# FIDELITY FUNDS **EURO BALANCED FUND A-EURO**

Eugene Philalithis, Nick Peters

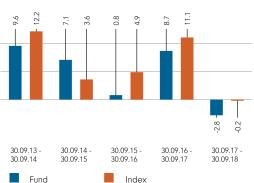
## For Investment Professionals Only

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

## 30 SEPTEMBER 2018



### Performance for 12 month periods in EUR (%)



### Market Environment

Portfolio manager:

European equities ended a volatile quarter in positive territory. Markets were aided by easing trade tensions between the US and Europe, and strong corporate earnings. The European Central Bank's continued accommodative monetary policy stance also supported equities. It left key interest rates unchanged and announced that it expects to completely phase-out its quantitative easing programme by the end of 2018. There were intermittent periods of volatility, primarily due to continued concerns over a trade war between the US and China, as well as the banking crisis in Turkey. At a sector level, health care and energy were among the key performers, while real estate and communication services declined the most. Within fixed income, the focus remained on Italy and on the ongoing Brexit negotiations, where little progress was achieved. Risk sentiment was impacted towards the end of the quarter as the Italian government announcement that it would maintain a deficit target at 2.4%, well above market expectations. As a result, European bonds posted mixed returns, with corporate bonds outperforming core government bonds.

## **Fund Performance**

The fund outperformed the index over the quarter, mainly due to strategy selection within the fixed income segment. The tactical asset allocation decision to be overweight in equities and underweight in bonds also contributed to returns.

#### European fixed income strategies added value

Bonds underperformed equities over the quarter. As a result, the underweight position in fixed income contributed to relative performance. Additionally, all underlying bond strategies supported relative returns. Investor risk sentiment improved as trade tensions between the US and Europe eased. As a result, the exposure to riskier credit instruments added value. Concerns relating to the US proposal to impose automobile tariffs on European imports abated. As a result, our European automobile holdings rallied.

#### Equities detracted from relative performance

The underlying French and Italian equity strategies weighed on relative returns. In France, the underweight allocation to and security selection within industrials detracted from performance. The exposure to Italy also weighed on returns as the country's equity market was sold off in August amid concerns about Italy's deficit situation. On a positive note, the underlying eurozone equity strategy added value, driven by strong security selection in the financials and consumer discretionary sectors.

### **Fund Positioning**

The fund is managed using a team-based approach and aims to add value over the index, mainly via strategy selection (allocation selection) and, to a lesser extent, through tactical asset allocation (asset class selection). We select underlying strategies by building asset class specific model portfolios, while our tactical allocation to asset classes is determined using proprietary models and qualitative inputs.

#### Changes to the equity sleeve of the portfolio

We diversified our exposure to eurozone equities and leveraged the fund's ability to use country strategies. This will help to increase the fund's flexibility; diversify our style and manager exposure to equities; and improve alpha consistency over time. As part of these enhancements, we will also marginally increase the fund's exposure to passive and smartbeta strategies. We will continue to hold around a third of our equity allocation in an existing European equity strategy; the remaining allocation will be split across different Fidelity country fund managers.

#### Important Information

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The fund's returns can be affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested. The use of financial derivative instruments may result in increased gains or losses within the fund. There is a risk that the issuers of bonds may not be able to repay the money they have borrowed or make interest payments. When interest rates rise, bonds may fall in value. Rising interest rates may cause the value of your investment to fall.



# FIDELITY FUNDS

# 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### Attribution

Performance attribution is produced in the currency shown below. For funds with multiple share classes, the attribution return reflects the aggregate performance across all the share classes. It may therefore deviate from the published return for a particular share class. When using the analysis for hedged share classes, please consider that the attribution is shown before the impact of hedging.

The contributions shown in the table are before the impact of charges. If charges are applied, their effect is captured in the "Other" category in the table and will also be reflected in the fund return.

Currency of attribution	Euro (EUR)
Three month relative return (%)	0.16

# Contribution Summary (% TNA)

# 3 months

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELATIVE RETURN

Sub-Asset Class	Allocation Selection	Asset Class Selection	Total Relative Contribution
Global Fixed Income	0.50	0.02	0.52
Cash & Other Assets	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
Europe ex UK Equities	-0.03	0.00	-0.02

Uninvested Cash and Other	-0.32
Total	0.16

Allocation Selection refers to the manager's choice of underlying pools. Asset Class Selection refers to the manager's decisions regarding asset classes.

# FIDELITY FUNDS **EURO BALANCED FUND A-EURO**

#### Important Information

This information must not be reproduced or circulated without prior permission. Fidelity International refers to the group of companies which form the global investment management organisation that provides information on products and services in designated jurisdictions outside of North America. Fidelity only offers information on its own products and services and does not provide investment advice based on individual circumstances. This communication is not directed at, and must not be acted upon by persons inside the United States and is otherwise only directed at persons residing in jurisdictions where the relevant funds are authorised for distribution or where no such authorisation is required. Unless otherwise stated all products and services are provided by Fidelity International, and all views expressed are those of Fidelity International. Fidelity, Fidelity International, the Fidelity International logo and F symbol are registered trademarks of FIL Limited.

Morningstar annualised growth rates, total return, sector median performance and ranks - Data Source - © 2018 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information.

Before investing you should read the key information document, which is available in your local language through the website www.fidelityinternational.com or from your distributor.

Austria: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from our European Service Centre in Luxembourg, FIL (Luxembourg) S.A. 2a, rue Albert Borschette BP 2174 L-1021 Luxembourg as well as with the Austrian paying agent UniCredit Bank Austria AG, Schottengasse 6-8, 1010 Wien, FIL (Luxembourg) S.A. - Zweigniederlassung Wien, Mariahilfer Strasse 36, 1070 Wien or www.fidelity.at. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Chile: Neither the issuer nor the securities have been registered with the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros pursuant to law no. 18,045, the Ley de Mercado de Valores, and regulations thereunder. This document does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation to subscribe for or purchase, the securities in the republic of Chile, other than to individually identified buyers pursuant to a private offering within the meaning of article 4 of the Ley de Mercado de Valores (an offer that is not "addressed to the public at large or to a certain sector or specific group of the public").

Czech Republic: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available in your local language along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from our paying agent UniCredit Bank Czech Republic a.s., Zeletavska 1525/1, 14092 Prag 4 - Michle, Czech Republic. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Denmark: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available in your local language along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from your financial advisor or from the branch of your bank or from www.fidelity.dk. Issued by FIC (Luxembourg) S.A.

Finland: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from your financial advisor or from the branch of your bank and from www.lidelity.fi. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

France: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from your financial advisor or from the branch of your bank or visit the Fidelity website. Issued by FIL Gestion, a portfolio management company approved by the AMF under the number GP03-004, 29 rue de Berri, 75008 Paris.

Germany: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from FIL Investment Services GmbH, Postfach 200237, 60606 Frankfurt/Main or www.fidelity.de. Issued by FIL Investment Services GmbH.

Hungary: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from our distributor Raifeisenbank Zentralbank Österreich AG, Akademia u. 6, 1054 Budapest. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Iceland: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from your financial advisor or from the branch of your bank. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Italy: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from your financial advisor or from the branch of your bank. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) SA.

Luxembourg: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from our distributors or www.fidelity.lu. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Malta: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from Growth Investments Limited (which is licensed by the MFSA). Fidelity Funds are promoted in Malta by Growth Investments Ltd in terms of the EU UCITS Directive and Legal Notices 207 and 309 of 2004. The Funds are regulated in Luxembourg by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Netherlands: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from FIL (Luxembourg) S.A., Netherlands Branch (registered with the AFM), World Trade Centre, Tower H, 6th Floor, Zuidplein 52, 1077 XV Amsterdam (tel. 0031 20 79 77 100) or from www.fidelity.nl. Fidelity Funds is authorised to offer participation rights in The Netherlands pursuant to article 2:66 (3) in conjunction with article 2:71 and 2:72 Financial Supervision Act. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Norway: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from your financial advisor or from the branch of your bank or from www.fidelity.no. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Peru: Fidelity Funds SICAV has not been registered before the Superintendencia del Mercado de Valores (SMV) and are being placed by means of a private offer. SMV has not reviewed the information provided to the investor. This document is only for the exclusive use of institutional investors in Peru and is not for public distribution.

Portugal: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge. Fidelity Funds is registered with the CMVM and the legal documents can be obtained from locally authorised distributors. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Slovakia: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from our paying agent UniCredit Bank Slovakia, a.s., Sancova 1/A 81333, Slovakia. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Spain: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge. For the purposes of distribution in Spain, Fidelity Funds is registered with the CNMV Register of Foreign Collective Investment Schemes under registration number 124, where complete information is available from Fidelity Funds authorised distributors. The purchase of or subscription for shares in Fidelity Funds shall be made on the basis of the KIID that investors shall receive in advance. The KIID is available for inspection at the offices of locally authorised distributors as well as at the CNMV. Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) SA.

Sweden: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus/Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from your financial advisor or from the branch of your bank, from our European Service Centre in Luxembourg, FIL (Luxembourg) S.A. 2a, rue Albert Borschette BP 2174 L-1021 Luxembourg or from www.fidelity.se Issued by FIL (Luxembourg) S.A.

Switzerland: Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus and KIID (key investor information document), which are available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from our distributors, from FIL Luxembourg S.A. and from our legal representative and paying agent in Switzerland: BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris, succursale de Zurich, Selnaustrasse 16, 8002 Zurich. Issued by FIL Investment Switzerland AG authorised and regulated in Switzerland by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA.

United Kingdom:Investments should be made on the basis of the KIID (key investor information document) which is available at www.fidelity.co.uk. The full prospectus may also be obtained from Fidelity. Please note that not all funds in the SICAV fund range are suitable for UK investors and tax advice should be sought before investing. Fidelity Funds is recognised under section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Investors should note that loss caused by such recognised funds will not be covered by the provisions of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (or by any similar scheme in Luxembourg) if the fund is unable to meet its obligations, however claims for loss in regards to such recognised funds against a Financial Conduct Authority authorised firm such as Fidelity will be. Issued by FIL Pensions Management, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

United Arab Emirates: For the United Arab Emirates, the DIFC branch of FIL Distributors International Limited, is regulated by the DFSA for the provision of Arranging Deals in Investments only. All communications and services are directed at Professional Clients only. Persons other than Professional Clients, such as Retail Clients, are NOT the intended recipients of our communications or services. Investments should be made on the basis of the current prospectus and KIID (key investor information document), which are available along with the current annual and semi-annual reports free of charge from our distributors.

Cl3631 CL1305203/NA English T8a



