

# Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest. Unless otherwise defined in this document, all words and expressions defined in the Fund's current Prospectus shall have the same meaning herein.



## GAM Star MBS Total Return (the "Fund") a sub-fund of GAM Star Fund plc.

**Class Institutional USD Income** (the "Share Class") **ISIN: IE00BP3RN811**

**Manager: GAM Fund Management Limited** part of GAM Group AG.

### Objectives and Investment Policy

- The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to generate returns.
- The Fund seeks to achieve this objective primarily through selective investment in a diversified portfolio of mortgage backed debt securities ("MBS"). The Fund may also invest to a lesser extent in asset backed debt securities ("ABS") as well as debt securities (such as bonds and notes) issued by corporations and governments.
- The above referenced debt securities will primarily be issued by US issuers and listed or traded on Recognised Markets in the US.
- In addition the Fund may invest in Fixed Income Securities issued by governments or their agencies, super national entities or corporate issuers. The Fund may also invest in deposits and open-ended and/or closed-ended collective investment schemes. No aggregate limit shall apply to investment in listed closed ended collective investment schemes.
- Taking a long-term approach, the co-investment manager looks for individual investments that it believes will perform well over market cycles. The co-investment manager is value oriented and makes decisions to purchase and sell individual securities and instruments after performing a risk/reward analysis.
- Shares in the Fund can be bought and sold daily (every Business Day of the Fund).
- Any income arising from this Share Class will be distributed. Other share classes of the Fund may accumulate income.
- The co-investment manager has discretion in managing the investments of the Fund.
- The Fund may use a number of complex derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management purposes. Further information on the Fund's use of derivatives can be found under the Derivatives section within the Fund's Supplement. The use of these instruments may result in the Fund being leveraged whereby the total exposure of the Fund as a result of all positions held by it may significantly exceed its Net Asset Value.
- The Fund may also use the following techniques and instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes; Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Stocklending Agreements.
- Recommendation: this Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

### Risk and Reward Profile



The risk indicator is based on the volatility of the Fund's performance over the last 5 years. Where 5 years' performance history is not available the data is supplemented by proxy fund, benchmark data or a simulated historical series as appropriate.

- This profile is determined using historical data, as such may not be a reliable indication for the future risk profile. It is not guaranteed and may shift over time.
- The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.
- The Fund does not offer any capital guarantee or assurance that the investor will receive a fixed amount when redeeming.

Further risks that may have a significant effect on the net asset value of the Fund include:

- **Counterparty / Derivatives Risk:** if a counterparty to a financial derivative contract were to default, the value of the contract, the cost to replace it and any cash or securities held by the counterparty to facilitate it, may be lost.

- **Leverage Risk:** derivatives may multiply the exposure to underlying assets and expose the Fund to the risk of substantial losses.
- **Credit Risk / Debt Securities:** bonds may be subject to significant fluctuations in value. Bonds are subject to credit risk and interest rate risk.
- **Credit Risk / Non-Investment Grade:** non-investment grade securities, which will generally pay higher yields than more highly rated securities, will be subject to greater market and credit risk, affecting the performance of the Fund.
- **Credit Risk / ABS / MBS:** the issuer of mortgage or asset-backed securities may not receive in full the amounts owed to them by underlying borrowers, affecting the performance of the Fund.
- **Interest Rate Risk:** a rise or fall in interest rates causes fluctuations in the value of fixed income securities, which may result in a decline or an increase in the value of such investments.
- **Liquidity Risk:** some investments can be difficult to sell quickly which may affect the value of the Fund and, in extreme market conditions, its ability to meet redemption requests.

The "Risk Factor" section of the Prospectus and the "Risk Factor" section of the Fund Supplement for this Fund give you more details about all the risks for the Fund – see under "Practical Information" for how to obtain a copy.

## Charges for this Share Class

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Share Class, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	Up to 5%
Exit charge	Up to 3%
Switching charge	Up to 1%
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested/before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the Class over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.81%
Charges taken from the Class under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee (30 June 2017 financial year)	0.67% <b>Calculation Methodology:</b> 10% of any Share Class Return, subject to a High Water Mark or outperformance of the prorated 3 month LIBOR rate of return, whichever is lower.

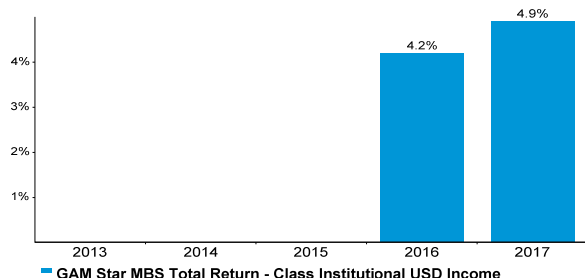
The **entry, exit and switching charges** shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less – you can find this out from your financial adviser.

You may be charged a **dilution levy** of up to 1% of the value of the Shares (representing the cost of buying or selling investments) on entry to or exit from the Fund.

The **ongoing charges** figure is based on expenses for the year ending 30 June 2017. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes bank interest, portfolio transaction costs and any performance fees if applicable.

**For more information about charges, please see the “Fees and Expenses” section of the Prospectus and the “Fees” section of the Fund Supplement, which are available at [www.gam.com](http://www.gam.com)**

## Past Performance



- Please note that past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future performance of the Fund.
- The data is net of tax and charges and is exclusive of subscription and redemption fees, as any subscription and redemption fees are not received by the Fund.
- The Fund launched in 2014. Performance shown relates to the Share Class and is calculated in USD.

## Practical Information

- The custodian of the Fund is State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.
- Should you require further information on this Fund, the Share Class or other share classes of the Fund, you may visit GAM's website ([www.gam.com](http://www.gam.com)) to obtain the current Prospectus and Fund Supplement and the most recent annual and any subsequent half-yearly reports and accounts. The documents referred to shall be provided free of charge in English on request.
- This Key Investor Information Document is specific to the Share Class for this Fund. Information relating to this share class is available in the “Description of Shares” section of the Prospectus.
- The Net Asset Value of the Fund is calculated in USD and is available from GAM Fund Management Limited, on [www.gam.com](http://www.gam.com) and the Irish Stock Exchange.
- The Fund is subject to the tax laws and regulations of Ireland. Depending on your home country of residence, this might have an impact on your investment. For further details, please speak to an adviser.
- The Directors of GAM Star Fund plc may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus and Fund Supplement.
- Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy of the Manager (including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits) are available on [www.gam.com](http://www.gam.com). A paper copy will be made available upon request and free of charge by the Manager.
- Subject to the conditions set down in the Prospectus, you are entitled to switch from one share class to another, either in the Fund or in another sub-fund of GAM Star Fund plc. Please refer to the “How to Switch Shares” section of the Prospectus for further information on how to switch.
- This Fund is a sub-fund of GAM Star Fund plc, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds. You can find out more information about the umbrella fund in the Prospectus. The Prospectus and periodic reports are prepared in the name of GAM Star Fund plc.

This Fund is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. GAM Fund Management Limited is authorised in Ireland and is also regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

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