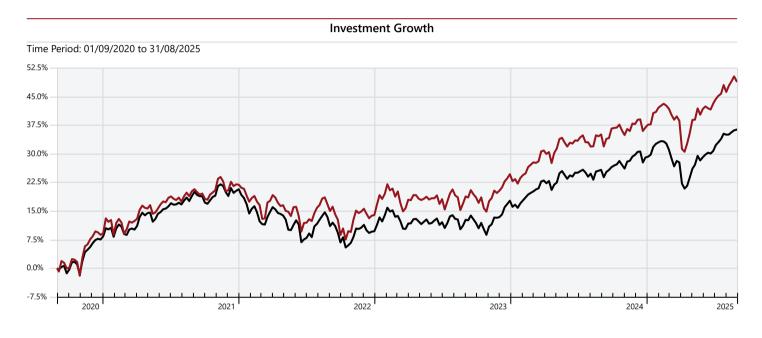


#### **Investment Aim**

The portfolio is designed to provide risk adjusted returns. It aims to achieve capital appreciation and reduce investment risk through diversification across asset classes and geographies.

This portfolio is managed to maximise risk adjusted returns within a target volatility range of 13.6% and 17.2% over rolling 10-year time periods. This is not guaranteed, and actual volatility may fluctuate outside of these boundaries.

Ranking the risk on a scale of between 1 and 10, where 1 is the lowest, we place this portfolio as 8.



### - Fairstone Passive Model Portfolio 8 Powered by Vanguard

49.0% - IA Flexible Investment

36.4%

#### Simulated Performance

Please note performance prior to 1 January 2025 is based in simulated past performance. In order to provide an indication of how the portfolio would have performed in the past, we have produced simulated past performance from 20 May 2019 to 31 December 2024. The simulated performance is based on the actual performance history of the funds within the portfolios using our historical tactical asset allocation, rebalanced to quarterly and adjusted annually. Full details are available on request. The simulated past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Cumulative Performance				Discrete Year on Year Performance						
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	0-12r	n 12-24m	24-36m	36-48m	48-60m		
Fairstone Passive Model Portfolio 8 Powered by Vanguard	10.30%	28.76%	49.04%	Fairstone Passive Model Portfolio 8 Powered by Vanguard 10.30	6 14.20%	2.22%	-3.93%	20.49%		
IA Flexible Investment	8.40%	21.67%	36.40%	IA Flexible Investment 8.409	6 11.80%	0.39%	-6.13%	19.43%		

Portfolio Over	view		Inves	tment St	yle Map	)	Risk Scale
Portfolio Manager	Vanguard						
Investment Universe	Open Ended Funds	Siant					Q
Yield	2.38%			9			O
Portfolio Start Date	01/01/2025	arge					
Ongoing Fund Costs	0.08%	_					Target 10 Year Volatility
Transactional & Incidental Costs	0.04%	P. W					
DFM Fee	0.20%						This portfolio is managed to maximise risk
Total Portfolio Charge	0.28%	Small					adjusted return within a target volatility range of between 13.6% and 17.2% over a rolling
							10-year time periods.  This is not guaranteed, and actual volatility
		Micro					may fluctuate outside of these boundaries.
		Deep-Val	Core-Val	Core	Core-Grth	High-Grth	

## **Investment Adviser's Market Commentary**



Investment Adviser

Vanguard

In Q2 2025, trade and policy uncertainty dominated headlines. Trade distortions caused economic activity to soften in the US but improve in the euro area and the UK. While inflation fell below target in the euro area and was benign in the US, it remained elevated in the UK. During the quarter, the European Central Bank (ECB) cut interest rates twice, the Bank of England (BoE) once and the US Federal Reserve (Fed) kept interest rates unchanged.

In the UK, growth expanded by 0.7% (quarter-on-quarter) in Q1, while Q2 survey data suggested the uptick was due to one-off effects. Employment showed signs of cooling, with the unemployment rate edging up to a three-year high in April. Annual headline inflation rose to 3.4% in May, up from March's 2.6%. Annual core Consumer Price Index, which excludes energy and food components, rose from 3.4% to 3.5% over the same period. The BoE cut interest rates from 4.50% to 4.25% at its May meeting.

In the euro area, economic activity expanded by 0.6% (quarter-on-quarter) in Q1. Like in the UK, the growth was due to one-off trade distortions, with survey data pointing to a normalisation in Q2. Headline inflation edged below the ECB's 2% target, falling from 2.2% in March to 1.9% in May. Core inflation ticked down from 2.4% to 2.3% over the same period. The ECB cut its policy rate by 25 basis points at both its April and June meetings, leaving it at 2.00%.

Lastly, the US economy contracted by 0.2% (quarter-on-quarter, annualised) in Q1. Elevated policy uncertainty, trade tensions and the front-loading of imports all weighed on economic activity. Survey indicators suggested a marginal rebound in Q2. Tariffs are yet to materially impact inflation, with the Fed's preferred inflation measure, the annual Core Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Index, edging down from 2.7% in March to 2.5% in May. Similarly, headline PCE fell from 2.3% to 2.1% over the same period. With the economic outlook clouded by uncertainty, the Fed opted to keep interest rates unchanged. This left the federal funds target range at 4.25-4.50% at the end of Q2.

## **Vanguard Capital Markets Model**

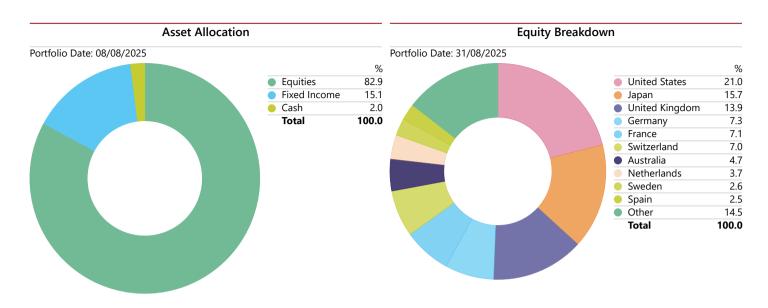
The Vanguard Capital Markets Model Team researches, develops, and maintains a suite of powerful analytical models and tools. At the heart of them is the Vanguard Capital Markets Model (VCMM), a proprietary financial simulation engine that simulates returns for a wide range of asset classes.

The VCMM is designed to enable clients to make asset allocation decisions as well as help build portfolio solutions.

The team uses the VCMM to create dynamic, time-varying portfolios that change their asset allocations in response to the model's forecasts. These time-varying portfolios are designed to target a specific return, target a risk range or seek to maximise returns.

Vanguard has extensive experience in building portfolio solutions. For more than ten years, Vanguard has used these analytical models to construct portfolios for its Institutional Advisory Services group, which manages in excess of USD 40bn in AUM, as of 31 December 2018.

Source: Vanguard



Portfolio Breakdown					
	Sub Asset Class	Portfolio Weighting %			
Equities	<del>-</del>	82.9			
Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx Ins PI £ Acc	Emerging Markets Equity	4.2			
Vanguard FTSE Dev €pe exUKEqIdxInsPI£Acc	European Equity	30.8			
Vanguard FTSE UKAllShrldxUnitTrInsPl£Acc	UK Equity	12.4			
Vanguard Jpn Stk ldx Ins Pl £ Acc	Japanese Equity	12.8			
Vanguard Pac exJpn Stk Idx Ins PI £ Acc	Asia Pacific Equity	6.2			
Vanguard U.S. Eq ldx Ins Pl £ Acc	US Equity	16.6			
Fixed Income	_	15.1			
Vanguard Glb Bd Idx Ins Pl £ H Acc	Global Fixed Income	7.9			
Vanguard UK Govt Bd Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	UK Gilts	4.9			
Vanguard UK Invm Grd Bd Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	UK Corporate Bonds	2.4			
Cash	_	2.0			
CASH	Cash & Money Market	0.3			
Vanguard Stlg S/T Mny Mkts Ins PlsGBPAcc	Cash & Money Market	1.8			

## **Target Market**

Access to the portfolios is only available to investors on the recommendation of a financial adviser and it is the role of the adviser to determine the appropriateness and suitability of the portfolio to each investor's own personal needs, objectives and preferences.

**Type of investors:** Given the nature of non-complex UCITS funds the service is suitable for retail investors, professional clients and eligible counterparties. The service is predominantly designed for the use of retail investors.

**Investors' knowledge and experience:** Investors with basic, informed or advanced knowledge and experience of capital markets and investment risks and of funds and their characteristics.

Clients' financial situation with a focus on the ability to bear losses: Investors have a tolerance to fluctuations in capital invested and potential capital loss.

Clients' risk tolerance and compatibility of the risk/reward profile of the product with the target market: Due to the volatility of the markets in which the service may invest e.g. equity, bond and property markets the service has a risk and reward profile that is compatible with clients who have a risk tolerance aligned to the Investment Aim of the portfolio. Investors should be willing to accept price fluctuations in exchange for the opportunity of possible higher returns.

Clients' objectives and needs: Depending on the duration of the investment the portfolio may be suitable for clients who have a medium-term investment horizon (at least 5 years).

Clients who should not invest (the 'negative-target market'): This portfolio is deemed incompatible for clients who require full capital protection and/or are seeking on-demand full repayment of the amounts invested or who are fully risk averse/have no risk tolerance.

#### **Important Notices**

This factsheet is for illustrative purposes only. Investments linked to this model portfolio may not exactly replicate the model portfolio described due to differences in timing of the initial investment or rebalancing differences resulting from minimum transaction size limits or fund availability on the platform or provider.

Please note that platform and financial advice fees are not included.

Where we have provided commentary on specific companies, this commentary is not investment research as defined by the Financial Conduct Authority and has not been prepared in accordance with legal requirements designed to promote the independence of research

Nothing in this document should be deemed to constitute the provision of financial, investment or other profession advice. Responsibility for assessing the suitability of financial products remains solely with the financial adviser.

The information in this document was prepared on the date shown below and is believed to be correct but cannot be guaranteed. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not recover the amount of their original investment. The sterling value of overseas investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate as a result of currency movements. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Fairstone Private Wealth does not offer tax advice; the tax treatment of investments depends on each investor's individual circumstances and is subject to changes in tax legislation.

Fairstone Private Wealth Ltd. is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN: 457558). Registered in England and Wales no: 05869447. Part of the Fairstone Group Limited. Registered in England and Wales no: 06599555. Registered Office: 8 Camberwell Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, SR3 3XN