

# MI Charles Stanley Multi Asset Cautious 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 1% 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: 30-60% higher risk assets (including equities, commodities and property securities) and 40-70% 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.

## Fund facts

<b>Launch Date</b>	<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Denomination</b>
03 Apr 2017	UCITS OEIC	Sterling
<b>Fund Size</b>	<b>Domicile</b>	<b>ISA/SIPP Eligible</b>
£2.1m	UK	Yes

**Investment Association Sector**  
Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

**Investment Manager**  
Charles Stanley & Co. Limited

**Authorised Corporate Director**  
Maitland Institutional Services Limited

## Latest commentary

**General:** Global equity markets pulled back substantially in the last quarter of the year as concerns continued around rising interest rates, global trade wars, Brexit and mainland European geopolitical issues. Central Banks across the globe are either actively pursuing or beginning to consider more restrictive monetary policy which, added to some weaker economic data releases, has compounded fears that the cycle might be coming towards an end.

In Europe the Brexit negotiations rumbled on but there appears to be an almost impossible task ahead for Prime Minister May to try and get any kind of a deal through parliament. The Italians however have managed to compromise on a budget deal rather than risk further destabilisation within the region. At the same time the French government is now under pressure from the Gilets Jaunes and are now looking to breach Eurozone budget deficit rules to appease voters.

Meanwhile in the United States President Trump and the Republican Party lost the House of Representatives to the Democrats in the midterm elections. This will likely make it more difficult for him to push ahead with certain elements of his electoral promises but may provide him with someone to blame should he come under pressure. The Federal Reserve have been facing the brunt of his latest criticism following their decision to continue to raise interest rates in December but we expect a more dovish tone going forwards along with many in the market.

Concerns about a global slowdown, especially within China, have pushed oil prices down over 30% during the quarter which while a negative for the Oil & Gas sector heavy FTSE 100 index is likely to reduce the risk of inflationary pressure that may come from extended trade wars.

**Multi Asset Cautious Fund:** The fund reported a total return of -2.5% in December compared to an average of -2.5% by our peers in the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares sector (Source: Financial Express Analytics as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, total return, sterling, bid-to-bid, net income reinvested, net of ongoing charges and fees).

We sold out of Kames High Yield Bond fund during the month following the departure of the management team and the recommendation of our research team. Some of the proceeds we re-invested in the Ashmore Emerging Market Total Return bond fund. We also bought some short dated US government bonds where we think yields have risen sufficiently for the time being.

## Performance (%)

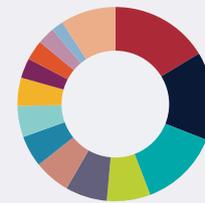
Share Class	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	Since Launch (03/04/2017)
A Inc	-2.5	-5.1	-4.3	-4.9	-1.3
IA Sector	-2.5	-5.4	-4.7	-5.1	-1.1
Quartile	2	2	2	2	2

Source: Financial Express Analytics, Total Return, sterling, bid-to-bid, net income reinvested, net of ongoing charges and fees.

All data as at 31 December 2018

Source: Charles Stanley & Co. Limited

## Asset allocation



	%
Government Bond	16.3
North America	14.7
Investment Grade Bond	13.2
Inflation Linked	7.2
Alternatives	6.9
UK	6.0
Japan	5.2
Pacific ex-Japan	5.2
Europe	4.7
High Yield	3.3
Emerging Market	3.3
Infrastructure	2.9
Property	2.0
Cash & Equivalent	9.1

## Top ten holdings

	%
iShares GBP Corporate Bond 0-5	8.8
UBS - MSCI USA ETF	5.2
Legal & General European Index Trust	4.7
AXA Sterling Credit Short Duration Bond	4.4
iShares FTSE 100	4.4
Old Mutual GEAR	3.5
Invesco Perpetual Gbl Targeted Return Fund	3.4
Ashmore EM Total Return Income Fund	3.3
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	3.3
US Treasury 0.125% Index Linked 15/07/2026	3.2

Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The value of investments may fall as well as rise and the income from them may fluctuate and is not guaranteed. Investors may not recover the amount invested.

## 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.

## Fund ratings



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## Share class details

Share Class	Initial Charges	Ongoing Charges	Share Price	ISIN	Sedol
A Acc	0.00%	1.30%	98.61p	GB00BD89MF85	BD89MF8
A Inc	0.00%	1.30%	97.04p	GB00BD89MD61	BD89MD6

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### Important Information

**The value of investments, and the income derived from them, can go down as well as up and may be affected by exchange rate variations. You may not get back what you originally invested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.**

The fund may invest more than 35% in securities issued by any one or more of the governments listed in the fund prospectus. Such exposure may be combined with the use of derivatives in pursuit of the fund objective. It is not currently envisaged that the fund's exposure to such securities may exceed 35%.

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