



**STIRLING HOUSE
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Quarterly Update

DMS Stirling House Balanced Fund

31st March 2021

Investment Objective

To provide a balance of income and capital growth over the medium to long term.

Investment Policy

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by gaining exposure generally to money market instruments, fixed interest securities, cash and near cash, with some exposure to global equities.

The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other transferable securities and collective investment schemes which may have exposure to alternatives such as commodities, loans, hedge funds, private equity and property.

The Fund may make use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management.

Fund Performance can also be viewed online at
www.TrustNet.com
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DMS Stirling House Balanced

This factsheet has been issued by Stirling House Financial Services Ltd who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority under the firm reference 413234.

Notes

For further details before making an investment please ask your Financial Adviser for the full Prospectus or KIID, or contact Waystone Management (UK) Limited directly, or visit www.waystone.com website.

* Under normal circumstances this charge will be waived, contact Stirling House Financial Services Ltd for further clarification.

**This figure was calculated as of 30/06/2020 for the A ACC share class and includes the annual management fees and the fund administration charges.

Performance Commentary

The improving outlook, courtesy of a strong vaccine-driven recovery, continues to be well received by equity markets, with the S&P reaching its highest level in history and value stocks continuing to outperform growth. With macroeconomic data all pointing towards a synchronised cyclical recovery, underpinned by record fiscal packages and new commitments to climate and infrastructure spending, inflation expectations have surfaced seeing bond yields rise and negative returns in fixed income.

Semiconductor manufacturers continued their good momentum into 2021, underpinned by robust demand. Against this backdrop ASML was a key contributor to performance in the quarter. Middleby, a new addition, also performed well, reopening economies and elevated consumer spending, provided positive news for its food service related customer base.

By contrast, Orsted weighed on performance. After a period of record highs, the group's share price has continued to retrace following its cut to 2021 guidance in January. Although a negative in the short-term, we continue to believe it's leading position in offshore wind energy has an underappreciated long-term growth trajectory. Alstom also detracted as concerns over a pulled bid by Bombardier for the Paris subway, raised questions over the successful integration of the two companies. Again, this is a transitory event in our view and we expect the share price to recover.

We started a new position in Cordiant Digital Infrastructure, which invest in and manage data centres, telecommunication towers and fibreoptic networks. We think this fund and its investments are well positioned for multiple digitalisation trends, including 5G adoption and the move to cloud computing.

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31 March 2021

Fund Facts

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| Fund Structure | NURS (Non-UCITS Retail Fund) |
| Fund Launch Date | 18 February 2013 |
| Fund Currency | GBP |
| Registered for Sale | Authorised in the UK by the FCA |
| Initial Charges* | 5% |
| Ongoing Charge** | 1.36% |
| Fund Dealing | Daily |
| Cut-Off Point | 12 noon on a Dealing Day |
| Pricing Frequency | Daily |
| Target Return Benchmark | RPI +3% |
| IMA Sector | Unclassified Sector |

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| Launch Price | £1.00 |
| Minimum Investment | £5,000 |
| Annual Management Fee | 0.70% |

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| Codes | |
| SEDOL | B99R167 |
| ISIN | GB00B99R1674 |

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| Acc Class | Inc Class |
| | £1.00 |
| | £5,000 |
| | 0.70% |
| Acc Class | Inc Class |
| B99R167 | B99R178 |
| GB00B99R1674 | GB00B99R1781 |

Investment Manager

Sarasin & Partners LLP is a London-based asset management group that manages investments on behalf of charities, institutions, intermediaries, pension funds and private clients, from the UK and around the world. The group employs 232 people and manages approximately £18 billion*.

Sarasin & Partners is known both as a market leader in thematic investment and for long-term income and dividend management across multi-asset and equity mandates. Consistent with a longer-term approach is a commitment to “stewardship” principles, embedding environmental, social and governance considerations into the investment process.

Sarasin & Partners is 55% owned by Bank J. Safra Sarasin Ltd and 45% owned by its London-based partners.

J. Safra Sarasin Group is one of the largest private banking groups in Switzerland. As at the end of December 2018 it managed total client assets of approximately £132 billion and employed around 2,151 staff.

*Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31 March 2021

Stirling House

Stirling House Financial Services Limited was established in 2003 as an independently owned firm specialising in the provision of face-to-face financial advice.

We have a proven track record in providing investment advice and with our close partnership with Sarasin have the ability to offer bespoke fund management solutions.

Our funds have been specifically designed to be managed within predefined risk constraints whilst giving investors exposure to a range of investments managed globally. This provides you with all the economies of scale and gives you access to professional fund management and expertise, allowing us to offer our Clients the opportunity of aiming to obtain consistent, superior investment performance over the long term.

The Stirling House Funds are collective investment schemes authorised and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority. This provides the reassurance that these Funds are being managed to the highest standards as one would expect as a Client of Stirling House.

Fund Outlook *from Sarasin & Partners*

To revive economies, policy makers continue to draw on their playbook from the 2008 Financial Crisis but with greater urgency and scale. Central banks globally have shifted towards a more dovish monetary policy, potentially seeing lower rates for longer and a willingness to sustain higher inflation. Trillions in fiscal stimulus has also been pledged, targeting societal inequality with ‘levelling up’ policies, Biden’s proposed infrastructure package and the UK’s ‘Green Budget’.

Over the long-term, we expect trends that the pandemic accelerated, such as e-commerce and working from home, are here to stay. Further opportunities will be driven by the shift to a more digital world, new automation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, demographic trends and by shifts in consumption patterns in both the emerging and the developed markets.

Beyond the pandemic, there are other challenges we are monitoring closely. Rising inequality is our greatest worry and the consequences of the virus disproportionately affecting lower skilled, lower income populations. While accelerating global demand is heaping pressure on already fragile supply chains and we expect these higher costs to be passed on to customers. Given the slack in the labour market, these price effects should be transitory, but in the medium term the question of whether the post-COVID economy merits structurally higher inflation will remain hotly debated.

Despite the challenges ahead, we remain positive on the prospects for a cyclical economic recovery in 2021 supported by international vaccination efforts. Ultimately, this combined with continued support from central banks should lead to an attractive environment for risk assets.



Henning Meyer
Fund Manager



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Top 10 Key Holdings

UK TSY GILT 4.25% 07/03/36 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 2.75% 07/09/24 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 4.75% 07/12/30 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 3.25% 22/01/44 GBP

UK TSY GILT 3.50% 22/07/68 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 4.00% 07/03/22 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 3.75% 22/07/52 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 4.25% 07/06/32 GBP

ASML HOLDING NV
 SARASIN RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE
 BOND-Z INC

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31 March 2021

Geographic Equity Allocation

The following chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various geographic regions:



United Kingdom 4.27%
 Europe Ex-UK 18.74%
 Japan 1.64%
 Pacific Basin Ex-Japan 3.84%
 North America 60.26%
 Emerging Markets 7.53%
 Multi-Regional 3.72%

Asset Allocation

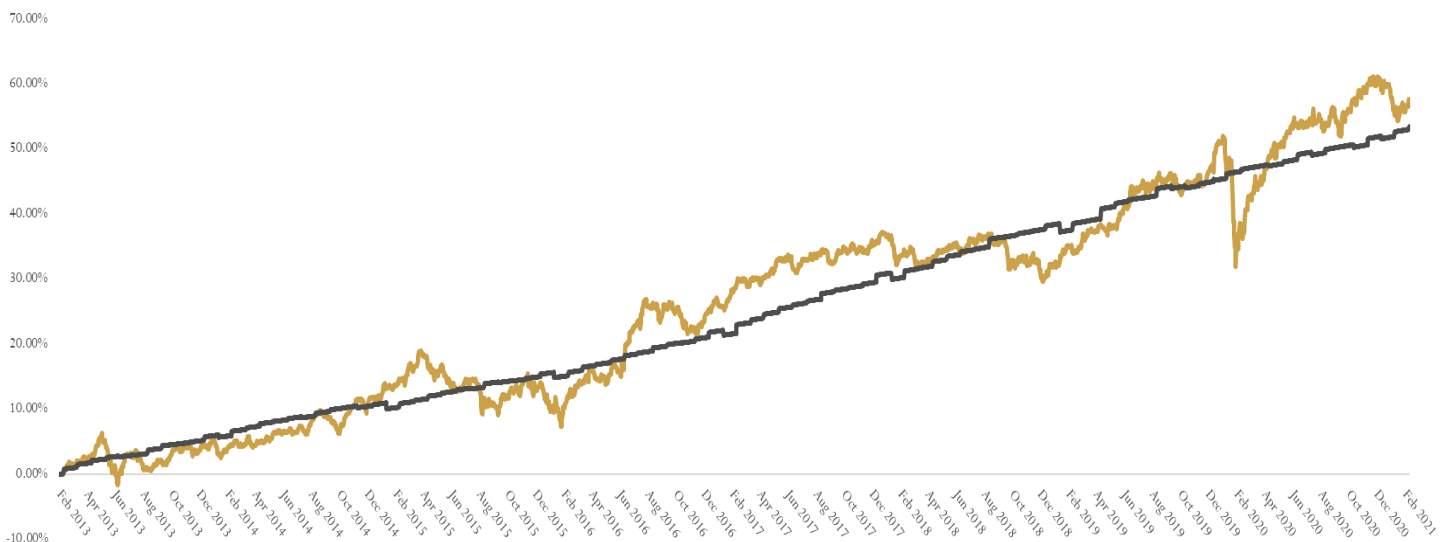
The following chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various asset classes:



Government 26.87%
 Equity 45.67%
 Alternative 4.96%
 Corporation 12.59%
 Property 0.00%
 Cash 9.91%

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31 March 2021

DMS Stirling House Balanced Fund



– DMS Stirling House Balanced – UK RPI +3%

Data from 18 Feb 2013 to 31 March 2021

| Performance | 01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017 | 01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018 | 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2019 | 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 | 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021 | 19/02/2013 to 31/03/2021 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| DMS Stirling House Balanced | 13.62% | 1.87% | 3.21% | 1.28% | 13.25% | 56.67% |
| UK RPI +3.0% | 6.24% | 6.44% | 5.52% | 5.70% | 4.51% | 53.53% |

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance

Source: Morningstar, 31 March 2021

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This document does not explain all the risks involved in investing in the fund and therefore you should ensure that you read the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) which contains further information including the applicable risk warnings.

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