

MI Diversified Strategy Fund

Monthly factsheet

September 2020

Investment objective & strategy

The investment objective of the MI Diversified Strategy Fund is to achieve long term capital growth. The Fund intends to meet its objectives through exposure to a combination of equities, fixed interest and structured products. The majority of the Fund's exposure will be to equities. It may also have exposure to property. With the exception of structured products, this exposure will be through investment in OEICs, Unit Trusts, Investment Trusts, Exchange Traded Funds and other collective investment schemes across several management groups. It may also invest in equities from the world's major markets, bonds and other transferable securities. The Fund has no specific limits on exposures to any asset class, geographic area, industry or economic sectors.

Monthly update

The Fund returned -0.82% during the month, behind the IA Flexible Investment sector average return of -0.37%.

Equity markets were generally weaker during the month on a local currency basis, with the exception of Japan. There was also a rotation of the leadership which we have seen for most of 2020, with the UK and Europe outperforming the US. Within UK fixed income high yield credit was negative whilst investment grade meanwhile posted a positive return, although they trailed gilts.

Despite weaker returns from equity markets there were some positive returns posted by underlying fund holdings. Returns from Japanese funds were particularly strong, with Baillie Gifford Japanese Smaller Companies, for example, returning double digits. Despite positive returns within the asset class fixed income holdings struggled to keep pace, in particular strategic bond fund holdings. The position in a silver ETC was detrimental to Fund performance as the precious metal gave back some of its previous gains, with real yields in US Treasuries moving less negative.

The Fund remains underweight its neutral allocation to equities. Tail risks remain, such as the potential for further lockdowns caused by the increase of COVID-19 cases which we are seeing across Europe, and the negative impact that this could have on economies. The US election will soon be upon us, the US are yet to agree an extended fiscal package and last but not least Brexit talks are yet to reach a positive outcome. We can't forget however the supportive role which central banks, on a global scale, are playing. For this reason we are reluctant to reduce exposure to equities further. Their actions also continues to support our overweight position to fixed income, with central bankers appearing keen to keep yields low and ensure there is sufficient liquidity in credit markets.

5 year performance

to 30 September 2020



*Source: FE Analytics, C share class, total return, bid-bid.

The strategy was originally launched on the 12th April 2010.

The investment philosophy and strategy of the fund remains the same.

Past performance is not a guide to the future

*Class C units are only available to clients of Lowes Financial Management

This fund was transferred to a UK domiciled UCITS ICVC on the 6th May 2015.

All performance figures in this fact sheet are for the C unit class

Key facts

Investment manager	Lowes Investment Management
Fund type	UK domiciled UCITS IV ICVC
Fund Size at 30/09/2020	£35,567,420.53
Unit NAV at 30/09/2020	C Acc* : £1.3024 C Inc* : £1.2663 B Inc : £1.2490
Liquidity	Daily
Pricing	12:00pm
Performance comparator	IA Flexible Investment Sector Average
Minimum subscription amount	Lump sum: £1,000 Top up: £100
Annual management charge	Class B: 0.40% Class C: 0.15%
OCF:	Class B: 1.28% Class C: 1.03%
ISIN	Class B (Acc): GB00BVVQ7G83 Class B (Inc): GB00BVVQ7H90 Class C (Acc)*: GB00BVVQ7J15 Class C (Inc)*: GB00BVVQ7K20
XD Date	02-Apr
Payment Date	31-Jul

Available platforms

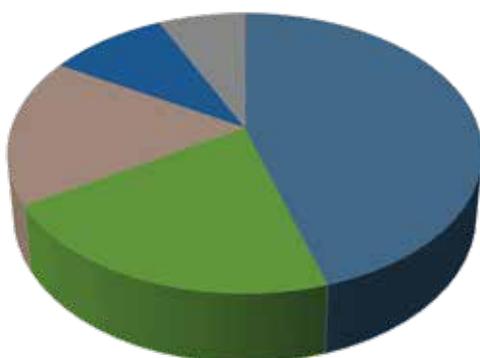
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Also available through full-service stockbrokers			

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Top ten holdings

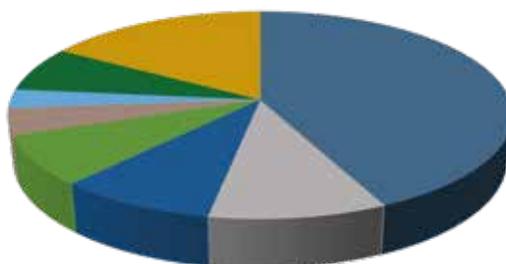
1	L&G Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bond Index	4.76%	6	Janus Henderson Strategic Bond	3.71%
2	Nomura Global Dynamic Bond	4.60%	7	JO Hambro CM Global Opportunities	3.65%
3	GAM Star Credit Opportunities	4.32%	8	MI TwentyFour Dynamic Bond	3.57%
4	Janus Henderson UK Absolute Return	3.87%	9	Artemis US Absolute Return	3.54%
5	Carmignac Portfolio Long-Short European Equities	3.78%	10	AHFM Defined Returns	3.26%

Asset allocation



Equities	45.29%
Fixed Interest	20.95%
Alternatives	17.14%
Structured Products	9.61%
Cash	7.02%

Geographical weighting



UK	42.93%
North America	9.95%
Europe	8.85%
Japan	7.82%
Asia Pacific	4.19%
Emerging Markets	2.91%
Cash	7.02%
International	16.33%

Discrete performance (%)

From	To	Fund	Comparator
30/09/2019	30/09/2020	-0.66	0.93
30/09/2018	30/09/2019	1.06	3.24
30/09/2017	30/09/2018	6.93	5.37
30/09/2016	30/09/2017	11.62	10.53
30/09/2015	30/09/2016	18.56	16.45

Cumulative performance (%)

	Fund	Comparator
6 months	15.21	16.26
1 Year	-0.66	0.93
3 Years	7.35	9.80
5 Years	42.08	41.32

NB: Figures might not add up to 100% due to rounding

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