b>	<b>3%</b>
Fidelity US Index	3%
<b>Japan Equity</b>	<b>2%</b>
Vanguard Japan Stock Index	2%
<b>Asia (ex. Japan) Equity</b>	<b>2%</b>
Vanguard Pacific ex-Japan Stock Index	2%
<b>Emerging Market Equity</b>	<b>4%</b>
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<b>Property &amp; Infrastructure</b>	<b>6%</b>
FP Foresight UK Infrastructure Income	5%
iShares Global Property Securities Equity Index	1%
<b>UK Fixed Income</b>	<b>22%</b>
iShares Corporate Bond Index	9%
Artemis High Income	7%
Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	3%
Vanguard UK Short-Term Investment Grade Bond Index	3%
<b>Global Fixed Income</b>	<b>13%</b>
Vanguard Global Bond Index	6%
Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond Index	5%
Templeton Global Total Return Bond	2%
<b>Specialist &amp; Global Equity</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sarasin Food & Agriculture Opportunities	2%
Vanguard Global Small-Cap Index	2%
AXA Framlington Global Technology	1%
Legal & General Global Health & Pharmaceutical Index	1%
<b>Alternative Strategies</b>	<b>21%</b>
Threadneedle Dynamic Real Return	13%
BNY Mellon Real Return	5%
Invesco Global Targeted Returns	3%
<b>Cash</b>	<b>10%</b>
Royal London Short Term Money Market	10%

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