

NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio

August 2025

Key Information

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

Portfolio Type
Capital Growth

Inception Date
01.01.15

Constituent Funds
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FE Risk Score
47

Historic Yield
2.5%

Volatility
5.9%

Targeted Average Annual Return¹
3-4%

Indicative Risk Level
2/10

Rebalance Frequency
Biannual

Benchmark²
IA MI 0-35% Shares

Portfolio Charges

At NorthStar, we believe in total charging transparency and are committed to simple, clear fees. The annual charge for the NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio is:

Annual Portfolio Charge (OCF)³
0.26%

All investors also pay an annual platform charge and ongoing advice fee dependent upon circumstances.

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 40%, 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

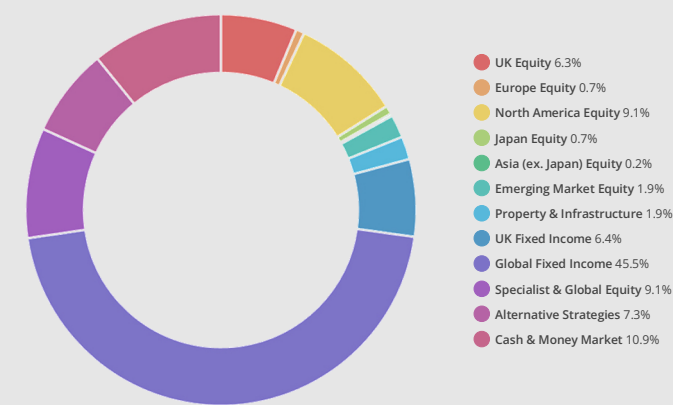
Performance of the NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio to August 2025:



	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio	5.7%	2.6%	7.5%	16.2%	22.0%	44.9%
Benchmark: IA MI 0-35% Shares	3.6%	2.1%	5.2%	10.8%	11.0%	31.1%
Relative Performance	2.1%	0.5%	2.3%	5.4%	11.0%	13.8%

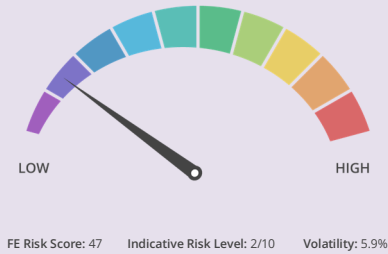
Portfolio Asset Allocation

The current asset allocation of the NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio:



Portfolio Risk

The NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio a lower-risk investment strategy that is likely to exhibit relatively low volatility and downside risk to achieve the required level of capital growth.



Portfolio Commentary

So far, 2025 has been a period of heightened uncertainty and volatility for global investment markets. President Trump’s trade and fiscal policies triggered sharp market falls early in the year, while the imposition of tariffs and the reshaping of global supply chains added further pressure. A significant decline in the US dollar dampened returns from US equities for UK-based investors, and ongoing inflationary concerns kept central banks in a delicate balancing act when it comes to lowering interest rates. Despite these headwinds, markets showed much resilience, with many major indices recovering from earlier losses as investors adjusted to the shifting political and economic landscape.

The NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio performed relatively well over the past six months, with a return of 2.6% since the last investment review. This performance saw it finish ahead of the benchmark, which ended the period 2.1% higher. Over the past year as a whole, the portfolio is up by 7.5%, well ahead of the benchmark, which rose 5.2%. The best performing fund was ‘Janus Henderson Diversified Alternatives’, with a return of over 8% during the past six months. At the other end of the spectrum was ‘HSBC FTSE All-World Index’, recording a gain of just 1.5% over this period.

The outlook for the remainder of the year presents a mixed picture. Inflation and interest rates are expected to remain the dominant market forces, with central banks navigating the challenge of stimulating growth while avoiding an inflation resurgence. President Trump’s stance on international trade, particularly with key partners such as China and the EU, will continue to influence market sentiment and global economic momentum. At the same time, structural shifts such as technological innovation and the green transition are disrupting traditional sectors. In this environment, investors should anticipate continued market turbulence and maintain a disciplined, diversified approach to achieve their long-term financial goals.

Constituent Funds

The NorthStar Defensive Growth Portfolio contains the following funds:

Vanguard LifeStrategy 40% Equity	14%
Aegon Absolute Return Bond	12%
Aviva Investors Multi-Asset Core Fund I	12%
HSBC Global Strategy Conservative Portfolio	12%
BlackRock MyMap 3	11%
Fidelity Multi Asset Allocator Strategic	9%
HSBC FTSE All-World Index	8%
Royal London Short Term Money Market	8%
Janus Henderson Diversified Alternatives	6%
CT Universal MAP Cautious	5%
Janus Henderson Multi-Asset Absolute Return	3%
100%	

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