

Quarterly Investment Bulletin

Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Sustainable Future Managed Fund

Fund objective

The fund invests in the Schroders Sustainable Future Multi-Asset Fund with the aim to achieve medium to long-term capital growth, by investing in a diversified range of assets and markets worldwide which meets the investment manager's sustainability criteria. The fund has a medium-low risk profile.

Foresters Stakeholder Sustainable (Schroders) Managed 1 Fund

Fund Size: £11.8m*

Launch Date: July 2023

Foresters Stakeholder Sustainable (Schroders) Managed 2 Fund

Fund Size: £0.6m*

Launch Date: July/September 2023

Growth to 30th September 2023 (Net of charges)

	Q3**	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
1	-1.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1A	-1.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Growth to 30th September 2023 (Net of charges)

	Q3**	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
2	-2.0%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2A	-1.2%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

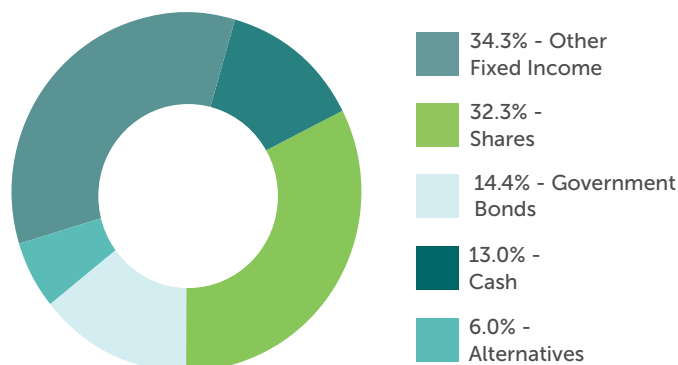
Important Note: Please remember that, with a unit-linked investment, the value of your investment may go down as well as up, and that past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

* Fund sizes include the 1A and 2A funds.

**This only includes partial quarterly data, the Foresters Stakeholder Sustainable Managed 1 and 2 were launched on 11th July 2023. The Foresters Stakeholder Sustainable Managed 1A was launched on 13th July 2023. The Foresters Stakeholder Sustainable Managed 2A was launched on 14th September 2023.

Asset allocation (% of fund)

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



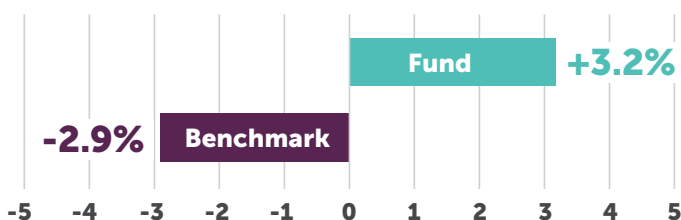
Top 5 global share holdings (% of shares by region)

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	31.5%
2 UK Equities	23.5%
3 Emerging Markets Equities	14.9%
4 Europe ex-UK Equities	13.5%
5 Japan Equities	11.7%

Overall impact on people and the planet

The below demonstrates the effect on people and planet as calculated by Schroders in-house sustainability tool.



The comparator/benchmark shows the estimated effect on people and planet if the fund were made up of the same combination of assets (i.e., the same weight in bonds, equities, cash etc.), but invested passively.

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.
- In commodities, the S&P GSCI index posted positive returns over the quarter. Energy was the best-performing sector after Russia and Saudi Arabia cut oil production. Industrial metals achieved a modest gain, with higher prices for zinc, lead and aluminium. Precious metals was the worst-performing component, with weaker prices for both gold and silver.

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.

In commodities, we remain neutral. In general, commodities rallied over the quarter, largely driven by energy as Saudi Arabia and Russia oil cuts drove the market into deficits (meaning demand for oil is greater than supply). However, we believe the impact of these cuts is now priced in. In agriculture, climate conditions have improved and crop yields in South America and the US now look in a better state to withstand any adverse impacts.

Schroders

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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.