

# STERLING ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND

Minimum disclosure document (fact sheet) as at 30 November 2018

## Investment objectives & strategy

This Fund aims to achieve an increase in value whilst suppressing volatility and risk, through a conservative allocation of assets between, primarily, international equities, fixed interest securities and cash or money market instruments. Exposure to equities is limited to a maximum of 50% and exposure to fixed income securities is limited to a maximum of 70%. Exposure to currencies, other than base currency, after hedging, will not exceed 50%.

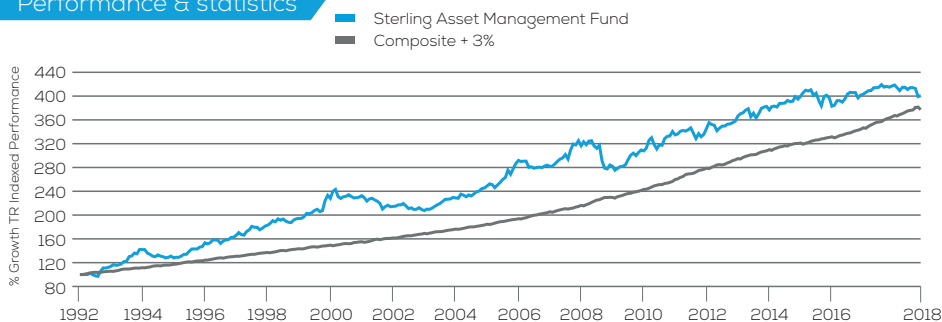
## Investor profile

This Fund is suitable for an investor looking to achieve long-term growth of capital, accepting a low to moderate degree of risk.

## Fund activity

- Equity markets stabilise after October crash, but remain at levels last seen in late 2017.
- The US Federal Reserve (the Fed) is confusing markets with communications regarding neutral rates. In October it stated rates had "a long way to go" and in November it said current rate is "just below" neutral.
- The latest comments from the Fed was seen as opening a possibility for a pause in the hiking cycle 2019. If so, it will be bullish for equities and emerging markets and bearish for the US dollar.
- China and Europe's economic slowdown continues as trade war uncertainty weighs on sentiment. Both areas' Purchasing Managers' Indices hit levels last seen in mid-2016.
- Worries about signs of US slowdown and actual slowdown in both China and the Eurozone means markets are treading water, waiting for developments at the G-20 summit. After the euro weakened further we opted to close our short euro position, but maintained our overall asset allocation stance.

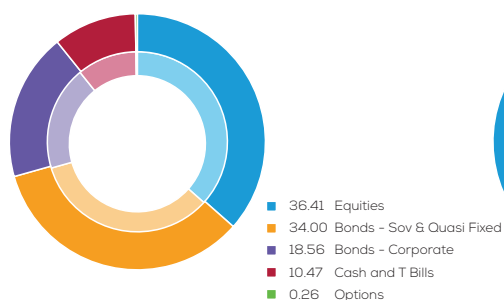
## Performance & statistics



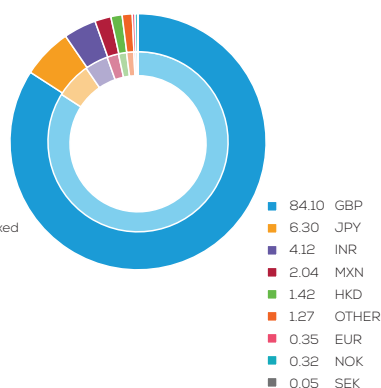
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Growth (%)	Fund	Benchmark	Fund statistics (Rolling 3 Yr)	Fund
YTD	-3.96	4.82	Standard deviation	4.26
1 Mth	0.36	0.32	Sharpe ratio	-0.11
3 Mths	-3.27	1.63	Maximum gain	9.44
6 Mths	-3.43	2.73	Maximum drawdown	-4.77
1 Yr	-3.48	5.39	Drawdown recovery (mths)	0
3 Yrs	-0.22	16.08	Positive months	22
5 Yrs	5.02	24.57		
Since launch	300.62	277.22		

## Asset allocation (%)



## Currency weightings (%)



## International

### Key facts

#### Risk profile



#### General Information

Launch date	04/02/92
Fund size	£186.47m
Minimum investment	£10,000
Benchmark	Composite + 3%
Domicile	Jersey
Dealing	Daily
ISIN	GB0000532423
Sedol	0053242
Bloomberg ticker	ASHRASI JY
Nav price	£40.0622
Yield	N/A
Dividend policy	Accumulation
Manager	Ashburton (Jersey) Limited
Investment manager	Ashburton (Jersey) Limited
Custodian	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Jersey Branch
Reporting fund	No
ISA eligible	No
FCA recognised	No
Umbrella fund	Ashburton Replica Portfolio Limited

#### Fee Structure (%)

Annual Management fee	1.50%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.82%
Transaction Charges	0.00%
Total Investment Charges	1.82%

Initial Charges are subject to prescribed minimums. Please refer to the Fund Prospectus.

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## Monthly performance history (%)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar year
2018	0.35	-1.06	-1.20	1.35	0.03	-0.90	0.75	0.00	-0.39	-3.24	0.36	-	<b>-3.96</b>
2017	0.35	0.72	0.71	0.07	1.15	0.05	0.18	1.03	-0.96	0.28	-0.30	0.50	<b>3.83</b>
2016	-3.51	0.41	2.04	0.00	-0.63	1.35	2.09	0.74	-0.14	0.01	-2.19	1.20	<b>1.21</b>
2015	1.18	1.52	1.07	-0.32	0.48	-2.30	0.93	-3.06	-2.27	4.09	0.54	-1.13	<b>0.53</b>
2014	-1.57	1.46	0.27	-0.44	1.61	0.03	0.10	1.15	-0.46	0.11	1.96	-1.02	<b>3.17</b>

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## Top 5 bond holdings (%)

	Sector	%
<b>Fidelity Funds - Emerging Markets Debt</b>	Other	5.74
<b>Ashburton Investments SICAV - India Fixed Income Opportuniti</b>	Internal Shares	3.51
<b>United States Treasury Note/Bond 2.2500 31 Jul 2021</b>	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	2.92
<b>United States Treasury Note/Bond 7.5000 15 Nov 2024</b>	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	2.80
<b>United States Treasury Note/Bond 3.3750 15 Nov 2019</b>	Sovereign & Quasi Fixed	2.75

## Top 5 equity holdings (%)

	Sector	%
<b>S&amp;P500 EMINI FUT Dec18</b>	Notional	13.69
<b>NIKKEI 225 (OSE) Dec18</b>	Notional	7.52
<b>Fidelity Funds - America Fund</b>	Other	3.26
<b>Ashburton Emerging Markets Funds Ltd - Chindia Equity Fund</b>	Internal Shares	3.02
<b>Ashburton Indian Equity Opportunities Fund</b>	Internal Shares	2.18

## Geographical weighting (%)

	ASIA	EMERGING MARKETS	EU	JPN	OTHER	UK	US
<b>Bonds - Corporate</b>	-	-	-	-	2.1	-	16.4
<b>Options</b>	-	-	0.2	-	-	0.1	-
<b>Bonds - Sov &amp; Quasi Fixed</b>	-	-	8.9	-	3.1	3.2	18.8
<b>Equities</b>	5.0	1.1	3.7	7.5	0.8	0.4	17.9

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