

NorthStar Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio

August 2026

Key Information

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

Portfolio Type
Capital Growth

Inception Date
01.01.21

Constituent Funds
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FE Risk Score
41

Historic Yield
2.7%

Volatility
5.7%

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 Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio is:

Annual Portfolio Charge (OCF)³
0.38%

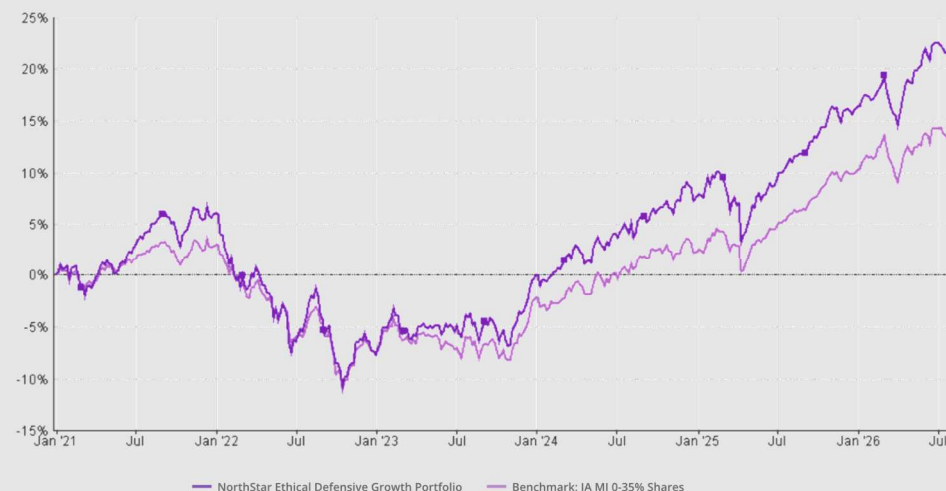
All investors also pay an annual platform charge and ongoing advice fee dependent upon circumstances.

Investment Objective

The NorthStar Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio is suitable for investors who are seeking to invest 'ethically' and 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. Investments are predominantly held in assets that seek to promote environmental, ethical, sustainable and socially responsible causes and exclude companies that promote or produce tobacco, fossil fuels, arms, gambling, animal testing and similar activities. 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 key objective of the portfolio is to adhere to high ethical, sustainable and socially responsible standards at all times. These considerations will always take precedence over portfolio returns. 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

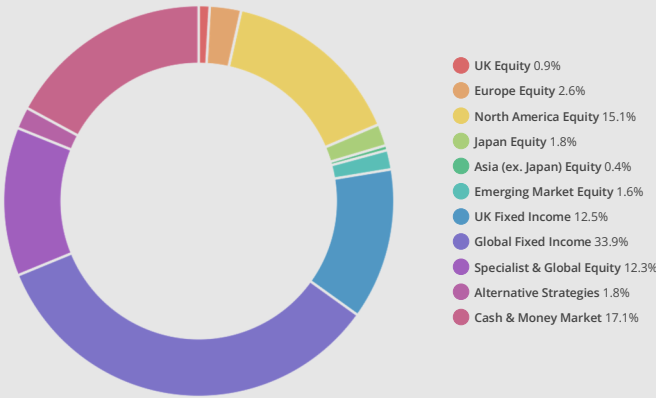
Performance of the NorthStar Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio to August 2026:



	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
NorthStar Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio	2.6%	3.9%	9.0%	26.5%	16.7%	21.6%
Benchmark: IA MI 0-35% Shares	1.8%	2.0%	6.9%	21.0%	11.1%	13.7%
Relative Performance	0.8%	1.9%	2.1%	5.5%	5.6%	7.9%

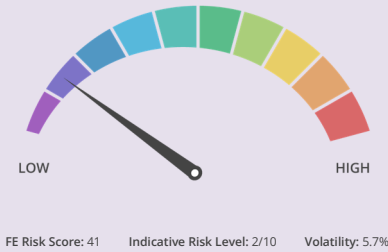
Portfolio Asset Allocation

The current asset allocation of the NorthStar Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio:



Portfolio Risk

The NorthStar Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio is 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

Investors enjoyed positive returns over the last six months despite a turbulent backdrop. War between the US-Israel coalition and Iran closed the Strait of Hormuz in late February, sending oil prices soaring and triggering a sharp market fall in March. Yet the enormous investment boom in artificial intelligence (AI), along with strong company profits, proved more powerful, and most markets recovered to finish higher. Returns were unusually broad, with Asia, Japan and emerging markets leading the way, driven by a shortage of the memory chips used in AI data centres. In the UK, the FTSE 100 reached a new all-time high on the final day of July, led by energy and financial companies. Inflation pressures began to rise, with some major central banks raising interest rates and others expected to follow later this year. This weighed on government bonds and gold and added to pressure on equities.

The NorthStar Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio performed well over the past six months, with a return of 3.9% since the last investment review. This saw it finish well ahead of the benchmark, which gained 2%. Over the past year as a whole, the portfolio returned 9%, putting it well ahead of the benchmark, which rose 6.9%. The best performing fund was 'Vanguard ESG Screened Developed World All Cap Equity Index', with a return of almost 11% during the past six months. At the other end of the spectrum was 'Rathbone Ethical Bond', recording a fall of 0.5% over this period.

The outlook remains cautiously optimistic but uncertain. The IMF forecasts solid global growth this year, improving in 2027. Interest rates in many regions now look likely to stay higher for longer, and could rise further – a marked change from six months ago. AI remains the key driver of returns and the main source of volatility, following a sharp fall in technology and semiconductor shares over the summer, amid debate over whether the vast sums invested will translate into profits. Looking ahead, political events will be important, with a new UK Prime Minister and Autumn Budget, evolving US trade policy, and the US midterms all in view. In this environment, a well-diversified portfolio aligned to long-term objectives remains crucial.

Constituent Funds

The NorthStar Ethical Defensive Growth Portfolio contains the following funds:	
L&G FW ESG Screened and Selected Multi-Index 4	15%
Royal London Short Term Money Market	15%
HSBC Global Responsible Multi-Asset Conservative Portfolio	13%
Vanguard ESG Screened Developed World All Cap Equity Index	13%
Vanguard ActiveLife Climate Aware 40-50% Equity	12%
iShares Screened Global Corporate Bond Index	9%
BNY Mellon FutureLegacy 3	8%
Fidelity Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced	8%
Rathbone Ethical Bond	7%
	100%

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