

# Charles Stanley Blended 4

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# CHARLES STANLEY

## Investment objective and policy

**The models aim to deliver gross investment returns in excess of inflation (as measured by the UK Consumer Prices Index) plus 3% per annum, over a 5-year period.**

The model will primarily invest in passive and active collective investment schemes, direct UK equities and cash. Asset allocation exposure of the model will be actively managed and typical allocation will be as follows: 50-85% higher risk assets (including equities, commodities and property securities) and 15-50% lower risk assets (debt instruments e.g. bonds and cash). These ranges may be extended at the manager's discretion.

Investors with a long-term time horizon who can accept potentially significant stock market volatility may wish to consider this managed portfolio.

## Latest commentary

Despite concerns over a slowing global economy, stock markets have continued to rise during the second quarter of 2019. President Trump and China's Xi Jinping recently agreed to restart trade talks at the G20 meeting. Existing US tariffs will remain in place against Chinese imports while negotiations continue, but additional tariffs threatened on other Chinese goods will not go forward for the "time being".

European Union leaders granted the UK a six-month extension of the Brexit deadline until 31 October but Prime Minister Theresa May announced her resignation. The Conservative Party is in the final stages of choosing a leader, with members presented with voting for either Boris Johnson or Jeremy Hunt. The new European Commission is yet to be formed and a period of political instability is likely as the populists are trying to put together a larger and more-cohesive group.

With the Brexit situation still unresolved, it appears unlikely that interest rates will be increased in the UK. The US may also have reached the top of its cycle of interest rate rises and weakness in Europe has forced the European Central Bank to backtrack on its plans to tighten monetary policy. Fixed income investments have produced impressive total returns as global bond yields fell.

Although economic growth is expected to slow in most regions, corporate earnings are still forecast to rise by a mid-single digit percentage this year. Any resolution of the trade dispute between China and the US will be good for sentiment and central bank action is also expected to provide continuing support for equity markets. However, we think volatility is likely to continue as people consider the possibility that we may not have a positive outcome to all of these events.

## Significant influencers this quarter

### UK Equity

Our UK equity exposure through the Charles Stanley Equity fund delivered the highest return over the quarter with an 8.3% total return. This was achieved against a benchmark FTSE350 return of 3.2%.

### Nasdaq 100

US equities also enjoyed a strong rally during the second quarter and the Nasdaq 100 ETF we hold posted a +6.8% total return which brings the year-to-date returns up to 24%.

### Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Fund

This fund has disappointed us and was subsequently sold during the period. It is not simply the fact that it has underperformed (-2.7% over the quarter) that has led to us selling but more the fact that we have lost faith in their execution of their strategy.

## Portfolio facts

### Investment Manager

Charles Stanley

### Fees

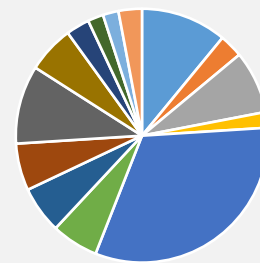
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Total Ongoing Charges of Underlying Investments 0.43%

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**Portfolio Total Ongoing Charges 0.73%**


## Asset allocation



Government Bond	11%
Inflation Linked Bond	3%
Investment Grade Bond	8%
High Yield Bonds	2%
North America Equities	32%
Japan Equities	6%
Europe Equities	6%
UK Equities	6%
Pacific ex-Japan Equities	10%
Emerging Markets Equities	6%
Property	3%
Alternatives	2%
Infrastructure	2%
Cash & Equivalent	3%

### Top ten holdings %

Xtrackers S&P 500	11.8
L&G US Index Trust	9.2
iShares MSCI EMU Hedged	6.5
L&G Japan Index	6.1
iShares Core S&P 500	6.0
Hermes Global Emerging Markets	6.0
Lyxor FTSE Actuaries UK Gilt	5.8
MI Charles Stanley Equity Fund	5.7
Lyxor iBoxx USD Treasuries	5.5
Schroder Asian Total Return	4.9

*Figures subject to rounding.*

## Awards and ratings

Charles Stanley has received six Defaqto 5 Star Ratings across the following services: Bespoke Discretionary Management, Collectives Portfolio Service (direct custody), DFM Model Portfolio Service, Collectives Portfolio Service (on platform), PanDynamic Model Portfolios and PanAsset Model Portfolios.



Charles Stanley recently won the following awards at the Portfolio Adviser Wealth Manager Awards 2018:



AGGRESSIVE - LARGE  
LAST WORD

Charles Stanley PanAsset 6



CAUTIOUS - LARGE  
LAST WORD

Charles Stanley Dynamic Passive 2



BALANCED - LARGE  
LAST WORD

Charles Stanley Dynamic Passive 3

## Investment team

We operate a team-based approach which ensures collaborative decision making and continuity within our investment process. Our fund managers, research analysts and the Investment Strategy Committee work as a team to provide consistent, long-term investment returns for the appropriate level of risk.

## Our investment approach and philosophy

We believe in taking a long term investment approach focusing on returns in excess of inflation. We focus on strategic asset allocation as a primary driver of managing not only returns, but also risk. That said, we maintain flexibility to adjust positioning in light of market conditions. The strategy is implemented through a blend of passive and active funds and the fund also invests directly in individual equities and fixed income securities.

## Key Team Members



**Jon Cunliffe**  
Chief Investment Officer



**Chris Ainscough**  
Senior Portfolio Manager



**Ross Brookes**  
Head of Collective Research



**Morgan Bocchetti**  
Associate Portfolio Manager



**Lynn Hutchinson**  
Senior Analyst  
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