

Notice

Duration Hedged Share Classes

On 30 January 2017 ESMA (the European Securities and Markets Authority) published an opinion on the share classes of UCITS funds. The ESMA opinion set out various principles that apply to UCITS share classes and stated that, in ESMA's opinion, duration hedged share classes are not compatible with these principles. As a result, duration hedged share classes will no longer be permitted for UCITS funds after a transitional period.

As part of the transitional period, duration hedged share classes must be closed to **new investors only** with effect from 30 July 2017. As a result, duration hedged classes within Morgan Stanley Investment Funds will be closed to new investors from 30 July 2017.

The transitional period will end on 30 July 2018, when all new investment in duration hedged share classes will be prohibited, including from existing investors. Morgan Stanley Investment Management intends to put in place a solution to allow investors access to duration hedged investments prior to this date.

The duration hedged share classes in the MSINVF range can be identified from the D contained in the share class identifier (e.g. AD).