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# FUNDREVIEW

A DETAILED REVIEW FOR CHELSEA INVESTORS



# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Fund Review. The Chelsea research team carry out extensive fund research, conducting one-to-one interviews with fund managers. We grill them on their investment process and style and assess their ability to outperform in differing economic environments. Our research feeds into the fund selection for Viewpoint and our award-winning VT Chelsea Managed funds, but we thought it would be useful to share some of it with our investors.

Fund Review covers more than 200 of our most widely-held funds, grouped into sectors. If you are unsure about which sector a fund lies within, there is an index at the back. We hope you find Fund Review informative and helpful.

## CHELSEA GENERIC FUND RATING

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**BUY**

This indicates a generic, not personal, buy rating for the fund. Chelsea believes the fund could perform above the sector average and that the fund has been, and will continue to be, managed well by the current fund manager. A buy rating is not to be considered as advice on which sector to invest in, nor an indication that funds in that sector are currently performing well.



**HOLD**

This indicates a generic, not personal, hold rating for the fund. The fund could have recently had a change of fund manager and is under review. If the fund has not been performing well recently, Chelsea believes the current fund manager will be able to improve the fund's performance over the long term or their style or investment approach could come back into favour.



**SWITCH**

This indicates a generic, not personal, switch rating for the fund. Chelsea believes that the fund will not perform well in the future and that other funds in its sector will perform better. This could be because of consistently poor past performance and there are no good reasons to believe performance will turn around or because there has been a recent change of fund manager, in whom the team have no confidence.

**CHELSEA RISK RATING**  
■■■■■■ 6.5

Chelsea's research team assesses the overall risk of a fund by analysing a number of factors. Once we have appraised a fund, we then assign it a Chelsea Risk Rating, with 1 as the lowest risk and 10 the highest. The Chelsea Risk Rating is simply a generic guide to the relative risk of funds. It is up to you to determine your optimum asset class mix. The Chelsea Risk Rating is shown in the form of a thermometer and is based on our in-house research.

The Chelsea Risk Rating attempts to quantify the relative risk of funds, to

give you an idea of how risky one fund is versus another. A fund rated five, in the middle spectrum, does not mean it is suitable for medium-risk investors, merely that according to historic volatility, and our understanding of the manager's investment process, we think that it is riskier than a fund rated four, and less risky than a fund rated six. Even funds rated one are subject to risk.

**AMC**  
X.XX%

The Annual Management Charge (AMC) is paid to a fund management company for managing the fund. It is calculated as a percentage of

the value of the fund. The Annual Management Charge is less than the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF).

**OCF**  
Y.YY%

Ongoing Charges Figure, includes the AMC plus other fees, such as registration, regulatory, audit and legal fees but does not include transaction costs and performance fees.

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## CHELSEA RISK THERMOMETER

SECTOR	RISK RATING
Emerging Markets	9-10
Japan	9-10
Technology	8-10
Asia Pacific ex Japan	7.5-10
North American Smaller Companies	7.5-9
European Smaller Companies	7.5-9
UK Smaller Companies	7.5-8.5
Commodities	7-10
North America	6.5-8
Property Equities	6-8
Global Equities	6-8
Europe	6-8
UK All Companies	5-8
UK Equity Income	5-7
Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	5-7
Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	3.5-4.5
High Yield Bonds	3.5-4
Property	3-4
Targeted Absolute Return	2-7
Strategic Bonds	2-4
Global Bonds	2-4
Corporate Bonds	2-3.5
Gilts	2-3
Cash	1

# MARKET VIEW

## Rate cuts, resiliency and risk appetite

They say the best things in life are worth waiting for - but in reality it is never that easy! The first half of 2024 has been trying for investors from a macroeconomic perspective, despite most markets producing a positive return.

The global economy has been dominated by two major themes - monetary policy and growing geopolitical unrest. The former holds major sway over markets as we await a clear path to follow on potential interest rate cuts.

This challenge is exacerbated by central banks not being completely reliable, as evidenced by the US Federal Reserve U-turn in December 2023 (when it announced it was looking at scaling back its policy tightening/rate-hiking approach). It was thought that rate cuts might come in the first quarter of this year; we are now at the start of the third quarter and the Fed is still maintaining reticence within their rhetoric around when they will begin.

Inflation has been stickier than expected. At the start of the year, the market was pricing in the Fed to cut rates seven times in 2024 - I expect we may see one or two at best now. It is true that inflation has fallen to a much more manageable level though, with Europe already cutting rates, while the UK is likely to hold out a little longer following the UK general election. But I'd stress that this is as of writing; rate cuts are expected but not guaranteed.

Meanwhile, geopolitical tensions continue to rise. Russia's invasion of Ukraine shows no sign of coming to an end, while recent tensions between Israel and Iran saw the oil price spike before settling down.

## Resilient equity markets

Having risen almost 12% in the first half of the year\*, performance of global equities has been strong. Many of the Magnificent Seven stocks which were reaping major rewards from the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI) in 2023 have continued their strong performance. But it is one stock in particular (Nvidia) which has stolen the headlines and major growth, to the point where it replaced Microsoft as the largest company in the world. Two pharmaceutical companies, Eli

Lilly and Novo Nordisk, have also been big winners, having led the weight-loss revolution with a new class of drug known as GLP-1. Broadly market leadership remains narrow, with a handful of companies driving returns.

From a regional perspective, the US (15.3%)\* continues to make strides. The UK still looks incredibly cheap, particularly in unloved smaller companies. Although, interest is starting to grow, highlighted by the increased mergers & acquisitions (M&A) we are seeing from private equity businesses.

I've discussed the opportunity within fixed income in my previous update, but with rate cuts yet to take place the window is still open for investors. The potential for rate cuts would have opened the door for capital appreciation, but there is still no clarity.

What impact does this have for corporate bonds? Well, the performance of corporate bonds has two main influences: the government bond yield and the credit spread. The more credit risk in a bond, the more important the macroeconomic environment, while the value of investment grade corporate bonds, which have less credit risk, will be more influenced by the government bond yield.

Credit spreads have continued to tick marginally lower in 2024 as it has become increasingly clear that the major economies will experience a soft landing (avoid a deep recession).

The final area I want to touch upon is commodities. Demand for the likes of copper has reached record highs. The energy transition to a lower carbon world cannot happen without an increased use of metals - the likes of electric vehicles are dependent on this (all electrification needs mining). We also need to consider the importance of metals for the likes of AI. AI can't commoditise commodities and if you want more AI you need more data centres (computing power) and that requires more commodities.

There are opportunities across a number of asset classes, but balance remains the most important thing. Despite all the doom and gloom, markets have shown tremendous resiliency, so my message would be that being too cautious also carries great risk, as those who chose not to invest so far in 2024 have already found out.

\*Source: T. Rowe Price Market Recap - figures to 28 June 2024



# FUNDREVIEW

## UK ALL COMPANIES

### ARTEMIS SMARTGARP UK EQUITY *Managed by Philip Wolstencroft*

This is a portfolio of 70-100 stocks which invests predominantly in UK equities, regardless of size. Philip has managed the fund since 2010 and is also the creator of SmartGARP®, a stock-screening tool behind a number of funds at Artemis, looking at a combination of factors, such as company valuations, how fast they are growing and whether they are beating expectations or suffering profit warnings. The typical characteristics of the portfolio would be to target stocks that are on lower valuations than the market but are also growing faster than the market average. SmartGARP® is quite a stylistic process, so tends to work well when markets are trending but can struggle at times. However, this fund has sustained excellent long-term performance.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £468.7M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	YIELD 3.43%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### ARTEMIS UK SELECT *Managed by Ed Legget, Ambrose Faulks*

This fund is a concentrated portfolio of the best 40-50 stocks found by Ed and Ambrose, as they aim to combine top-down macroeconomic views with fundamental bottom-up analysis. The fund has a multi-cap approach and targets individual stocks for which managers believe they have a non-consensus insight. This means the fund will never hold a stock just because it represents a significant proportion of its benchmark. In addition to this, the fund also has the ability to hold short positions in selected holdings where the managers believe a company may have negative prospects and can consequently make money from a falling share price. Ed and Ambrose have an excellent long-term and short-term track record.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION CORE ○	FUND SIZE £2,420.8M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	YIELD 2.73%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### ARTEMIS UK SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by Andy Gray, Henry Flockhart*

This fund invests in companies that are in recovery, need re-financing or are suffering from investor indifference. The managers view 'problem investments' as potential opportunities to find hidden value. The fund typically invests in 60-70 stocks, with the managers favouring small and medium-sized companies, due to the fact they are not as widely researched - meaning there is more chance of finding that hidden value. Meeting company management is a crucial element of the investment process. The fund's value style had led to many years of difficult performance, but this has improved, with the fund recovering much of its underperformance. Andy Gray has been managing the fund since 2014, with fellow manager Henry Flockhart joining in July 2022, prior to former manager Derek Stuart's departure at the end of 2023.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £559.3M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	YIELD 1.75%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### AXA FRAMLINGTON UK SELECT OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Chris St John, Nigel Yates*

Chris first joined the UK team at AXA Framlington in 2005 and became manager of this fund in 2019. The fund typically has a bias in favour of growth stocks, although valuations remain an important consideration. The fund is multi-cap and has an overweight to mid- and small-caps. It has around 60 holdings. The fund has been fighting a style headwind recently and performance has been weak.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £580.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	YIELD 2.11%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### BLACKROCK UK *Managed by Adam Avigdor, David Goldman*

Adam and David took on management of this fund in April 2024 from former manager Roland Arnold. The managers primarily look for two types of stocks in this concentrated fund; those exhibiting structural growth, such as through disrupting an industry, or those which have a competitive advantage and so are able to maintain their position of strength. While the managers invest mostly in the UK, they will have up to 20% of the portfolio in overseas companies if the best opportunities lie outside the UK stock market. In total, the portfolio will have 35-55 holdings. The fund will have a quality growth focus, which has led to a relatively difficult period of performance recently.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £461.1M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	YIELD 1.48%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### BNY MELLON UK EQUITY *Managed by Tim Lucas*

Tim Lucas took over management of this fund in May 2024, after the departure of Louise Kernohan and Georgina Cooper. The portfolio predominantly invests in larger UK-listed companies which are leaders in their industries and can offer higher growth than the market. This has led to outperformance coming in falling markets where their holdings can consolidate their positions. This profile led to an underperformance in the market recovery, and the fund is still struggling. The fund also invests a small proportion overseas, which is a differentiator from many peers. We are maintaining the fund's Hold rating while the new manager beds in.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            5.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £547.3M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	YIELD 2.57%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### FIDELITY SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by Alex Wright, Jonathan Winton*

Alex runs this truly multi-cap fund with a value bias. With an unconstrained approach, the portfolio can have significant off-benchmark and overseas investments. Alex favours companies which are likely to have already gone through a sustained period of underperformance, but where further downside is limited and their potential for recovery has been overlooked. This is one of the most famous funds in the market, having been run by Anthony Bolton for many years. The fund's performance has been strong, particularly as the value style has come back into favour.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £2,841.7M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### FIDELITY UK SELECT *Managed by Aruna Karunathilake, Karan Singh*

Aruna has a strong quality bias and a high-conviction approach when picking stocks, using a 'scorecard' to make sure he maintains a strong investment discipline. His process centres on finding mis-priced stocks which have strong underlying fundamentals, but which have been overlooked by the broader market. Although the fund is multi-cap in nature, Aruna tends to have a bias towards large and medium-sized companies. For Aruna, the main goal is to outperform the stock market over the long term while offering better downside protection during tricky periods. He is able to invest up to 20% of his portfolio in companies outside the UK.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £670.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### FTF MARTIN CURRIE UK MID CAP *Managed by Richard Bullas, Daniel Green, Marcus Tregoning*

Richard Bullas has worked on this fund since 2013. More recent co-managers, Dan Green and Marcus Tregoning, would deputize in Richard's absence. The team focus entirely on companies within the FTSE 250 and have no deliberate style bias. They operate with a flexible approach and have a high-conviction portfolio of between 30-50 stocks. The team combine a top-down approach, by taking a macro view that could be independent of any house view, and use this as the framework for their bottom-up stock selection.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £634.2M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 2.77%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### IFSL EVENLODE INCOME *Managed by Hugh Yarrow, Chris Moore, Ben Peters*

This fund's philosophy is all about investing in quality. Co-managers Hugh and Chris, along with deputy manager Ben Peters, believe the market over-obsesses with short-term factors and under-rates quality as a result. They invest in high-return, capital-light businesses. Capital intensive parts of the market, such as oil and gas or mining, are completely ignored. Hugh, Chris and Ben also dislike excessive debt and the fund has very little in financials. These strict requirements result in a small investment universe of only 80 stocks from which the managers create a concentrated portfolio of 40 holdings. This fund has a clear and proven investment process, which has consistently delivered for investors since it launched. Previously called TB Evenlode Income.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 🏆	SELECTION CORE ○	FUND SIZE £3,259.7M	AMC 0.87%	OCF 0.88%	YIELD 2.88%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### IFSL MARLBOROUGH MULTI-CAP GROWTH *Managed by Richard Hallett*

Richard aims to invest in the UK's leading growth businesses, irrespective of their size. He initially identifies long-term structural growth trends and then invests in the strongest market-leading businesses benefiting from them. Unlike other Marlborough funds from this team, Richard runs a much more concentrated portfolio of about 50 holdings. He studiously analyses each company's financial statements to truly understand each business. We think Richard is an excellent stock-picker and his long-term track record with this fund speaks for itself. This fund is very stylistic and vulnerable to the whims of the market, however the fund has performed well over the past year and we are confident that Richard can sustain this performance.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 🏆	SELECTION CORE ○	FUND SIZE 180.7M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 0.72%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### IFSL MARLBOROUGH SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by Eustace Santa Barbara, Guy Feld*

This is a stock-picking fund focusing on fundamental company research. The fund is well diversified, with around 150 stocks to minimise risk. Relatively small positions are taken initially and the managers will then run the winners aggressively, adding to them as their story unfolds. Conversely, losers will be cut quickly. The fund has evolved as it has grown over the years and now invests in both small and medium-sized companies. As such, the fund moved to the All Companies sector, although it did so with spectacularly bad timing just as mid and smaller-cap companies began underperforming heavily relative to the large FTSE 100 names. Therefore, whilst recent performance has certainly been disappointing, it is not an entirely fair reflection. Long-term performance remains excellent. It has been an especially difficult time for mid and smaller-cap companies but we are confident this fund can perform again when they come back into fashion.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 🏆	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £706.6M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	YIELD 1.12%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO INCOME & GROWTH (UK) *Managed by Ciaran Mallon*

Ciaran adopts a conservative approach to the management of this fund by aiming to invest in companies whose prospects are not dependent on an improving economic outlook. He uses an active and unconstrained investment strategy to identify these resilient companies and the result is a 40-60 stock portfolio with a mix of small and large-cap holdings. Ciaran is supported on the fund by the UK equities team at Invesco in targeting companies with sustainable cash flows which aim to deliver a stable and growing dividend. The fund's performance has stabilised, aided by a style tailwind of value investing coming back into favour.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            5.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £330.9M	AMC 0.87%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 3.09%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO UK EQUITY HIGH INCOME (UK) *Managed by Ciaran Mallon, James Goldstone*

This fund was formerly known as Invesco High Income. Ciaran and James became co-managers in May 2020, replacing Mark Barnett following a prolonged period of poor performance. They look for firms that have good cashflow generation and sound fundamentals that are trading on attractive valuations. The fund had suffered from outflows following managerial changes, as well as struggling with an investment style headwind. More recently though, this value style has come back into favour and the fund's performance has improved.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £2,384.2M	AMC 0.87%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 3.60%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### INVESCO UK EQUITY INCOME (UK) *Managed by Ciaran Mallon, James Goldstone*

This fund was formerly known as Invesco Income. Ciaran and James became co-managers in May 2020, replacing Mark Barnett, following a prolonged period of poor performance. They look for firms that have good cashflow generation and sound fundamentals that are trading on attractive valuations. Whilst investing mostly in larger companies, the slightly lower income target enables this fund to buy some smaller-sized firms. The fund had suffered from outflows following managerial changes, as well as struggling with an investment style headwind. More recently though, this value style has come back into favour and the fund's performance has improved.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING            8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,045.1M	AMC 0.86%	OCF 0.86%	YIELD 3.27%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO UK OPPORTUNITIES (UK) *Managed by Martin Walker, Bethany Shard*

This fund was formerly known as Invesco UK Growth. Martin uses a bottom-up, valuation-driven approach to build a portfolio of 50-60 stocks. The portfolio has a large-cap bias and the manager often takes a contrarian view to stock selection. Martin focuses on three areas when determining stock selection. He will consider the structure of the industry and the specific company's position in it; he will use his top-down views to shift the portfolio towards certain sectors; and he focuses on stock market issues, such as company valuations. Martin is a good value manager and performance has been good, assisted by a strong value tailwind.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,413.2M	AMC 0.86%	OCF 0.86%	YIELD 2.80%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JANUS HENDERSON UK ALPHA *Managed by Neil Hermon, Indriatti Van Hien*

This is a high-conviction fund with a bias towards high quality, cash-generative companies in a growth phase. Neil and Indriatti can invest in companies of any size, although they may have a bias towards medium-sized businesses. This is because this area of the UK stock market has historically seen above average earnings growth, companies with decent levels of cash generation and a high incidence of merger and acquisition activity. They look for management teams that are willing to invest capital back into the business in a sensible and consistent manner, and pay close attention to make sure they are not overpaying for a company's growth potential.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £282.9M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD 2.10%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JOHCM UK DYNAMIC\* *Managed by Mark Costar, Tom Matthews, Vishal Bhatia*

Ex-manager of this fund Alex Savvides has departed JOHCM to replace Ben Whitmore on the Jupiter UK Special Situations fund. He has provided some of the best long-term performance of any UK manager over the past 20 years and his departure will be a loss for JOHCM. He has been replaced by Vishal Bhatia, Tom Matthews and Mark Costar at the helm of this fund. Both Mark and Vishal are senior managers of JOHCM's UK Growth fund and have worked alongside Savvides since the UK Dynamic's fund inception. We have downgraded this fund to Hold while we wait to assess the new management.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £517.1M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	YIELD 3.50%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### JOHCM UK OPPORTUNITIES\* *Managed by Michael Ulrich, Rachel Reutter*

This fund has a highly-concentrated portfolio of between 20 and 35 mainly large-cap holdings, which are chosen using a combination of macroeconomic analysis and individual company research. Managers Michael and Rachel have a cautious approach, focusing on high-quality companies with predictable cash flows and robust balance sheets. With this, they will often hold considerable cash positions (up to 20%) if they find markets to be overvalued and struggle to find attractively-priced opportunities. They aim to generate an absolute return over the long term, rather than to beat a benchmark. The process was developed by former manager John Wood.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £120.2M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	YIELD 2.90%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER UK ALPHA *Managed by Ed Meier, Errol Francis*

This fund was managed by Richard Buxton for many years, before he retired in August 2023. However, Ed Meier and Errol Francis worked alongside him on the fund for well over a decade and they have now taken over. So the process remains the same. It's a concentrated portfolio, investing in 30-40 stocks. They generally invest in large-cap stocks, although some mid-caps will be held. They take a contrarian approach, seeking out companies that are out of favour but where they believe that might change.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £336.7M	AMC -	OCF 0.85%	YIELD 3.38%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER UK GROWTH *Managed by Chris Smith*

This fund historically had a bias to cyclical domestic UK businesses, which led to very disappointing performance. The fund has struggled ever since the Brexit referendum in 2016. Chris Smith took over the fund in July 2020 having previously managed the BNY UK Opportunities and BNY Mellon UK equity fund. Chris has now revamped the portfolio and it is now much less geared to domestic cyclicals. However, we have downgraded the fund to a Switch.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £385.1M	AMC -	OCF 0.99%	YIELD 1.47%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER UK MID CAP *Managed by Tim Service, James Gilbert*

The fund has delivered excellent long-term performance but has had a very poor few years. This is the result of a mixture of poor stock selection and out-of-favour style. This has caused heavy redemptions, making the fund difficult to manage. Ex-manager Richard Watts has departed Jupiter to new shores, with James Gilbert and Tim Service coming in to replace him. The fund has now sold all its exposure to private unlisted companies which had previously been a concern for investors.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £435.9M	AMC -	OCF 1.05%	YIELD 1.66%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER UK SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by Alex Savvides (from 07/10/2024)*

Ben Whitmore has decided to leave Jupiter to launch his own value equities boutique. He will be replaced by Alex Savvides on the Jupiter Special Situations fund who will officially arrive from JOHCM in the Autumn. Alex has a similar value-conscious style, seeking companies that have been beaten up by the market but are on the path to sustainable positive change. He has provided some of the best long-term performance of any UK manager over the past 20 years and is a positive appointment for Jupiter.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,445.8M	AMC -	OCF 0.76%	YIELD 3.21%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### LIONTRUST SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by Anthony Cross, Julian Fosh, Matthew Tonge, Victoria Stevens*

This fund has a very clearly-defined investment process, based on intangible strengths. Every stock in the portfolio must have: intellectual property; a strong distribution network or recurring revenues. Anthony and Julian also prefer to invest in stocks where management has a significant personal equity stake. The fund is multi-cap and has an overweight to mid and small-cap stocks. We have supported this fund for a long time and it has given outstanding returns to investors since its launch in 2005.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £3,588.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 1.81%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### LIONTRUST UK GROWTH *Managed by Anthony Cross, Julian Fosh, Matthew Tonge, Victoria Stevens*

The fund is based on the same 'economic advantage' process as the successful Liontrust Special Situations fund. It has a very clearly-defined investment process, based on intangible strengths. Every stock in the portfolio must have: intellectual property; a strong distribution network or recurring revenues. The main difference with this fund, versus Special Situations, is that it has a greater weight to large-cap stocks and much less in AIM and small-cap. Nevertheless there is a high degree of crossover between the two funds. Long-term performance has been strong.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,024.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	YIELD 2.07%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### M&G RECOVERY *Managed by Michael Stiasny, Elina Symon*

The M&G Recovery fund is over 50 years old and has a long history. It is a value fund, which typically looks to buy stocks after they have experienced a substantial share price fall. Despite the strategy's history, and success over the very long term, performance over the past ten years has been very disappointing. Michael Stiasny took over the fund as lead manager in December 2020. Unfortunately the fund has continued to underperform in recent years. This is particularly disappointing given the fund's value style has been back in favour.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £999.8M	AMC 0.00%	OCF 0.69%	YIELD 2.84%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### MI CHELVERTON UK EQUITY GROWTH *Managed by James Baker, Edward Booth, Henry Botting*

Whilst this fund is not very old, James is a veteran of UK small-caps and spent 28 years as a broker. The fund will invest in anything below the FTSE 100, but usually has a lot of small-caps. James initially screens for companies with growth, good cash conversion, reasonable debt and high gross margins. This leaves him and the team with about 250 stocks to analyse. They then undertake more detailed fundamental and valuation analysis. James has excellent knowledge of the small-cap end of the market and this fund has a very sensible process. Due to small-caps more recently being out of favour, this fund has suffered in the past couple of years.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £671.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 1.50%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### MONTANARO UK INCOME *Managed by Guido Dacie-Lombardo, Charles Montanaro*

Montanaro is a specialist in small and medium-sized companies and this fund is no exception. This fund invests in quality growth businesses backed by strong management teams. The fund seeks to grow its dividend over time. One of its differentiating features is the fund's refusal to buy stocks listed on AIM (Alternative Investment Market) as the team believes these are too risky. The final portfolio is 40-50 stocks. Early supporters of this fund, including Chelsea clients, have access to the significantly cheaper seed share class. The eponymous Charles Montanaro has recently handed portfolio management duties over to Guido Dacie-Lombardo though is still heavily involved in the stock selection process giving us confidence to maintain the buy rating.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £568.5M	AMC 0.40%	OCF 0.52%	YIELD 3.40%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### SCHRODER RECOVERY *Managed by Nick Kirrage, Andrew Lyddon*

Long-standing manager Kevin Murphy has left Schroders and Nick Kirrage has replaced him as co-manager of the fund, a role he held previously, from 2006 to 2022, before moving to focus on Schroder's global mandates. Nick and Andrew will look for unloved stocks trading on low prices in this unashamed value fund. To find these, the team will perform in-depth analysis on a company's financial statement, looking to answer seven key questions, ranging from how a company turns profits into cash, to how well it can manage its debt levels. The team do not meet company management, instead they focus purely on the fundamentals and stock valuation. They are therefore willing to be very patient before buying a stock.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £901.3M	AMC 0.91%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD 3.43%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### SCHRODER UK ALPHA PLUS *Managed by Bill Casey, Nick Kissack*

Bill and Nick have run this fund since 2018. Since doing so, they have altered the style from 'value' to 'quality at a reasonable price', and the portfolio is more concentrated. There is still a value influence, exploiting the impatience of market participants who have a tendency to ignore the long-term view. This provides buying opportunities. Valuations are cash-flow centred - an absolute measure of valuation. The managers are looking for stocks with differentiated franchises and the fund has approximately 40 holdings. Following a period of prolonged underperformance, we have downgraded this fund to Switch.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £663.0M	AMC 0.80%	OCF 0.80%	YIELD 1.99%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### SLATER GROWTH *Managed by Mark Slater*

The strategy of this fund is based around having a margin of safety: robust balance sheets and strong cash flows are highly desirable. However, the most important metric they use is the 'PEG' ratio. This ratio looks at a stock's growth rate compared to its valuation. Mark and his team will run a number of quantitative screens to throw up ideas. They will then undertake detailed fundamental analysis on individual companies. This fund typically has a large bias in favour of mid and small-cap stocks. Performance has struggled a bit in the past couple of years, but over the longer term Mark has proven himself to be one of the UK's top fund managers.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £740.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 1.35%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### TROJAN INCOME *Managed by Blake Hutchins, Fergus McCorkell*

Blake Hutchins is now the lead manager of this fund and he is supported by Fergus McCorkell as deputy manager. The fund focuses on preserving investors' capital. It invests in 30-50 high-quality, defensive blue chip stocks, which pay steady streams of income. The fund can invest outside the UK if the team finds stronger alternatives. It aims to provide an attractive dividend payout with the potential for capital growth, and has an excellent track record of outperforming falling markets, but it does typically struggle to keep up when markets rise quickly.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £673.7M	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.02%	YIELD 2.94%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### WS LINDSELL TRAIN UK EQUITY *Managed by Nick Train*

This highly concentrated fund will hold between 20 and 35 stocks and usually has more than 70% of its value in its top 10 holdings. Manager Nick will only ever invest in the highest quality companies available - often with a bias towards large-caps with strong branding power - and is unafraid to avoid entire sectors. This means the fund is highly differentiated from its FTSE All-Share benchmark. Nick will hold his stocks for several years and rarely trades. The fund has some freedom to invest overseas.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £3,473.7M	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.65%	YIELD 2.19%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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# UK EQUITY INCOME

## ABRDN UK INCOME EQUITY *Managed by Charles Luke*

Managed by Charles Luke since 2016, the team seek resilient, high-quality companies with durable income and strong capital growth prospects. They believe the market often systematically underestimates the sustainability of returns from high-quality companies. The fund has the ability to invest up to 20% overseas, which has helped them benefit from holdings such as Novo Nordisk. They maintain a healthy exposure to mid-cap companies, with the team taking care to diversify their capital and income exposure across sectors.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE 531.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	YIELD 3.50%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## ABRDN UK INCOME UNCONSTRAINED EQUITY *Managed by Thomas Moore*

Tom's approach is very different from many of his peers in the sector. Rather than turn to the steady, dividend-paying mega-caps that make up large chunks of the FTSE 100, he is unafraid to look further down the market-cap spectrum and hunt out the income-paying stocks which have been overlooked by other investors, and which have the potential to grow their dividends. We like Tom's focus on the yield of the future, not the income today, but the past few years' performance has been disappointing. Despite the fund's dividend growth objective, it has struggled to deliver reliable dividend growth in recent years. The fund's high OCF is out of line with most of its peers.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £231.0M	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.13%	YIELD 5.65%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## ARTEMIS INCOME *Managed by Adrian Frost, Nick Shenton, Andy Marsh*

This fund has been a stalwart of the UK equity income sector for more than 15 years. Adrian, Andy and Nick focus their analysis on a company's cash flows and how this will drive future dividends. The stocks they buy will have a strong franchise and offer a unique product or service. Meeting management is another important part of the process. The fund is predominantly large cap. A feature of this fund is its willingness to invest up to 20% overseas. This is a solid all-weather fund which has consistently done its job over a very long period.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £4,670.4M	AMC 0.80%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD 3.82%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## AXA FRAMLINGTON MONTHLY INCOME *Managed by James Forbes-Wilson, Chris St John*

The aim of this fund is to produce a monthly income with potential for long-term growth of capital. Following former manager George Luckraft's retirement in April 2024, Jamie Forbes-Wilson was appointed as lead manager, with Chris St John remaining as deputy manager, a role he has held since July 2022. Their objective is to achieve a yield in excess of 100% of the FTSE All Share yield at the fund's year end, on a rolling three-year basis and in excess of 90% on an annual basis. Around 50% of the portfolio invests in FTSE100 and FTSE250 companies, with the remainder mostly in AIM and small-cap companies. The monthly dividend payouts have been consistent and performance of the fund has been steady.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £161.9M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.99%	YIELD 4.78%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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## BLACKROCK UK INCOME *Managed by Adam Avigdor, David Goldman*

Fund managers Adam Avigdor and David Goldman have built a wealth of experience managing this fund together for 10 years. Their investment philosophy is the importance of free cash flow generation, disciplined fundamental research and a high-conviction stock selection. They intentionally avoid bias towards any particular style, factor or economic outcome and focus their investment on stocks that can perform in all business cycles. They primarily find opportunities within large and mid-cap companies and focus their attention on the FTSE 350.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £663.2M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.88%	YIELD 3.59%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## BNY MELLON UK INCOME *Managed by Tim Lucas, David Cumming*

The 40-60 stock portfolio is run with a team-based approach, headed up by Tim Lucas and David Cumming, who joined in November 2021 and April 2022 respectively. It uses a bottom-up, research-driven investment process, with the focus being placed on what the team sees as attractively-valued stocks of companies with good prospects and strong fundamentals. The process chooses from around 150 stocks on the group's buy list, which are recommended by the team of global analysts. This includes a range of UK and overseas names with qualifying yields. The portfolio can invest up to 20% overseas and aims to outperform the FTSE All-Share Index by 2% per annum. The fund will typically do well when value stocks are outperforming.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,631.1M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 4.00%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## CT UK EQUITY ALPHA INCOME *Managed by Jeremy A. Smith*

Jeremy took over this fund in November 2022 following Richard Colwell's retirement after more than 30 years in the industry. This is a contrarian value fund. Jeremy looks for unloved stocks that have the ability to sustainably grow their dividends. He has a disciplined capital preservation mindset and combines macroeconomic views with fundamental stock research. The portfolio is very high conviction with just 25-30 holdings.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £131.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.89%	YIELD 3.65%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## CT UK EQUITY INCOME *Managed by Jeremy A. Smith*

Jeremy took over this fund in November 2022 following Richard Colwell's retirement after more than 30 years in the industry. His investment choices are often contrarian and he will avoid any speculative stocks, even if they are fashionable and have short-term momentum. This fund has historically tended to be overweight consumer services and underweight industrials and financials. It is less concentrated than the CT UK Equity Alpha Income fund, but another solid option for investors.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING RADAR	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £3,132.8M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	YIELD 3.77%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## FIDELITY ENHANCED INCOME *Managed by Rupert Henry Gifford, David Jehan*

Rupert runs this fund in a conservative manner by aiming for 'safety of income at a reasonable price', mostly through investing in solid, blue-chip, dividend-paying companies, where there is a high degree of certainty in future income. It aims to provide a much higher income than most other equity income funds. David is responsible for this and achieves it by using covered call-options: contracts that provide additional income, but which mean foregoing some of the potential growth of a stock. It will lag strongly-rising markets, but should fall a bit less when there is a downturn. While performance has improved, due to a strong value tailwind, there are other valued-oriented funds we prefer in this space.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £222.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD 0.85%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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## FTF MARTIN CURRIE UK EQUITY INCOME *Managed by Ben Russon, Colin Morton, Will Bradwell, Joanne Randse*

This fund is built around a core of high-quality, income-generating companies that has the potential to generate a long-term growing portfolio yield and capital appreciation above the FTSE All-Share Index. The team construct the portfolio from the bottom up; they favour attractively-valued companies with resilient balance sheets and sustainable cash flows. The final portfolio consists of between 40-60 stocks, with around 70% of their holdings being constituents of the FTSE 100 index.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £890.3M	AMC 0.45%	OCF 0.51%	YIELD 4.47%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## IFSL MARLBOROUGH MULTI CAP INCOME *Managed by Siddarth Chand Lall*

This fund invests mostly in small and medium-sized companies, as manager Siddarth believes smaller companies will outperform in the long run. The portfolio is highly-diversified and will hold more than 100 stocks at any one time. Siddarth sources ideas from the team and a network of brokers, studying financial statements and using models to test the sustainability of dividend payments. He and his team constantly reassess these holdings and aren't afraid to sell when they see potential dividend cuts on the horizon. They also prioritise meeting each company management team on a regular basis. Performance has been unreliable and the fund has underperformed a number of other multi-cap income funds.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £471.9M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.78%	YIELD 5.50%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## JOHCM UK EQUITY INCOME\* *Managed by James Lowen, Clive Beagles*

Managers James and Clive have a strict focus on each holding's yield: every single stock in the portfolio requires a higher prospective yield than that of the FTSE All Share index. Their approach leads them to consider a greater proportion of small and medium-sized companies than many of their peers. Looking to buy companies when prices are depressed also gives them a natural contrarian approach, as they often invest in unfashionable areas of the market. This tends to mean the fund is more volatile than its peers, and whilst the fund struggled in the Covid-19 sell-off, it has recovered all of this underperformance as value stocks have come back into favour.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,603.6M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 4.60%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## JUPITER UK INCOME *Managed by Chris Morrison, Adrian Gosden*

This is very similar to the Jupiter UK Special Situations fund, although with more of a tilt to income-paying stocks. Co-managers Adrian Gosden and Chris Morrison took over the fund in April 2024 from Ben Whitmore. They look for stocks which are cheap and out of fashion, using rigorous fundamental research to weed out weak or failing businesses. Due to the fund's bias towards value investing, performance will be better when these types of stocks are in favour. The fund was previously called Jupiter Income Trust.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,348.8M	AMC -	OCF 0.94%	YIELD 4.51%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## MAN GLG INCOME *Managed by Henry Dixon*

This fund has a value-driven approach. It invests predominantly in UK companies of all sizes, but can also invest in continental European companies that derive a substantial part of their revenues from the UK. It also has the ability to invest up to 20% in corporate bonds - a flexibility that sets it apart from the majority of its peers. It has performed exceptionally well since Henry took over in 2013. It has a unique and disciplined investment approach which is applied with skill and pragmatism and its flexible mandate allows the manager to find value in parts of the income market many other managers may ignore, such as smaller companies. Performance has been strong.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,835.8M	AMC 0.75%	OCF -	YIELD 4.90%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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## PREMIER MITON MONTHLY INCOME *Managed by Emma Mogford, Mahgul Ansari*

Fund manager Emma Mogford, supported by assistant fund manager Mahgul Ansari, constructs the portfolio with valuation at the heart of their mandate to generate monthly income. This high-conviction portfolio utilises a bottom-up approach to help identify attractive companies that exhibit quality characteristics. This leads them to companies which have a high return on capital and a sustainable dividend. Typically, they fish in the large-cap space for these opportunities but will also purchase mid-caps, and companies where the market cap is greater than £850m. They manage with a disciplined approach and a checklist of rules to help reduce their susceptibility to biases.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE 434.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.89%	YIELD 4.28%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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## RATHBONE INCOME *Managed by Carl Stick, Alan Dobbie*

The fund has one of the best - if not the best - track records among open-ended funds for paying dividends. Carl maintains a concentrated portfolio of between 30 and 50 holdings, all of which are chosen for their high quality and visibility of earnings. Carl is somewhat of a contrarian investor, so the fund may lag behind while his peers 'catch up with the news'. This approach requires a strong stomach, patience and a good degree of scepticism which, in our view, we think the manager has demonstrated since taking on the fund.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £667.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.78%	YIELD 4.57%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### ROYAL LONDON UK EQUITY INCOME *Managed by Richard Marwood, Joe Walters*

Richard Marwood took over this fund as lead manager in May 2021. He is highly experienced with over 20 years' investing experience. He was joined by deputy manager Joe Walters in April 2024. The fund is high-conviction with around 50 holdings and a large portion of the fund is usually invested in mid-cap stocks. The economic and political environment are important factors which inform the manager's view, but it is stock selection that drives weightings to different sectors. Fund performance has been solid since Richard took over.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,229.7M	AMC 0.72%	OCF 0.72%	YIELD 4.06%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### SCHRODER INCOME *Managed by Nick Kirrage, Andrew Evans*

This concentrated, deep value fund looks outside the traditionally 'safe' stocks which most other income-focused funds will hold. Kevin and Andrew have a very strict valuation discipline and decide whether a company's fundamentals are more attractive than the market has priced them to be. They tend to hold larger companies, although their portfolio is usually very differently positioned from its FTSE All Share benchmark. It is one of the few income funds that has a true value style. The fund's value style meant it struggled during the Covid sell-off but it bounced back strongly as the economy started to recover.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,118.3M	AMC 0.91%	OCF 0.89%	YIELD 4.39%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### SCHRODER INCOME MAXIMISER *Managed by Scott Thomson, Nick Kirrage, Jeegar Jagani, Ghokulan Manickavasagar, Andrew Evans*

This enhanced income fund launched in 2005 and has proved attractive to investors as a way of generating a higher income. The portfolio, which has a yield target of 7%, combines investments in a concentrated basket of high yielding stocks, alongside a covered-call strategy to raise income. The fund can sacrifice some capital appreciation to focus on achieving the higher yield target. It invests in value stocks – typically in areas of the market which are presently ignored or unloved. The fund's value style meant it struggled during the Covid sell-off but it bounced back strongly as the economy started to recover.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £742.1M	AMC 0.91%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD 7.24%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### UNICORN UK INCOME *Managed by Fraser Mackersie, Simon Moon*

With a strong bias towards small and medium-sized companies, this high-conviction fund offers UK investors an alternative way to access UK income-producing stocks. Fraser and Simon aim to build a portfolio of 40-50 holdings and their process seeks to identify 'growth at a reasonable price' through bottom-up stock picking. The team interviews the management of up to 400 companies a year as part of their selection process. Due to its smaller companies exposure the fund is generally more risky than average UK peers. Performance has been mediocre.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £277.9M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 4.59%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## UK SMALLER COMPANIES

### ABRDN UK SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Abby Glennie, Amanda Yeaman*

This fund is managed by Abby Glennie, as lead manager, and Amanda Yeaman, as deputy manager. The fund's focus is on stock selection, utilising a growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that display a range of high-quality characteristics that operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum. Performance has been mixed, in part due to UK smaller companies struggling in recent years, and we have downgraded it to a Switch.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,038.8M	AMC 0.85%	OCF 0.98%	YIELD 1.85%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### ARTEMIS UK SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Mark Niznik, William Tamworth*

Mark and William focus on high-quality companies, which they believe are leaders in their respective fields and have low levels of debt. The fund usually comprises between 70-80 stocks, with the managers targeting the bottom 10% of the UK market by size. This gives them a universe of about 1,300 companies, worth up to £1.5bn, from which to select. The portfolio, which has low turnover, has an informal limit of 3% for the largest holding and the managers will generally trim that holding if it goes past that point, regardless of the valuation of that company. The fund has performed well recently as its value style has come back into favour.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £420.6M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	YIELD 2.10%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### AXA FRAMLINGTON UK SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Dan Harlow, Chris St John*

Like other AXA Framlington funds, lead manager Dan follows a Growth at Reasonable Price (GARP) investment approach. His best ideas come from where potential good news is not reflected in a stock's share price. Stocks are viewed within a thematic framework, with the aim of investing where there are economic tailwinds and structural growth. Performance has been poor, in part due to UK smaller companies struggling in recent years.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £102.1M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	YIELD 1.01%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### FIDELITY UK SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Jonathan Winton*

Lead manager Jonathan has run the fund since 2013, two years after its launch. This is an out-and-out value fund, with the manager focusing on out-of-favour companies that have gone through a period of underperformance but where there are unrecognised growth opportunities. He finds many candidates in the smaller companies space, where a combination of lack of research and market scepticism can leave many companies trading below their true value. Jonathan places a strong emphasis on understanding the downside risk of each potential investment. He chooses stocks where the potential for future upside in the price far exceeds the prospect of further declines. The fund will invest at least 60% in smaller-sized UK companies. The fund has a natural value tilt and has rewarded investors with excellent long-term performance.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £703.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	YIELD 2.08%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### IFSL MARLBOROUGH UK MICRO-CAP GROWTH *Managed by Guy Feld, Eustace Santa Barbara*

This fund is similar to the Marlborough Special Situations fund and run by the same managers with the same focus. The main difference being that it invests further down the market-cap spectrum. The managers do many company meetings and undertake detailed analysis of potential stocks. This portfolio typically holds around 200 companies to reduce stock-specific risk. Relatively small positions are taken initially and the managers will add to the stocks as their stories unfold. Conversely, losers will be cut quickly. The fund has underperformed recently during a very difficult time for UK smaller companies but long-term performance remains strong.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £658.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	YIELD 0.13%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO UK SMALLER COMPANIES EQUITY (UK) *Managed by Jonathan Brown, Robin West*

The fund manager focuses on identifying quality businesses with strong balance sheets, which he deems to be capable of self-help, rather than being overly reliant on the wider economy to stimulate growth. The portfolio, which is not constrained by a benchmark, has typically had a focus on the larger end of smaller companies in the past. Jonathan, who is supported on the fund by deputy manager Robin West and the UK equities team, has taken a cautious approach to the UK market, but believes there remain numerous opportunities to invest in resilient companies to sustainably generate profitable growth.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £500.0M	AMC 0.87%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 2.03%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER UK SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Matt Cable, Tim Service*

Former manager Daniel Nickols retired in June 2024 and the role of lead manager has passed to Matt Cable, with support from Tim Service. The managers combine top-down and bottom-up strategies when making investment decisions. They focus on three key attributes, namely companies that can deliver above-average growth, demonstrate earnings surprise and have the potential to be re-rated relative to the market. The fund's bias to growth stocks has been out of favour recently and performance has been disappointing over the past few years.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £420.4M	AMC -	OCF 1.04%	YIELD 2.08%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### LIONTRUST UK MICRO CAP *Managed by Anthony Cross, Julian Fosh, Matthew Tonge, Victoria Stevens, Alex Wedge*

This fund employs the proven 'economic advantage' investment process to micro-caps - a part of the market that tends to be under-researched. The same process is used very successfully in other funds run by the same team. Focus is on profitable companies with a strong distribution network, high recurring revenues and a strong brand and the team places an emphasis on company meetings. With around 60 holdings, the fund is well-diversified which may help to lower volatility. Performance has been consistently impressive since launch in 2016.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £125.1M	AMC 1.25%	OCF 1.25%	YIELD 0.57%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### LIONTRUST UK SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Anthony Cross, Julian Fosh, Victoria Stevens, Matthew Tonge, Alex Wedge*

This fund uses Anthony and Julian's long-established Economic Advantage investment process. Each holding in the portfolio should exhibit one or more difficult-to-replicate criteria. The three main traits they are looking for are intellectual property, strong distribution channels and/or significant recurring revenues. The managers hunt for these opportunities among FTSE Fledgling, FTSE Small Cap and FTSE AIM companies. If any of the fund's holdings are promoted to the FTSE 250 index, the managers will hold them until a suitable replacement is found. The five managers favour companies where directors own at least 3% of their own business, as they believe it is a good motivator and aligns their interests with those of their shareholders. Long-term performance is outstanding.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,056.0M	AMC 1.25%	OCF 1.32%	YIELD 0.85%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### SCHRODER UK DYNAMIC SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by James Goodman*

James Goodman took over management of this fund from Iain Staples in December 2023. He takes a bottom-up stock-picking approach, predominantly targeting companies in the lower 10% of the market in terms of size. The portfolio is concentrated for a small-cap fund, investing in 50-70 stocks at any one time. Emphasis is given to businesses with a differentiated product, resilient barriers to entry and executives who align their interests with those of other shareholders through equity ownership. Company meetings are an integral part of the process. Performance has been below average in a competitive sector and we will monitor the new manager's progress.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £157.1M	AMC 0.92%	OCF 0.92%	YIELD 1.70%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### SCHRODER UK SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Andrew Brough*

Andy aims to invest in businesses with strong franchises that have an ability to finance their own growth internally. He avoids companies with risky financing strategies and over-heating sectors where firms' earnings are being eaten away by high levels of competition. Scarcity in the value of a business idea is critical to his selection. Scarce value weathers economic cycles and commands pricing power, reaping healthy profit margins that can then be reinvested for growth. The manager does exploit cyclical movements if the opportunity arises. The portfolio holds approximately 100-130 holdings. Performance has been consistently mediocre and there are other funds in the sector that we prefer.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £363.3M	AMC 0.91%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD 1.55%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### WS GRESHAM HOUSE UK MICRO CAP *Managed by Ken Wotton, Brendan Gulston*

This fund has been managed by Ken since 2009, leveraging off a wider team of 50 investment professionals to take advantage of its private equity expertise and to find some truly unexplored ideas. Ken only holds around 50 companies which is very unusual for a smaller companies fund. He sticks to sectors where the team has expertise, which makes it a very different portfolio to anything else in the sector. At the point of investment, most companies are between £50m and £250m in size, but Ken and Brendan will continue to hold successful investments that have grown beyond this. We like the uniqueness of the fund and the strength of the team behind it. Previously called LF Gresham House UK Micro Cap.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £196.4M	AMC 0.90%	OCF 0.96%	YIELD 0.52%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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<sup>^</sup>Investment into this fund will likely exhibit a price spread of up to 5%.



# EUROPE EXCLUDING UK

## ARTEMIS SMARTGARP EUROPEAN EQUITY *Managed by Philip Wolstencroft*

This is one of a number of funds at Artemis which uses its proprietary investment tool SmartGARP®. It screens the market for European companies with the most attractive financial characteristics. It also helps to promote timely and objective decision-making. Philip predominantly invests in attractively-valued growth companies across continental Europe, though the fund can invest in businesses listed in other countries, including the UK, to a lesser extent. The portfolio does not have a specific country or sector bias, but traditionally has a strong tilt towards value stocks, with the manager looking specifically for cheaper stocks with good news flow. SmartGARP® is quite a stylistic process, so tends to work well when markets are trending but can struggle at inflection points.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£218.0M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.87%</b>	YIELD <b>2.48%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## BLACKROCK CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN *Managed by Giles Rothbarth, Stefan Gries*

Giles and Stefan are supported by a large and very well-resourced European research team, which has a large number of portfolio managers and sector analysts covering all market areas. The primary emphasis is on investing in businesses with high and predictable returns with strong cash conversion. As a result, the fund typically has a bias to quality growth stocks. Ideas are generated from screens, team analysts and external research. The final portfolio is usually between 35 and 65 stocks, which tend to be large-cap. Performance has been consistently good over the long and short term.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£1,405.0M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.90%</b>	YIELD <b>0.40%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## BLACKROCK CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN INCOME *Managed by Andreas Zoellinger, Brian Hall*

Andreas and Brian identify undervalued stocks that offer sustainable dividends, potential dividend growth and inflation protection. They work with the 21-strong European equity team to undertake individual stock analysis, looking for companies with good management, a strong competitive position and good financial discipline. The managers will actively manage the portfolio to find a balance of companies with large, but secure dividends, and those able to grow dividends faster than the average company.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE <b>£1,536.8M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.91%</b>	YIELD <b>3.68%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>QUARTERLY</b>
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## BLACKROCK EUROPEAN DYNAMIC *Managed by Giles Rothbarth*

Before taking over sole charge of the fund in January 2020, after Alister Hibbert stepped down as lead manager, Giles had worked with Alister for over a decade and co-managed the fund with him since 2015. The process is highly intricate and in-depth, with numerous steps including external and in-house screening tools, as well as producing weekly data packs on company fundamentals, sectors, countries, volatility and commodities. This is made possible through BlackRock's extensive European research team, which has a large number of portfolio managers and sector analysts covering all market areas. The result is a fairly concentrated portfolio of between 35 and 65 stocks. The fund has a completely flexible investment style which has produced good returns over the long term.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE <b>£4,693.3M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.93%</b>	YIELD <b>0.91%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## CT EUROPEAN SELECT *Managed by Benjamin Moore*

This is a high-conviction fund that invests in high-return, top-quality businesses. The main emphasis is on finding businesses which can raise prices in any environment. Manager Ben largely ignores macroeconomic factors, preferring to focus on researching individual companies and avoids industries with high regulatory uncertainty, such as banks or telecoms.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE <b>£1,447.2M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.79%</b>	YIELD <b>0.76%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## FIDELITY EUROPEAN *Managed by Samuel Morse, Marcel Stotzel*

Sam has run this fund for almost a decade now (supported by deputy manager Marcel Stotzel) and aims to identify attractively-valued companies that exhibit good long-term structural growth prospects and that he believes can grow their dividends over the next three to five years. In order to identify them, Sam looks for four main characteristics: positive fundamentals (structural growth prospects, a proven business model, disciplined use of capital); the ability to generate cash; a strong balance sheet; and an attractive valuation. The resulting portfolio will hold around 40-70 companies, and is a core European holding.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE <b>£4,479.4M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.91%</b>	YIELD <b>1.27%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>BI-ANNUALLY</b>
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## FIDELITY SUSTAINABLE EUROPEAN EQUITY *Managed by Vincent Durel, Aela Cozic*

Vincent Durel (supported by deputy manager Aela Cozic) looks for resilient businesses run by disciplined management teams. The fund will consist of a concentrated portfolio of 35-50 stocks from across the market-cap spectrum which he will select based on their attractiveness rather than what country they are listed in. As such, the fund will not be constrained by a benchmark. Vincent will consider each of the environment, social and governance factors to improve investor returns over the long term. Due to a period of sustained underperformance, this fund has been downgraded to a Switch.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£326.1M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.86%</b>	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## IFSL MARLBOROUGH EUROPEAN SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by David Walton, Tom Livesey, Steve Robertson*

David has totally reformed this fund since he took over as primary manager in 2013. He focuses on the fundamentals of individual companies, rather than making calls on particular countries or sectors. Whilst the name of the fund is multi-cap, David finds many of his best ideas in the micro-cap and small-cap parts of the market. The fund has a bias to growth but it is also disciplined when it comes to valuation. Initial positions are no more than 2% of the fund and it is well diversified with around 110 holdings. We think David is a top stock-picker who can continue to deliver. This fund was previously known as Marlborough European Multi Cap.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE <b>£293.7M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.80%</b>	YIELD <b>2.18%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## INVESCO EUROPEAN EQUITY (UK) *Managed by James Rutland, John Surplice*

The fund is run by John Surplice and James Rutland who took over in March 2020. The managers use a blend of top-down analysis and bottom-up fundamentals to judge the best companies, which are set to benefit from both a price re-rating and macroeconomic tailwinds over the next three years or so. This fund has a strict valuation discipline and this has been a severe headwind in recent years as the fund's style has been out of favour. However, the fund has performed better recently as the value style has bounced back.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£1,713.4M</b>	AMC <b>0.88%</b>	OCF <b>0.88%</b>	YIELD <b>2.78%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## JANUS HENDERSON EUROPEAN MID AND LARGE CAP *Managed by Marc Schartz*

This fund has recently been renamed to reflect the mid and large-cap approach of the strategy. Marc has been a portfolio manager on Janus Henderson's European Equities Team since 2017. When positioning the portfolio, he focuses on each stock's absolute valuation, rather than how expensive it is compared to an index or to its peers. To determine whether or not a stock is attractively priced without using a point of comparison, he focuses on whether it's a good business, has a favourable financial model, is well-managed and has a track record of treating minority shareholders well. He also has a keen focus on finding companies which can survive economic downturns. The fund will typically hold between 40 and 60 stocks at any one time. The fund was previously called Janus Henderson European Growth.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£796.3M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.85%</b>	YIELD <b>1.50%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## JANUS HENDERSON EUROPEAN SELECTED OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by John Bennett (until August 2024), Tom O'Hara, Tom Lemaigre*

Veteran fund manager John Bennett has decided to hang up his boots after 12 years at the company and 43 years in the industry. He will be succeeded by his co-manager of four years, Tom O'Hara, and Tom Leamaigre in August. There is set to be no change to the investment process nor any significant change to the portfolio. The fund mostly holds out-of-favour companies trading on cheap valuations. We have downgraded the fund to a Hold while we assess the change of management.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£2,138.8M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.85%</b>	YIELD <b>1.50%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>BI-ANNUALLY</b>
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## JPM EUROPE DYNAMIC EX UK *Managed by Jonathan Ingram, Blake Crawford, Alexander Whyte*

This fund is jointly co-managed by Jon Ingram, Blake Crawford and Alex Whyte. They look to exploit persistent market anomalies through a combination of disciplined quantitative and rigorous fundamental analysis. They view this as their investment 'edge'. From a style perspective, the fund screens as fairly core with a slight growth tilt. Their primary focus is on understanding if a potential stock has value, quality and/or momentum characteristics. The outcome of their analysis and company meetings, which they view as integral to their research process, is a final portfolio of around 50 stocks.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£496.6M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.85%</b>	YIELD <b>1.76%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## JUPITER EUROPEAN *Managed by Mark Heslop, Mark Nichols*

Mark Nichols and Mark Heslop, who worked together at Threadneedle, have run this fund since 2019 following the departure of long-standing manager Alexander Darwall. The strategy has an emphasis on 'special companies' which leads to the fund having a bias towards quality and growth. The portfolio remains similar, albeit with a few changes, and the fund remains highly concentrated. The top 10 holdings typically account for more than 50% of the value of the fund.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING RADAR	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£3,072.7M</b>	AMC -	OCF <b>0.99%</b>	YIELD <b>0.48%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## JUPITER EUROPEAN SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by Mark Nichols, Sohil Chotai*

This fund is run by Mark Nichols and Sohil Chotai who worked together previously at Threadneedle. This strategy has some similarity with the approach of the Jupiter European fund, looking for quality growth companies with strong market positions which will lead the market over a three to five-year time period. The number of holdings has been reduced to between 30-40, with position sizes increased to between 2%-5%. The fund will have an increased exposure to newer areas of growth such as digital payments and e-commerce. The fund has been downgraded to a Switch due to a prolonged period of underperformance.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£228.7M</b>	AMC -	OCF <b>0.99%</b>	YIELD <b>0.40%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## LIONTRUST EUROPEAN DYNAMIC *Managed by James Inglis-Jones, Samantha Gleave*

The fund has been managed since launch in November 2006 by James and he was joined by co-manager Samantha in 2012. They had previously worked together at Fleming Investment Management and they have 40 years of combined investment experience. They run a concentrated, equally-weighted portfolio of European companies, with the aim of delivering capital growth over the long term. They look for attractively-valued companies that generate significantly more cash than they need to sustain their planned growth and which are run by capable company managers who are committed to using cashflow in an intelligent manner, in the belief that cashflow is the key to long-term growth. Both short- and long-term performance has been impressive.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE <b>£1,522.5M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.86%</b>	YIELD <b>2.39%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## MAN GLG CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN GROWTH *Managed by Rory Powe, Virginia Nordback*

This is a high-conviction stock-picking fund. As the name suggests, the fund has a heavy bias to growth stocks. Rory and Virginia invest in quality companies with a high or rising market share and a sustainable competitive advantage. They avoid companies which don't control their own destiny. This leads to an underweight in financials, energy and material stocks. Rory and Virginia have over 50 years' combined industry experience. Long-term performance on the fund remains strong, and shorter-term performance has held up relatively well, despite a style headwind.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£1,139.8M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF -	YIELD <b>0.26%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## PREMIER MITON EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Carlos Moreno, Thomas Brown, Russell Champion*

This is a multi-cap fund with a strong bias towards mid-cap growth companies. The portfolio is concentrated at 40-55 stocks, with each position limited to 4% for risk purposes. Carlos, Tom and Russell look for quality companies, which they define through having competitive advantages such as a leading product or strong brand. These firms will be in control of their own destiny rather than being reliant on the wider economic background. This allows them to grow revenues ahead of their peers, generating better profit margins and producing higher returns on capital. The fund has a heavy style bias towards growth and mid-caps and investors should be aware that the fund may underperform when this is not in favour.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE <b>£1,233.9M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.82%</b>	YIELD <b>0.15%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>BI-ANNUALLY</b>
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## EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES

### BARINGS EUROPE SELECT TRUST *Managed by Nicholas Williams, Colin Riddles, Rosemary Simmonds, William Cuss*

The four-strong team, headed by Nick, sift through more than 5,000 continental European smaller companies using a screening process which filters out illiquid and excessively volatile stocks and leaves them with a universe of about 600. From here, they look for four key company traits: strong growth prospects, good quality management, proof that the business is growing because of its own operations, and that it is valued below the market average. Nick strongly believes in the benefits of meeting company management; he and the team meet up with each company before deciding to invest.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£583.5M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.81%</b>	YIELD <b>2.00%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>BI-ANNUALLY</b>
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### CT EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Mine Tezgul*

Following her appointment as co-manager in December 2019, Mine Tezgul has now stepped up to take full management duties. The fund works on the belief that smaller companies in Europe are often under appreciated by the market. Mine seeks to capitalize on this by using a top-down approach in which she combines an assessment of the macroeconomic environment with Porter's Five Forces. This identifies companies with dominant market positions which enables them to utilise pricing power to their advantage. She believes that a mixture of these factors gives these businesses the ability to achieve sustained growth. The fund will have between 70-100 holdings. Performance has been mediocre over the past few years.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£276.7M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.88%</b>	YIELD <b>0.86%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### INVESCO EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES (UK) *Managed by James Matthews, Michael Oliveros*

This fund has been run by James Matthews and Mike Oliveros since July 2023, following Erik Esselink's departure. James was previously co-manager of this fund with Erik for over three years. The fund has a growth tilt and will invest in both mid and small-cap stocks. It has delivered exceptional long-term performance for investors.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£192.1M</b>	AMC <b>0.80%</b>	OCF <b>0.80%</b>	YIELD <b>1.20%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### SCHRODER EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Luke Biermann*

Luke uses a bottom-up approach to build a portfolio of small-sized European companies. The team's belief is that the universe of smaller companies is diverse and constantly changing, and that it offers exposure to niche areas that often cannot be accessed through larger companies. There is no style or geographic bias, but the manager does favour companies with strong earnings growth and quality management teams. Luke may also invest in companies headquartered outside of the continent (including the UK), but which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profit from Europe. Performance has been consistently mediocre during the manager's tenure and we have decided to downgrade it to a Switch.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£110.8M</b>	AMC <b>0.94%</b>	OCF <b>0.95%</b>	YIELD <b>0.99%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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## NORTH AMERICA

### AXA FRAMLINGTON AMERICAN GROWTH *Managed by Stephen Kelly, David Shaw*

This fund has a strong growth bias and aims to invest in companies exhibiting genuine organic growth. It is mainly invested in large-caps but does have some mid-caps as well. About a third of the fund is currently invested in technology. Stephen benefits from AXA's strong resources in specialist areas such as technology, biotechnology and healthcare. This fund has performed well and has been helped by the extremely strong performance of US tech companies over the past few years. The fund does have a heavy style bias to growth and investors should be aware that the fund may underperform when this is not in favour.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 🏆	SELECTION CORE Ⓞ	FUND SIZE <b>£1,142.9M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.81%</b>	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### BAILLIE GIFFORD AMERICAN *Managed by Gary Robinson, Tom Slater, Kirsty Gibson, Dave Bujnowski*

Like other Baillie Gifford strategies, this fund invests in growth stocks. The team is co-managed by four managers who look for innovative companies disrupting industries, giving them the potential to grow by a multiple of their current size, and then having the conviction to hold these businesses for the long term. The portfolio is highly concentrated with around 50% of its value in its top 10 largest positions. This is a very volatile, stylistic fund. The fund has suffered a severe drawdown in the past few years as its growth style has gone heavily out of favour. Long-term performance remains strong.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 🏆	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE <b>£2,883.8M</b>	AMC <b>0.50%</b>	OCF <b>0.52%</b>	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### CT AMERICAN SELECT *Managed by Tiffany Wade*

Management of this fund switched to Tiffany Wade in April 2024. She joined Columbia Threadneedle in 2010 and is a senior portfolio manager on several large-cap strategies. Stock picking will be the primary driver of performance, with Tiffany attempting to neutralise other attribution factors such as sector weights through the portfolio construction. As such, the fund will have a similar profile to the benchmark, but a different set of companies. Tiffany's tenure is very recent, so the fund remains a Hold while she settles in.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£898.7M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.82%</b>	YIELD <b>0.31%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### FIDELITY AMERICAN *Managed by Jon Guinness, Sam Thomas*

Jon Guinness manages the fund with Sam Thomas. They aim to combine the strength of Fidelity's research team with their own experience – Jon has worked at Fidelity for over 15 years – to build a concentrated portfolio of growth stocks which have the ability to lead their industries. The managers work closely with the Fidelity analysts team to conduct fundamental stock research. The fund has consistently underperformed its peers over a sustained period.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£919.6M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.80%</b>	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### FIDELITY AMERICAN SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by Rosanna Burcheri, Ashish Bhardwaj*

Rosanna Burcheri, lead manager, and Ashish Bhardwaj, deputy manager, have been managing the fund since September 2021. They look for stocks which have fallen out of favour but which offer downside protection through their resilient balance sheet. The portfolio is focused, with typically around 50-60 stocks. The managers follow a clearly defined process, focused on valuation. The fund's strong value bias means it can underperform when this style is out of favour.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£633.2M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.86%</b>	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### FIDELITY INDEX US *Managed by Geode Capital Management*

This is a low-cost tracker fund which aims to match the performance of the S&P 500 over time. The US market is dominated by some of the largest companies in the world and has historically been a very efficient market, where only the very best active managers have outperformed. A tracker fund, such as this, is a cost-efficient way to access this market. Fidelity has a strong track record in this space and this fund is particularly cheap.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION CORE Ⓞ	FUND SIZE <b>£5,497.0M</b>	AMC <b>0.06%</b>	OCF <b>0.06%</b>	YIELD <b>1.05%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>QUARTERLY</b>
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### FTF CLEARBRIDGE US EQUITY INCOME *Managed by Michael Clarfled, Peter Vanderlee, John Baldi*

This fund scours the US market for companies that provide the best dividend-paying total return opportunities for the portfolio. The managers can own companies that don't currently pay dividends, but that they believe have the potential to do so. Key attributes in companies that they look for are pricing power, high ROIC and a dominant brand or market presence. They fish predominantly in the mid and large-cap space and seek to limit portfolio turnover to capitalize on the potential for long-term growth. As a result, the portfolio has between 40-60 names and around a 20% annual turnover.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£105.7M</b>	AMC <b>0.67%</b>	OCF <b>0.77%</b>	YIELD <b>1.96%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>1.96</b>
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### FTF CLEARBRIDGE US VALUE *Managed by Samuel Peters, Jean Yu, Reed Cassidy*

Fund managers Sam Peters, Jean Yu and Reed Cassidy are at the helm of this fund that scours for value opportunities in the US market. Their focus is on large US companies that have a market cap of over \$5bn. Within this universe, they aim to 'embrace uncertainty' by buying meaningfully undervalued stocks with dynamic changes not appreciated by the market. The output of their process is a diversified portfolio of between 40-70 names, with the fund having a significant active share.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£41.3M</b>	AMC <b>0.67%</b>	OCF <b>0.75%</b>	YIELD <b>0.89%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### FTF MARTIN CURRIE US UNCONSTRAINED *Managed by Robbie McNab, Zehrid Osmani*

The fund (previously called Legg Mason IF Martin Currie North American fund) was taken over by Robbie McNab and Zehrid Osmani in 2019 and its investment approach was radically altered. It is a very high-conviction, concentrated portfolio of just 20 to 25 holdings and has a long-term (5-10 year) investment time horizon, which cuts out short-term noise from the market. The managers invest in large and mid-cap companies typically benefiting from long-term secular themes such as cloud computing. They look for companies with quality characteristics which can grow sustainably, with resilience to the wider economic outlook, with an aim to capture the trends of demographics, technological change and resource scarcity, utilising a proprietary fundamental research tool. Performance has suffered in recent years and we have downgraded the fund to a Hold.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING RADAR 🚧	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£121.8M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.82%</b>	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### FTGF CLEARBRIDGE US AGGRESSIVE GROWTH *Managed by Evan Bauman, Aram Green, Amanda Leithe*

Amanda Leithe joined fellow co-managers Aram Green and Evan Bauman in May 2024, having previously been a senior analyst on the fund. This is a unique, high-conviction, buy and hold growth portfolio, consisting of a concentrated top 10 holdings, with a tail of smaller incubator ideas, resulting in an overall portfolio of between 50 and 70 stocks. The managers have a long-term view, with companies often held for 10 years or more. The fund had grown in size considerably but then experienced outflows, and the fund subsequently underperformed. In particular, two key sectors of healthcare and biotech, which feature heavily in the fund, suffered, leaving the fund with a difficult combination of large holdings in small positions amongst the backdrop of outflows.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£153.7M</b>	AMC <b>0.65%</b>	OCF <b>1.14%</b>	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### JANUS HENDERSON US GROWTH *Managed by Doug Rao, Nick Schommer, Brian Recht*

Doug and Nick have been managing this fund together since December 2017, following the merger between Janus Capital and Henderson Global Investors, and they were joined by Brian in February 2022. The investment philosophy of the Denver-based trio focuses on long-term capital growth through a concentrated portfolio of large US companies. The managers seek growing companies with a sustainable competitive advantage and pay close attention to management teams, preferring those with an owner-operator mindset. Performance was impressive in the managers' first few years of tenure but their investment style has recently been out of favour and performance suffered in 2021 and 2022. More recently short-term performance has improved.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£389.1M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.85%</b>	YIELD <b>0.10%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>BI-ANNUALLY</b>
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### JPM US EQUITY INCOME *Managed by Clare Hart, Andrew Brandon, David Silberman*

This fund targets an above-average income by investing in a diverse range of established stocks. The managers, along with a huge team of analysts, filter down the whole US market into a portfolio of 85-110 stocks. They keep an astute eye on risk management, with a diverse spread of names to ensure a stable, above-market yield. The strength and depth of the analyst resource, and experience of the managers, means this fund can achieve an income whilst also participating in long-term capital growth. Clare Hart will be retiring in September, leaving Andrew and David to continue co-managing the fund, as they have done since both joining the fund in November 2019.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 🏆	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£3,366.5M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.79%</b>	YIELD <b>0.79%</b>	YIELD PAYMENT <b>QUARTERLY</b>
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### LIONTRUST US OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Mark Hawtin, Kevin Kruczynski*

Kevin and Mark took over the management of this fund in May 2024 after the departure of George Boyd-Bowman. The portfolio is made up of approximately 40-60 North American companies, which may include Canadian businesses, as well as those based in the US. Stock selection is at the fund managers' discretion, although traditionally it is expected to reflect the company's wider sector and macroeconomic views. The investment process is based on the belief that technological disruption will heavily impact global stock markets in future. The managers focus on three different categories of digitalisation beneficiaries: the disruptors (growth orientated), and embracers and enablers of digitalisation (mix of growth, value and more cyclical opportunities). Formerly known as Neptune US Opportunities.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE <b>£244.4M</b>	AMC <b>0.75%</b>	OCF <b>0.87%</b>	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT <b>ANNUALLY</b>
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### M&G NORTH AMERICAN DIVIDEND *Managed by John Weavers, Stuart Rhodes*

While the fund only invests in stocks that yield, lead manager John focuses on dividend growth, rather than high-yielding stocks. The idea being that it will provide you with a growing income, rather than a high income. The US market generally doesn't yield as much as the UK, but because dividends are lower, dividend cuts are fewer and he has a large universe from which to select stocks. His stocks fall into three buckets: the largest bucket being quality companies with reliable growth (initial yield tends to be good, with steady upside); asset-backed cyclical companies (tend to have a lower initial yield but good potential) and structural growth stocks (again with a lower initial yield but strong growth potential).

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £742.0M	AMC -	OCF 0.61%	YIELD 0.93%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### PREMIER MITON US OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Nick Ford, Hugh Grieves*

Hugh and Nick focus on companies which have a sustainable competitive advantage versus their peers. No matter whether the sector they operate in is very large or rather niche, it's about choosing the companies which are the best in their field. While they allocate a significant amount of their portfolio to small and medium-sized companies, they will avoid start-ups or immature businesses, focusing on company fundamentals such as good and growing turnover, a balance sheet with plenty of headroom and where valuation is not reflecting the company's prospects. The fund typically holds around 35-45 stocks. The process and strategy is well considered, with a methodical valuation discipline, however the fund's small- and mid-cap bias, and lack of large-caps, has hurt performance recently. Nick Ford is due to retire in September and Hugh will be joined by Alex Knox.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,587.8M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	YIELD 0.17%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### SCHRODER US MID-CAP *Managed by Robert Kaynor*

New York-based Robert 'Bob' Kaynor and his team of analysts look for companies which have been under-appreciated by the market, but have attractive growth prospects, low levels of debt and strong profit margins. They diversify these with two other types of stock: lower-growth but less volatile 'steady eddies' and struggling companies which are likely to undergo a transformation. Because the latter is less predictable, it will only account for less than 10% of the portfolio at any one time. It is one of the few funds in the sector to focus on mid-caps, and because of this bias, and a lack of large-caps, performance has recently been affected.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £850.5M	AMC 0.91%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD 0.08%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### SCHRODER US SMALLER COMPANIES *Managed by Robert Kaynor*

Robert 'Bob' Kaynor, who is supported by a very experienced team, takes a bottom-up approach, blending under-priced growth companies with slower growing, more reliable 'steady eddies'. He will also hold up to 20% of the portfolio in potential recovery or turnaround stocks. The portfolio usually invests in 100-150 stocks, 80% of which will be small-sized US companies. The fund may also invest in small-sized Canadian companies. The fund's balance of styles has led to some difficult periods for the fund, though over the long term we expect it to perform broadly in line with its peers

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £698.1M	AMC 0.92%	OCF 0.92%	YIELD 0.05%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### UBS US EQUITY *Managed by Joe Elegante, Joyce Kim, Adam Jokich*

This fund is pitted against the Russell 1000 index rather than the S&P 500, so it tends to have a larger exposure to mid-caps than many of its peers. The managers look for companies which they think have been undervalued by the stock market, believing that a firm's actual value will not change nearly as much as its price in the short term. The managers utilise UBS's 20-strong research team to predict each holding's future cash flows. They also prioritise healthy balance sheets, trustworthy and capable management teams, and the dependability of each company's client base. The result is a portfolio of between 60 and 90 stocks. The fund's investment style has been in favour, bringing the fund closer in performance to the sector average.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £175.2M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	YIELD 0.30%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## ASIA PACIFIC EXCLUDING JAPAN

### ABRDN ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY *Managed by Flavia Cheong, Louis Lu, Pruksa Iamthongthong, James Thom, Christina Woon*

This fund is run by a 40-strong investment team, who are based in numerous countries across the Asia Pacific region. The portfolio typically holds 50-70 quality companies, which are often large or medium-sized. The team do not trade on short-term market movements and keep turnover to a minimum. The focus on quality means the team searches specifically for companies with strong financials and simple, scalable business models. Performance has been poor. Previously called ASI Asia Pacific Equity.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £815.7M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD 1.40%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### BAILLIE GIFFORD PACIFIC *Managed by Roderick Snell, Ben Durrant*

This is a growth fund which focuses on making long-term investments. Like other Baillie Gifford strategies the emphasis is on identifying growth opportunities. However this fund is also quite pragmatic - it is willing to buy more cyclical stocks such as miners. It is also not just a buy and hold strategy; when the facts change or better opportunities arise they will shift the portfolio. The fund has between 50 and 100 holdings and is typically very different to its benchmark. Long-term performance is excellent.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £3,304.2M	AMC 0.65%	OCF 0.71%	YIELD 1.57%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### BNY MELLON ASIAN INCOME *Managed by Zoe Kan*

Zoe Kan has been managing this fund since 2016. She adopts an unconstrained approach and typically holds between 40-70 stocks with a focus on capturing real and sustainable income. The fund operates a research-driven, bottom-up investment process. It also has strict yield discipline and seeks to ensure the portfolio delivers a yield in excess of the FTSE AW Asia Pacific ex-Japan index. Any existing holding whose prospective yield falls below a 40% discount to the yield achieved on the comparative index will be sold. Short-term performance has suffered after a period of outperformance.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £849.6M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	YIELD 3.82%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### FIDELITY ASIA *Managed by Teera Chanpongsang*

Teera is a quality growth investor, investing mainly in large-cap stocks. He has the support of Fidelity's large in-house research team, providing him with an edge in his bottom-up stock selection process, in a region that can be under-researched. Meeting management plays a key part in his decision making and he looks for companies trading below their intrinsic value, either because improving conditions are not reflected in the price, or the growth potential is not fully understood by the wider market. He looks for restructuring and turnaround opportunities, as well as cyclical turns in certain industries. The fund did struggle for a few years, both due to the style being out of favour and also due to stock-picking errors, but more recent performance has improved.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £2,612.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.93%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### FIDELITY ASIA PACIFIC OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Anthony Srom*

Singapore-based Anthony Srom manages this high-conviction fund of around 30 stocks. Anthony has a contrarian instinct and understanding other investors' sentiment is a key factor in his decision making. Stock selection is based on three factors: fundamentals; sentiment and valuation. Anthony carefully considers the prospects for different industries before making any investment. The portfolio is constructed to ensure good diversification, despite the small number of holdings in the portfolio. The fund invests across the market-cap spectrum but around two thirds of the holdings are in large caps. Anthony has delivered excellent long-term performance since the fund's launch in 2014 and it is one of our favourite funds in the sector.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,613.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.90%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO ASIAN (UK) *Managed by William Lam*

Valuation is paramount for William and his team. Many of their best ideas will come from unloved areas of the market. However, they will also invest in growth stocks where they are deemed to be trading below fair value. The fund has a strict valuation discipline and investments will be sold once they reach estimated fair value. They target a double-digit annualised return from each investment. This fund has a clear and disciplined process and performance has been consistently strong.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £2,177.7M	AMC 0.90%	OCF 0.90%	YIELD 1.87%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO PACIFIC (UK) *Managed by Tony Roberts, William Lam*

This fund is run by Tony Roberts and William Lam. They place a significant emphasis on valuation and bottom-up stock analysis as the duo focus on building a high-conviction portfolio whilst retaining an absolute return focus. The fund is unusual in that it can invest in Japan, though it is not constrained by a benchmark. The fund has delivered sustained strong performance and we feel confident that it is in good hands.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £298.4M	AMC 0.91%	OCF 0.75%	YIELD 1.56%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER ASIAN INCOME *Managed by Jason Pidcock*

Well-known Asian income manager Jason Pidcock combs the Asia Pacific market in search of large companies with reliable dividends that can deliver both income and growth for investors. The fund is not afraid to hold much more or less of certain countries than its benchmark. Most notably, Jason is currently not investing in China, given the geo-political tension, which is a huge underweight versus his peers and benchmark. The fund continues to deliver very solid performance. It is a reliable, more defensive fund but performance is likely to continue to be very different to the peer group and benchmark.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,723.7M	AMC -	OCF 1.01%	YIELD 3.74%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### SCHRODER ASIAN ALPHA PLUS *Managed by Richard Sennitt, Abbas Barkhordar*

Richard took on the role of lead manager in 2021 from long-standing manager Matthew Dobbs (who retired in early 2021), whom he worked alongside for many years, and has been joined by Abbas as assistant manager. Richard looks to exploit stockmarket inefficiencies, with a macroeconomic overlay, to build a concentrated portfolio of between 50-70 predominantly large-cap companies from the Asian region, drawing on ideas from Schroder's large, high quality in-house research team as well as brokers. The manager believes long-term returns are driven by valuation considerations, but he is willing to exploit other opportunities if the investment case is strong enough. The fund is unconstrained and Richard avoids taking very large positions in more volatile companies.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,323.1M	AMC 0.94%	OCF 0.96%	YIELD 1.64%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### SCHRODER ASIAN INCOME *Managed by Richard Sennitt*

Richard focuses on companies which have been under-priced by the broader market because of short-term fears, but have attractive underlying fundamentals. Most of these stocks already have attractive yields at purchase, but Richard isn't afraid to buy stocks which he thinks are dividend stars of the future. Its income-seeking mandate means it tends to be less volatile than many of its peers, however it does lead the fund to lag growth markets, which are often led by the technology names which rarely yield attractive dividends.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,313.8M	AMC 0.92%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD 3.95%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### STEWART INVESTORS ASIA PACIFIC LEADERS SUSTAINABILITY *Managed by David Gait, Sashi Reddy*

This fund's philosophy is to invest sustainably for the long term. It is completely benchmark agnostic, leading to its move into the Specialist sector. Corporate governance is paramount and most stocks will not meet the fund's strict criteria. The team favours steady growers which can compound over the longer term. The fund only invests in large and mid-cap stocks and the resulting concentrated portfolio has about 40-60 names. It has delivered excellent long-term performance and we think the fund's focus on stewardship and sustainability will continue to deliver over the long term.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £6,636.5M	AMC 0.80%	OCF 0.84%	YIELD 0.79%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## INDIA/INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

### FIDELITY INDIA FOCUS *Managed by Amit Goel*

This is a focused fund where the performance is driven by the stock-picking ability of the fund manager, aided by the strong regional coverage of Fidelity's analysts. Amit favours high-quality companies with scalable business models and strong management track records. However, they have to be available at reasonable valuations. He also keeps an eye on macro indicators, especially for cyclical companies, to understand their stage in the business cycle. The fund has suffered from prolonged underperformance, so we are downgrading it to a Switch.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £2,178.8M	AMC 0.80%	OCF 1.04%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### GS INDIA EQUITY PORTFOLIO *Managed by Hiren Dasani*

This multi-cap fund's objective is to capture the growth potential of the Indian economy and it has a slight bias to small and medium-sized firms. It focuses on investing in sound businesses and company meetings on the ground in India are a crucial part of the process. It is an all-weather fund with a well-resourced and experienced team based on the ground in India and Singapore. Hiren Dasani began managing the fund in June 2013. Based in Singapore, he joined the company in 2007 and is also co-head of the emerging markets equity team. He has built a strong track record and we think this is an attractive Indian equity option.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £3,094.4M	AMC 0.85%	OCF 1.04%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER INDIA *Managed by Avinash Vazirani*

Avinash takes a 'growth at a reasonable price' approach, looking for companies that will benefit from structural changes in the country. Companies are analysed based on their cash-flow generation, to establish the quality of their earnings and viability of their share price. Avinash's holdings will have market dominance, but with cost discipline and strong governance - something that can be missing with some Indian firms. The fund's bias towards small and medium-sized firms had hurt performance, leading to outflows. The latter has stabilised and the performance has markedly improved. We have upgraded it to a Hold.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,769.8M	AMC -	OCF 0.99%	YIELD 0.12%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### STEWART INVESTORS INDIAN SUBCONTINENT SUSTAINABILITY *Managed by Sashi Reddy, David Gait*

This fund invests in companies which are either based in, or have major operations in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Bangladesh. Sashi Reddy and David Gait look for companies which fully understand how the ongoing development of the Indian subcontinent could impact their business, and that are positioned to benefit from, and contribute to, the sustainable development of the countries in which they operate. They tend to have a concentrated portfolio of around 35 stocks, which are chosen from across the market-cap spectrum. The managers aim to find the highest quality companies possible, and each of these are chosen with a time horizon of at least five years. They focus on making absolute returns, rather than trying to beat a benchmark. Long-term returns are excellent.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £729.4M	AMC 0.85%	OCF 0.93%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## CHINA/GREATER CHINA

### FSSA GREATER CHINA GROWTH *Managed by Martin Lau, Helen Chen*

This fund focuses on individual company research. Martin and Helen invest in quality companies with barriers to entry, pricing power and sustainable growth. The fund is managed with a long-term sustainable mindset. Governance is very important, although the managers are willing to invest in state-owned enterprises where governance is shown to be improving. The fund also has a strict valuation discipline. The overall portfolio is usually between 50-60 stocks. Over the long term this fund has consistently been one of the best performers in the sector. Given the single country nature of the fund it can be volatile.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 	SELECTION CORE 	FUND SIZE £453.8M	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.09%	YIELD 1.68%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO CHINA EQUITY (UK) *Managed by Raymond Ma*

This fund is very concentrated and will hold between 30 and 60 stocks. Fund manager Raymond Ma took over from Mike Shiao in July 2023. Alongside Invesco's Greater China equities team, he is based on the ground in Hong Kong and Taipei, so can conduct regular company meetings and in-depth analysis of each firm. The manager believes there are plenty of market inefficiencies, most of which are caused by sentiment swings and can therefore be exploited through careful research. They only look to invest in high-quality, defensive companies with unique products, but which are underpriced.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £139.4M	AMC 0.89%	OCF 0.89%	YIELD 1.54%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JANUS HENDERSON CHINA OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Victoria Mio*

This fund scours the Chinese market for value opportunities, looking for companies with positive earnings outlooks not yet recognised by other investors. Mio, who was appointed manager of the fund, and Head of Greater China Equities at Janus Henderson, in February 2024, captures these investment opportunities as political, social and technological forces drive changes in the Chinese economy. She is Singapore-based, so is well situated to conduct one-to-one meetings with company management as required.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £185.1M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 1.10%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS

### ABRDN EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY *Managed by Joanne Irvine, Nick Robinson, Devan Kaloo, Kristy Fong*

Abrdn benefits from an effective research infrastructure with six offices located in emerging market countries. The team always meets and interviews company management before investing and looks to hold them for five years or so, with larger companies most typical. Abrdn also takes an active interest in corporate governance, collaborating with companies to ensure best practice. Integral to the process is finding the sweet spot between the risk in buying a poor company and overpaying for a good one. Previously called ASI Emerging Markets Equity.

 <b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £600.6M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 1.30%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### ALLIANZ EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY *Managed by Florian Mayer, Erik Mulder*

This fund invests across all countries in the MSCI Emerging Markets index, though up to 20% of the fund can also be invested into developed economies or other emerging economies outside the benchmark. The fund can also invest up to 30% in the Chinese A-Share market. Performance has improved in recent years which has led to a recovery in the medium-term numbers.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £129.8M	AMC 0.88%	OCF 0.98%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### GQG PARTNERS EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY *Managed by Rajiv Jain, Brian Kersman, Sudarshan Murthy*

All the funds at Florida-based GQG Partners are led by founder and veteran fund manager Rajiv Jain. The fund is a concentrated portfolio of high-quality companies with durable earnings. The team emphasises the importance of future quality, rather than companies which have simply done well historically. As a result, they screen for stocks with stable financials and solid balance sheets. They also utilise a team of investigative journalists and specialist accountants to help give them an edge in examining companies.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE 	SELECTION CORE 	FUND SIZE £2,458.3M	AMC 0.90%	OCF 1.04%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT -
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### M&G GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS *Managed by Michael Bourke, Alice de Charmoy*

Michael Bourke took over as lead manager in 2018, with Alice de Charmoy as deputy. The fund's strategy is based on the premise that individual companies, rather than macroeconomic events, will drive markets. Potential stocks are split into four different baskets: struggling businesses undergoing change; companies with high and sustainable returns; firms benefiting from long-term sector themes, and research-driven companies which are outperforming their peers. After a challenging start under their tenure, performance has since been consistently impressive, aided by a more value-style tailwind.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £622.0M	AMC -	OCF 0.77%	YIELD 2.37%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### STEWART INVESTORS GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS LEADERS *Managed by David Gait, Jack Nelson*

David and Jack took over the fund in April 2022 following a sustained period of underperformance. They both bring with them a wealth of experience in this region. The philosophy of the fund is to invest sustainably for the long term and it is completely benchmark agnostic. The team favours steady growers, and corporate governance is paramount. The resulting concentrated portfolio has about 40-50 names. The managers will also invest in developed market companies if enough of their sales come from emerging markets.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £457.9M	AMC 0.65%	OCF 0.72%	YIELD 0.91%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## JAPAN

### FTF MARTIN CURRIE JAPAN EQUITY *Managed by Paul Danes, Reiko Mito*

Paul Danes has been managing this fund since 2022, when the previous manager, Hideo Shiozumi, retired. He is based in Singapore, has over 18 years of prior experience in Japanese equities, and is also fluent in Japanese. Reiko Mito is Head of Japan Strategy and Research, and co-manages this fund. The fund is run according to Shiozumi's philosophy, and few changes have been made since his departure. Unfortunately, the performance of the fund has been consistently poor since the new managers took over. This is due in part to the severe small-cap, domestic growth style headwind, but it doesn't fully account for the fund's underperformance.

 <b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £167.3M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 0.34%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JPM JAPAN *Managed by Shoichi Mizusawa, Nicholas Weindling, Miyako Urabe*

This is a domestic Japanese growth fund. When selecting stocks Nick, Miyako and Shoichi incorporate a thematic approach, built from their on-the-ground knowledge and understanding of Japanese culture. The managers are benchmark agnostic and avoid 'old Japan' preferring younger companies with better corporate governance. Meeting management and understanding their culture is very important. The fund has a small and mid-cap bias. Stocks are sold when an investment case breaks down or when they get too expensive. This is one of our favourite Japanese funds. All three co-managers are based in Japan and have a very clear and understandable investment approach.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION CORE 	FUND SIZE £882.9M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 0.58%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER JAPAN INCOME *Managed by Dan Carter, Mitesh Patel*

Dan has established a clear and consistent process since taking on the fund in 2016. He was joined by co-manager Mitesh in January 2020. The fund is designed to find companies with the ability, and willingness, to grow their dividends. To do this, the managers will identify financially stable companies, with quality management teams and a competitive advantage in their industry. Most stocks will be linked to a long-term structural theme. Dan and Mitesh engage with management to effect positive change, using formal correspondence to encourage firms to move to a progressive dividend policy. The fund has delivered good long-term performance.

 <b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         9.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,124.5M	AMC -	OCF 0.98%	YIELD 2.16%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### M&G JAPAN *Managed by Carl Vine, Dave Perrett*

M&G Japan invests in Japanese firms of any size, with a bias towards small and mid-caps. The managers, Carl Vine and David Perrett, who have worked together for many years, concentrate their efforts on really getting under the skin of the businesses they look at, which adds value in an esoteric market like Japan, and leads to a concentrated portfolio of companies (typically fewer than 50 holdings) of which they have a real in-depth understanding. The fund is unconstrained with regards to the benchmark, so may deviate significantly from the benchmark's constituents. The fund has a slight value bias and has consistently outperformed under Carl's tenure.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £3,229.1M	AMC -	OCF 0.49%	YIELD 1.26%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### MAN GLG JAPAN CORE ALPHA *Managed by Jeff Atherton, Adrian Edwards, Emily Badger, Stephen Harget*

Veteran manager Jeff Atherton has been managing Japanese funds for over three decades, with Adrian supporting him as co-manager on this fund since 2014. Emily and Stephen joined as co-managers in June 2023. The fund consists of between 40-60 holdings that are nearly all large-cap in nature. The team endeavours to generate sustainable alpha by implementing a contrarian and value-focused approach to investing. In practice, this refers to buying stocks that are undervalued and out of fashion. The process is bottom-up and not driven by macroeconomic or sector preferences. The fund is heavily biased to the value style of investing.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £2,214.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF -	YIELD 1.65%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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## GLOBAL

### ARTEMIS SMARTGARP GLOBAL EQUITY *Managed by Raheel Altaf*

Raheel Altaf has been managing this fund since April 2022, previously as a co-manager with Peter Saacke, who retired in June 2024. This fund uses Artemis's proprietary investment tool, SmartGARP®, to invest in a diversified portfolio, principally from developed markets. The in-house software screens 6,000 listed global equities which the manager deems easy enough to buy and sell for a fund of this size. The screening tool specifically searches for companies which are cheaper than the market, have the potential to grow faster and, crucially, have a catalyst which may convert an undeveloped situation into a higher share price. Before investing, the manager will carry out research to ensure the investment case behind the SmartGARP® recommendation is valid. The portfolio typically has a mix of large and mid-cap stocks. This fund was previously known as Artemis Global Growth.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £525.7M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.89%	YIELD 2.44%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### BAILLIE GIFFORD GLOBAL DISCOVERY *Managed by Douglas Brodie, Luke Ward, Svetlana Viteva*

This fund invests in global smaller companies with very high growth prospects. Douglas focuses on businesses which are highly innovative and capable of changing the world in some way; this means the fund tends to have significant weightings in the technology and healthcare sectors. As such, it is positioned very differently from its peers and can be more volatile, so is not for the faint-hearted. Over the past three years this fund has had an extremely difficult time, as both smaller companies and growth investing have gone heavily out of favour. In light of this underperformance, they have spent time analysing their investment process, with the aid of the risk team, and have made some adjustments. As a result, they now have fewer holdings, selling out earlier if stocks don't perform. Also when stocks outperform, they will trim back sooner, so that positions don't get too big.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £488.7M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### BAILLIE GIFFORD POSITIVE CHANGE *Managed by Lee Qian, Kate Fox, Apricot Wilson, Edward Whitten, Thaiha Nguyen*

Lee Qian and Kate Fox are supported by Edward Whitten, Thaiha Nguyen and Apricot Wilson to run this fund which looks for high-quality companies addressing society's long-term challenges. As with most Baillie Gifford funds, they will take a long-term approach, building a concentrated portfolio of 25-50 stocks from around the globe, from four impact areas: social inclusion & education, environmental needs, healthcare and economic growth. They will look to hold companies for at least five years to enable this change to play out. The fund will be highly growth orientated.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,989.8M	AMC 0.52%	OCF 0.53%	YIELD 0.30%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### FIDELITY GLOBAL SPECIAL SITUATIONS *Managed by Christine Baalham, Tom Record*

Christine and Tom officially took on the management of this fund in March 2024 from veteran manager Jeremy Podger, following his retirement. The fund's philosophy and process have remained largely the same. Investment opportunities are categorized into three pillars: corporate change – spotting a big structural change in a business; compounding value – returns driven by free cash flow and sustainable growth and unique businesses – ability to scale with an exceptional growth opportunity. The fund is still well diversified, however, the team has signalled that the portfolio will be more concentrated than before. The short positions have also been removed.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDCALIBRE RATING RADAR	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £3,359.2M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### FIDELITY SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL EQUITY *Managed by Cornelia Furse, Matt Egerton*

Following the retirement of Jeremy Podger in March 2024, and the departure of Jamie Harvey, Cornelia Furse took over as primary manager of the fund in August 2023. She was joined by deputy manager Matt Egerton in March 2024. This fund's philosophy centres on the premise that global equity markets are semi-efficient and that mispriced growth potential can be exploited. They believe that the companies addressing the greatest environmental and social challenges have the potential to deliver strong, long-term growth with less risk. This is a quality growth style, global mid-cap fund which holds between 40-60 different stocks. This fund was formerly known as Fidelity Global Focus.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £483.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### FUNDSMITH EQUITY *Managed by Terry Smith*

Terry runs this concentrated global equity fund following three simple rules - first, invest in good companies. These will be generating high levels of cash and reinvesting to grow the business and protect their position. Secondly, don't overpay. Thirdly, do nothing. Terry will hold stocks for as long as rule one stays true, and keeps costs down by only trading when necessary. The fund will have between 25-40 stocks. We like the clear process, and this fund is a favourite of Chelsea clients.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         6	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £25,219.9M	AMC 0.90%	OCF 0.94%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY *Managed by Chris Elliott, James Knoedler*

Evenlode focuses exclusively on 'quality' companies, which are characterised by their ability to achieve sustainable growth over time while minimising the need for additional capital reinvestment. This fund is a concentrated portfolio of these quality companies from across the world. The fund has benefitted from having two very impressive fund managers at its helm, and has enjoyed impressive performance since its launch in July 2020.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         6	FUNDCALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £438.0M	AMC 0.85%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD 0.55%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO GLOBAL EQUITY (UK) *Managed by Andrew Hall*

Andrew Hall took over this fund in 2019 and has re-worked the process. This a bottom-up fundamental stock picking fund. The team favours high quality compounding businesses and dislikes stretched balance sheets. They will invest in high quality cyclical stocks. They are dynamic and will trim and add to the portfolio as valuations move. Performance has been excellent since Andrew took over.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         6.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,615.7M	AMC 0.87%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 0.33%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### INVESCO GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES (UK) *Managed by Michael Oliveros, Global Smaller Companies Group*

Previously at M&G, Michael Oliveros joined Invesco in the summer of 2023 and took over leadership of this fund. The fund is managed with a larger number of holdings than their peers, with around 250 names in the portfolio. Their stock selection approach focuses on looking for companies that have competitive advantages, moats and a share price that they feel gives them a margin of safety. Europe and the UK have been popular hunting grounds for finding these opportunities since Michael took charge.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £546.0M	AMC 0.90%	OCF 0.90%	YIELD 0.67%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JANUS HENDERSON GLOBAL SELECT *Managed by Julian McManus, Christopher O'Malley*

Julian McManus joined the fund in February 2023, and Christopher joined him in January 2024, on George Maris' departure. The portfolio typically comprises between 40-60 stocks, with no specific benchmark focus. Investments are made with the aim of having exposure to long-term secular growth trends, driven by innovation or demographics. Valuations are assessed based on cashflow, balance sheet strength and long-term earnings growth. The fund's long-term and short-term performance numbers remain solid. The fund was previously called Janus Henderson Global Equity.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £709.3M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD 0.80%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JOHCM GLOBAL SELECT\* *Managed by Christopher Lees, Nudgem Richyal*

This is an unconstrained best ideas fund, which selects stocks from across 350 companies owned by other JOHCM managers. Christopher and Nudgem undertake detailed country, sector and stock analysis. They then identify which factor has the biggest effect on the stock over time. Their philosophy is: beware the 'good house in a bad neighbourhood'. The final portfolio is made up of 40 to 50 roughly equally-weighted stocks. This fund has a very well defined, strong and unique investment process which has unfortunately not been translated into consistent returns over the past few years.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,169.8M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER ECOLOGY *Managed by Jon Wallace*

This was the first authorised green unit trust to be launched in the UK, in 1988. Jon has been managing the fund since February 2021 having joined Jupiter in 2009 and is part of Jupiter's Environmental Solutions team. The fund invests globally, aiming to provide capital growth with the prospect of income, focusing on companies whose products and services address global sustainability challenges. The team believes that the world's growing population will continue to put pressure on natural resources such as water, land and energy, thus creating long-lasting investment opportunities. Up to 30% of the portfolio can be invested in other assets which don't fall into this category.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £711.2M	AMC -	OCF 0.80%	YIELD 0.31%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER FUND OF INVESTMENT TRUSTS *Managed by Richard Curling*

Richard aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing principally in investment trusts and other closed-ended investment companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. The fund is both high conviction and global in nature and typically comprises 50-60 stocks. The fund targets anomalies and exploits opportunities within the sector by focusing on discounts, management capabilities, corporate actions and capital structure. The fund does not focus purely on trusts investing in stocks and shares but also in some 'alternative' areas where private investors might find it difficult to get exposure - for example trusts not listed on the stock exchange or frontier markets.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £100.8M	AMC -	OCF 2.12%	YIELD 0.96%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE EQUITIES *Managed by Abbie Llewellyn-Waters*

Abbie has been the manager of this fund since its inception in April 2018, having joined Jupiter in 2006. The fund is an unconstrained, high-conviction, global equity strategy which invests in companies leading the transition to a more sustainable world. The outcome of the investment process is a portfolio that is aligned with three key frameworks: the UN Sustainability Development Goals, the UN Global Compact and aligned with Net Zero as set out by the Paris Agreement. The fund has a quality bias and between 35-45 stocks in the portfolio.

	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7.5	FUNDCALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £450.1M	AMC -	OCF 0.71%	YIELD 0.83%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### LINDSELL TRAIN GLOBAL EQUITY *Managed by Michael Lindsell, Nick Train, James Bullock*

Managed by the co-founders of the business, Michael Lindsell and Nick Train, they run this highly concentrated portfolio of 25-30 global equity stocks, with the help of co-manager James Bullock. Nick and Michael recently committed to work for another seven more years. The fund has a bias towards developed countries and the managers focus on 'exceptional' businesses they believe have sustainable models and/or established resonant brands. They find most of their opportunities in consumer branded goods; internet, media and software; pharmaceuticals and financials. Turnover is typically very low and the portfolio will look very different from its benchmark. The fund has an excellent long-term track record.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £4,319.3M	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.67%	YIELD 1.11%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### M&G GLOBAL THEMES *Managed by Alex Araujo*

Following a turbulent period, with four managers in six years, Alex Araujo took over this fund in January 2019, which was previously known as M&G Global Basics. As part of the change, the fund revised its investment approach. Under Alex, who also runs the M&G Listed Infrastructure fund, this fund will invest in four structural trends: demographics; environment; infrastructure and innovation. It will also have environmental, social and governance factors (ESG) integrated into the investment process.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £2,298.8M	AMC -	OCF 0.94%	YIELD 1.02%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### NINETY ONE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT *Managed by Graeme Baker, Deirdre Cooper*

Managers Deirdre Cooper and Graeme Baker have an almost unique approach in this fund, looking for companies which are benefiting from, and contributing to a more decarbonised economy. The process is incredibly in-depth, looking throughout the entire supply chain of the company for carbon emissions, as well as a thorough analysis of the company financials. The fund will only have 20-40 stocks from across both emerging and developed markets.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,729.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### NINETY ONE GLOBAL FRANCHISE *Managed by Clyde Rossouw, Abrie Pretorius, Elias Erickson, Paul Vincent*

With this fund, the managers believe few companies can compound investor wealth above the market over the long term and they build a concentrated portfolio of 25-40 of them. They will be high quality - demonstrated by their good balance sheets and dominant positions in their industries - but still be attractively valued and well run. These companies will be identified through bottom up, fundamental analysis and will naturally tilt towards consumer staples, healthcare and IT companies. The managers expect these companies will show immunity to economic cycles and can perform regardless of the outlook. Clyde has been managing the fund since October 2012 and he was joined by co-managers Elias, Paul and Abrie in April 2024.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £162.3M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### RATHBONE GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by James Thomson, Sammy Dow*

James, with the support of assistant fund manager Sammy Dow, looks for innovative growth companies of all shapes and sizes: these should be differentiated, scalable and have sustainable growth, while shaking up their industries. There are no restraints on geography or sector, but James tends to have a bias towards mid-sized companies in developed markets, which he describes as his sweet spot. He usually avoids companies in emerging markets, only investing in them if he has extremely strong conviction. The fund is a concentrated portfolio of 40 to 60 holdings and has a defensive bucket of holdings that are less economically sensitive, with slower and steadier growth prospects, for risk management purposes. We have supported this fund for many years and James has always delivered good long-term performance.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £3,992.8M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.77%	YIELD 0.35%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### T. ROWE PRICE GLOBAL FOCUSED GROWTH EQUITY *Managed by David J. Eiswert*

This growth fund focuses on innovation, looking at secular change and finding the companies that stand to benefit from those changes, as well as avoiding the firms whose businesses are being disrupted. Manager David Eiswert, with the assistance of a considerable analyst resource spread globally, builds a portfolio based on key themes. They look for companies which are improving, seeking those with the potential for above average and sustainable rates of earnings growth. As a former tech manager, David finds opportunities in sectors such as IT, consumer discretionary and healthcare, but will be underweight in energy and materials.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £413.4M	AMC 0.65%	OCF 0.84%	YIELD 0.10%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### WS BLUE WHALE GROWTH *Managed by Stephen Yiu, Daniel Allcock*

Managed by Blue Whale co-founder Stephen Yiu, who is supported by Daniel Allcock, this is a truly active fund with a very concentrated portfolio of just 25 to 35 stocks. The fund only invests in the highest quality businesses, although Stephen pays close attention to valuations. He also ignores structurally challenged industries or businesses. The fund may be young, having been launched in September 2017, but the execution of the process and its performance has been good so far. We like the team's disregard for any sort of benchmark, their willingness to be pragmatic and the fund's ability to adapt. Previously called LF Blue Whale Growth.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,137.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## GLOBAL EQUITY INCOME

### ARTEMIS GLOBAL INCOME *Managed by Jacob de Tusch-Lec, James Davidson*

This fund is truly global in nature, with Jacob and James building a portfolio of 60-90 stocks across more than 25 countries. The structure of the fund typically sees the managers hold a mixture of medium and large - rather than extra-large - companies, as these companies tend to offer greater potential for both income and capital growth. Companies are sourced by looking for high cash-flow, before the macroeconomic and sector outlook is analysed. After a few years of underperformance, the fund has done well in recent years, and over the long term.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,356.4M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 4.21%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### BNY MELLON GLOBAL INCOME *Managed by James Lydotes*

James Lydotes took over as manager in September 2023 from Jon Bell and Robert Hay. The investment philosophy of this portfolio is centred on themes and long-term structural changes which can impact the broader economy, such as demographic shifts or technological disruption. The fund adopts strict yield criteria; every one of the 40-70 holdings will yield at least 25% more than the FTSE World index. These companies will need to have sustainable competitive advantages, sound fundamentals, and be attractively valued. The fund was formerly known as Newton Global Income.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £3,424.3M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	YIELD 3.26%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### FIDELITY GLOBAL DIVIDEND *Managed by Daniel Roberts*

Dan has managed this fund since its launch in 2012. He is a chartered accountant and prefers simple understandable businesses with clear cash flows and strong balance sheets. This leads him to a natural bias against financial stocks which can be both complex and highly levered. Dan aims to build a portfolio which is more defensive than the market. We like his clear focus and his willingness to ignore parts of the market which do not meet his strict investment criteria. Since launch the fund's performance has been strong but, equally impressively, it has also been one of the least volatile in the sector.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £3,076.0M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	YIELD 2.79%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### FIDELITY GLOBAL ENHANCED INCOME *Managed by David Jehan, Fred Sykes, Jochen Breuer, Vincent Li*

This fund was previously a mirror of the Fidelity Global Dividend fund but with the addition of a covered call overlay which boosted the yield. In 2021 the fund was passed to a new management team under David Jehan (co-manager of Fidelity Enhanced Income), Fred Sykes (manager of Fidelity European Dividend), Jochen Breuer (manager of Asian Dividend) and Vincent Li. The fund continues to use a covered call strategy to boost its income yield at the expense of capital growth, investing in quality business for the long term with an emphasis on preserving capital. Performance has been reasonably solid if unspectacular.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       5.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £231.3M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.94%	YIELD 5.48%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### GUINNESS GLOBAL EQUITY INCOME *Managed by Matthew Page, Dr Ian Mortimer*

This fund has a concentrated portfolio of 35 stocks, all of which are equally weighted to minimise stock-specific risk. Managers Ian and Matthew adopt a 'one in, one out' policy to portfolio construction, which means that when they add a company, they simultaneously have to have high conviction in the new idea and enough reason to sell an existing holding. The fund has a bias towards high-quality stocks and filters out companies based on their business model and balance sheet strength, rather than their dividend yield. Ian and Matthew tend to hold stocks for between three and five years and their clear, simple, repeatable process has led to consistent outperformance.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £4,558.1M	AMC 0.77%	OCF 0.77%	YIELD 2.61%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME *Managed by Ben Peters, Chris Elliott*

With a similar mandate to the IFSL Evenlode Income fund, which Ben also co-manages, this global version, which Ben and co-manager Chris have run since its launch in 2017, has a clear investment philosophy. They focus on quality, cash-generative businesses, typically favouring defensive sectors like consumer staples, and avoiding cyclical sectors such as financials, basic materials and energy. They take a long-term approach and are not afraid to be radically different from their benchmark, which we applaud. The portfolio is highly concentrated with 30 to 45 stocks, however, these holdings will usually have large diverse international revenue streams, thereby mitigating risk. We also like the fund's objective to grow the dividend in the future. Formerly called TB Evenlode Global Income.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,765.0M	AMC 0.84%	OCF 0.84%	YIELD 2.15%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### INVESCO GLOBAL EQUITY INCOME (UK) *Managed by Joe Dowling, Stephen Anness*

Stephen replaced Nick Mustoe on this fund at the end of 2019 and he was joined by co-manager Joe Dowling in February 2023. The fund adopts a 'total return' approach, seeking to deliver a combination of above average income as well as capital growth. It is invested in what Stephen and Joe believe to be strongly cash-generative businesses, paying above average dividend yields, with sustainable business models. Driven by bottom-up stock selection, the managers seek to minimise risks arising from global macroeconomic themes, and instead seek to identify well-managed companies with strong business franchises and lower than average financial leverage. Their approach has given rise to consistently impressive returns, both long and short-term. We have upgraded this fund to a Buy rating.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £699.7M	AMC 0.87%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 2.05%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### JANUS HENDERSON GLOBAL EQUITY INCOME *Managed by Andrew Jones, Ben Lofthouse*

Ben and Andrew aim for an income in excess of that of the MSCI World Index by investing in a number of higher-yielding companies and sectors across the globe. The managers employ a bottom-up stock-picking approach as they target undervalued businesses, with attractive cash-flow and good dividend characteristics. Supported by the 15-strong global equity income team, the fund diversifies across sectors and geographies, but traditionally has had a preference for developed equities, with the US and UK often among the largest country-specific exposures.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £683.6M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD 3.20%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### LIONTRUST GLOBAL DIVIDEND *Managed by Storm Uru, James Dowey*

Storm Uru and James Dowey took over management of Liontrust Global Income in May 2021. It was then merged into the Liontrust Global Dividend fund, which they had both been managing since 2017 and 2019 respectively, following the integration of Neptune Asset Management into Liontrust in 2019. The fund will invest in 20-40 companies from across the globe and yield at least that of the global index, as well as generating some long-term capital growth. The managers focus on innovative businesses in the belief that they have the potential to deliver high returns because they can grow at a low cost of growth.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £403.1M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD 1.71%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### M&G GLOBAL DIVIDEND *Managed by Stuart Rhodes, John Weavers, Chris Youl*

This is a dividend growth strategy, which is not constrained by a yield target. Stuart avoids the highest yielders and buys companies which are growing their dividend every year. This fund is quite different from its peers because Stuart is not afraid to have some commodity exposure. A portion of the fund is also invested in rapid growth businesses, which may have small starting dividends, but are growing quickly. We like the fund's focus on dividend growth and its willingness to venture away from the most obvious income stocks in search of a better return. This fund has delivered admirably on its goal of growing its distribution, and the resulting total return since launch has been excellent.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING       7	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £2,007.9M	AMC -	OCF 0.66%	YIELD 2.49%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## INFRASTRUCTURE

### FIRST SENTIER GLOBAL LISTED INFRASTRUCTURE *Managed by Peter Meany, Andrew Greenup, Edmund Leung*

This fund seeks to deliver income and some capital growth by investing in listed infrastructure companies around the world. The manager invests in 'hard' infrastructure such as bridges and ports around the world, via listed companies that own the assets, preferring to invest in real infrastructure assets with barriers to entry and pricing power. Peter is one of the most experienced managers in the space and has been running this fund since 2007. He is a conservative investor, recognising that capital preservation is critical to achieving long-term capital growth.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         6.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,308.8M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	YIELD 3.32%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### FTF CLEARBRIDGE GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE INCOME *Managed by Nick Langley, Shane Hurst, Daniel Chu, Charles Hamieh*

This fund focuses on two areas within infrastructure: regulated assets such as national energy grids and utilities, and 'user pays' assets such as toll roads, railways and airports. This allows the fund to flex between more economically-sensitive areas and defensive and stable cash flows depending on their outlook. The team of four will focus on potential cash flows from each asset, underpinned by regulation and secular growth, offering investors an attractive yield on an asset class with low correlation to others. This fund was previously known as Legg Mason RARE Infrastructure Income.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,268.2M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	YIELD 4.84%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### VT GRAVIS UK INFRASTRUCTURE INCOME *Managed by Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited*

Around 80% of the VT Gravis UK Infrastructure Income fund invests in investment trusts. These include public social infrastructure (hospitals and schools), private social infrastructure (GP surgeries and student accommodation) and renewable energy infrastructure (solar power and wind turbines). It has an income target of 5% per annum, which is distributed quarterly and it also offers investors some protection against rising inflation. The fund can invest in infrastructure debt, as well as equities. Valu-Trac (VT) is the investment manager of this fund, while Will Argent, who is employed by Gravis, is the fund advisor. Performance over the past two years has been disappointing. Many investment trusts have seen their share prices fall as a result of higher interest rates. The fund continues to deliver a solid income.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £585.9M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.75%	YIELD 5.94%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## STERLING CORPORATE BOND

### AEGON INVESTMENT GRADE BOND *Managed by Euan McNeil, Rory Sandilands*

Euan co-manages the fund with Rory Sandilands, who joined him in August 2019. The fund aims to provide an income, although this will vary over time and the managers will not prioritise it over capital. The managers operate a high-conviction strategy meaning they only take on credit risk when they are rewarded for doing so. They will aim to exploit changes in the creditworthiness of companies and also in expectations of the path of interest rates. The fund was previously called Kames Investment Grade Bond and changed its name following the integration of Kames into its parent company, Aegon, in 2020.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         2.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £180.1M	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.54%	YIELD 3.81%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### AEGON STERLING CORPORATE BOND *Managed by Iain Buckle, Kenneth Ward*

The fund has been run by Iain Buckle since 2009, who has also run the Aegon Ethical Corporate Bond fund for many years. Kenneth Ward was moved to co-manager in 2020. The fund aims to maximise total return by investing mainly in sterling-denominated bonds, including investment grade corporate bonds, government bonds and cash. Up to 10% of the fund may be invested in high yield bonds. The fund was previously called Kames Sterling Corporate Bond and changed its name following the integration of Kames into its parent company, Aegon, in 2020.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         2.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £116.2M	AMC 0.35%	OCF 0.41%	YIELD 3.45%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### ARTEMIS CORPORATE BOND *Managed by Stephen Snowden, Grace Le*

This fund invests primarily in investment grade corporate bonds, though with the flexibility to pick out a number of special situations from across the fixed income spectrum. Manager Stephen Snowden is an excellent stock picker, and combines this with a long-term strategic and thematic view to identify areas where to tilt the fund, as well as capitalising on shorter-term opportunities. This combination of wider macroeconomic analysis and fundamental due diligence should lead to a portfolio capable of weathering any economic climate.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         2.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,508.9M	AMC 0.25%	OCF 0.37%	YIELD 4.71%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### INVESCO CORPORATE BOND (UK) *Managed by Michael Matthews, Tom Hemmant*

This fund was run by veteran manager Paul Causer who retired at the end of 2021. He handed responsibility to long-standing co-manager Michael Matthews, who is joined by Tom Hemmant. The fund has an unconstrained approach, built on the idea that markets are mostly efficient, but can still throw up opportunities. They have a three-step strategy to exploit this. Firstly, they analyse the macroeconomic backdrop to identify which areas are likely to do well. Secondly, they evaluate companies, focusing on whether they can meet their debt obligations in both interest and repayment. Finally, they assess the value and whether the risk being taken is worth the returns and the income on offer.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         2	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1601.5M	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.50%	YIELD 4.17%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### M&G CORPORATE BOND *Managed by Richard Woolnough, Ben Lord*

This is a plain vanilla corporate bond fund. Richard is supported by one of the largest investment teams in London. They undertake detailed credit analysis with an emphasis on avoiding losers rather than picking winners. Richard will actively tilt the portfolio according to his outlook for growth, inflation and interest rates. However, this fund does not have the same level of conviction as some of his other mandates. The fund is very well diversified with over 250 individual positions.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         2.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,259.0M	AMC -	OCF 0.43%	YIELD 4.07%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### M&G STRATEGIC CORPORATE BOND *Managed by Richard Woolnough, Ben Lord*

This fund is predominantly invested in corporate bonds although it will usually have a small allocation to high yield bonds. Richard is supported by one of the largest investment teams in London. They undertake detailed credit analysis with an emphasis on avoiding losers rather than picking winners. Richard will actively tilt the portfolio according to his outlook for growth, inflation and interest rates. The fund is managed with greater conviction than the M&G Corporate Bond fund, with Richard deviating further in terms of asset allocation and interest rate exposure.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         2.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,189.9M	AMC -	OCF 0.43%	YIELD 4.22%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### MAN GLG STERLING CORPORATE BOND *Managed by Jonathan Golan*

This relatively new fund is managed by Jonathan Golan, one of the most exciting young bond managers around. The fund invests in bonds with a margin of safety which is achieved through rigorous credit analysis. The fund invests globally and finds many of its best ideas off the beaten path. Each bond in the portfolio has a self-help story which is typically uncorrelated to the wider economic picture. The fund favours small and medium bond issuers which may be less well understood. So far Jonathan Golan has continued his excellent performance at Schroders with this new fund. It is currently one of our favourites in the sector.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         3.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £973.6M	AMC 0.46%	OCF 0.63%	YIELD 6.30%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### RATHBONE ETHICAL BOND *Managed by Bryn Jones, Stuart Chilvers*

This fund is one of the first of its kind, having launched in 2002 and been led by the impressive and consistent Bryn Jones since 2004. Stuart became deputy manager of the fund in March 2023. The fund invests in quality investment grade bonds, looking for a competitive income whilst generating attractive total returns. The ethical restrictions exclude armaments, mining, gambling, pornography, animal testing, nuclear power, alcohol and tobacco. On top of these, each holding must have at least one positive ESG quality. This has led to excellent long-term performance and, despite a style headwind, has held up reasonably well in unfavourable conditions.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         2.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,997.4M	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.66%	YIELD 5.00%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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## STERLING HIGH YIELD

### AEGON HIGH YIELD BOND *Managed by Mark Benbow, Thomas Hanson*

Managed by Thomas Hanson and Mark Benbow, this is an unconstrained and high-conviction global high yield fund. Their approach is bottom-up focused, with an emphasis on deep, fundamental credit analysis. They complement this by a structured top-down process that governs overall risk. They have a flexible mandate that allows them to maximise their opportunity set by avoiding unwanted constraints imposed by a benchmark. This flexibility also allows the team to operate nimbly and exploit any market opportunities and inefficiencies.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £677.7M	AMC 0.55%	OCF 0.61%	YIELD 7.71%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### L&G ACTIVE GLOBAL HIGH YIELD BOND *Managed by Martin Reeves*

This fund operates at the more conservative end of the high-yield market. The manager believes it is too easy to focus purely on the US and that going global offers greater opportunities to investors. He bases his approach around three elements. Firstly, the macroeconomic picture, which is at the heart of the fund's philosophy. This is then supported by detailed credit analysis. The fund also exploits behavioural biases – including its own – by using the mantra 'two minds to every problem'. So, when an analyst has researched a bond, either the head of research or the manager will then review it.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £799.9M	AMC 0.41%	OCF 0.41%	YIELD 7.20%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### M&G GLOBAL HIGH YIELD BOND *Managed by Stefan Isaacs, Luke Coha*

Managed by Stefan Isaacs, and Luke Coha, this fund attempts to exploit the highly inefficient high yield market. The team combine a flexible global mandate with a fundamentally driven, credit-focused approach to drive portfolio returns. The process utilises both top-down and bottom-up analysis to search for investment ideas and determine portfolio construction. The fund has typically held 80% in higher yielding corporate bonds, although the management have the flexibility to hold investment grade and government bonds if they so please.

	<b>SWITCH</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,288.7M	AMC -	OCF 0.58%	YIELD 5.51%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### MAN GLG HIGH YIELD OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Michael Scott*

This is an unconstrained, concentrated global high yield bond fund, driven by individual bond selection, but guided by top-down thematic ideas. Manager Mike Scott is ably supported by a team of internal credit analysts who conduct a rigorous analysis of every potential holding and ensure they can meet the fund's income requirements. Mike's experience and the fund's flexibility allows him to find opportunities others may miss or avoid.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £620.6M	AMC 0.60%	OCF -	YIELD 5.24%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### SCHRODER HIGH YIELD OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Daniel Pearson & Team*

Daniel Pearson and his team combine macroeconomic views with fundamental credit research. The fund can invest globally but will tend to focus on developed debt markets in the UK, Europe and the US. It is strongly supported by Schroders global credit team who focus on under the radar companies. The fund is well diversified with over 150 holdings. While the fund's management has stabilised and performance has been good, this has been achieved through a higher level of risk tolerance than many peers, meaning the fund remains a Hold.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £521.3M	AMC 0.72%	OCF 0.72%	YIELD 8.05%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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## STERLING STRATEGIC BOND

### ARTEMIS HIGH INCOME *Managed by Ed Legget, David Ennett, Jack Holmes*

The fund has been co-managed by David Ennett & Jack Holmes since September 2021, with Ed Legget providing input for the up to 20% equities portion of the fund. David was previously head of high yield at Kames where he worked alongside Jack. The pair will mostly use bottom-up, fundamental analysis to identify high yield bonds which are highly likely to be able to meet their debt obligations. Performance of the fund has been consistently outstanding, and we have upgraded the fund to a Buy rating.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         3.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £841.2M	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.72%	YIELD 6.44%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### BAILLIE GIFFORD STRATEGIC BOND *Managed by Lesley Dunn, Robert Baltzer*

Although this fund sits in the strategic bond sector, the core of this fund has always been its corporate bond holdings. It's a straightforward, bottom-up process, all about finding the best corporate bonds on a fundamental basis, whether they sit in the investment grade or high yield part of the market. The managers' favourite sweet spot is in the crossover point between investment grade and high yield. This fund is more volatile than most of its peers and tends to do well in rising markets when credit is doing well, but it typically underperforms when credit is doing badly.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         3.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £422.4M	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.52%	YIELD 5.40%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### INVESCO MONTHLY INCOME PLUS (UK) *Managed by Ciaran Mallon, Rhys Davies*

This is Invesco's flagship fixed income offering. It is a true strategic bond fund which gives the managers considerable freedom to invest where they wish. The fund's main objective is to deliver a high monthly income. It has one of the highest yields in its sector but this does come with greater risk. Veteran managers Paul Causer & Paul Read retired in 2021, handing management duties to Rhys Davies, with Ciaran Mallon responsible for the equity portion. The fund has always been able to have up to 20% in equities. These factors make the fund more volatile than most peers, though the fund has provided a reliable income with good long-term performance for many years.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £2,058.1M	AMC 0.67%	OCF 0.67%	YIELD 5.75%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### JANUS HENDERSON FIXED INTEREST MONTHLY INCOME *Managed by Jenna Barnard, John Pattullo, Nicholas Ware*

John and Jenna are co-heads of strategic fixed income at Janus Henderson and are supported on this fund by Nicholas. One of the oldest bond funds in the UK, this vehicle leverages off macroeconomic research and bottom-up security selection of bonds of any quality and from any type of issuer to achieve the highest level of income possible. This also makes it higher risk. The wider remit means the managers aim to build a portfolio of high-yielding assets including corporate bonds, secured loans and preference shares, whilst keeping cash levels to a minimum. In addition to investing in traditional fixed income securities, the managers can also use derivatives to manage both return and risk appropriately. The fund has continued to struggle in difficult market conditions, and we have downgraded it to a Hold rating.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         3	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £999.8M	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.70%	YIELD 4.90%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### JANUS HENDERSON STRATEGIC BOND *Managed by John Pattullo, Jenna Barnard*

John and Jenna invest across the entire fixed income spectrum because they believe that different assets will outperform at varying times throughout the economic cycle. First, they analyse any long-term market trends, monetary policy conditions and where we are in the cycle. They then look at valuations to pinpoint the most attractive parts of the market, before undertaking rigorous fundamental research. They are able to invest up to 70% in high-yield bonds, 50% in convertible bonds, 30% in emerging market bonds, 50% in preference shares and 20% in equities, depending on their view of the world. The fund has struggled in recent years, and we have downgraded it to a Hold rating.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         3	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £2,287.4M	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.70%	YIELD 3.70%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### JUPITER STRATEGIC BOND *Managed by Ariel Bezalel, Harry Richards*

This is a flexible 'go anywhere' bond fund. Decisions are driven by the team's macroeconomic analysis of the world and Ariel is not afraid to make big changes to the portfolio. The fund also makes extensive use of derivatives, which enables flexibility. Unlike some peers this is a true strategic bond fund which will react to changing markets. The fund has historically been one of the least volatile in the sector but performance has been underwhelming and we have downgraded it to a Hold.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         2.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £2,343.7M	AMC -	OCF 0.74%	YIELD 4.94%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### L&G STRATEGIC BOND *Managed by Colin Reddie, Matthew Rees*

Co-head of global fixed income Colin Reddie leads this fund using input from the vast L&G research team. It can invest across the full fixed income spectrum, from government bonds to high yield and emerging market bonds. The portfolio can take big positions away from the benchmark as well as hold 100% in cash. A significant proportion (90%) of the fund's exposure to non-sterling denominated holdings will be hedged into sterling.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         3	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £591.8M	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.63%	YIELD 6.90%	YIELD PAYMENT QUARTERLY
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### M&G OPTIMAL INCOME *Managed by Richard Woolnough, Stefan Isaacs*

Richard starts by forming a macroeconomic overview based on his outlook for growth, inflation and interest rates. He can invest across the fixed income spectrum allowing him to express his views on the relative attractiveness of government and corporate bonds. A differentiating feature of this fund is its ability to invest across the capital structure. Richard can invest in a company's senior debt, subordinated debt or even equity, depending on which offers the best value. The strategy has been hugely popular and has grown in size (mirror funds of this strategy are also popular in Europe) which may make it harder to change the fund's positioning quickly.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         3.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,433.8M	AMC -	OCF 0.63%	YIELD 3.62%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### NOMURA GLOBAL DYNAMIC BOND *Managed by Richard Hodges*

Charismatic manager Richard 'Dickie' Hodges has a completely unconstrained approach, which he utilises to invest across the full range of bonds and derivatives available to him including government, corporate, emerging market and inflation-linked bonds. To build the portfolio he uses a blend of top-down analysis and bottom-up stock selection to build a portfolio capable of delivering both growth and income depending on market conditions. We are big fans of Dickie, and he has delivered good long-term performance, but short-term performance has suffered.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,764.2M	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.75%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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### TWENTYFOUR DYNAMIC BOND *Managed by Eoin Walsh, Felipe Villarroel, the Multi-Sector Bond Team*

TwentyFour is a specialist bond company and well resourced, with experts in their field. This strategic bond fund can invest across the whole range of fixed income assets, which helps the team take advantage of changes in market conditions. It has a strong focus on both credit default and interest rate risk. The team's expertise enables them to look at lower-rated, higher-yielding bonds, as well as other parts of the market that other investors tend to ignore, such as subordinated financial debt and asset-backed securities. It is usually one of the higher-yielding funds within its sector. The fund, and its performance, can be a little more volatile than its peers.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         3.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,547.5M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	YIELD 7.86%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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## TECHNOLOGY & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

### AXA FRAMLINGTON GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY *Managed by Jeremy Gleeson, Tom Riley*

Long-standing fund manager Jeremy Gleeson will be stepping down from the fund in August 2024, leaving Tom Riley as lead manager, supported by Brad Reynolds and Pauline Llandric. This is an unconstrained multi-cap fund that seeks growth from technology stocks from around the world. Its lack of benchmark constraints means it is free to invest in 'new technology' rather than 'old technology'. It is important in any fund to avoid the losers but no more so than in the technology sector. The fund enjoyed very strong performance over the years in Jeremy's experienced hands, and we are downgrading the fund to a Hold rating whilst we see how the new team get on.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,338.5M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### FIDELITY GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY *Managed by HyunHo Sohn*

HyunHo employs a fundamental, bottom-up approach, focusing on identifying quality companies with sustainable growth prospects trading at attractive valuations. He believes that understanding technology trends, innovations and new technologies is key to identifying long-term leaders in the industry. The investment opportunities HyunHo favours tend to fall into three categories – growth, cyclical and special situations. The fund combines HyunHo's experience with Fidelity's research analyst team. This is a core technology fund. It has delivered consistently excellent performance against its peers and the index under HyunHo's tenure.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £18,059.3M	AMC 0.80%	OCF 1.04%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JANUS HENDERSON GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY LEADERS *Managed by Richard Clode, Alison Porter, Graeme Clark*

This is one of the few specialist technology funds to have successfully navigated the dotcom bubble in 2000. Richard has been a fund manager on the fund since 2014 and was joined by fellow co-managers Aliston Porter and Graeme Clark in 2017. The investment philosophy has remained consistent, with the fund retaining a bias towards larger companies. The holdings are heavily skewed towards the US given it is the hub of the technology industry. The trio focus on bottom-up analysis of potential investments, but also identify long-term industry themes and target companies poised to benefit from them. They also make opportunistic stock selections in the small-cap market.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £1,508.3 M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### LIONTRUST GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY *Managed by James Dowey, Storm Uru*

Storm and James joined from Neptune in 2019, but took over the fund in February 2023. They invest in innovative disrupters and leaders in the technology sector. They will invest in the technology mega-caps and hence the 'magnificent seven' but have an overweight to mid and small-caps, which make up about one third of the portfolio. So this means that they will look quite different from the index. This is a small fund, enabling them to be nimble and the fund is quite concentrated.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £231.6M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### POLAR CAPITAL GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY *Managed by Ben Rogoff, Nick Evans*

The fund is managed by a highly experienced team of seven technology experts, who travel around the world to seek out the next generation of technology winners. The team identify sustainable secular growth trends, attempting to predict changes in behaviour. For instance, smartphones are a mature market and thus no longer a theme, whereas cloud infrastructure remains in hyper-growth mode. They focus on simple business models, with strong management teams. They avoid 'blue sky' investments, preferring profitable growth companies with good balance sheet strength and pricing power. Their pragmatic approach and their portfolio diversification has worked well for the fund.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £5,521.6M	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.11 %	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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## TARGETED ABSOLUTE RETURN

### JANUS HENDERSON ABSOLUTE RETURN\* *Managed by Ben Wallace, Luke Newman*

This fund was formerly known as Janus Henderson UK Absolute Return. This is a long/short fund which tries to make a return in all market conditions. Two thirds of the fund is positioned in short-term tactical positions where the managers believe a surprise is imminent. The remaining third of the fund is positioned in long-term core holdings. The fund may invest up to 40% outside the UK and in recent years it has done this more and more (hence the change of name). The fund has continued to deliver solid if unspectacular returns in recent years.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £896.2M	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.07%	YIELD 2.30%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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## MISCELLANEOUS

### AXA FRAMLINGTON BIOTECH *Managed by Cinney Zhang, Christopher Eccles*

Linden Thomson and Peter Hughes have both stepped down from this fund, being replaced by co-managers Cinney Zhang and Christopher Eccles in January 2024. The fund is concentrated, with around 50% in its top 10 holdings, although it does also have smaller positions in earlier stage companies, leading to a portfolio of about 60 holdings. Around 80% of the fund is domiciled in the US. This is a highly specialist and volatile fund. We liked Linden's approach and specialist knowledge and are downgrading the fund to a Hold rating while the new managers bed in.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £410.1M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### AXA FRAMLINGTON HEALTH *Managed by Cinney Zhang, Christopher Eccles*

Linden Thomson and Peter Hughes have both stepped down from this fund, being replaced by co-managers Cinney Zhang and Christopher Eccles in January 2024. The fund continues to be run as an actively-managed, all-cap strategy which is unconstrained by the benchmark. The managers have a disciplined, bottom-up process that looks for innovative companies within a valuation framework.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £612.7M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	YIELD 0.23%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### BLACKROCK GOLD & GENERAL *Managed by Evy Hambro, Tom Holl*

This fund invests predominantly in gold mining stocks usually with some silver miners as well. Evy has been working on the strategy since 2001 until he became lead manager in 2009. The team is very experienced. Their dedicated research database provides them with an analytical edge. They invest in higher quality established miners generating strong cash flows. The portfolio is highly concentrated with almost 60% of the fund in their top 10 holdings. This is a highly specialist and volatile fund run by a very experienced team.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £937.1M	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.16%	YIELD 0.61%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JANUS HENDERSON GLOBAL FINANCIALS *Managed by John Jordan*

This rather unique fund has been managed by John Jordan since 2017. The fund is an unconstrained, all-cap financials portfolio with global exposure. The manager feels that financials offer a distinct opportunity for active investors. This is because of factors such as growing global wealth, financial inclusion and the more immediate higher rate environment. Their process focuses on finding attractively valued, competitively advantaged business models, benefitting from secular and/or cyclical growth potential. The output is a portfolio of 43 stocks with a large overweight to the US.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £114.3M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	YIELD 1.40%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### JPM NATURAL RESOURCES *Managed by Christopher Korpan, Veronika Lysogorskaya*

This is a commodities fund that invests in three types of companies: those producing and marketing energy, and those involved in industrial and precious metals, with a neutral position being a third in each. However, the managers will adjust the allocation according to their view on where the opportunities lie. The portfolio will have around 100 holdings, though the top 10 will account for approximately 40% of the portfolio and tend to be large-cap oil & gas, and mining giants listed in developed markets. Commodities are traditionally a more volatile asset class and this fund is no exception.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £854.7M	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	YIELD 2.95%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### JUPITER FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES *Managed by Guy de Blonay*

This specialist fund invests in global financial companies. There are a good number of sub-sectors where Guy can look for opportunities and all ideas start with the concept that the stock can benefit from promising trends or themes within the sector, but where the potential is not yet reflected in the current share price. Guy considers the wider economic picture when he undertakes detailed research into individual companies. Recent performance has been mediocre.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £425.5M	AMC -	OCF 0.99%	YIELD 1.46%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### M&G EMERGING MARKETS BOND *Managed by Claudia Calich, Charles De Quinsonas*

The emerging market bond space is one that is overlooked by many retail investors, but this fund offers an excellently run vehicle in this area. Manager Claudia Calich has a flexible mandate, allowing her to move between local currency or dollar-based debt from both corporations and governments. She can also go anywhere in the emerging market space, including smaller, less mainstream countries. There are multiple factors to consider in this area, including economic growth, central bank policies, inflation and commodity prices, but the highly experienced and knowledgeable manager and team mitigate this well, supported by a disciplined process.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION CORE	FUND SIZE £1,490.7M	AMC -	OCF 0.68%	YIELD 6.96%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### POLAR CAPITAL BIOTECHNOLOGY\* *Managed by David Pinniger*

David has run the fund since inception in 2013 and has 20 years of experience in this sector. He runs a concentrated, global portfolio of 40-60 companies that are using different technologies to enable better understanding of health and disease. Ideas are generated by an experienced in-house healthcare team, from attending medical and investor conferences and from brokers. The portfolio reflects diverse themes and trends within the biotech industry, with revenue growth and clinical development being the main characteristics of the businesses which make up the majority of the portfolio. The fund has a bias towards mid and small-cap companies which have driven the fund's performance over the long term.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         10	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,347.1M	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.12%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### POLAR CAPITAL HEALTHCARE OPPORTUNITIES\* *Managed by Gareth Powell*

Gareth is part of a team of eight working on healthcare, many of them with many years of healthcare experience. They take a multi-cap approach, investing globally across pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, services and medical devices. They look for themes in the market and identify companies that are reasonably priced and with good growth prospects. Potential stock ideas are put through rigorous analysis utilising their network of physician and consultant contacts, company meetings, investor conferences and medical meetings. This leads to a concentrated portfolio of 40-45 stocks. Whilst they mainly invest in larger-cap stocks for liquidity, there is also a focus on smaller companies, which offer considerable upside and have helped the fund to outperform.

	<b>BUY</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING ELITE	SELECTION SELECTION	FUND SIZE £1,364.7M	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.11%	YIELD -	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### SCHRODER GLOBAL HEALTHCARE *Managed by John Bowler*

Long-standing manager John Bowler aims to provide capital growth by investing in equities of healthcare and medical-related companies worldwide. These will be the companies that are engaged in healthcare provision, medical services and related products. The fund aims to benefit from the demographic trends, improving standards of living and technological advancements that are likely to benefit from a structural growth in demand. To capture this growth, John will invest in areas such as biotechnology, generic drug manufacture and supply, pharmaceuticals, health insurance and hospital supplies. The fund will be predominantly be invested in North American and European equities due to the opportunity set.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         8	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £494.6M	AMC 0.92%	OCF 0.92%	YIELD 0.20%	YIELD PAYMENT ANNUALLY
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### VT CHELSEA MANAGED AGGRESSIVE GROWTH

This fund-of-funds seeks long-term growth for investors, while taking on higher levels of risk than the other VT Chelsea Managed funds in order to seek higher returns. The team is unafraid to tilt the fund towards the sectors or regions that it feels particularly positive on, in order to achieve the highest potential gains. The team is also unafraid to include more niche funds or specialist country funds in the portfolio; this can include India or emerging market funds, as well as technology, biotech or insurance-specialised funds. The fund may have a strong bias towards small and medium-sized companies.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         7	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £47.5M	AMC 0.36%	OCF 0.85%	YIELD 0.88%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### VT CHELSEA MANAGED BALANCED GROWTH

The Chelsea team look for funds which, when put together in a portfolio, achieve higher growth than a more cautious portfolio but are less exposed to market falls than some of the more aggressive funds available. It targets an equity weighting of between 50% and 70% at any one time, but this part of the portfolio will vary in terms of sectors and investment styles over time to suit different market conditions. Alongside these, the team will hold a variety of other assets including bonds, property, gold, targeted absolute return strategies and other investments.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         5.5	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £47.0M	AMC 0.36%	OCF 0.76%	YIELD 2.19%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### VT CHELSEA MANAGED CAUTIOUS GROWTH

This fund-of-funds focuses on producing steady growth, but with lower volatility than the global equity market, over rolling five-year periods. The team hunts for funds which are more defensive in nature. It specifically chooses assets which have lower correlation to markets or to each other, which means that returns should be smoother and the portfolio is better-insulated from any sharp market moves.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         4	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £15.1M	AMC 0.37%	OCF 0.86%	YIELD 2.37%	YIELD PAYMENT BI-ANNUALLY
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### VT CHELSEA MANAGED MONTHLY INCOME

The team looks to sustain an above-market level of income, which is paid out in roughly equal amounts each month. It hopes to grow this income over time. It describes building a consistent income portfolio as a "jigsaw puzzle" – all the pieces have to be in the right place to put the picture together. The portfolio consists of a diversified range of funds spanning UK and overseas equities, bonds, gold and targeted absolute return strategies. The fund will also hold other assets specifically for their income-paying potential, such as property and infrastructure.

	<b>HOLD</b>	CHELSEA RISK RATING         6	FUNDALIBRE RATING -	SELECTION -	FUND SIZE £60.0M	AMC 0.35%	OCF 0.71%	YIELD 4.70%	YIELD PAYMENT MONTHLY
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\*This fund has a performance fee.







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