



MULTI STRATEGY FUND - GROWTH STRATEGY

July 2017 Factsheet

FUND OBJECTIVE

Seek to provide long-term growth achieved through investment in a range of funds which invest in various asset classes, providing diversification by medium, currency and country. This Fund may be suitable for investors willing to invest for a minimum of five years, preferably ten years.

FUND PERFORMANCE

| | 30/06/16 to 30/06/17 (%) | 30/06/15 to 30/06/16 (%) | 30/06/14 to 30/06/15 (%) | 30/06/13 to 30/06/14 (%) | 30/06/12 to 30/06/13 (%) |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sterling (£) | 16.95 | 2.93 | 7.30 | 7.38 | 14.24 |
| Euro (€) | 9.96 | -12.71 | 21.40 | 14.51 | 7.61 |
| US dollar (\$) | 12.72 | -12.89 | -0.64 | 19.90 | 11.61 |

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 (%)



| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| UK Equity Funds | 20.95 |
| Corporate Bond Funds | 16.11 |
| US Equity Funds | 15.60 |
| Continental European Equity Funds | 10.51 |
| Others | 8.07 |
| Japanese Equity Funds | 7.49 |
| Cash Funds | 5.69 |
| Government Bond Funds | 5.46 |
| International Property Funds | 5.06 |
| Global High Yield Bond Funds | 5.06 |

MARKET OVERVIEW

Portfolio Breakdown

Global equity markets delivered another quarter of positive gains as the recovery continues. US stocks did well as the S&P 500 finished the period up 3.1%. The Federal Reserve's interest rate hike was largely written into prices but still provided a boost to financial sector stocks in the hope that higher interest rates would lead to improved profit margins for banks. European equity markets also did well until the final week of the quarter when Mario Draghi, the European Central Bank president, said that economic stimulus measures in the form of quantitative easing could soon be scaled back. That didn't come as too much of a surprise given the relative strength of the underlying economy. Meanwhile, the share prices of European energy companies were pulled down as the oil price slipped to fresh lows. UK shares returned 1.4% over the quarter. It was a volatile period culminating in uncertainty derived from the post election hung parliament, weakening economic data and growing voices within the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee to consider increasing interest rates sooner than had been expected. As a result, share price gains that were made in the early part of the quarter were largely lost.

Bond Investments

The US 10 year yield fell to 2.30% (from 2.39%) over the quarter. There are doubts around the Trump reflation trade (the anticipation among investors that President Trump's policies would stimulate spending and growth), with his team still yet to make a meaningful fiscal policy announcement. This helped to keep longer dated US Treasury yields low. In Europe, remarks from head of the European Central Bank, Mario Draghi, raised the prospect of bond buying programmes coming to an end, causing bond yields to surge dramatically higher in the final week of the quarter. The yield on the 10 year German bund gained 21 basis points over the week to finish June at 0.47%. In the UK, the 10 year gilt yield climbed 22 basis points to 1.26% as bond investors continued to shift their expectations towards a rise in UK rates, especially as Carney showed optimism about the UK's economic prospects. Long dated government bond yields received a welcome boost on the back of these comments.

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LARGEST INVESTMENTS

| Investment | % |
|---|------|
| Russell US Equity Fund - Income | 15.6 |
| Russell Continental Europe Equity Fund - Income | 10.5 |
| Russell UK Equity Fund - Income | 10.5 |
| Threadneedle (Lux) UK Equities AEH | 10.5 |
| BlackRock Overseas Corporate Bond - Tracker | 8.1 |
| Lloyds Investment Funds Ltd - High Income Fund | 8.0 |
| Russell Japan Equity Fund - Income | 7.5 |

These figures represent the largest investments held by the Strategy as at the 30th June 2017.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Value of Fund as at 30th June 2017
£92.56m

Dealing Price as at 30th June 2017
£1.7640
€2.0100
\$2.2910

Estimated Yield
0.67%

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%

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