

STERLING ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND

Minimum disclosure document (fact sheet) as at 31 December 2018

Investment objectives & strategy

This Fund aims to achieve an increase in value whilst suppressing volatility and risk, through a conservative allocation of assets between, primarily, international equities, fixed interest securities and cash or money market instruments. Exposure to equities is limited to a maximum of 50% and exposure to fixed income securities is limited to a maximum of 70%. Exposure to currencies, other than base currency, after hedging, will not exceed 50%.

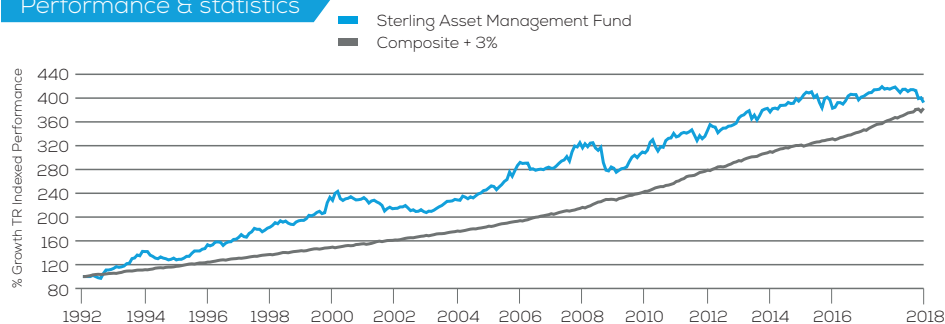
Investor profile

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

- December 2018 was the worst December performance for US equity markets in 50 years, with S&P 500 down 9.2% in the month. Global equities followed suit.
- The US Federal Reserve (the Fed) in a unanimous decision hiked Fed funds rate again in December for the fourth time in 2018, and the ninth in this cycle, but the market disappointed through the lack of a shift to a more dovish tone.
- Oil prices continued a precipitous slide downwards as economic recession possibilities and US-China trade war fears took hold. WTI crude is down over 40% since the peak in early October.
- US Treasury yields fell dramatically as safe haven assets outperformed in the aftermath of an equity crash. 10-year bond yields fell from 3.0% to 2.7% by month end.

Performance & statistics



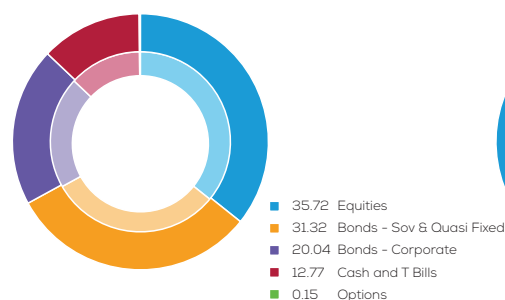
Annual average compound rate of return: **5.21%**

Source: Morningstar

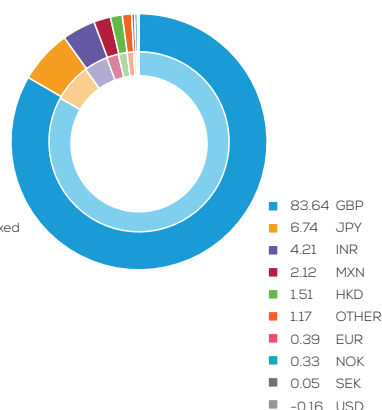
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Growth (%)	Fund	Benchmark	Fund statistics (Rolling 3 Yr)	Fund
YTD	-5.92	5.16	Standard deviation	4.37
1 Mth	-2.04	0.32	Sharpe ratio	-0.18
3 Mths	-4.87	0.99	Maximum gain	9.44
6 Mths	-4.54	2.42	Maximum drawdown	-6.38
1 Yr	-5.92	5.16	Drawdown recovery (mths)	0
3 Yrs	-1.14	16.21	Positive months	22
5 Yrs	2.54	24.59		
Since launch	292.45	278.43		

Asset allocation (%)



Currency weightings (%)



International

Key facts

Risk profile



General Information

Launch date	04/02/92
Fund size	£177.50m
Minimum investment	£10,000
Benchmark	Composite + 3%
Domicile	Jersey
Dealing	Daily
ISIN	GB0000532423
Sedol	0053242
Bloomberg ticker	ASHRASI JY
Nav price	£39.2447
Yield	N/A
Dividend policy	Accumulation
Manager	Ashburton (Jersey) Limited
Investment manager	Ashburton (Jersey) Limited
Custodian	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Jersey Branch
Reporting fund	No
ISA eligible	No
FCA recognised	No
Umbrella fund	Ashburton Replica Portfolio Limited

Fee Structure (%)

Annual Management fee	1.50%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.82%
Transaction Charges	0.00%
Total Investment Charges	1.82%
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
2018	0.35	-1.06	-1.20	1.35	0.03	-0.90	0.75	0.00	-0.39	-3.24	0.36	-2.04	-5.92
2017	0.35	0.72	0.71	0.07	1.15	0.05	0.18	1.03	-0.96	0.28	-0.30	0.50	3.83
2016	-3.51	0.41	2.04	0.00	-0.63	1.35	2.09	0.74	-0.14	0.01	-2.19	1.20	1.21
2015	1.18	1.52	1.07	-0.32	0.48	-2.30	0.93	-3.06	-2.27	4.09	0.54	-1.13	0.53
2014	-1.57	1.46	0.27	-0.44	1.61	0.03	0.10	1.15	-0.46	0.11	1.96	-1.02	3.17

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Top 5 bond holdings (%)

	Sector	%
Fidelity Funds - Emerging Markets Debt	Corporate Funds	6.12
Ashburton Investments SICAV - India Fixed Income Opportunities	Internal Shares	3.71
United States Treasury Note/Bond 2.2500 31 Jul 2021	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	3.10
United States Treasury Note/Bond 7.5000 15 Nov 2024	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	2.99
United States Treasury Note/Bond 3.3750 15 Nov 2019	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	2.91

Top 5 equity holdings (%)

	Sector	%
S&P500 EMINI FUT Mar19	Notional	13.19
NIKKEI 225 (OSE) Mar19	Notional	7.27
Ashburton Emerging Markets Funds Ltd - Chindia Equity Fund	Internal Shares	3.15
EURO STOXX 50 Mar19	Notional	3.11
Fidelity Funds - America Fund	Other	3.10

Geographical weighting (%)

	ASIA	EMERGING MARKETS	EU	JPN	OTHER	UK	US
Bonds - Corporate	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	18.1
Options	-	-	0.1	-	-	0.1	-
Bonds - Sov & Quasi Fixed	-	-	9.6	-	3.3	2.1	16.4
Equities	5.2	1.1	3.8	-	0.9	0.4	17.0

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The Composite+3% benchmark is a blend of UK CPI+3% from launch of the Fund to 31/10/2018 and LIBOR+3% thereon.

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