

NorthStar Defensive Income Portfolio

August 2019

Key Information

Portfolio Type
Income & growth

Inception Date
01.01.15

Current Holdings
25

FE Risk Score
30

Current Yield
3.29%

Targeted Average Annual Return¹
4-5%

Passive/Active Split
47/53

Indicative Risk Level
3/10

Benchmark¹
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 Defensive Income Portfolio are:

Weighted Annual Fund Charge
0.49%

Annual Platform Charge²
0.40%

Annual NorthStar Charge
0.80%

Total Annual Charge
1.69%

Investment Objective

The NorthStar Defensive Income Portfolio is suitable for investors who are seeking income but require a high level of capital security, protecting their investment from the majority of short-term market fluctuations. The portfolio is constructed using a broad range of income-producing assets including equities, fixed interest, property and cash. Equity exposure will usually be around 30% meaning long-term returns and income may be lower than higher risk portfolios in the NorthStar range.

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 a yield in excess of 3% plus capital growth in excess of 1-2% 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 Income Portfolio to August 2019:



	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
NorthStar Defensive Income Portfolio	2.1%	5.0%	3.2%	12.8%	-	21.9%
Benchmark: IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	3.1%	5.8%	4.1%	10.9%	-	18.2%
Relative Performance	-1.0%	-0.8%	-0.9%	1.9%	-	3.7%

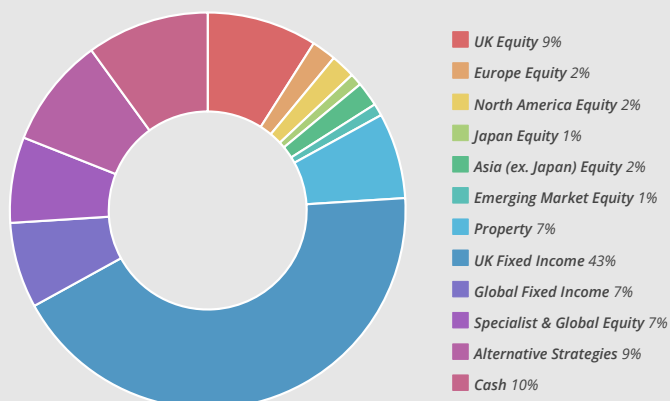
¹ Over a rolling 5-year period. Targeted average annual return is based on the average long-term returns of applicable asset classes and is in no way guaranteed.

² Typical annual platform charges will not exceed 0.4%. This will depend on the platform used and amount invested.

FE Risk Score is a measure of volatility relative to the FTSE 100 index, which always has a score of 100. Investments more volatile than the FTSE 100 have a score above 100 and vice versa giving a reliable indication of relative risk. Cash has a risk score of zero. Performance data shown are on a bid-to-bid basis, with income reinvested and do not take into account platform or advisory charges. Figures may include performance data for discounted 'super clean' funds where these are available. Such funds may not be available on all platforms. Performance data rounded to the nearest 0.1% so small rounding errors may occur. Data correct as at 01.08.19. Source: FE. The value of investments and the income from them can fluctuate and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The tax treatment of investments depends on individual circumstances and is subject to changes in tax legislation. Figures are provided for illustrative purposes only and their accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Information provided should not be relied upon in isolation when making investment decisions and does not constitute advice or an offer to purchase any investment or product. Please contact us for more information on our range of portfolios.

Asset Allocation

Current asset allocation of the NorthStar Defensive Income Portfolio:



Portfolio Commentary

In the past six months, global investment markets have generally shrugged off fears of a US-China trade war and the impact of Brexit. Most equity markets provided investors with very strong returns, with confidence returning and new all-time market highs recorded around the world. Overseas investments were boosted by the continued fall in the value of Sterling as the new UK government looked to ramp up pressure on the EU and prepare for a 'no deal' Brexit.

Elsewhere, the big stories have all concerned the US. Despite a seemingly strong economy, concerns over future growth prospects saw the Federal Reserve cut interest rates for the first time in a decade. The ongoing trade dispute with China is also a concern and is likely to dampen global trade, economic growth and market returns if no resolution is found in the coming months.

Benefitting from the surge in global markets, the NorthStar Defensive Income Portfolio recorded growth of 5% during the six months since the last investment review. Although this performance was very strong, it lagged the benchmark by 0.8% over this period. The best performing fund in the portfolio was Fidelity US Index, with a return of almost 20% over the past six months. At the other end of the spectrum was Schroder Income Maximiser, recording a loss of 0.7% over this period. The portfolio income yield now stands at 3.29%, slightly above the target level.

As we look ahead to the second half of 2019 and into 2020, it is clear there are a number of very real risks on the horizon - primarily surrounding Brexit and the US administration's trade and economic policies. There are many crucial decisions to get right over the year ahead. How these issues are handled by policymakers is likely to have a major impact on both economic growth and market returns over this period. Investors should be braced for continued volatility but also remember that there remains plenty of scope for further returns should these issues be handled in a timely and satisfactory way. As ever, the key will be to ensure investments remain diversified and to avoid focussing on short-term news flow and market movements.

Constituent Funds

UK Equity	9%
Premier Optimum Income	3%
Schroder Income Maximiser	3%
Vanguard UK Equity Income Index	2%
Marlborough UK Micro Cap Growth	1%
Europe Equity	2%
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	2%
North America Equity	2%
Fidelity US Index	2%
Japan Equity	1%
Vanguard Japan Stock Index	1%
Asia (ex. Japan) Equity	2%
Vanguard Pacific ex-Japan Stock Index	2%
Emerging Market Equity	1%
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	1%
Property	7%
Janus Henderson UK Property	11%
iShares Global Property Securities Equity Index	1%
UK Fixed Income	43%
Artemis High Income	19%
iShares Corporate Bond Index	10%
Vanguard UK Short-Term Investment Grade Bond Index	10%
Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	4%
Global Fixed Income	7%
Schroder High Yield Opportunities	5%
Templeton Global Total Return Bond	1%
Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond Index	1%
Specialist & Global Equity	7%
Artemis Global Income	4%
Vanguard Global Small-Cap Index	1%
Alternative Strategies	9%
BNY Mellon Real Return	3%
Invesco =Global Targeted Returns	1%
Cash	10%
Royal London Short Term Money Market	10%

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