

Discretionary Management Service – May 2021 Portfolio Performance

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The Offering The NLPFM Discretionary Management Service offers a number of different portfolios to clients. The needs of each client are considered independently and different portfolios are selected based on suitability and approach to risk after a discussion directly with the client. The philosophy of NLPFM is that irrespective of which standard portfolio or specially tailored portfolio is used, clients can be assured that their money is looked after with their interests at heart.

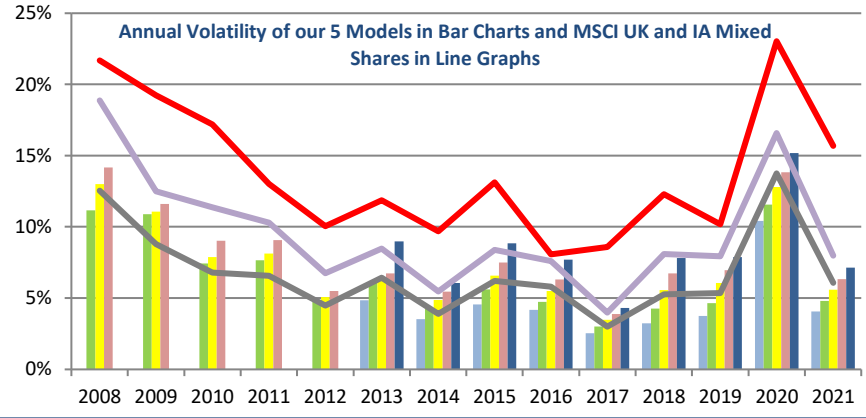
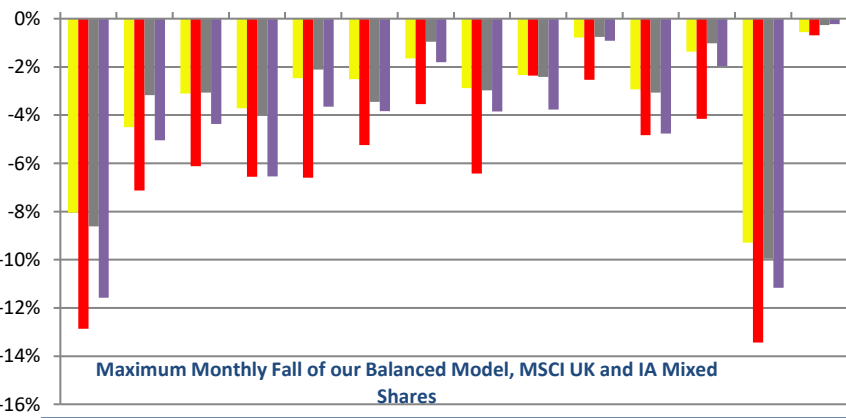
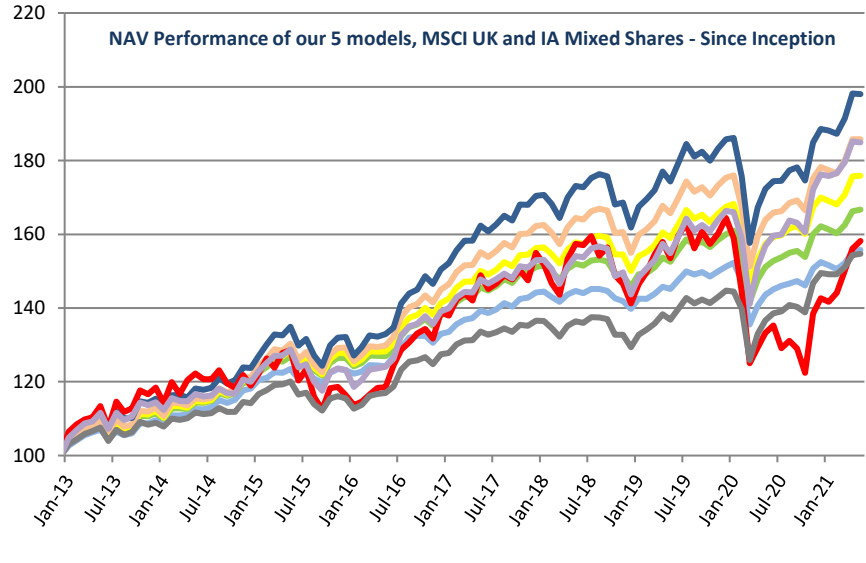
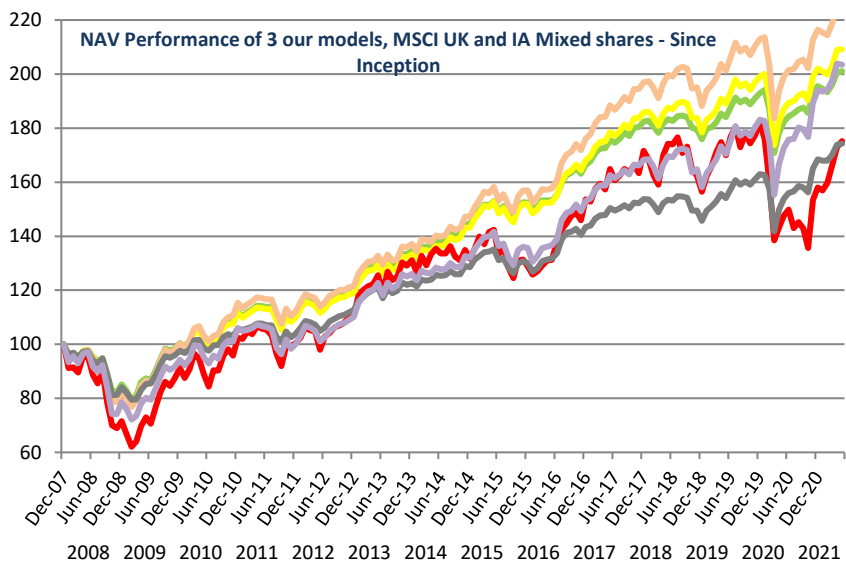
The Month In Review May was a more muted month for after what has been a very strong start to the year. In developed markets, the success of the vaccine rollouts has led to a gradual easing of restrictions, enabling a sharp bounce back in economic growth. This has been particularly evident in the US and UK, with the latter seeing a return to indoor hospitality in May. Whilst the surge in demand is undoubtedly positive for economic growth, supply chain bottlenecks and wage pressures brought about by a labour shortage has pushed prices upward. Market participants are avidly monitoring data announcements in order to assess how real the threat of persistent inflation actually is. Central banks in the developed world are remaining supportive and have given no indications of turning off the tap in the near future, but markets are slightly more pessimistic at present with profit taking continuing in the high growth part of the market. UK and European markets mostly shrugged off those fears, with the latter the top performing market globally for May. Sterling strengthened significantly against all major currencies, which had a negative impact on the return of our international assets, with equities a marginal detractor from returns. Our bond funds were additive to performance for the month, whilst alternatives were mixed but positive on the whole. As such, our more defensive portfolios outperformed in May. The MSCI UK ended the month up 1.31%, with mixed investment sectors +0.22% and -0.14%. Our models were broadly in line for the month and continue to deliver strong, risk-adjusted returns.

Performance & Volatility (%)	1 Month Returns	YTD Returns	1 Year Returns	5 Years Returns	10 Years Returns	Volatility Since January 2013	Returns since January 2008	Volatility Since January 2008
NLPFM Defensive	0.35	2.15	8.46	25.43	N/A	5.09	N/A	N/A
NLPFM Cautious	0.29	2.81	10.28	31.35	76.08	5.92	101.08	7.22
NLPFM Balanced	0.09	3.50	11.78	37.12	84.56	6.74	109.14	7.99
NLPFM Balanced Growth	-0.02	4.26	13.33	43.08	92.77	7.47	125.57	8.80
NLPFM Growth	-0.11	5.00	14.89	48.89	N/A	8.60	N/A	N/A
NLPFM Sustainable Balanced	-0.21	2.55	15.71	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MSCI UK Index	1.31	10.87	18.69	33.47	65.50	12.65	75.17	14.44
Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	0.22	3.48	13.26	32.29	61.88	6.74	74.23	7.48
Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	-0.14	4.94	17.88	49.01	90.68	8.74	103.53	10.47

Discretionary Management Service relative performance

January 2008 to May 2021

The graphs below show the performance and volatility of our DMS portfolios against the MSCI UK Index and the IA Mixed Shares Indexes.



- NLPFM Defensive
- NLPFM Cautious
- NLPFM Balanced
- NLPFM Balanced Growth
- NLPFM Growth
- MSCI UNITED KINGDOM
- IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares
- IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

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