

FINANCIAL SERVICES

# **Quarterly Update**

DMS Stirling House Balanced Fund

30th June 2021

### **Investment Objective**

To provide a balance of income and capital growth over the medium to long term.

### **Investment Policy**

he Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by gaining exposure generally to money market instruments, fixed interest securities, cash and near cash, with some exposure to global equities.

The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other transferable securities and collective investment schemes which may have exposure to alternatives such as commodities, loans, hedge funds, private equity and property.

The Fund may make use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management.

Fund Performance can also be viewed online at **www.TrustNet.com** Search: DMS Stirling House Balanced

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#### Notes

Performance Commentary

uring the quarter, investors weighed the reopening of economies and successful vaccine rollouts against higher inflation concerns and the potential for monetary tightening. As Europe and the USA continued their strong growth runs, further signs of supply chain shortages arose in efforts to meet reopening demand. Despite this, most central banks indicated that monetary easing would remain in place for the time being. This, alongside improving macroeconomic data, allowed global equities to reach new heights. After Q1's dramatic sell-off, bond performance improved in the second quarter with greater visibility provided by the Fed on future interest rate policy.

Semiconductor manufacturers continued their good momentum into 2021, underpinned by robust demand. Against this backdrop ASML was a key contributor to performance in the quarter. Middleby, a new addition, also performed well, reopening economies and elevated consumer spending, provided positive news for its food service related customer base.

By contrast, Orsted and Credicorp weighed on performance. After a period of record highs, the offshore wind group's share price has continued to retrace. Nonetheless, we continue to believe that the long-term growth potential of Orsted's leading position in offshore wind energy remains underappreciated. Peruvian financial services business CrediCorp was another detractor in Q2, as political headwinds arose from the victory of Pedro Castillo.

As a result, the position in CrediCorp was sold and HDFC, the Indian bank at the forefront of the country's digital-banking transformation was introduced in its' place.

### **Fund Facts**

Fund Structure Fund Launch Date Fund Currency Registered for Sale Initial Charges\* Ongoing Charge\*\* Fund Dealing Cut-Off Point Pricing Frequency Target Return Benchmark IA Sector

Launch Price Minimum Investment Annual Management Fee Codes SEDOL ISIN NURS (Non-UCITS Retail Fund) 18 February 2013 GBP Authorised in the UK by the FCA 5% 1.36% Daily 12 noon on a Dealing Day Daily RPI + 3% IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 30 June 2021

Acc Class	Inc Class
£1.00	£1.00
£5,000	£5,000
0.70%	0.70%
Acc Class	Inc Class
B99R167	B99R178
GB00B99R1674	GB00B99R1781

For further details before making an investment please ask your Financial Adviser for the full Prospectus or KIID, or contact Waystone Management (UK) Limited directly, or visit www.waystone.com website.

\* Under normal circumstances this charge will be waived, contact Stirling House Financial Services Ltd for further clarification. \*\*This figure was calculated as of 30/06/2020 for the A ACC share class and includes the annual management fees and the fund administration charges.

### **Investment Manager**

S arasin & Partners LLP is a London-based asset management group that manages investments on behalf of charities, institutions, intermediaries, pension funds and private clients, from the UK and around the world. The group employs 229 people and manages approximately  $\pounds 19.3$  billion\*.

Sarasin & Partners is known both as a market leader in thematic investment and for long-term income and dividend management across multi-asset and equity mandates. Consistent with a longer-term approach is a commitment to "stewardship" principles, embedding environmental, social and governance considerations into the investment process.

Sarasin & Partners is 55% owned by Bank J. Safra Sarasin Ltd and 45% owned by its London-based partners.

J. Safra Sarasin Group is one of the largest private banking groups in Switzerland. As at the end of December 2018 it managed total client assets of approximately £132 billion and employed around 2,151 staff.

\*Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 30 June 2021

### **Stirling House**

S tirling House Financial Services Limited was established in 2003 as an independently owned firm specialising in the provision of face-to-face financial advice.

We have a proven track record in providing investment advice and with our close partnership with Sarasin have the ability to offer bespoke fund management solutions.

Our funds have been specifically designed to be managed within predefined risk constraints whilst giving investors exposure to a range of investments managed globally. This provides you with all the economies of scale and gives you access to professional fund management and expertise, allowing us to offer our Clients the opportunity of aiming to obtain consistent, superior investment performance over the long term.

The Stirling House Funds are collective investment schemes authorised and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority. This provides the reassurance that these Funds are being managed to the highest standards as one would expect as a Client of Stirling House.

## Fund Outlook from Sarasin & Partners

o revive economies, policy makers continue to draw on their playbook from the 2008 Financial Crisis but with greater urgency and scale. Central banks globally have shifted towards a more dovish monetary policy, potentially seeing lower rates for longer and a willingness to sustain higher inflation. Trillions in fiscal stimulus has also been pledged, targeting societal inequality with 'levelling up' policies, Biden's proposed infrastructure package and the UK's 'Green Budget'.

Over the long-term, we expect trends that the pandemic accelerated, such as e-commerce and working from home, are here to stay. Further opportunities will be driven by the shift to a more digital world, new automation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, demographic trends and by shifts in consumption patterns in both the emerging and the developed markets.

Beyond the pandemic, there are other challenges we are monitoring closely. Rising inequality is our greatest worry and the consequences of the virus disproportionately affecting lower skilled, lower income populations. Global supply chains are also being tested: already fragile and now facing pressure from accelerating global demand, reshoring production and strategic supply nationalism.

Despite the challenges ahead, we remain positive on the prospects for a cyclical economic recovery in 2021 supported by international vaccination efforts. Ultimately, the reaction function of central banks to inflation and economic data are likely to be the defining factor for asset markets over the next 12 months.



Henning Meyer Fund Manager



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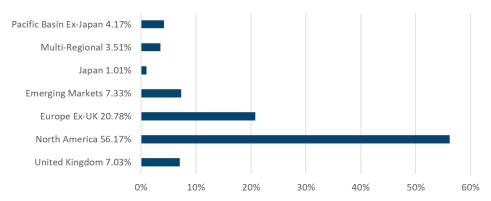
## **Top 10 Key Holdings**

UK TSY GILT 4.25% 07/03/36 GBP UK TSY GILT 2.75% 07/09/24 GBP UK TSY GILT 4.75% 07/12/30 GBP UK TSY GILT 3.25% 22/01/44 GBP

UK TSY GILT 3.50% 22/07/68 GBP UK TSY GILT 4.00% 07/03/22 GBP UK TSY GILT 3.75% 22/07/52 GBP UK TSY GILT 4.25% 07/06/32 GBP INVESCO PHYSICAL GOLD ETC SARASIN RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE BOND-Z INC

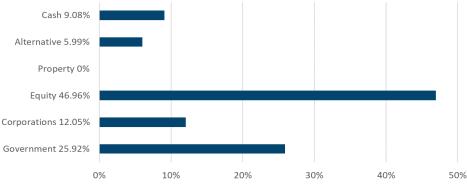
Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 30 June 2021

## **Geographic Equity Allocation**



This chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various geographic regions.

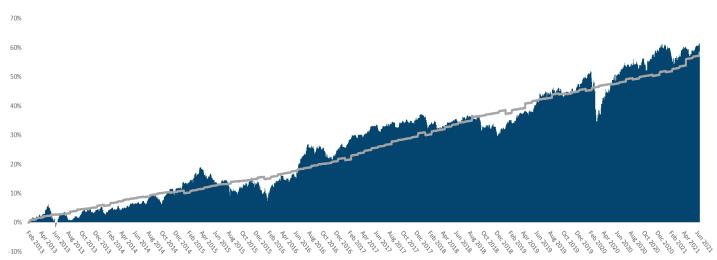
## **Asset Allocation**



This chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various asset classes.

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 30 June 2021

## **DMS Stirling House Balanced Fund**



- DMS Stirling House Balanced

- UK RPI +3%

Data from 18 Feb 2013 to 30 June 2021

Performance	01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017	01/07/2017 to 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 to 30/06/2019	01/07/2019 to 30/06/2020	01/07/2020 to 30/06/2021		Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance
DMS Stirling House Balanced	11.52%	2.36%	4.85%	6.37%	7.06%	61.34%	
UK RPI +3.0%	6.60%	6.48%	5.96%	4.11%	6.97%	58.36%	Source: Morningstar, 30 June 2021

### Fund Distributor / Sponsor

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