

Total Return 2

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 2 Model Portfolio is to provide a long-term total return which is superior to inflation plus 1% returns. The performance of the model portfolio is not intended to track the rise (or fall) of any specific index.

Latest commentary

For the time being, at least, we have returned to a world of asset-price reflation. The dark days of late December, which were characterised by steep falls in equities as market participants became increasingly worried that the US Federal Reserve was making a policy error by tightening into an economic slowdown, at present seem a long way away.

What has changed? Well, it's not the global economy as growth data has yet to improve. What about corporate earnings growth? Once again, expectations have fallen over the last three months and low to mid-single digit growth for 2019 appears to be the consensus, roughly half the run rate expected in the fourth quarter of last year. What has changed, however, is there seems to have been a shift in the Fed's thinking. Below-target inflation now seems to be viewed as more undesirable than a mild overshoot in inflation. This has potentially profound implications for the conduct of US monetary policy in that periods of higher inflation could be tolerated to offset times when it has been undesirably weak.

As a result of this policy shift, the interest rate landscape has shifted markedly, with a continuation of the Fed's more dovish guidance taking the prospects of further rate hikes off the table for the foreseeable future. This has been augmented by them also announcing that it will end the process of shrinking its balance sheet (quantitative tightening) in September this year rather than in the first or second quarter of 2020. The net result of this is lower medium and long-dated sovereign bond yields which effectively reduces the discount rate applied to equity earnings, boosting present values and supporting a degree of price/earnings multiple expansion.

However, there is a tension between the pricing of equities, credit and commodity markets on the one hand and sovereign bond markets on the other. The former price in quite a low probability of a recession whereas the latter paint a gloomy picture of the prospects for the global economy. Clearly both can't be right!

L&G Global Real Estate Dividend was the best performer in March, returning 6.12% from the global rise in property indexes, principally driven by the fall in global bond yields as central banks moved to a more dovish stance. First State Global Infrastructure returned 3.92% also benefitting from the fall in global bond yields. Henderson UK Absolute Return returned -0.3%, due to market conditions of stocks rising with a high correlation and low volatility are unfavourable conditions for this absolute return fund.

Performance %

Discrete Performance	Apr 18 - Mar 19	Apr 17 - Mar 18	Apr 16 - Mar 17	Apr 15 - Mar 16	Apr 14 - Mar 15	3 yr Volatility
Multi Manager Total Return 2	2.6%	0.0%	6.1%	2.1%	7.8%	3.6%
UK CPI + 1%*	2.8%	3.8%	3.3%	1.3%	1.0%	1.1%

Cumulative Performance	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr
Multi Manager Total Return 2	1.7%	5.2%	0.6%	2.6%	8.8%	19.8%
UK CPI + 1%*	0.6%	0.1%	0.8%	2.8%	10.3%	12.8%

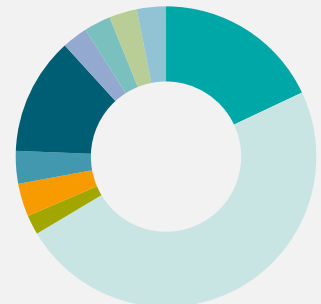
Source: FE Analytics, all data as at 31/03/2019

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Key facts

Inception Date	1 May 2010
Indicative Yield	2.27%
Annual Management Charge (including VAT)	0.36%
Total Ongoing Charge (of underlying funds)	0.93%
Portfolio Total Ongoing Charges	1.29%

Asset Allocation



Alternatives	18%
Fixed Interest	48%
Property	2%
UK Equity	4%
EU Equity	4%
US Equity	13%
Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Equity	3%
Japan Equity	3%
Emerging Markets Equity	3%
Cash	3%

Top ten holdings

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Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond GBP Hedged Acc	12
First State Global Infrastructure	10
AXA - Sterling Credit Short Duration Bond Z Acc	7
L&G - US Index Trust I Acc	7
Janus Henderson - Strategic Bond I Acc	6
Schroder - Strategic Credit L Acc	6
Artemis - Strategic Bond I Monthly Acc	6
Aviva Inv - Strategic Bond 5	6
Legg Mason Global Multi Strategy Bond I Gr Acc	4
Man GLG - Undervalued Assets Professional C Acc	4

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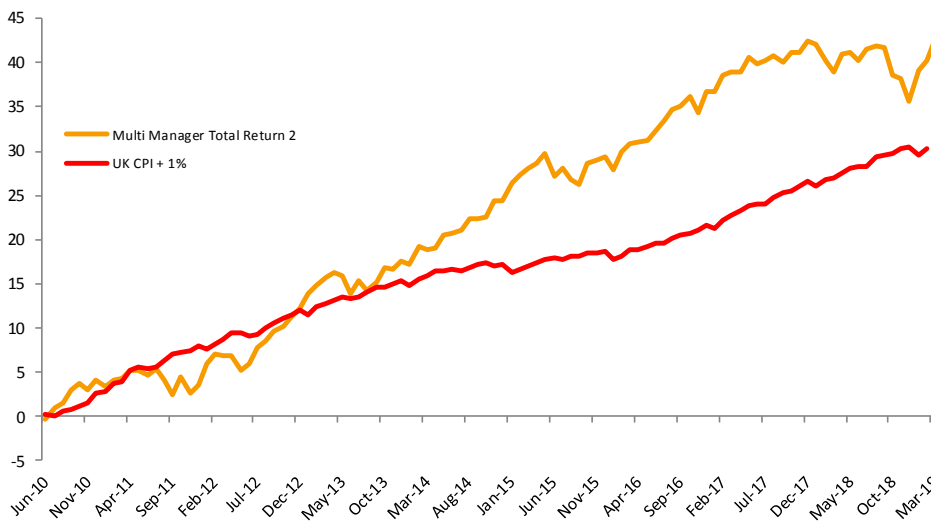
Investment Team

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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