

Total Return 1 Multi Manager

Investment objective and policy

These discretionary managed model portfolios offer risk-profiled investment solutions, investing predominantly in actively managed, third party funds. We believe this is an efficient way to access global investment opportunities and the model portfolio is diversified in terms of asset class, region and size of company.

The investment objective for the Multi Manager Total Return 1 Model Portfolio is to provide a long-term total return which is superior to the UK CPI inflation rate. The performance of the model portfolio is not intended to track the rise (or fall) of any specific index.

Latest commentary

August was a negative month for equities, as investors grew concerned about the acceleration in the trade war between America and China, and its impact on global growth. President Trump's decision to raise tariffs on all Chinese goods imported into the US shocked the market, and resulted in a significant global sell off. He also urged US companies to stop doing business with China and leave the country. Beijing said it would implement 'countermeasures' against any raised tariffs. In Sterling terms, all major indices fell; the FTSE 100 by 5%, the S&P500 1.3%, MSCI Europe 1.8%, MSCI Emerging Markets 4.6%, and MSCI Japan 0.5%. Nonetheless, all these indices are still positive for the year to date.

Central banks globally are now in an easing cycle. The US Federal Reserve cut interest rates at the end of July for the first time in a decade, and the European Central Bank stated that the region's growth and inflation outlooks had deteriorated further. Its commentary has paved the way for a number of policy-easing measures expected at its September meeting. Finally, 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. Prime Minister Johnson has committed to leaving by 31 October, even if no formal deal has been agreed. This has led to a weakening of the pound, which has provided some support for the FTSE 100. The majority of earnings generated by the index's constituent members come from abroad, so a weak currency will increase profits when stated in sterling terms.

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 between China and the US will be good for sentiment, and action by central banks is expected to provide continuing support for equity markets. However, volatility is likely to continue, with markets currently being driven more by politics than fundamentals.

Henderson Strategic Bond fund seeks opportunities throughout global fixed-income markets. The fund's long duration preference is expressed largely through developed government bond holdings. Their significant Australian sovereign bond position has been particularly rewarding as the Australian housing market and inflation continue to weaken. That management positioned the portfolio for an environment of lower economic growth and increasing central bank support by shying away from high yield debt. This resulted in the fund returning 2.67% in August.

The **Aviva Strategic Bond** fund maintains a portfolio of holdings from across the fixed income spectrum, with a bias to its home UK market. The portfolio has benefitted from the downward pressure of government bond yields globally. The fund returned 1.25% in August.

Schroder Asian Alpha Plus is an Asian equity fund run by experienced manager Matthew Dobbs. It is benchmarked against MSCI AC Asia ex Japan, which does not include Australia. The Funds overweight to HK & China were affected by the rising political conflict in the region. This affected the fund's performance which lost -5.39% in the month of August.

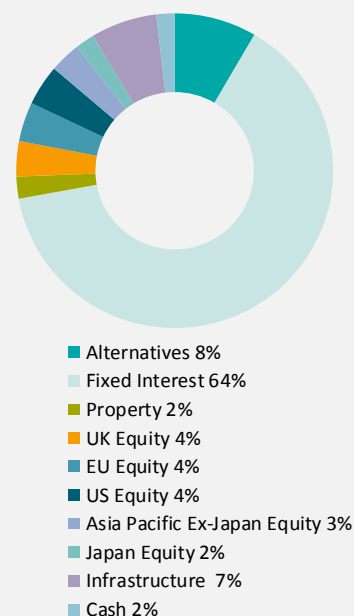
Performance %

Discrete Performance	Sep 18 - Aug 19	Sep 17 - Aug 18	Sep 16 - Aug 17	Sep 15 - Aug 16	Sep 14 - Aug 15	3 yr Volatility
Multi Manager Total Return 1	4.9%	0.7%	4.6%	5.8%	2.6%	3.1%
UK CPI**	2.0%	2.5%	2.6%	0.6%	0.1%	1.1%
Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr
Multi Manager Total Return 1	0.0%	3.1%	5.3%	4.9%	10.5%	19.8%
UK CPI**	0.0%	0.3%	1.5%	2.0%	7.3%	8.0%

Key facts

Inception Date	13 May 2013
Indicative Yield	2.75%
Annual Management Charge (including VAT)	0.36%
Total Ongoing Charge (of underlying funds)	0.76%
Portfolio Total Ongoing Charges*	1.12%

Asset Allocation



Top ten holdings %

Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond GBP Hedged Acc	13
AXA - Sterling Credit Short Duration Bond Z Inc	10
Janus Henderson - Strategic Bond I Acc	10
Artemis - Strategic Bond I Monthly Acc	9
Schroder - Strategic Credit L Acc	9
Aviva Inv - Strategic Bond 5	9
Legg Mason Global Multi Strategy Bond I Gr Acc	5
First State Global Infrastructure	5
L&G - US Index Trust I Acc	4
BlackRock - European Dynamic FD Acc	4

Source: FE Analytics, all data as at 31/08/2019

Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The performance is net of Charles Stanley investment management fees, with income reinvested. *This includes the underlying funds' Ongoing Charges Figure plus Transaction costs plus Incidental costs. **UK Consumer Price Inflation figures quoted with a 1 month lag.

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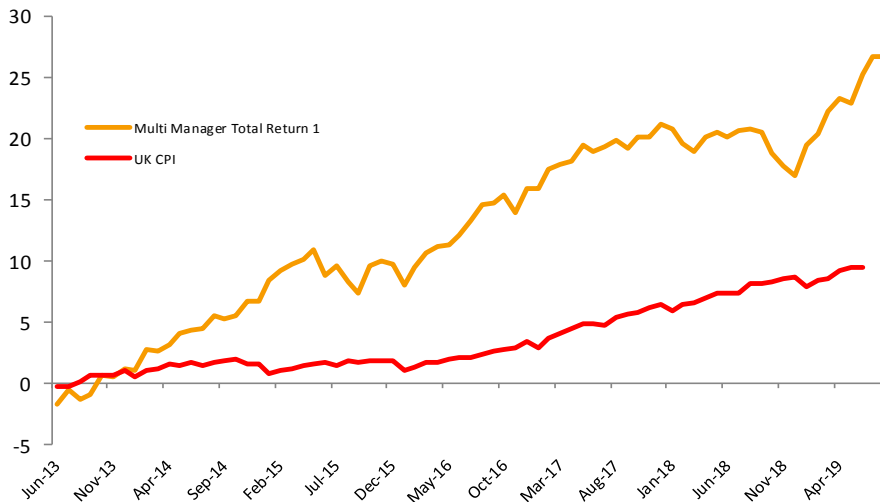
Investment Team

The model portfolios are managed by the Charles Stanley Asset Management Division. The team of portfolio managers and analysts have extensive experience, drawing upon the expertise of investment specialists, strategists and economists both internally and externally. The research team is focused on finding the very best from the available universe of over 5,000 funds.

Risk Profile and Ratings



Performance since Inception



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