

Quarterly Investment Bulletin

Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed Fund

Fund objective

The Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed Funds are professionally managed by Schroders with the aim to generate capital growth over the medium to long term by investing in a portfolio of UK and international company shares, global government and corporate bonds, and cash. No more than 60% of the portfolio is invested in stocks and shares.

Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1 Fund

Fund Size: £2,334.3m*

Launch Date: 1 January 2005

Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 2 Fund

Fund Size: £95.1m*

Launch Date: 1 January 2005

Growth to 30th September 2023 (Net of charges)

	Q3	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
1	-0.9%	5.6%	3.9%	3.4%	22.7%
1A	-0.8%	6.1%	5.4%	6.0%	n/a

Growth to 30th September 2023 (Net of charges)

	Q3	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
2	-0.7%	5.2%	2.5%	3.4%	20.7%
2A	-0.6%	5.7%	4.0%	6.0%	n/a

Fund yearly performance

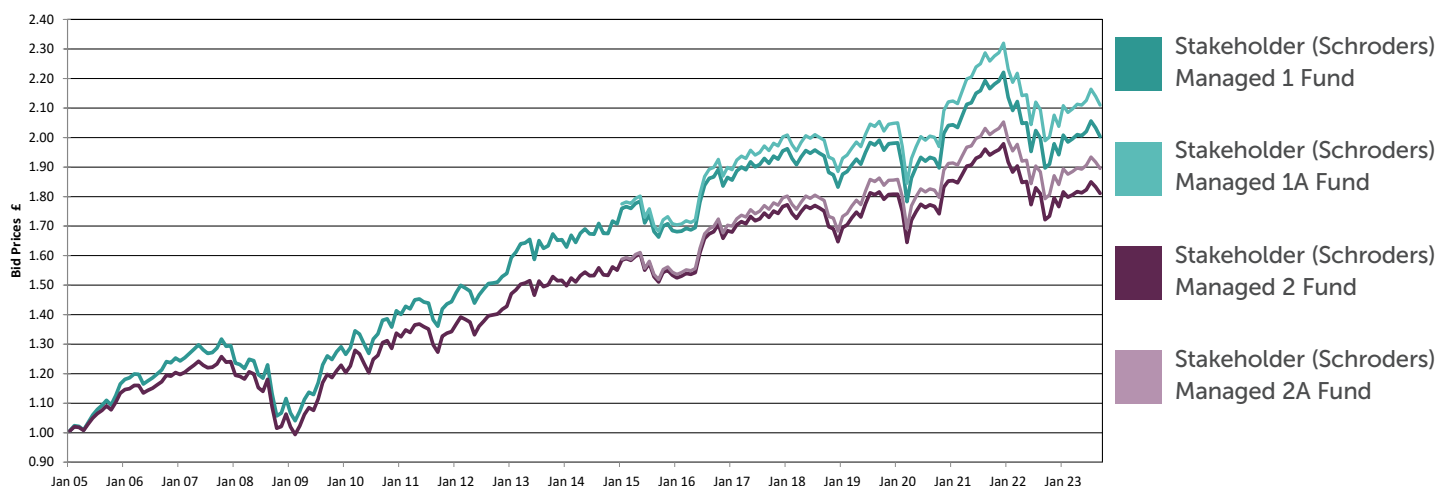
The table below shows the annual growth rate over the past 5 years.

Change in price of units over one year periods to end of September (Net of charges)

Period	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1 Fund	5.6%	-12.4%	12.3%	-3.2%	2.7%
Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1A Fund	6.1%	-12.0%	12.9%	-2.6%	3.2%
Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 2 Fund	5.2%	-11.3%	9.8%	-2.7%	3.7%
Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 2A Fund	5.7%	-10.8%	10.3%	-2.2%	4.3%

Cumulative Performance

This shows the growth in unit prices of the Funds. Please refer to the important note below.



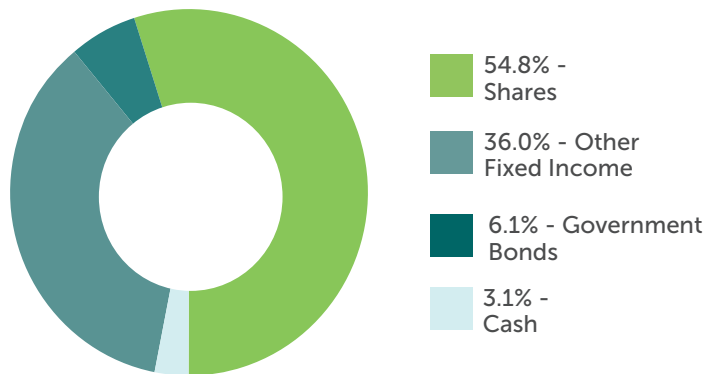
Important Note: Please remember that, with a unit-linked investment, the value of your investment may go down as well as up, and that past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1 Funds are allocated to tax-efficient investments such as ISAs, while the Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 2 Funds are allocated to taxable investments such as Savings & Investment Plans. Both funds follow an identical investment philosophy, although comparative performance can still be influenced by a number of factors. Most notably the Foresters Managed 1 Funds enjoy a tax-efficient way of investing and this is usually the key contributor to the differential in performance between the two fund types.

* Fund sizes are net of charges and also include the 1A and 2A funds where funds are eligible for a reduced annual management charge for Plans invested for more than 10 years.

Asset allocation (% of Fund)

The chart below shows the mix of investments held within our Funds, highlighting a risk-controlled balanced approach.



Top 5 global share holdings (% of shares by region)

Of the listed shares that we currently hold, our top 5 regional holdings this month are as follows:

Countries/Regions	% of Shares
1 North America Equities	51.5%
2 UK Equities	18.3%
3 Emerging Markets Equities	10.5%
4 Europe ex-UK Equities	9.6%
5 Japan Equities	5.7%

Schroders Monthly Review

Market/ Economic Review

- US shares fell in the third quarter of the year. Investors entered the quarter optimistic that the US central bank had managed to slow down economic growth without causing a recession. However, that enthusiasm declined over August and September as the prospect of a longer period of higher interest rates seemed more likely as the US central bank revised its interest rate forecasts higher.
- Eurozone shares fell over the quarter. Some of the steepest declines came from the consumer discretionary sector (businesses that sell non-essential goods) given concerns over the knock-on effects of higher interest rates on consumers' disposable income. The energy sector was a notable exception to the declines.
- UK shares posted positive returns. Energy and basic material companies (who manufacture chemicals and materials) outperformed, rebounding from the weakness in the second quarter. Energy companies also benefitted from a sharp recovery in crude oil prices.
- Although the quarter started off strongly, emerging market shares ended the period in negative territory. A number of factors weighed on the performance of the region. These included concerns that the strength of the US economy was likely to keep interest rates higher for longer as well as the ongoing weakness in the Chinese economy, particularly the property sector.
- In bond markets, government bond yields rose in most major markets during the quarter (as bonds yields rise, prices fall). Both the US and the European Central Bank raised interest rates in July by 0.25%, with the latter hiking to 4% in September.

Outlook

Over the summer, we continued to see encouraging developments on US inflation. With no sign of a fast approaching recession, our expectations have been supported and the probability that interest rates in the US have levelled-off has also increased. While this scenario supports equity prices, we recognise that equity prices still remain relatively high and so overall we have retained our neutral view.

On the bonds side, we are positive on government bonds. We believe that interest rates are nearing their peak, with some central banks pausing increases in interest rates.

Schroders

Schroders is a global investment manager with broad expertise across international public and private investment markets. With over 200 years of expertise, and c5,750 people based in 38 locations around the world, they use their professional expertise to make active investment choices to help customers achieve their long-term financial goals. Schroders global assets under management were £726bn at 30th June 2023.

Sustainable investing

Sustainable investing considers the impact of environmental, social and governance factors when selecting assets within the fund. Schroders utilise their comprehensive experience and expertise to integrate sustainable analysis into their investment process on your behalf.