



# MULTI STRATEGY FUND - CONSERVATIVE STRATEGY

## January 2018 Factsheet

### FUND OBJECTIVE

Seek to provide a modest return achieved through investment in a range of funds which invest in various lower-risk asset classes. This Fund may be suitable for investors willing to invest for a minimum of five years.

### FUND PERFORMANCE

	31/12/16 to 31/12/17 (%)	31/12/15 to 31/12/16 (%)	31/12/14 to 31/12/15 (%)	31/12/13 to 31/12/14 (%)	31/12/12 to 31/12/13 (%)
Sterling (£)	3.97	13.30	-0.63	10.20	-0.08
Euro (€)	0.76	-4.65	5.16	17.54	-2.04
US dollar (\$)	14.10	-7.58	-5.04	3.73	2.29

The figures show the performance growth over 5 years as discrete 12 month periods, on a mid price basis with gross income reinvested. All charges and fees, except any initial charge, have been included in the performance figures. Source: FE.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed. Investments in a currency other than the shareholder's own currency, or in a fund that invests in securities denominated in currencies other than its own base currency, will be subject to the movements of foreign exchange rates, which may cause an additional favourable or unfavourable change in value. Consequently, investors may, on selling their shares, receive an amount greater or less than their original investment.

### PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN (%)



Corporate Bond Funds	37.71
Absolute Return Funds	9.57
Government Bond Funds	9.53
UK Equity Funds	9.10
Global High Yield Bond Funds	7.51
Others	6.97
Cash Funds	5.41
US Equity Funds	5.14
Emerging Markets Bond Funds	5.00
Continental European Equity Funds	4.06

### MARKET OVERVIEW

#### Portfolio Breakdown

Equity markets finished the year strongly, with most major regions making sizeable gains in the fourth quarter. The FTSE All-Share index rose by more than 4%, outperforming its European peers but trailing the US and Japan. In November, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee voted to raise interest rates for the first time since the financial crisis, by 0.25 percentage points to 0.5%. Consumer price inflation has been running above the central bank's 2% target for most of the year and reached 3.1% in November. Despite Chancellor Philip Hammond's promises of housing support and investment in infrastructure and technology, the most striking feature of the Autumn Budget was the Office for Budget Responsibility's greater-than-expected downgrade for UK growth, to 1.5% this year and 1.4% in 2018. In the US, the S&P 500 index hit further all time highs and gained almost 7%. Share prices were boosted by hopes that President Trump's promised tax cuts would soon come to fruition. In aggregate, European equity markets made only muted gains, not helped by the political crisis in Catalonia.

#### Bond Investments

Amid signs of rising inflation, bonds underperformed equities over the quarter, as investors factored in an increase in the benchmark US interest rate in December. After this duly materialised on 13 December, most scrutiny focused on the accompanying policy statement, in which the central bank reiterated its forecast of three more rate rises in 2018. Although UK interest rates rose in November, the European Central Bank kept rates unchanged while extending the confirmed lifetime of its bond buying programme. Corporate bonds performed broadly in line with government bonds. High yield bonds underperformed both investment grade corporate bonds and government bonds, producing a negative return for the quarter.

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### LARGEST INVESTMENTS

Investment	%
iShares Overseas Corporate Bond Fund - Accumulation	17.1
Lloyds Investment Funds Ltd - Sterling Bond Fund	10.3
Lloyds Investment Funds Ltd - High Income Fund	10.3
SLI Global Absolute Return Strategies - Hedged	9.6
Russell UK Equity Fund - Income	9.1
Lloydstrust Gilt Fund Ltd	8.0
Robeco High Yield Bonds Fund - GBP	7.5

These figures represent the largest investments held by the Strategy as at the 31st December 2017.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Value of Fund as at 31st December 2017

£28.79m

#### Dealing Price as at 31st December 2017

£1.2550

€1.4140

\$1.6950

#### Estimated Yield

0.86%

#### Minimum Initial Investment

£10,000 or currency equivalent

#### Minimum Subsequent Investment

£1,000 or currency equivalent

#### Minimum Regular Savings Investment

£100/US\$200/€200 per month

#### Initial Charge

2%

#### Annual Management Charge

1%

#### Sedol/ISIN

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