

# MI Charles Stanley Multi Asset Moderate Fund

## Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to deliver gross investment returns in excess of inflation (as measured by the UK Consumer Prices Index) plus 2% per annum, over a 5-year period.

The Fund will primarily invest in collective funds, transferable securities, other collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and deposits, and is also able to use derivatives for efficient portfolio management and investment purposes. Asset allocation exposure of the Fund will be actively managed and typical allocation will be as follows: 40-75% higher risk assets (including equities, commodities and property securities) and 25-60% lower risk assets (debt instruments e.g. bonds and cash).

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

## Latest commentary

The fund reported a total return of -1.4% in August (Source: Financial Express Analytics as at 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, total return, sterling, bid-to-bid, net income reinvested, net of ongoing charges and fees).

August was a negative month for equities, as investors grew concerned about an acceleration in Donald Trump's trade war and its impact on global growth. In Sterling price terms, the FTSE 100 fell 5% while the S&P500, MSCI Europe and MSCI Emerging Markets indices fell 1.3%, 1.8% and 4.6% respectively. Nonetheless, all these indices returned very positive year to date total return. Concerns over the escalation and growth slowdown hit the bond market, leading to an "inversion" of the yield curve in US Treasuries – a move that some believe is an indicator of an upcoming recession. Beijing said it would implement 'countermeasures' against any raised tariffs, although Chinese companies continue to source agricultural products such as soya beans from elsewhere.

Central banks globally are now in an easing cycle. The US Federal Reserve cut interest rates at the end of July and the European Central Bank stated that the region's growth and inflation outlooks had deteriorated further which paved the way for policy-easing measures expected at its September meeting. Whilst the Bank of England and Bank of Japan have not formally guided the markets to expect easier policy, they have not stepped in the way of markets anticipating such a move.

The future shape of the UK's relationship with the European Union still remains unclear which has led to a weakening of the pound and gave some support to the FTSE 100. Prime Minister Johnson plans to prorogue parliament ahead of a new Queen's speech, which may be a tactic to try and convince Brussels to reopen the Withdrawal Agreement. Meanwhile Europe's economy is looking particularly weak. The Bundesbank has admitted the German economy may fall into a technical recession.

Although economic growth is expected to slow in most regions, corporate earnings are still forecast to rise by a modest amount this year. Any resolution of the trade dispute and action by central banks would provide support for equity markets but volatility is likely to continue.

During the period, we reduced our position in the FTSE 100. With the macro outlook deteriorating, reducing exposure to cyclical industry such as Oil & Gas, Banks and Mining is warranted. We also trimmed our hedged MSCI USA position which has outperformed global equity markets year-to-date. We reinvested the proceeds into a UK Gilt and the iShares GBP Corporate Bond 0-5 years ETF.

The biggest contributors to the fund during the month were Government bonds, Inflation Linked bonds, Infrastructure which posted 2.0%, 1.4% and 2.5% total returns respectively. The detractors from the fund came in North American equities, Asia Pacific ex Japan equities, Emerging Markets equities with total returns of -3.0%, -4.6% and -6.0% respectively.

## Performance

Share Class	1 month	3months	6months	Aug 18 - Aug 19	Aug 17 - Aug 18	Since Inception
MI Charles Stanley Multi Asset Moderate	-1.4	4.0	5.7	1.3	4.2	7.9
UK Consumer Price +2%	0.2	0.8	2.5	4.0	4.7	10.3

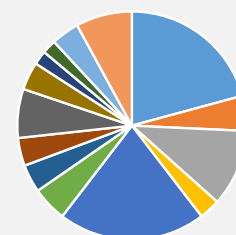
Source: Financial Express Analytics at 30/08/19 Total Return, Sterling, bid-to-bid, net of ongoing charges and fees, net income reinvested. Returns are based on the A share class. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.  
All data as at 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019

## Portfolio facts

Launch Date	Fund Type	Denomination
03-Apr-17	UCITS OEIC	Sterling
Fund size	Domicile	ISA/SIPP Eligible
£ 29.64 M	UK	Yes



## Asset allocation – GICS Sectors



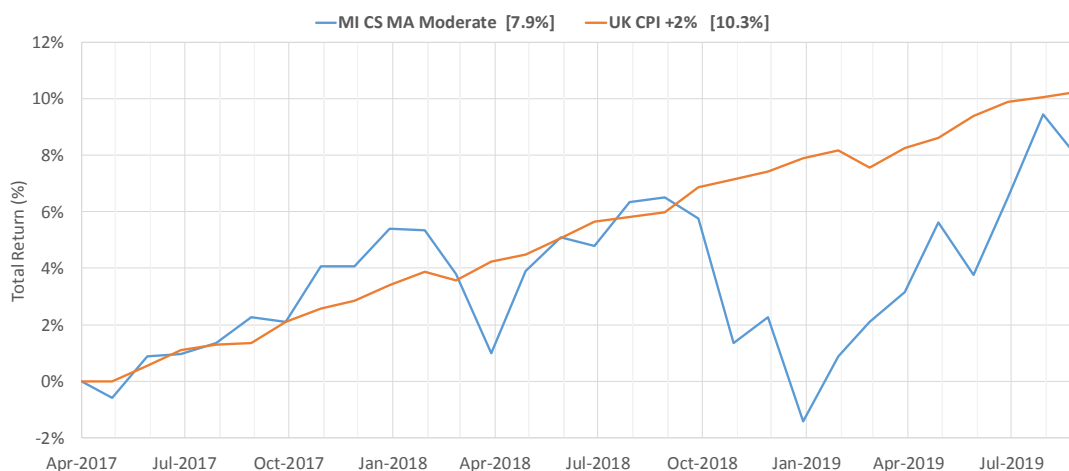
Government Bond	21%
Inflation Linked Bond	5%
Investment Grade Bond	11%
High Yield Bonds	3%
North America Equities	21%
Japan Equities	5%
Europe Equities	4%
UK Equities	4%
Pacific ex-Japan Equities	7%
Emerging Markets Equities	4%
Property	2%
Alternatives	2%
Infrastructure	4%
Cash & Equivalent	8%

### Top ten holdings

	%
iShares £ Corporate Bond 0-5yr	7.9
US Treasury 2.25% 15/11/2027	7.3
iShares GBP Ultrashort Bond	5.7
iShares Core S&P 500 HD	5.6
L&G Japan Index Trust	4.9
Vanguard S&P 500	4.9
Invesco EQQQ Nasdaq-100	4.2
US Treasury 2.75% 30/11/2020	4.0
L&G European Index Trust	3.8
UBS MSCI USA Hedged	3.5

Figures subject to rounding.

## Performance Since Inception - 03/04/2017



Source: Financial Express Analytics at 30/08/19. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

## Share class details

Share Class	Initial Charges %	Ongoing Charges %	Share Price (p)	Yield %	ISIN	Sedol
A Acc	0.00	1.13	107.9	1.2	GB00BD89MH00	BD89MH0
A Inc	0.00	1.13	105.5	1.2	GB00BD89MG92	BD89MG9

The yield reflects distributions made over the past twelve months as at the date shown on this factsheet. Yields are not guaranteed and may vary in the future.

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