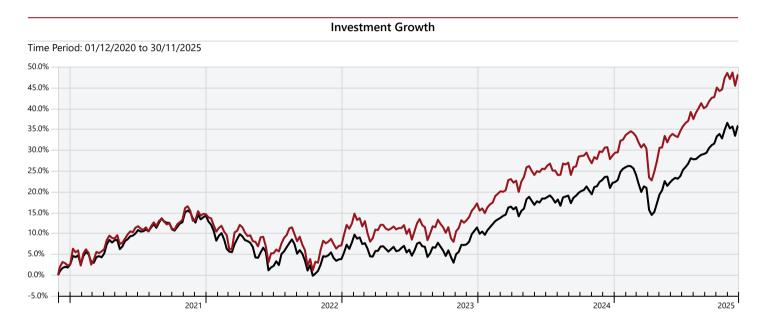


#### **Investment Aim**

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

48.1% — IA Flexible Investment

35.9%

#### **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	0-12	n 12-24m	24-36m	36-48m	48-60m		
Fairstone Passive Model Portfolio 8 Powered by Vanguard	14.30%	34.90%	48.14%	Fairstone Passive Model Portfolio 8 Powered by Vanguard 14.30	% 15.09%	2.55%	-2.63%	12.78%		
IA Flexible Investment	10.58%	29.35%	35.86%	IA Flexible Investment 10.58	% 14.65%	2.03%	-6.78%	12.67%		

Portfolio Over	view		Inves	tment St	yle Map	)	Risk Scale
Portfolio Manager	Vanguard						
Investment Universe	Open Ended Funds	Siant					8
Yield	2.35%			60			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**



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As some global uncertainties faded in the third quarter, major economies continued to chart divergent paths. Economic activity improved in the United States but softened in the euro area and United Kingdom. Inflation remained at target levels in the euro area but was elevated in the United Kingdom and United States. During Q3, the European Central Bank (ECB) kept interest rates unchanged, while the Bank of England (BoE) and US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates once, respectively.

In the United Kingdom, the economy grew by 0.3% (quarter-on-quarter) in Q2, weaker than the 0.7% recorded during Q1. Survey data suggested a further moderation of growth in Q3. Employment data showed signs of cooling, with the unemployment rate rising to 4.7%. The annual headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) remained elevated at 3.8% in August, up from 3.6% in June. Annual core CPI, which excludes volatile energy and food components, fell from 3.7% to 3.6% over the same period. While the BoE eased interest rates from 4.25% to 4.00% at its August meeting, it kept rates on hold at its September meeting.

In the euro area, economic activity expanded by 0.1% (quarter-on-quarter) in Q2. This reflected a sharp drop in growth since Q1, when the economy grew by 0.6%, as it benefitted from the front-loading of trade ahead of the imposition of US tariffs. Forward-looking economic indicators for the third quarter suggested a similarly lacklustre pace of growth to that seen in Q2. Inflation continued to hover around the ECB's 2% target, with annual headline and core CPI averaging 2.1% and 2.3% over the quarter, respectively. With growth steady and inflation benign, the ECB decided to keep its policy rate at 2.00% at both its July and September meetings.

US economic activity rebounded in Q2, expanding by 3.8% (quarter-on-quarter, annualised), after contracting by 0.2% in Q1. However, jobs growth has cooled rapidly, suggesting that the economy lost momentum over Q3. Tariffs had only a slight impact on prices, with the Fed's preferred inflation measure, the annual Core Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Index, edging up from 2.8% in June to 2.9% in August. Meanwhile, headline PCE increased from 2.6% to 2.7% over the same period. Faced with a weakening labour market, the Fed opted to ease interest rates at its September meeting. This left the federal funds target range at 4.00-4.25% at the end of Q3.

## Vanguard Capital Markets Model

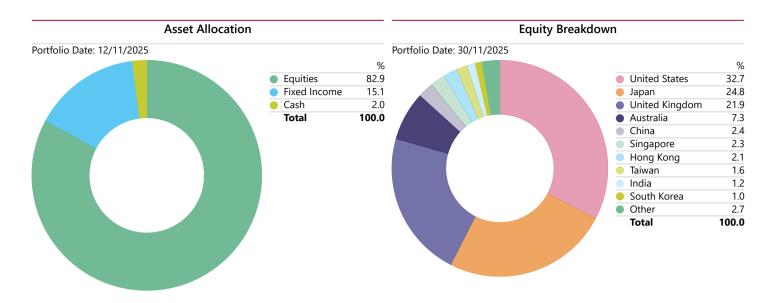
The Vanguard Capital Markets Model Team researches, develops, and maintains a suite of powerful analytical models and tools. At the heart of them is the Vanguard Capital Markets Model (VCMM), a proprietary financial simulation engine that simulates returns for a wide range of asset classes.

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	_	82.9			
Vanguard Em Mkts Stk Idx Ins PI £ Acc	Emerging Markets Equity	4.2			
Vanguard FTSE Dev €pe exUKEqIdxInsPl£Acc	European Equity	30.8			
Vanguard FTSE UKAllShrldxUnitTrlnsPl£Acc	UK Equity	12.4			
Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx Ins Pl £ Acc	Japanese Equity	12.8			
Vanguard Pac exJpn Stk Idx Ins PI £ Acc	Asia Pacific Equity	6.2			
Vanguard U.S. Eq Idx Ins PI £ Acc	US Equity	16.6			
Fixed Income	_	15.1			
Vanguard Glb Bd ldx 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 ldx 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**

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