

STERLING ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND - DISTRIBUTING SHARE CLASS

Minimum disclosure document (fact sheet) as at 30 September 2017

Investment objectives & strategy

The investment objective is to achieve an increase in the value of the Fund in base currency terms whilst aiming to suppress volatility and risk, through a conservative allocation of assets between, primarily, international equities, fixed interest securities, cash or money market instruments and other investments. The maximum exposures are: bonds 70%, equities 50% and non-base currency 50%.

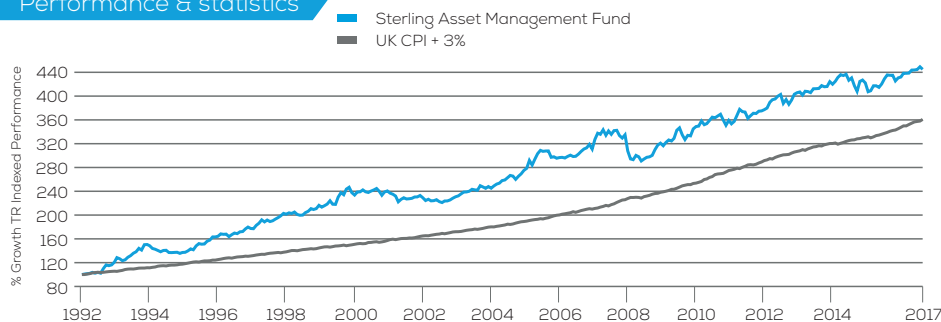
Investor profile

This Fund is suitable for an investor looking to achieve long-term growth of capital, accepting a low to moderate degree of risk.

Fund activity

- The oil theme returned in terms of portfolio activity during the month, with oil being the best performing global major asset. We have been active shifting our oil-linked portfolio exposures depending on where we have found the most value on a cross-asset basis. Our oil-linked FX outperformed strongly and have since taken profits. Presently, we have shifted our portfolio exposure into energy stocks that, within our framework, have the biggest risk premium relative to other oil-linked assets.
- The US administration outlined its tax cut reform. This, coupled with a re-pricing of the odds for a December hike, caused a sharp move higher in USD. As we wrote at the end of July, expectations were extremely low and positioning in USD extremely short, making us more constructive on the dollar. We capitalised on the dollar move by further adjusting our FX portfolio exposures.
- Sterling was the notable out-performer during a strong USD month, as the BOE shifted more hawkish. We are currently pricing in just under 2 hikes over the next 12 months; this pricing might seem fair from a financial stability concerns standpoint, but, if materialised, it would accelerate the downside risks to the UK macro cycle.

Performance & statistics



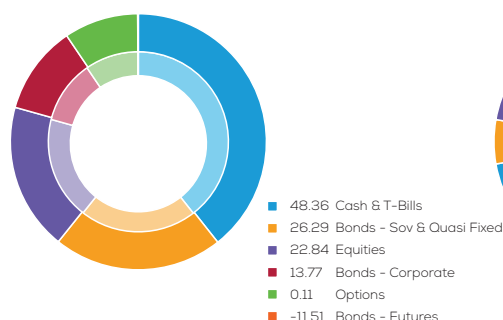
Annual average compound rate of return: **5.98%**

Source: Morningstar

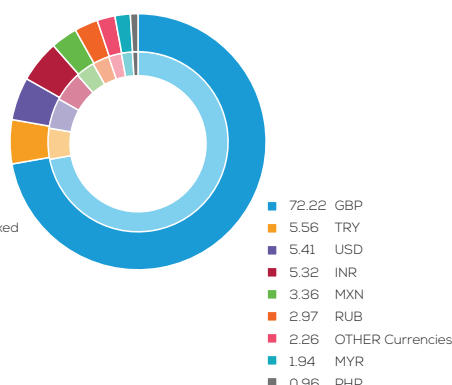
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Growth (%)	Fund	Benchmark	Fund statistics (Rolling 3 Yr)	Fund
YTD	3.34	4.55	Standard deviation	5.32
1 Mth	-0.96	0.79	Sharpe ratio	0.31
3 Mths	0.24	1.19	Maximum gain	9.45
6 Mths	1.51	3.12	Maximum drawdown	-6.72
1 Yr	2.29	5.85	Drawdown recovery (mths)	16
3 Yrs	6.21	13.13	Positive months	24
5 Yrs	17.86	25.15		
Since launch	344.97	260.85		

Asset allocation (%)



Currency weightings (%)

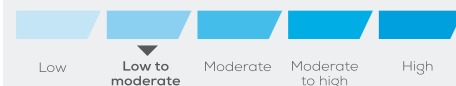


International

Key facts

Head of Asset Allocation
Marianna Georgakopoulou

Risk profile



General Information

Launch date	01/01/92
Fund size	£237.70m
Minimum investment	£10,000
Benchmark	UK CPI + 3%
Domicile	Jersey
Dealing	Daily
ISIN	JE00BGY6VY67
Sedol	BGY6VY6
Bloomberg ticker	ASHRSRD JY
Nav price	£2.7396
Yield	0.0444%
Dividend policy	Distributing
Dividend Frequency	Bi-annually
Manager	Ashburton Fund Managers Limited
Investment manager	Ashburton (Jersey) Limited
Custodian	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Jersey Branch
Reporting fund	Yes
ISA eligible	No
FCA recognised	No
Umbrella fund	Ashburton Replica Portfolio Limited

Fee Structure (%)

Annual Management fee	1.50%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.78%
Transaction Charges	0.06%

Total Investment Charges 1.84%

Initial Charges are subject to prescribed minimums. Please refer to the Fund Prospectus.

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Monthly performance history (%)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar year
2017	0.35	0.72	0.72	0.07	1.16	0.04	0.18	1.03	-0.96	-	-	-	3.34
2016	-3.51	0.41	2.04	0.00	-0.63	1.35	2.09	0.74	-0.14	0.01	-2.20	1.19	1.21
2015	1.18	1.52	1.07	-0.32	0.48	-2.30	0.93	-3.05	-2.27	4.09	0.54	-1.13	0.53
2014	-1.28	1.59	-0.13	-0.44	1.60	0.03	0.10	1.16	-0.46	0.10	1.96	-1.02	3.20
2013	2.55	1.11	0.33	1.18	0.72	-3.73	1.68	-2.01	1.81	2.50	0.63	0.31	7.11

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Geographical weighting (%)

	ASIA	EU	JPN	UK	US	OTHER
Bonds - Corporate	-	-	-	3.0	9.0	1.8
Bonds - Index Linked	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds - Sov & Quasi Fixed	-	5.9	-	-	4.0	16.5
Equities	5.3	6.5	7.1	0.2	3.2	0.5

Top 5 bond holdings (%)

	Sector	%
EURO BUXL	Future	10.73
GERMANY(FED REP) 2.500 AUG 15 46	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	5.88
TURKEY(REP OF) 11.000 MAR 02 22	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	5.56
MEXICO(UTD MEX ST) 5.750 MAR 05 26	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	4.18
UNITED STATES TREAS 2.250 FEB 15 27	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	3.95

Top 5 equity holdings (%)

	Sector	%
NIKKEI 225 OSAKA	Future	7.12
DJ EUROSTOXX 50	Future	6.09
INDIA EQ OPPS FUND	Internal Shares	2.99
CHINDIA EQUITY FUND	Internal Shares	2.59
GLOBAL ENERGY FUND	Internal Shares	2.17

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*Performance is based on the Ashburton Sterling Asset Management Fund PC, which merged into Ashburton Replica Portfolio Limited from Ashburton Global Funds PCC on 10 December 2013

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TERs are based on the 31/12/2015 calculations. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's.

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