Focusing on you

## CHARLES STANLEY

# Discretionary Investment Management

### DESIGNED FOR YOUR PEACE OF MIND.

With Charles Stanley your dedicated investment manager will build a portfolio designed and managed entirely around you.

Your manager will focus on your interests, making sense of complex markets, and managing risks to meet your investment objectives.

## Charles Stanley Wealth Managers

At Charles Stanley, we know that personal wealth means more than money.

It reflects people's beliefs, their ambitions and their ability to achieve those aspirations. It underpins their responsibilities, their lifestyle and their ability to help others and provide for future generations. Wealth can mean success and security to some, or opportunity and freedom to others. For some it can mean making a difference to families, communities and our world. With over 200 years' experience of serving the private investor, we continue to evolve to help them meet their goals by understanding what wealth means to them.



### CHOICE

### **Truly Bespoke Portfolio Service**

Unique portfolios designed entirely around your needs.



### PERSONAL

### Your investment manager is your main point of contact

Your investment manager is the person responsible for your investments and they are directly available to you.



### **EXPERIENCED**

Investment managers typically have a long tenure in the industry and with Charles Stanley.



### WELL RESOURCED

The stability and resources of a large firm but with a small and nimble team mentality As at 31st March 2023, Charles Stanley manages over £25.1bn for our clients. With approximately 250 financial professionals and 800 staff overall in the UK.

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### TRANSPARENT

**Clear and fair charging structure** You will always know what you are going to

pay for our services and we believe our fees and charges are very competitive.



### SERVICE DRIVEN

### Client service at the centre of everything we do

We will be there at every step while we set up your accounts and will provide an ongoing service that has been recognised and valued by existing clients. In our 2022 Client Survey, 90% of survey respondents declared themselves satisfied with the range of products and services provided by Charles Stanley.

## How we work with you

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER RELATIONSHIP**

### Your investment manager:

- is directly available to discuss all matters regarding your portfolio
- will have personal review meetings with you at least every 12 to 18 months, at a time convenient for you
- meetings can be via video call, telephone, or in person at a venue of your choice
- provides quarterly reports and regular updates
- will always work towards your objectives within agreed risk guidelines

### Your investment management team:

- your investment manager is supported by other investment managers within their team and within Charles Stanley
- has designated support staff
- has access to all of Charles Stanley's internal and external research, investment processes and support infrastructure

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### **EVOLUTION OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**



## Our process

### HOW WE CONSTRUCT YOUR PORTFOLIO

### Understanding your goals

Before we can manage your investments we spend time getting to know you. We will ask you about your values and priorities when it comes to money and your short and long terms goals.



Next we turn the conversation to how we can help you create the right investment strategy. We need to understand your investment preferences including any environmental, social and governance (ESG) preferences, time scales, existing investments and tax requirements. You might want to generate an income from your wealth, or you might be looking to focus on growth, or a combination of the two.

### Risk

At the heart of our relationship, will be understanding the degree to which you feel comfortable with the variability of your returns, and potential short-term losses, to meet your long-term aims. In general, assets with higher potential returns carry a higher degree of risk.

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### Designing a strategy

We then take all the information we have gathered and design a personal investment strategy to meet your goals.

### Putting your plan into action

Your investment manager is responsible for creating a portfolio unique to you based on their deep knowledge of your personal circumstances. To help them achieve this they can draw on our extensive internal and external research, our investment ideas and guidance from our research teams.

In particular, our central strategies provide detailed recommendations on our preferred investments for each risk category. These also help your Investment Manager explain the strategy for your portfolio and report on why they made these investment decisions.

### Regular review, reporting and support

Once you are a client, your investment manager will monitor your portfolio closely. We constantly monitor and review all client portfolios to make sure they are in line with your objectives and level of risk.

We will make any necessary changes to your investments to protect you from risks or take advantage of short-term opportunities.

We believe providing superior support and client service is just as important as managing your investments. We put you at the centre of everything we do and provide you with as much, or as little, support as you would like.

## Becoming a client

When you are happy to accept our investment proposal and fees, we will complete all the paperwork, set up your account and bring on your existing investments as quickly and efficiently as possible.

- Your investment manager is available to discuss all matters regarding the portfolio
- Your investments can be viewed online at anytime via our client portal and app, MyCharlesStanley
- You can sign up to receive Charles Stanley's thought leadership, news and market insights
- We will invite you to events and conferences hosted by Charles Stanley

### How safe is my investment?

We hold all client money as set out by the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) client money rules. This means we hold client money in trust with one of our nominee companies or by an approved overseas custodian. All client assets held by a nominee company or custodian are ring fenced from Charles Stanley's own monies as required by the FCA rules.

## Next Steps

### How to find us and contact details

If you are thinking of changing investment manager or this is the first time someone has managed your investments for you, please do get in touch with us. We'd love to have a free, 'no obligation' chat with you, learn a little more about your requirements and explain our services in more detail. We are happy for you to arrange an appointment at our offices or we can visit you at your home. Please see the Meet the Team page to see where we are located and how to contact us.

### Our dedicated support and customer care staff will manage all aspects of becoming a client

### **STEP1**

### You complete the forms

Return completed application form and required documents to meet anti-money laundering requirements.

### STEP 2

### We open your account

Charles Stanley account opened and instructions to transfer investments passed to previous investment manager, or bank details provided for new investments.

### STEP 3

### Your investments are transferred

Investments transferred from previous provider.

### STEP 4

### We confirm progress

We will keep you up-todate at all times and will confirm when the process is completed.

3 TO 5 DAYS

### Focusing on you

## Meet the team

At Charles Stanley you will have direct access to a dedicated investment manager and their team on an on-going basis, there is no separate relationship manager. We have an experienced investment management team which can demonstrate longevity and continuity.



### Peter Jones, Branch Manager

Peter joined Charles Stanley from Gerrard Investment Management Limited (Barclays Wealth) in September 2009 where he had been a member of the Portfolio Management Team. Peter specialises in the investment of private clients' funds, charitable funds and SIPPs. He was previously a committee member and President of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments (CISI) South Coast branch. When not working, Peter who is married with 2 young children, scuba dives and plays a variety of sports, notably football, golf and squash.

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#### Alistair Mitchell, Senior Investment Manager

Alistair started his career with Brown Shipley Stockbrokers in the City over thirty years ago. Alistair is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments and has a good knowledge of the wider aspects of financial planning having successfully completed the Advanced Financial Planning Certificate. He manages a variety of discretionary portfolios for private clients, trusts, and charities. Outside of the office, Alistair enjoys skiing, playing golf (badly), gardening, running, and family life.

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### Shelley James, Investment Manager

Shelley specialises in managed portfolios for private clients, trusts and SIPPs. She began her investment management career in 1999 when she joined a small firm of Stockbrokers whilst studying for her degree in Financial Services. Shelley joined Charles Stanley in 2014 having previously worked for Gerrard Investment Management, part of the Barclays Wealth and Investment Management business. Shelley is a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Securities & Investments and was previously President and committee member for the local South Coast Branch. Shelley enjoys spending time with her young family.

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#### Peter Cooke, Portfolio Manager

Peter has over 30 years' experience in the investment industry. He started his career on the trading floor of the London Stock Exchange and since then has been involved in portfolio management, looking after discretionary and advisory clients, including a successful spell managing a small unit trust fund. His role at Charles Stanley is to assist with the formulation of investment strategies and their implementation. He is a Chartered Wealth Manager and an associate member of the Society of Technical Analysts, and he holds degrees in Accounting and International Business Economics. Outside of the office Peter enjoys golf and kayaking.

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