MI Charles Stanley Multi Asset Growth Fund



Multi Asset Funds

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 3% per annum, over a 5-year

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: 50-85% higher risk assets (including equities, commodities and property securities) and 15-50% lower risk assets (debt instruments e.g. bonds and cash).

Key facts

Launch Date	Fund Type	Denomination	
03-Apr-17	UCITS OEIC	Sterling	
Fund size	Domicile	ISA/SIPP Eligible	
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Most markets ended the month on a negative tone following the emergence of a new variant of Covid-19 named Omicron -and hawkish narrative from the Federal Reserve.

Governments around the world scrambled to impose new travel curbs fearing the variant could resist vaccinations and upend a nascent economic reopening. The World Health Organisation said it was not yet clear whether Omicron, which was first detected in Southern Africa, is more transmissible than other variants, or if it causes more severe disease.

Inflation continues to be a significant worry in markets, with the level of price rises higher than central bank forecasts. The Federal Reserve and Bank of England argue that current price rises are being caused by the release of pent-up demand as economies re-open following the easing of pandemic restrictions. This demand boost has been accompanied by problems on the supply side because of continued lockdowns and global disruption to shipping and the location of shipping containers. Factories supplying essential components are also still ramping up production. These factors are expected to ease over the next year. However, inflation could become more structural if wage settlements started to rise significantly, which would be problematic for policymakers at central banks.

Some tightening of market condition is approaching as special measures are being removed. It is possible that UK interest rates will be raised from the historic low of 0.1% before Christmas, depending on the outlook for the Omicron variant. The Federal Reserve has also started to taper its \$120 billion in monthly asset purchases - so-called "quantitative easing". Fed Chairman Jerome Powell has even said the timetable for the taper could be speeded up. However, in order not to spook markets, the removal of stimulus should be a gradual process of normalisation and there will be no "hard stop".

Economic growth in 2021 will be substantial when compared with the height of the crisis in 2020, although growth is now starting to slow. Global GDP has, however, surpassed its pre-pandemic level and therefore completed the transition from recovery to expansion.

The United Nations COP26 climate conference in Glasgow concluded with a range of commitments that will result in a focus on "green growth" in major economies. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Joe Biden held talks and attempted to find common ground around environmental themes. However, the situation with Taiwan is likely to be a continual source of tension between the two powerful nations. There are also mounting disagreements between France and the UK over issues such as fishing.

Market valuations remain elevated and the risks include a worsening of the pandemic, current "temporary" inflation becoming embedded in the system - and policy errors by central banks managing the rocky road out of the pandemic. Tough decisions for governments and central bankers lie ahead, with policy decisions finely balanced, but many support measures are likely to remain in place for some time.

Performance %

Discrete Performance	Nov 20 - Nov 21	Nov 19 - Nov 20	Nov 18 - Nov 19	Nov 17 - Nov 18	3yr Vol. Annualised
MI CS Multi Asset Growth	12.3	8.9	8.4	-2.1	10.5
UK Consumer Price + 3%	7.2	3.4	4.4	5.4	-
Cumulative Performance	1 month	3months	6months	1yr	3yr
MI CS Multi Asset Growth	0.9	0.2	6.5	12.3	32.6
UK Consumer Price +3%	1.3	2.8	4.7	7.2	16.3

Asset Allocation



■ Government Bond 2%

Inflation Linked Bond 3% ■ Investment Grade Bond 9%

■ High Yield Bond 0%

■ Emerging Market Bond 3%

Convertible Bond 0%

■ North America 34%

■Japan 5%

■UK4%

■ Asia Pacific ex-Japan 10% ■ Global Emerging Market 5%

■ Global Equity / Thematic 9% Property 4%

Top top holdings

■ Absolute Return / Multi Asset 0%

Infrastructure 4%

Commodities 0%

Private Equity / Debt 0%

■ Cash & Equivalent 1%

Top ten nordings	70
iShares Core S&P 500 Hedged	8.5
L&G US Index Trust C Inc	7.9
Invesco EQQQ Nasdaq-100	7.6
Vanguard S&P 500	6.9
Legal & General European Index	5.8
Baillie Gifford Positive Change	5.7
Baillie Gifford Overseas Growth Japan	5.4
Schroder Asian TR Investment Trust	5.2
Stewart Investor Asia Pacific	4.9
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Trust	4.6

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Share Class Details

Share Class	Initial Charges %	Ongoing Charges %	Share Price (p)	Yield %	ISIN	Sedol
A Acc	0.0	0.66	138.1	1.3	GB00BD89MK39	BD89MK3
A Inc	0.0	0.66	128.8	1.3	GB00BD89MJ24	BD89MJ2
C Acc	0.0	0.66	129.3	1.3	GB00BYVN4J27	BYVN4J2

Risk Profile and ESG Ratings



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Performance since Inception



Source: FE Analytics at 30/11/21. Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. Total Return, Sterling, bid-to-bid, net of ongoing charges and fees, net income reinvested. Returns are based on the A share class. UK Consumer Price Inflation figures quoted with a 1 month lag. Inception: 3rd April 2017

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