



STIRLING HOUSE
FINANCIAL SERVICES

Quarterly Update

DMS Stirling House Balanced Fund

31st December 2022

Investment Objective

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

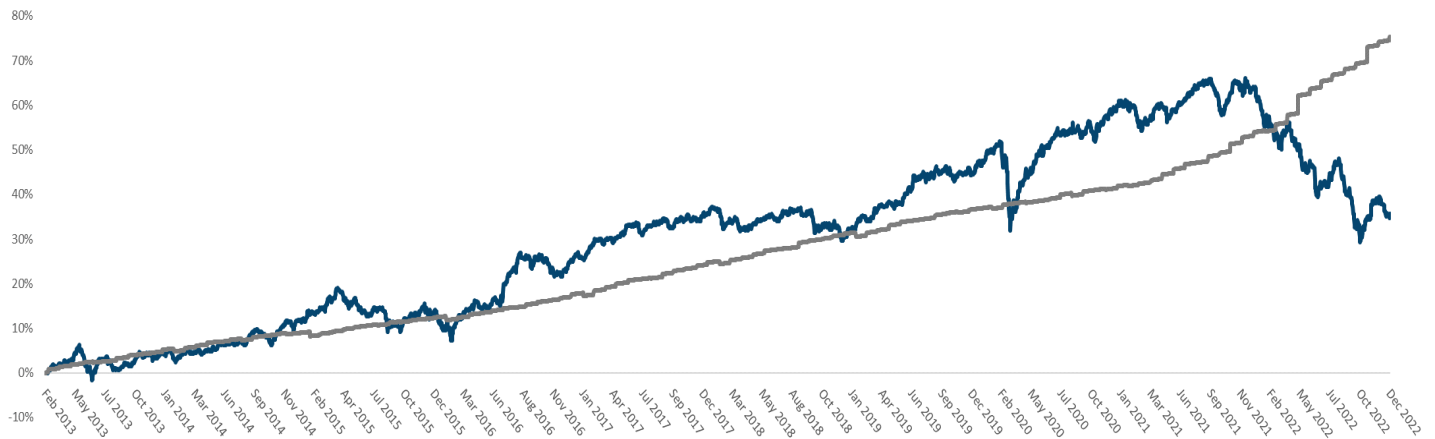
Investment Policy

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.

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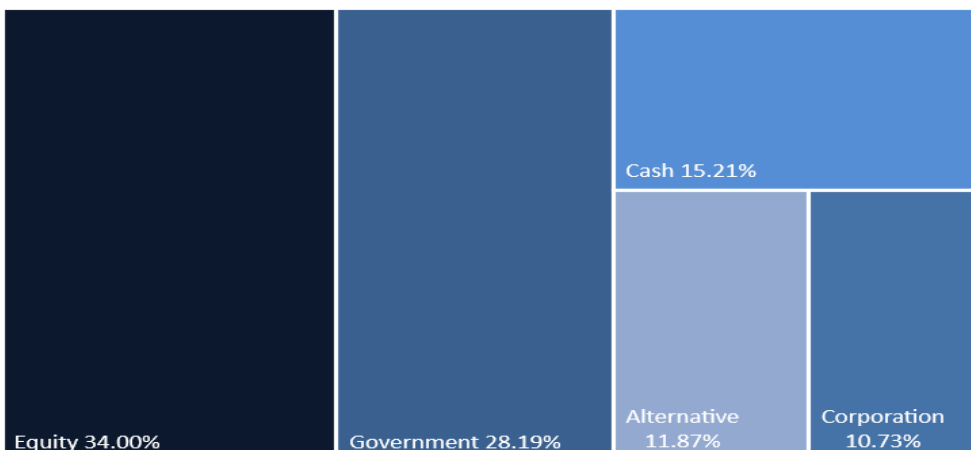
- UK CPI +3%

Data from 18th Feb 2013 to 31st December 2022

Performance	01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018	01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021	01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022	19/02/2013 to 31/12/2022
DMS Stirling House Balanced	-4.01%	12.32%	9.24%	2.48%	-17.30%	35.58%
UK CPI +3.0%	5.17%	4.34%	3.61%	8.54%	13.84%	75.22%

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

Source: Morningstar, 31st December 2022



Asset Allocation

This chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various asset classes.

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2022

Geographic Equity Allocation

This chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various geographic regions.



Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2022

Top 10 Key Holdings

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SARASIN RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE BOND-Z INC	11.3
UK TSY GILT 2.7500% 07/09/24 GBP	9.8
GREEN UK TSY GILT 0.8750% 31/07/33 GBP	4.6
UK TSY GILT 5.0000% 07/03/25 GBP	4.1
GREEN UK TSY GILT 1.5000% 31/07/53 GBP	2.2
NB UNCORRELATED STRAT - I5GBPA	2.1
INVESCO PHYSICAL GOLD ETC	2.0
UK TSY GILT 4.2500% 07/06/32 GBP	1.8
BREVAN HOWARD AB RT G-A GBP	1.7
UK TSY GILT 3.5000% 22/07/68 GBP	1.6

Fund Performance can be viewed online at www.Mainstone.net or alternatively visit www.TrustNet.com
Search: DMS Stirling House Balanced

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2022

Fund Facts

Fund Structure	NURS (Non-UCITS Retail Fund)	Acc Class	Inc Class
Fund Launch Date	18 February 2013	Launch Price	£1.00
Fund Currency	GBP	Minimum Investment	£5,000
Registered for Sale	Authorised in the UK by the FCA	Annual Management Fee	0.70%
Initial Charges*	5%		
Ongoing Charge**	1.35%	Codes	Acc Class
Fund Dealing	Daily	SEDOL	B99R167
Cut-Off Point	12 noon on a Dealing Day	ISIN	GB00B99R1674
Pricing Frequency	Daily		Inc Class
Comparator Benchmark	CPI +3%		B99R178
IA Sector	IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares		GB00B99R1781

Performance Commentary

Inflation showed further signs of weakening over the final quarter of 2022. This led to an equity market rally in October and November as investors bet that interest rates would not have to rise as far as previously predicted.

China's shock decision to remove Covid restrictions following a series of protest against the Dynamic Zero Covid policy caused a sharp rally in Chinese equities, despite the country facing a significant death toll in the coming months.

The dollar weakened significantly as US government bond yields fell and a Bank of Japan adjustment to the yield curve caused the yen to strengthen significantly. Meanwhile, the gold price recovered and commodity prices benefited from China reopening.

Among the positive contributors to fund performance was AIA Group, helped by the fact that Chinese equities and China-exposed companies were among the better performers. Shiseido, the Japanese cosmetics company, was another strong contributor in December. Increased mobility for Chinese consumers is a positive sign for the name and the share price has responded accordingly.

The detractors included SVB Financial, which suffered from slowing venture capital and initial public offering (IPO) activity, as well as rising fees on deposits, which caused a significant downgrade in the company's earnings estimates. Medtronic continued to struggle as medical procedure volumes remained low compared to pre-pandemic levels, partly because of staffing shortages in hospitals and slow recovery in supply chains. The share price of Home REIT fell following a note from a short seller which frightened investors and created selling pressure, despite a counter statement from management.

The managers added to the holding in Tencent given the improving regulatory and economic environment in China. Meanwhile, reports on NextEra's unethical lobbying practices and behaviour towards whistle-blowers prompted a complete sale of the holding.

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2022

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 31/12/2021 for the A ACC share class and includes the annual management fees and the fund administration charges.

Fund Outlook *from Sarasin & Partners*

The outlook for inflation and interest rates remain among the key concerns for investors, although there is now some hope that interest rates may not need to rise as much as previously feared. Meanwhile, events in Ukraine are changing with remarkable speed, and we continue to monitor risks to the outlook. The relaxation of China's Zero Covid Policy should support global growth but may also support global inflation if it leads to a resurgence in oil and commodity prices.

Other challenges also require close monitoring. The significant and rapid tightening of financial conditions over the past year may have unintended consequences for business activity and market functionality. Generally, company earnings will be put under pressure in the coming year as global growth slows and liquidity has become more difficult to access. The opacity of private markets - which have grown significantly in the past decade - raise contagion risks for public markets. As illustrated by the UK LDI sector last year, markets that have become used to low rates may have to adjust their operating strategies.

While the outlook for assets remains challenging, there are reasons to be optimistic that economic weakness should be relatively contained. The inflation that has driven central banks to tighten monetary policy is heavily influenced by the effect of high energy prices. If energy prices continue to normalise, inflation should come down over the course of the next year, allowing central banks more flexibility in their policy-setting. Households and banks are also better capitalised than in previous years. This means they have more ability to withstand higher prices and disruption before altering their spending or lending actions.

Finally, the price action that has taken place in markets has been meaningful. Valuations now appear more reasonable than they have been, affording a more diverse opportunity set for investors seeking to make returns across a selection of assets. In such times, patience and diligence can lead to superior investment returns. At present, this has led to a preference for high-quality, defensive assets that are well-positioned to withstand the implications of the current market outlook.

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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 249 people and manages approximately £18.3 billion*.

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*Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 31st December 2022

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.

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