

FUNDREVIEW

A detailed review for Chelsea Investors

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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 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.

KEY

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. Chelsea believes that the fund will continue to perform well under the same management or has 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 in the coming months.

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 or because there has been a recent change of fund manager.

Chelsea Risk Rating
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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 within the market. 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.

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AMC
X.XX% Annual Management Charge

OCF
X.XX% 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.



Darius McDermott
Managing Director,
Chelsea

MARKETVIEW

I had a sense of déjà-vu as I sat down to put my 'market view' thoughts to paper: Brexit still dominates the headlines here in the UK, Trump is still tweeting US policy, and the continual rain is making me worry that I'll be knee-deep in mud again at Glastonbury this year. By the time you read this view, we will at least know if the weather was kind to me or not.

While some of my market views remain steadfastly the same, we are seeing some changes start to emerge around the world, offering different investment opportunities.

Global markets in a nutshell

While Brexit continues to cause economic, political and stock market uncertainty in the UK, the major issues for global stock markets are the US/China trade war and US interest rate policy. In hindsight, it is now apparent that the markets' view on US interest rate movements was the dominating factor of 2018. When markets believed that the US central bank was in danger of raising interest rates too quickly and too high, it caused investors to sell in the final quarter of the year. It wasn't until the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Jerome Powell, stated that interest rates would be paused, that global markets bottomed on Christmas Eve.

Since then, the expectation has been that interest rates will actually be cut. As a result, almost every single asset class and geography has rallied strongly. 2019 got off to a flying start.

Regional variances

In the UK, (at the time of writing) we await a new prime minister and new way of managing Brexit. The outcome will determine the medium-term outlook for the UK economy.

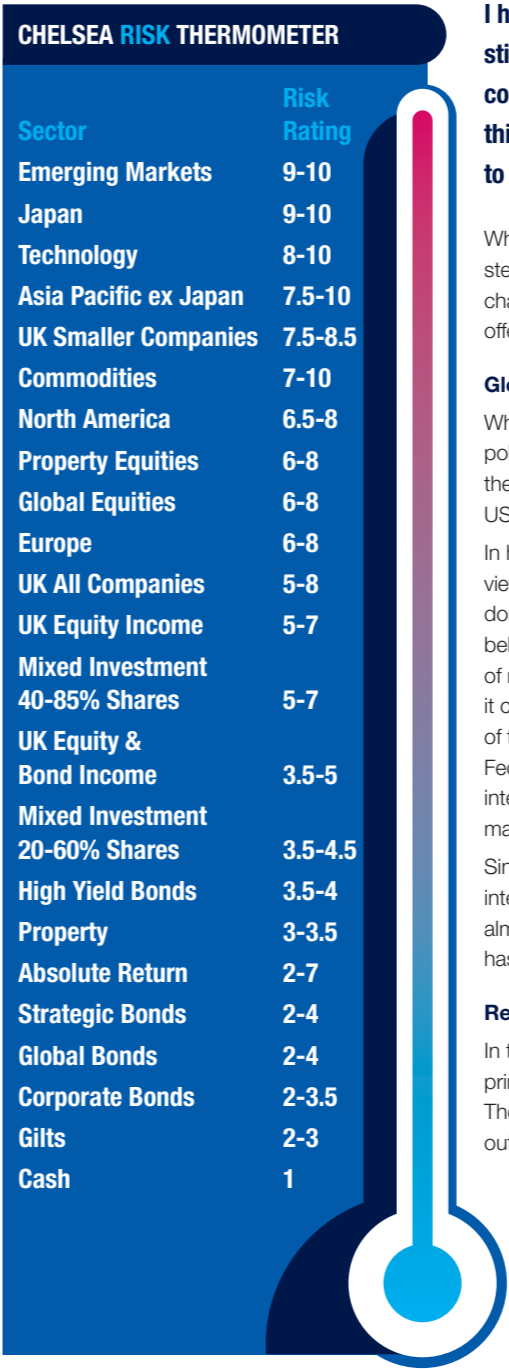
Since the EU referendum, bad politics has resulted in a weak currency, which has, in turn, resulted in the FTSE 100 going up – mainly because it is full of companies whose earnings are in other currencies. However, markets will carry on regardless and it's actually the UK's smallest companies that continue to outperform. The average fund in the IA UK Smaller Companies sector has returned 47.92%* over the period, while the average IA UK All Companies fund returned 32.08%*.

Brexit is also a worry for Europe and the continent's politics are becoming ever more polarised and populist in nature. We have gently been decreasing our exposure to the region – not divesting, but simply by not adding any new money to the asset class.

Japan, in contrast is still looking good value compared with other developed markets. Abe Shinzo, the Japanese leader, was re-elected last year and has another three years to continue with his 'Abenomics' economic stimulus, which has so far been very positive for Corporate Japan.

Emerging markets, which have been bruised by a strong US dollar in recent years, also look more attractive now the US may be cutting interest rates - with a big caveat that the trade war does not escalate further. We are overweight the region in our managed funds, and still have a preference for India, where it too is benefiting from the recent re-election of a pro-business leader.

Finally, while fixed income started to look more attractive late last year, the expectation of falling US interest rates has already been priced into the market and the attractiveness proved to be fleeting. We continue to be overweight the asset class. Plus ça change....



*Source: FE Analytics, total returns in sterling, 24/06/16 to 11/06/19.

FUNDREVIEW

Our individually researched and analysed selection of funds.

UK

Aberdeen UK Equity Income *Managed by UK equity team*

This fund invests in around 50 predominantly large UK companies. The strategy is ‘buy and hold’ and subsequently portfolio turnover is low. Aberdeen is proactive about engaging with the companies in which it invests and it takes considerable steps to ensure that its investors’ interests are represented. Aberdeen believes its investor stewardship brings unique benefits. Whether this is truly the case in this market is questionable, as returns have been underwhelming over the past 10 years relative to competitors.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £153.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	Yield 4.10%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Artemis Capital *Managed by Philip Wolstencroft*

This is a ‘best ideas’ portfolio of around 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 the SmartGARP® process, a stock-screening tool which powers a number of funds at Artemis by looking at a combination of factors such as the valuations of companies, 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 inflection points.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £277.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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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 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £5597.9m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	Yield 4.43%	Yield Payment Biannually
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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 the managers believe offer 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 has an excellent long-term track record and has successfully transferred his skills in his move to Artemis.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £690.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	Yield 3.77%	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 in market value to choose from. 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. This allows them to re-invest in new ideas. The performance of the fund has traditionally held up well when markets fall.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £473.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	Yield 3.07%	Yield Payment Annually
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Artemis UK Special Situations *Managed by Derek Stuart, Andy Gray*

This fund invests in companies that are in recovery, need re-financing or are suffering from investor indifference. Derek and Andy view ‘problem investments’ as potential opportunities to find hidden value. The fund typically invests in 60-70 stocks with the managers typically 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 has struggled in the past five years due to its value style. Derek is co-founder at Artemis and has managed this fund since its launch in 2000.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £600.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 3.04%	Yield Payment Annually
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AXA Framlington Monthly Income *Managed by George Luckraft*

This fund invests primarily in shares of UK listed companies, regardless of size, which George believes will provide above-average income and capital growth. The shares may be listed on the main stock exchange and also on AIM – the ‘alternative investment market’. The manager uses the ‘barbell’ strategy, combining traditional high-yielding equities with lower-yielding growth stocks. Shares are selected based on a company’s prospects for future growth in dividend payments, financial status, quality of its management, expected profitability and growth prospects. Poor stock selection following the 2008/09 financial crisis led to relative underperformance, however returns have been stronger in recent years.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £396.9m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 4.44%	Yield Payment Monthly
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AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities *Managed by Chris St John*

After a long transition period Christ St. John has now assumed full responsibility as lead manager for this fund. Chris first joined the UK team at AXA Framlington in 2005. 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. We think Chris is an excellent stock-picker and he has delivered strong performance for the AXA Framlington UK Mid-Cap fund for many years. We believe he can continue to do the same for this fund.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite Radar 📡	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1643.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	Yield 1.87%	Yield Payment Biannually
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AXA Framlington UK Smaller Companies *Managed by Dan Harlow*

Dan took over the smaller companies fund following the departure of Henry Lowson in 2016. Like other AXA Framlington funds, 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. Currently around 20% of the fund is invested in mid-caps. We think Dan has an excellent knowledge of this part of the market and this fund’s process has historically worked well in the small-cap space over the long term.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £245.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 0.72%*	Yield Payment Biannually
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BlackRock UK *Managed by Nicholas Little*

The performance of this fund has consistently improved in the past few years. The portfolio predominantly targets larger companies either based or listed in the United Kingdom but also has the flexibility to invest elsewhere. Global exposure typically comes through the manager targeting companies where no better, or comparable, examples can be found in the UK. Nick, who has managed the portfolio since 2011, believes the diverse and international nature of the UK stock market provides great opportunities to invest in companies that are global industry leaders, have dominant market positions or have the power to forge into new markets and disrupt incumbents. The fund is one to watch and we will be seeking a meeting with the manager to discuss his process in greater detail.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £516.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield 1.63%	Yield Payment Biannually
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BlackRock UK Income *Managed by Adam Avigdori, David Goldman*

This fund lost one of its co-managers, Mark Wharrier, in 2017. It is still run by the other co-managers, Adam and David. Despite having no constraints, the managers typically hold a concentrated portfolio comprising 35-45 stocks. The fund had a new investment process introduced in 2013: it is very much team-based and has a much more measured approach, focusing on higher-yielding cash firms, with strong cash flows, growth prospects or turnaround scenarios. The portfolio has typically had a bias towards larger companies but can invest elsewhere.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £359.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.88%	Yield 4.44%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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BNY Mellon Equity Income Booster *Managed by Tim Rees*

This is an enhanced income fund, which uses financial instruments called covered call options to boost its yield. The portfolio aims to provide a higher yield than a typical equity income fund, but with similar returns to the FTSE All-Share index. It has a bias towards larger companies and portfolio turnover is usually low, but stock weightings can change markedly. The use of call options, as well as not purchasing any low yielding stocks, means the fund is likely to perform well in sideways and falling markets but may underperform in rising markets. Please note, the fund has recently rebranded with the name changing from Insight Equity Income Booster to BNY Mellon Equity Income Booster.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £105.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 8.14%	Yield Payment Monthly
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BNY Mellon UK Equity *Managed by Team Approach*

There have been a number of changes in the management of this fund since 2016. Christopher Metcalfe took over temporarily from Paul Stephany in April 2016, before Simon Nichols took the lead. The fund is now managed with a team approach. The portfolio predominantly invests in UK equities, with a minor proportion overseas. It does generate a dividend but, unlike the BNY Mellon UK Income fund, is orientated toward higher capital growth. This fund has recently rebranded, with the name changing from Newton UK Equity to BNY Mellon UK Equity.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size 781.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	Yield 3.53%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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* Yield as at 02/07/19. All other yields as at 18/06/19.

BNY Mellon UK Income Managed by Team Approach

This fund has recently rebranded, with the name changing from Newton UK Income to BNY Mellon UK Income. The 40-60 stock portfolio is run with a team-based approach, and built using 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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1218.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	Yield 4.18%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Fidelity Enhanced Income Managed by Michael Clark, David Jehan

Michael runs this fund in a conservative manner by aiming for ‘safety of income at a reasonable price’. 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 down-turn. The fund is mostly invested in solid, blue-chip, dividend-paying companies, where there is a high degree of certainty in future income. The value style of the fund has been out of favour but, even accounting for this, performance has been disappointing.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £316.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield 7.38%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Fidelity Moneybuilder Dividend Managed by Michael Clark

This portfolio typically invests in 60-80 stocks with a strong focus on large-cap UK equities. Michael runs this fund in a conservative manner by aiming for ‘safety of income at a reasonable price’. To do this he focuses on companies with the ability to handle difficult economic periods, as well as being able to generate high cash flows that are sufficient to fund both future growth and that can be used to pay out increasing dividends over time. The construction of the portfolio means it is more likely to outperform when markets are either flat or falling. While the value style of the fund has been out of favour for some time, performance has been poor and has resulted in the fund being downgraded.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £712.8m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.67%	Yield 4.97%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Fidelity Special Situations Managed by Alex Wright

Alex runs this truly multi-cap fund with a value bias. Holdings are spread across all sizes of company and 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 the risk of further downside is limited and their potential for recovery has been overlooked. He has an unconstrained approach and targets the best opportunities wherever they may be found. He also favours sectors where change can happen quickly. This is one of the most famous funds in the market, having been run by Anthony Bolton for many years. We rate Alex very highly and he has built a strong track record based on excellent stock-picking skills.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2895.2m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Fidelity UK Select Managed by Aruna Karunathilake

Manager 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. He is completely unrestricted in terms of the size of the company or the sector, although he 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 of the UK.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £471.9m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Fidelity UK Smaller Companies Managed by Jonathan Winton

This fund invests in cheap and unloved stocks, with up to 80% of the companies between £25m and £1.5bn in size. Unlike many other small-cap funds, Jonathan focuses on value, rather than growth, in the 80-100 stock portfolio. The manager targets companies with characteristics which give the share price a margin of safety, but may also be entering a period of positive change. The safety element is through investment in tangible assets, such as cash or property, while positive change could be cost-cutting or a change in the industry the company operates in. The manager generates 50% of the ideas with the remainder coming from Fidelity’s in-house team.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £359.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Franklin UK Mid-Cap Managed by Paul Spencer, Mark Hall, Richard Bullas

Unlike some of its peers, this is a true mid-cap fund, which will sell holdings if they enter the large-cap index. Paul is a pragmatic stock-picker and the fund is generally style agnostic, which allows it to potentially outperform in any market conditions. Paul is supported by the rest of the Franklin team, which is arguably one of the strongest and most experienced UK equity teams around. The fund is concentrated with between 30 and 45 stocks. Few other managers have been able to outperform the UK mid-cap index as often as Paul.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £998.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	Yield 2.61%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Invesco High Income Managed by Mark Barnett

Mark took over the running of this fund from Neil Woodford in 2014. The macroeconomic environment provides an important framework for Mark. He takes a long-term view with a typical target investment time of over five years. Corporate governance and meeting management is important. A small portion of the fund is invested in unquoted early stage businesses. The fund typically has a value tilt which has been a headwind to performance. Mark has a strong long term track record. However, in the past few years there have been a number of stock specific mistakes. This is also a very large fund which can make it difficult to manage particularly given that investors’ have been net sellers of the fund ever since Neil left in 2014.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £7014.1m	AMC –	OCF 1.07%	Yield 3.74%	Yield Payment Biannually
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SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £3078.6m	AMC –	OCF 1.01%	Yield 3.81%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Invesco Income & Growth Managed by Ciaran Mallon

This is one of a quartet of portfolios Ciaran manages at Invesco. Ciaran adopts a conservative approach to the management of this fund by aiming to invest in companies whose prospects are not dependant 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, as they target companies with sustainable cash flows which aim to deliver a stable and growing dividend.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £411.0m	AMC –	OCF 0.87%	Yield 3.90%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Invesco UK Growth Managed by Martin Walker

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 in stock selection. Martin focuses on three areas when determining stock selection. He will consider the structure of the industry and the specific companies’ position in it; he will use his top-down views to shift the portfolio towards certain sectors and he focuses on stockmarket issues, such as company valuations. The fund has significant weightings in the oil & gas and telecoms sectors.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £969.0m	AMC –	OCF 0.86%	Yield 3.22%	Yield Payment Annually
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Invesco UK Smaller Companies Equity Managed by Jonathan Brown

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 to a benchmark, has typically had a focus on larger smaller companies in the past. Jonathan, who is supported on the fund by the UK equities team, has taken a cautious approach on the UK market given the political and economic headwinds it currently faces, but believes there remain numerous opportunities to invest in resilient companies to sustainably generate profitable growth.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £629.6m	AMC –	OCF 0.88%	Yield 1.17%	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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £406.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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JOHCM UK Dynamic* Managed by Alex Savvides

Alex has been managing this value fund since its inception in 2008. His process is all about ‘corporate change’ and he scours the market for undervalued companies that are making positive improvements to their businesses. This is a true multi-cap fund which includes some mid and small-caps but Alex is also not afraid to own the largest companies. He has historically held a number of mega-cap stocks which he thinks are often overlooked by other investors. We consider Alex one of the most exciting fund managers in the UK today and his performance over the past 10 years speaks for itself.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection 🔵 CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1450.0m	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.66%	Yield 3.41%	Yield Payment Annually
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*This fund has a performance fee.

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, but the consistent process and experienced management have resulted in good performance, despite a style headwind.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £3470.0m	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.66%	Yield 4.36%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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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 to fund management; they focus their attention 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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £459.1m	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.75%	Yield 2.80%**	Yield Payment Annually
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Jupiter Income *Managed by Ben Whitmore*

This is very similar to Ben’s UK Special Situations fund, although with more of a tilt to income-paying stocks. He has been running this fund since 2013 and buys stocks which are cheap and out of fashion. He uses the same rigorous fundamental research to weed out weak or failing businesses and his process remains differentiated from his peers by his refusal to forecast a company’s future profits. Despite his value style having been out of favour for many years, Ben has continued to outperform over the medium term although he has had a slightly tougher time over the past year.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1786.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.94%	Yield 4.30%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Jupiter UK Growth *Managed by Steve Davies*

Despite its name, this fund mixes both growth and recovery stocks. It invests across the market-cap spectrum and typically has an overweight in mid-caps. In recent years, the fund has had a bias to domestic UK businesses, which has led to it being quite volatile – it tends to be towards the top or the bottom of the performance tables each year, depending upon whether its style is in or out of favour. It is quite concentrated, with between 30 and 40 stocks, a very small proportion of which are international companies. Recent performance has been disappointing.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1103.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.01%	Yield 2.10%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Jupiter UK Special Situations *Managed by Ben Whitmore*

This is a true value fund. Ben buys stocks which are cheap and out of fashion. Rigorous fundamental research is undertaken to weed out weak or failing businesses. Ben’s process is differentiated from his peers by his refusal to forecast a company’s future profits. He points out that evidence shows almost all longer-term analyst forecasts are wrong by a wide margin. Long-term performance has been strong but the fund’s value style has been out of favour in recent years, which has been a headwind. We consider this a core UK fund.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1910.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.76%	Yield 3.10%	Yield Payment Biannually
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LF 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 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, all of which has helped deliver strong performance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £173.0m	AMC 0.90%	OCF 0.98%	Yield 0.81%	Yield Payment Biannually
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LF Woodford Equity Income *Managed by Neil Woodford*

This fund was removed from the Chelsea Selection in Summer 2018 and featured in the ‘Drop Zone’ in our recent Viewpoint magazine (February 2019) ahead of the much publicised suspension of trading. While clients cannot purchase or redeem units, we have kept the fund at a generic Switch rating. After a seriously challenging period, Neil has vowed to use this gating to change the profile of the fund - namely by removing the unquoted holdings that had, in part, led to the issues. He remains contrarian in his market outlook though, an approach he has taken throughout his career. When the fund reopens, we are concerned about the impact of further redemptions, despite the actions taken, but will revisit the fund once the situation has stabilised.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £3474.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.75%	Yield 4.74%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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LF Woodford Income Focus *Managed by Neil Woodford*

This fund has been downgraded to a switch following the difficulties in the wider Woodford franchise. Whilst this fund remains open, we are concerned about the crossover in holdings with the gated Equity Income fund. The fund’s mandate is to invest in quoted holdings, meaning coping with redemptions will be more manageable. Equally, it did not get to the size of the aforementioned fund and therefore the redemption profile is less severe. That being said, the negative sentiment towards Neil and the strategy has led us to have a less favourable outlook for the foreseeable future.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £552.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.75%	Yield 6.58%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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LF Lindsell Train UK Equity *Managed by Nick Train*

Another strong performer from the Lindsell Train stable, 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £7065.7m	AMC 0.65%	OCF 0.68%	Yield 1.73%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Liontrust Special Situations *Managed by Anthony Cross, Julian Fosh*

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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £4932.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	Yield 1.77%	Yield Payment Annually
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Liontrust UK Smaller Companies *Managed by Anthony Cross, Julian Fosh, Victoria Stevens, Matthew Tonge*

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 business. 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 four 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection –	Fund Size £1001.0m	AMC 1.25%	OCF 1.40%	Yield 0.21%	Yield Payment Annually
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M&G Recovery *Managed by Tom Dobell*

M&G Recovery has been in existence since 1969 and is 50 years old this year. It is a value fund which typically looks to buy stocks after they have experienced a substantial share price fall. Tom and his team will often work with a company over a period of years until both the business and its share price have recovered. Despite the strategy’s success over the very long term, the fund has recently suffered as the value style has been out of favour. The fund is now smaller and more focused and in a better position, but still needs to prove itself again.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2389.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 2.77%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Man GLG UK 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1132.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.90%	Yield 5.43%	Yield Payment Monthly
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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. Its 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. It is a strong fund, offering something a little different in the income space.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1548.2m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.78%	Yield 4.58%	Yield Payment Biannually
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*This fund has a performance fee. **Yield as at 02/07/19. All other yields as at 18/06/19.

Marlborough Special Situations *Managed by Giles Hargreave, Eustace Santa Barbara*

Giles has been at the helm of this small-cap fund since 1998 and Eustace has co-managed the fund since 2014. The managers have a highly-diversified portfolio of around 200 stocks to minimise risk; these are mostly chosen on a company-specific basis. 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. It is the company’s flagship fund and has exceptional long-term performance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1508.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.78%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Marlborough UK Micro-Cap Growth *Managed by Giles Hargreave, Guy Feld*

Giles is a very pragmatic stock picker and, with the help of Guy in this particular portfolio, invests in the UK’s very smallest companies. The managers are supported by a well-resourced team of fund managers and analysts. They use their views on the wider economy to filter out large numbers of stocks and sectors, before undertaking thorough company meetings and analysis. This portfolio typically holds around 250 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. Performance has been very strong since launch.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1264.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.78%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Marlborough UK 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 benefitting from them. Despite this fund’s excellent long-term performance, it has gone under the radar of most investors. 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. The fund has benefited from the strength of growth stocks in recent years, but this should not detract from its outstanding performance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £283.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	Yield 0.74%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Merian UK Alpha *Managed by Richard Buxton*

This fund was previously known as Old Mutual UK Alpha. Richard is a high conviction manager and invests in just 30 to 40 stocks. He adopts a contrarian approach and likes companies that are out of favour but where there is a reason to believe that may change. The fund is predominantly large-cap although it will invest in some mid-caps. Over the years Richard has been well known for making some astute macroeconomic calls. He is a highly experienced and proven manager with a good long-term track record. After overseeing a number of corporate changes Richard has now stepped back from his role as CEO of Merian. This will leave him with more time to focus on investing.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection –	Fund Size £1655.8m	AMC –	OCF 0.78%	Yield 3.55%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Merian UK Mid-Cap *Managed by Richard Watts*

Richard has managed this high conviction fund since 2008 and aims to generate returns through bottom-up stock picking. The fund usually has a concentrated portfolio of 40-60 stocks with the top 10 stocks typically accounting for 40% of all holdings. Richard has a bias towards growth companies and continues to hold mid-cap companies once they qualify for the FTSE 100, if the investment case is strong enough. He will also invest in a stock listed on the AIM index if he thinks it is an exceptional company. Richard has proven himself to be a superb stock picker and the fund is consistently one of the best in its sector. However, at £3.3bn assets under management it is now very large.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £3233.7m	AMC –	OCF 0.85%	Yield 1.60%	Yield Payment Annually
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Merian UK Smaller Companies *Managed by Daniel Nickols*

This fund is backed by one of the best resourced management teams in the UK smaller companies sector. Dan combines top-down and bottom-up strategies when making investment decisions. He and the team focus on three key attributes in the stock-specific element of the portfolio, namely companies that can deliver above average growth, demonstrate earnings surprise and have the potential to be re-rated relative to the market. This has enabled them to consistently identify some of the most exciting small-cap stocks with great potential – many of which have gone on to deliver outstanding returns.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection –	Fund Size £1362.6m	AMC –	OCF 0.94%	Yield 0.67%	Yield Payment Annually
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MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth *Managed by James Baker, Edward Booth*

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. It is still young but has delivered superb performance thus far.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £343.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.94%	Yield 1.01%	Yield Payment Annually
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Neptune UK Mid-Cap *Managed by Mark Martin*

This fund has a concentrated portfolio of around 30 stocks, from the FTSE 250 index or the largest 50 stocks of the FTSE Small-Cap index. The holdings are divided into three ‘silos’: economic recovery plays, structural growth stories and corporate turnarounds. At least 20% of the fund must be invested in each silo at all times. Mark is unconstrained and will take large positions in companies in which he has particularly high conviction. This strategy has been hampered by a number of single-stock issues, a Brexit headwind for domestically-orientated stocks and investor outflows, which have led to notable underperformance. The fund has subsequently been downgraded to Hold.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £205.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	Yield 4.03%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Premier Income *Managed by Chris White*

Chris is head of UK equities at Premier Asset Management and currently runs a trio of UK equity income funds at the firm. This portfolio consists of companies of all sizes and is style agnostic using both a top-down and bottom-up approach to investing. It typically holds between 40-60 stocks and the manager is not worried about being out of a specific sector if necessary, but still adopts a fairly cautious process based around growth at a reasonable price (GARP). Chris aims to produce a yield in excess of the FTSE All-Share Index, as well as a rising dividend income stream over time.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £322.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.90%	Yield 5.00%	Yield Payment Biannually
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R&M UK Equity Smaller Companies *Managed by Daniel Hanbury*

Dan has now been running this fund for just over a year - having run it previously between 2006-2010 and 2013-2014. He has an excellent track record compared with his peer group. His philosophy has three core elements: potential, valuation and timing. The investment process uses R&M’s quant screen, Money Penny. Dan evaluates where companies are within their life cycle, breaking them down into four different categories: growth, quality, recovery and asset-backed. The strategy alters the allocation of the four different categories, depending on the business cycle.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £476.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	Yield 1.31%	Yield Payment Biannually
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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, having increased its payouts during 24 of the past 25 years. 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1130.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	Yield 4.07%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Royal London UK Equity Income *Managed by Martin Cholwill*

Martin is a pragmatic stock-picker with a preference for strong balance sheets and sustainable growing dividends. 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 Martin’s view but it is stock selection that drives weightings to different sectors. Few other UK equity income funds can rival Martin’s consistent track record of outperformance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1913.1m	AMC 0.62%	OCF 0.67%	Yield 4.48%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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RWC Enhanced Income *Managed by John Teahan, Ian Lance, Nick Purves*

This fund is managed by an experienced trio who joined the firm from Schroders in 2010. The managers invest in strong but lowly valued businesses, primarily based in the UK. The fund is comprised of around 30 large-cap stocks and, to keep volatility levels down, the managers are willing to hold higher levels of cash when they deem necessary. This means the fund may not perform as strongly in rising markets. The fund uses covered call options to help reach its 7% yield target, but this can be at the expense of some capital growth. The fund has delivered on the income, but total returns have been disappointing.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 4.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £206.9m	AMC 0.80%	OCF 1.11%	Yield 7.00%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Schroder Income *Managed by Nick Kirrage, Kevin Murphy*

This concentrated, deep value fund looks outside of the traditionally ‘safe’ stocks which most other income-focused funds will hold. Kevin and Nick 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 aren’t afraid to hold companies which may not ever return to their glory days, but are not terminally impaired. Kevin and Nick 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. Despite recent headwinds it has done well.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection –	Fund Size £2295.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 4.37%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Schroder Income Maximiser Managed by Value Team, Structured Fund Management

This enhanced income fund launched in 2005 and has proved attractive to investors as a way of generating an income in a low interest rate world. The portfolio, which has a yield target of 7%, combines investments in a concentrated basket of high yielding stocks, alongside using 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 – those whose share prices appear low relative to their long-term profit potential – and holdings which are typically paying an attractive and growing dividend. We like the fact this fund is run by both the value and structured products team at Schroders.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1222.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 7.07%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Schroder Recovery Managed by Nick Kirrage, Kevin Murphy

Long-standing managers Kevin and Nick 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 focus purely on the fundamentals and stock valuation. They are therefore willing to be very patient before buying a stock. In recent years, this style of investing has been out of favour, yet the fund has continued to perform, showing the success of the very disciplined process.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite🏆	Selection 🔵CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1132.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 2.55%	Yield Payment Annually
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Schroder UK Alpha Plus Managed by Bill Casey, Nick Kissack

The investment style has shifted for this fund, following a change in management. Phillip Matthews left last year and the managers are now Bill and Nick. The style has altered 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. We are waiting to meet the new management team.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £769.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 3.09%	Yield Payment Annually
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Schroder UK Dynamic Smaller Companies Managed by Luke Biermann, Iain Staples

Former fund manager Paul Marriage left the company in 2017 to set up his own business. The new managers, Luke and Iain, take 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. We have downgraded the fund as we feel there are a number of viable alternatives available in this market.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £294.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield 1.32%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Schroder UK Equity Managed by Alex Breese

Alex runs this fund based on a philosophy that looks for unloved companies with latent potential. He does this by focusing on three themes: cyclical recovery, management turnaround and unrecognised growth. He screens for value, with the expectation that over a three to five-year time horizon this value will be recognised by the market. Alex looks to mitigate downside risk, assessing franchise quality, cash conversion and management alignment. This is a concentrated portfolio of approximately 40-60 stocks. This fund’s value style has been out of favour in recent years, but performance has been disappointing for some time, resulting in the fund being downgraded.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £446.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 3.12%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Schroder UK Opportunities Managed by Matt Hudson

The manager builds a portfolio of 40-50 stocks and aims for long-term capital growth whilst delivering an income. The fund invests across any sector, but the majority of companies usually sit in the largest 350 in the UK. Matt pursues a business cycle approach to investing, setting sector and style exposures based on macroeconomic views. He attempts to identify turning points in the cycle and focuses on the types of companies that will benefit from this by positioning the fund ahead of time. Performance has been disappointing in what is a highly competitive sector.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £150.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield 3.12%	Yield Payment Biannually
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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. The fund has been downgraded, as performance has been mixed for some time.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £527.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 1.31%	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. Mark has consistently proven himself to be one of the UK’s top fund managers, with a clear strategy, which has consistently worked.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £550.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Standard Life Investments UK Equity High Income Managed by Iain Pyle

The fund is now managed by Iain Pyle, who previously ran Standard Life Investments UK Equity Growth fund. The portfolio typically holds 50-70 large and medium-sized companies and may also hold a proportion in government, corporate and other bonds to supplement income. In addition to holding a number of high yielding stocks, the portfolio also allocates money to certain high conviction ideas, which do not necessarily require a yield element, but are expected to increase capital returns. Performance has not improved following the change in manager and, as a result, we have downgraded the fund.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £520.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.89%	Yield 5.52%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Standard Life Investments UK Equity Income Unconstrained 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. He does this through the use of the ‘Matrix’, which is a quantitative screen with a proven track record. The fund tends to be more volatile than many of the other UK equity income funds on offer. We like Tom’s focus on the yield of the future, not the income today. The heavy overweight to mid-caps has hurt recent performance but we still believe this fund can deliver going forward.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite🏆	Selection 🔵CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1373.2m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.15%	Yield 5.07%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Standard Life Investments UK Equity Unconstrained Managed by Wesley McCoy

This is a high conviction fund that is not afraid to deviate from the benchmark. The portfolio is concentrated, with the manager aiming to have between approximately 40-60 holdings. Wes is in his second stint of running this fund, having returned in 2015 when the incumbent manager left. Wes has a focus on ‘change’ and uses Standard Life Investments’ Matrix process to hunt for instances of market mispricing and value opportunities where market reaction has swung too far from a company’s fundamentals.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £515.4m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.16%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Standard Life Investments UK Smaller Companies Managed by Harry Nimmo

Harry has built a strong reputation as a manager in the UK small-cap market over the past two decades. Having been at the helm of this fund since its launch in 1997, he uses a screening process he calls “the Matrix” – which ranks companies in terms of earnings consistency, value, growth of profits and price momentum - to narrow down the 800 stocks that constitute the smaller companies market. This gives the team a shortlist of around 100 stocks, with the final portfolio typically consisting of around 50-60 holdings. Harry’s investment philosophy is to identify “tomorrow’s large companies today” with the focus on high quality companies with growth potential and earnings momentum.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1577.3m	AMC 0.85%	OCF 0.99%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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TB Evenlode Income Managed by Hugh Yarrow, Ben Peters

This fund’s philosophy is all about investing in quality. Hugh and Ben 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 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5	FundCalibre Rating Elite🏆	Selection 🔵CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £3187.0m	AMC 0.90%	OCF 0.90%	Yield 3.00%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Threadneedle UK Equity Alpha Income Managed by Richard Colwell

This is a contrarian value fund. Richard 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. Richard’s philosophy is ‘think active act lazy’ which means he will not trade positions just for the sake of it but will be working on new ideas all the time. The resulting portfolio is very high conviction with just 25-30 holdings. Richard is a highly experienced and humble manager with a long-term mindset. We consider him a safe pair of hands.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection 🔵CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £340.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.88%	Yield 4.70%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Threadneedle UK Equity Income *Managed by Richard Colwell*

Richard has a very patient and high-conviction approach to stock selection, which he bills as a ‘think active, act lazy’ philosophy. His investment choices are often contrarian and he will avoid any speculative stocks, even if they are fashionable and have short-term momentum. Richard also avoids using any derivatives, generating income solely through unloved companies which he believes can sustainably grow their dividends over time. He combines this with a macroeconomic overlay. The fund tends to be overweight consumer services and underweight industrials and financials. It is less concentrated than the Threadneedle UK Equity Alpha Income fund, but another solid option for investors.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £3993.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	Yield 4.30%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Trojan Income *Managed by Francis Brooke*

Former co-manager Mark Wharrier left in June last year to pursue an opportunity at Majedie Asset Management. However, the fund is still in the capable hands of Francis Brooke, who has managed the fund since inception in 2004, and Hugo Ure who has been assistant manager since 2011. The consistent and long-standing strategy remains unchanged. The fund combines an overview of the UK equity market with individual company analysis, which focuses on protecting investors’ capital during falling markets. Francis therefore tends to invest in between 30-50 stocks of high-quality, defensive blue chips, which pay steady streams of income. The fund aims to provide an attractive dividend payout with the potential for capital growth, and has an excellent track record of outperforming falling markets.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2792.9m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.02%	Yield 4.17%	Yield Payment Biannually
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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 high conviction nature, the fund does exhibit the higher risk levels associated with smaller stocks, but the managers have shown themselves to be excellent stock pickers and performance has been strong.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £628.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.81%	Yield 3.84%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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EUROPE

Artemis European Growth *Managed by Philip Wolstencroft, Peter Saacke*

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 and Peter predominantly invest 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 managers 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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £152.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Baring Europe Select *Managed by Nicholas Williams, Colin Riddles, Rosie Simmonds*

Nick sifts through more than 5,000 continental European smaller companies using a screening process, which filters out illiquid and excessively volatile stocks and leaves him with a universe of about 600. From here, he looks 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 his team meet up with each company before deciding to invest. Nick is a very experienced manager. He has delivered consistently excellent performance over his tenure.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1597.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	Yield 1.40%	Yield Payment Biannually
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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 between 35 and 65 stocks, which tend to be large-cap. Performance has been good since they took over in 2017.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £533.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.93%	Yield 0.70%	Yield Payment Annually
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BlackRock Continental European Income *Managed by Andreas Zoellinger*

Andreas identifies undervalued stocks that offer sustainable dividends, potential dividend growth and inflation protection. He works with the 21-strong European equity team to undertake individual stock analysis. He looks for companies with good management, a strong competitive position and good financial discipline. Andreas 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. The fund has consistently outperformed.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1605.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.93%	Yield 4.16%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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*This fund has a performance fee.

BlackRock European Dynamic *Managed by Alister Hibbert, Giles Rothbarth*

Alister aims to set himself apart from his peers through a highly intricate, in-depth research process. This has 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 Alister is able to adapt based on where we are in the economic cycle. Over Alister’s tenure, the fund is one of the strongest in a very competitive peer group.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £3066.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield 0.68%	Yield Payment Annually
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Fidelity European *Managed by Samuel Morse*

Sam has run this fund for almost a decade now 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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2499.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield 1.46%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Fidelity European Opportunities *Managed by Alberto Chiandetti*

Alberto is a bottom-up investor. He looks for certain trends when selecting stocks for the portfolio; these include companies where the market underestimates earnings because their sustainability is not fully appreciated, and situations where a potential impact on company earnings has not been recognised by the wider market. The fund is not restricted in the choice of companies either by size or industry, or in terms of the geographical split of the portfolio, but Alberto is keen not to overpay for stocks.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £370.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.93%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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FP CRUX European *Managed by Richard Pease, James Milne*

This fund typically has a concentrated portfolio of 45-55 stocks and employs the same investment process as CRUX European Special Situations, which is managed by the same pair. Richard and James look for four key criteria before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion; high barriers to entry and strong pricing power; quality management with track records and stakes in the business; sound finances and strong cash flow; and relatively conservative valuations compared to the peer group. It has a bias towards larger companies. Richard is one of the most experienced European managers and has delivered outstanding long-term returns at three or four different companies in his career.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £158.2m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.93%	Yield 2.17%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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FP CRUX European Special Situations *Managed by Richard Pease, James Milne*

Richard is one of the most well-known and highly regarded European fund managers in the UK. He has managed this fund with James since its launch in 2009. The assets of the fund were transferred to CRUX upon Richard’s departure from Henderson (now Janus Henderson) in 2015. The fund has around 60 stocks and has a strong focus on small and mid-caps. Performance is driven from bottom-up stock selection and the portfolio has traditionally had a low turnover. The fund is unconstrained by country, with the managers focusing on quality, cash generative companies they believe can do well, even if the markets become challenging. Richard has delivered outstanding long-term returns throughout his career.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1729.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.88%	Yield 2.37%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Invesco European Equity *Managed by Jeffrey Taylor, Stephanie Butcher*

Jeff and Stephanie place a strong emphasis on valuation when managing this fund. They exploit the inefficiencies of the market to find value opportunities. The fund uses a blend of top-down analysis to assess the themes of the continent, 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 flexibility means there is no set country or sectors from which to choose. We like the fund for its value discipline, especially when combined with steady risk management. It makes for a strong complementary offering in the sector.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2169.2m	AMC –	OCF 0.88%	Yield 3.03%	Yield Payment Annually
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Invesco European Smaller Companies *Managed by Adrian Bignell*

This fund typically holds between 70-90 stocks and focuses on those companies with robust financial positions, sound management and are capable of delivering higher returns on capital. Stock ideas are generated from company visits, news flow, external research, price movements and from within the investment team. The information gathered is then considered against the current and potential valuations of companies to see if they are attractively priced. The fund has been downgraded due to consistent underperformance in a sector where there are a number of strong alternative options available.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 8.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £137.5m	AMC –	OCF 0.90%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Janus Henderson European Growth *Managed by Simon Rowe, Marc Schartz*

When positioning the portfolio, managers Simon and Marc focus 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, they focus 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. The managers also have a keen focus on finding companies which can survive economic downturns. They will typically hold between 40 and 60 stocks at any one time.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £986.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities *Managed by John Bennett*

John has three decades worth of investment management experience. He believes that all sector trends and macroeconomic themes travel globally. He also believes in mean reversion – that what goes up, must come down – and vice versa. As such, he looks for companies which have been badly managed (but are not bad businesses) but that are likely to prosper over the long term. The fund therefore mostly holds out-of-favour companies trading on cheap valuations. John has been refining his portfolio recently by lowering the number of positions in the fund to 40-50 stocks. The move should help create stronger outperformance but also increases volatility.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £1828.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 1.30%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Jupiter European *Managed by Alexander Darwall*

Long-standing manager Alexander Darwall will step down from the management of this fund towards the end of 2019. Mark Nichols, who was co-manager of the Threadneedle European Select fund, will then replace him. Alexander had run this highly-concentrated fund with a rather distinct process based around recognising patterns of success in company business plans and management teams. This had led to one of the best long-term track records in the sector. While Mark will have the support of the impressive research resource at Jupiter when he takes over, there will inevitably be a transition period for the fund. As such, we have moved the fund to a Hold rating while we wait to assess the new manager.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £5503.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.02%	Yield 0.50%	Yield Payment Annually
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Jupiter European Special Situations *Managed by Cedric de Fonclare*

Cedric has been at the helm of this fund since 2005 and aims to offer value by building a diversified portfolio using a bottom-up stock picking approach. The portfolio, which has a bias towards larger companies, has around 50 stocks. Cedric looks for companies in a strong financial position with a proven track record, because he believes many of these companies will continue to benefit from long-term economic and business trends, despite any short-term fluctuations in the growth of the underlying economy. He deliberately tries to avoid overpaying for companies which are already showing good growth. The fund has been downgraded due to a prolonged period of underperformance.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £398.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.02%	Yield 1.10%	Yield Payment Annually
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Man GLG Continental European Growth *Managed by Rory Powe*

This is a high-conviction stock-picking fund. As the name suggests, the fund has a heavy bias to growth stocks. Rory invests in quality companies with a high or rising market share and a sustainable competitive advantage. He avoids companies which don’t control their own destiny. This leads to an underweight in financials, energy and material stocks. Rory has over 30 years’ experience investing in European equities. The fund has grown rapidly in size and has benefited from a style tailwind. Nevertheless, performance has been exceptional since Rory took over in October 2014.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1409.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.90%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Marlborough European Multi-Cap *Managed by David Walton*

David has totally reformed this fund since he took it over in 2013. He focuses on 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £320.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	Yield 1.51%	Yield Payment Annually
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Neptune European Opportunities *Managed by Thomas Smith*

Thomas took full responsibility for the fund in January 2019 following the departure of Rob Burnett. The fund is now being managed with a three-silo process, which the manager has used on the Neptune Latin America fund. Thomas will hold at least 20% of the portfolio in each of the three different silos. These are structural growth (high-quality, best-in-class companies with strong franchises), economic recovery (companies that are geared into economic tailwinds and which tend to exhibit more cyclical earnings profiles and higher operating leverage); and special situations (previously poor performing companies set for a reversal in fortunes). We have chosen to downgrade this fund due to the change in manager and wider concerns about the asset management firm.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £170.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.96%	Yield 3.40%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Schroder European Smaller Companies *Managed by Luke Biermann*

Luke uses a bottom-up approach to build a portfolio of small-size 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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £148.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.94%	Yield 0.92%	Yield Payment Annually
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Threadneedle European Select *Managed by David Dudding*

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. David largely ignores macroeconomic factors, preferring to focus his time on researching individual companies. He avoids industries with high regulatory uncertainty, such as banks or telecoms. The fund has delivered excellent long-term performance. It tends to generate most of its outperformance in a falling market. We consider this a core European fund.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1544.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	Yield 1.20%	Yield Payment Annually
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Threadneedle European Smaller Companies *Managed by Philip Dicken*

The fund invests in 80-100 small-cap European stocks which operate or have significant operations in Continental Europe. Philip Dicken took over as fund manager in April this year. He has 13 years of experience managing funds which specialise in European small-cap equities. Philip and the team believe that smaller companies in Europe are often under appreciated by the market. They seek to capitalize on this by using a top-down approach in which they combine an assessment of the macroeconomic environment with Porter’s Five Forces. This identifies companies who have dominant market positions which enable them to utilise pricing power to their advantage. They believe that a mixture of these factors give these businesses the ability to achieve sustained growth.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £436.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.88%	Yield 0.90%	Yield Payment Annually
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AXA Framlington American Growth *Managed by Stephen Kelly*

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 done very 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £557.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Baillie Gifford American *Managed by Gary Robinson, Helen Xiong, Tom Slater, Kirsty Gibson*

Like other Baillie Gifford strategies this fund invests in growth. The team is co-managed by four managers who are all united around the same philosophy. They believe investing on the right side of disruption is critical. What matters is finding businesses which have the potential to grow to be a multiple of their existing size and then having the conviction to hold onto those businesses rather than taking a quick profit. The portfolio is highly concentrated with around 50% of its value in its top 10 largest positions. The fund has performed very well over the past few years as its growth style of investing has been very much in favour.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2316.3m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.52%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Fidelity American *Managed by Sujay Kodlikeri*

Sujay took over the management of this portfolio from Aditya Khowala in June 2017, following the firm’s decision to change the investment style of the portfolio after a period of underperformance. The investment process of the fund was amended to move away from a growth-orientated bias to a more neutral style to give ‘greater flexibility to adapt to changes in market conditions’. The fund typically has a bias toward larger and medium-sized companies and can also use derivatives with the aim of risk or cost reduction or to generate additional capital or income. The fund has seen several changes in management in recent years with Aditya himself having taken over in 2015 from Peter Kaye.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £896.2m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Fidelity American Special Situations *Managed by Angel Agudo*

Angel is a high conviction stock picker who pays little attention to the benchmark index. He is a contrarian and is naturally drawn to situations where a share has fallen out of favour. For this reason, the fund tends to have a value bias. Angel always thinks about downside protection and likes companies with strong balance sheets. He particularly likes stocks where there is a lot of upside but further downside is limited. We admire Angel’s passion, conviction and willingness to be different. His refusal to buy expensive technology funds has hurt recent performance but we think this fund has the potential to do well over the long term.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £871.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Janus Henderson US Growth *Managed by Doug Rao, Nick Schommer*

This fund has seen a change in management following the merger between Henderson Global Investors and Janus Capital. Doug and Nick, both of whom were existing managers with Janus, took over management of the fund from Derek Pawlak, Michelle Picard and Scott Priebe in December 2017 following two years of “disappointing relative underperformance”. The portfolio continues to use the same investment philosophy under the management of the Denver-based duo by focusing on providing long-term capital growth via the shares of large US companies. The fund, which typically has about 40 holdings, can also use cash or cash instruments.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £275.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Legg Mason ClearBridge US Aggressive Growth *Managed by Evan Bauman, Richie Freeman*

This is a unique, high-conviction buy and hold growth fund. The portfolio consists of a concentrated top 10 holdings, with a tail of smaller incubator ideas, resulting in an overall portfolio of between 50 and 70 stocks. Evan has a very long-term view, with companies often held for 10 years or more. The fund had grown in size considerably but is now experiencing outflows, and the fund has subsequently underperformed. In particular, two key sectors of healthcare and biotech, which feature heavily in the fund have suffered, leaving the fund with a difficult combination of large holdings in small positions amongst the backdrop of outflows. As a result we have moved the fund to a Switch.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £982.7m	AMC 0.65%	OCF 1.08%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Legg Mason IF ClearBridge US Equity *Managed by Sam Peters, Jean Yu*

The managers hunt for market inefficiencies caused by widespread investor panic or greed. Sam and Jean do this through comparing general analyst notes and market expectations with their own analysis, to make sure the gap between a stock’s price and its actual value is wide enough to offer some safety. The expected result of this is a portfolio of high-quality, but undervalued, holdings which can deliver better risk-adjusted returns and less volatility than the S&P 500 index. Unfortunately, however, the fund has been more volatile and has delivered lower returns than its benchmark over the short, medium and long-term.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £28.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.02%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Legg Mason IF Martin Currie North American *Managed by Chris Connor*

This fund will invest at least 80% in shares of companies based in or conducting most of their activities in the US and Canada. The manager typically builds a high conviction portfolio of 35-45 stocks and targets outperformance of the MSCI North American index by 3% over a three-year rolling period. The fund is run using a bottom-up investment process, driven by fundamental research, to help identify attractively-valued companies with strong or improving fundamentals. The portfolio typically consists of large and mid-cap firms with turnover of 20-40% per annum. Legg Mason acquired Edinburgh-based equity specialists Martin Currie in 2014.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £143.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.94%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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LF 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. Their hunting ground is principally the Russell 3000 index. The fund typically holds around 35-45 stocks. The process and strategy is well considered, with a methodical valuation discipline.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection ● CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £621.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.97%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Merian North American Equity *Managed by Ian Heslop, Amadeo Alentorn, Mike Servent*

To counteract the efficient nature of North American markets, the managers of this fund avoid being weighted towards certain sectors and target opportunities regardless of market environment. The team uses a quant process to assess companies and produce a single return forecast against five key criteria including stock price valuation, balance-sheet quality, sustainable growth characteristics, efficient use of capital, analyst sentiment and supportive market trends. We like the team and their proven process, which has worked to consistently produce good performance in a very tricky market over the longer-term.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2757.0m	AMC –	OCF 0.95%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Neptune US Opportunities *Managed by George Boyd-Bowman*

This fund has seen a significant number of manager changes in recent years. The latest took place in August 2018, with George Boyd-Bowman replacing Alastair Unwin. Alastair was appointed lead manager on the fund in 2017, following the departure of Robin Milway - who himself had run the fund for a relatively short spell following the departure of the then US equities head James Hackman in 2016. The fund is a focused portfolio of approximately 40-60 North American companies, which may include Canadian businesses as well as those based in the USA. Stock selection is at the fund manager’s discretion, although traditionally it is expected to reflect the company’s wider sector and macroeconomic views. Despite performance being fairly strong, we are concerned about the lack of stability.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £246.9m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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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 stocks: 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. Bob recently took sole control of the fund after veteran Jenny Jones’ retirement in a well-forecast succession plan. The team remain highly experienced and it is one of the few funds in the sector to focus on mid-caps.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £1440.9m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 0.25%	Yield Payment Annually
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Schroder US Smaller Companies *Managed by Robert Kaynor*

Robert ‘Bob’ Kaynor has recently taken over this fund from the retiring Jenny Jones. He 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 team that supports Bob is very experienced.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £781.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 0.12%	Yield Payment Annually
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UBS US Equity *Managed by Thomas Digenan*

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. Thomas looks for companies which he thinks 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. Thomas uses UBS’s 20-strong research team to predict each holding’s future cash flows. He also prioritises 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. His style has been out of favour, but performance has disappointed nevertheless.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £196.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Aberdeen Asia Pacific Equity *Managed by Asia Pacific Equity Team*

Team leader, Hugh Young, and the Asia Pacific fund management team have built a strong long-term record in Asian markets. 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 keeps turnover to a minimum. The focus on quality means the team searches specifically for companies with strong financials and simple, scalable business models. The structure of the fund means it often outperforms when markets are falling. Hugh has more than 30 years’ experience managing Asian equities, with the 40-strong investment team based in numerous countries in Asia.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £731.8m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.21%	Yield 1.22%	Yield Payment Annually
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Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity *Managed by Global Emerging Markets Equity Team*

Aberdeen benefits from an effective research infrastructure with six offices located in emerging market countries. The team develops relationships with the companies it buys and looks to hold them for five years or so. It always meets and interviews the management of a company before investing. Aberdeen 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. The fund predominantly invests in large-cap holdings in a range of different sectors. Please note this fund is currently closed to new investments.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £1051.4m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.21%	Yield 0.90%	Yield Payment Annually
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Aberdeen Latin American Equity *Managed by Global Emerging Markets Equity Team*

This fund is run on a day-to-day basis by Aberdeen’s emerging market team, which is headed by Devan Kaloo. The process is ‘Warren Buffet-esque’, with the team looking to identify and build large positions in high quality companies that are trading at reasonable valuations. Consequently, the process is entirely based on fundamental research, with four to five company visits usually taking place before an investment is made. The average holding period for a company is more than five years and the team will look to add to positions during periods of market volatility. The fund can build up large country positions but the focus on quality companies helps manage volatility.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £127.2m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.19%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Allianz Emerging Markets Equity *Managed by Kunal Ghosh, Lu Yu*

Formerly the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) Stars fund, Kunal has made significant changes to the portfolio’s structure since 2016 when the mandate was amended. The move was made as Kunal was finding an increasing number of opportunities outside the BRIC economies. The fund now invests across all countries in the MSCI Emerging Markets index, while up to 20% of the fund can also be invested into developed economies or other emerging economies outside the benchmark. In April 2018, Allianz Global Investors announced this was one of five UK retail funds that would see their fixed charges fall in exchange for a 20% outperformance fee.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £168.0m	AMC 0.88%	OCF 1.06%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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BNY Mellon Asian Income *Managed by Zoe Kan*

This fund has recently rebranded, with the name changing from Newton Asian Income to BNY Mellon Asian Income. Zoe took over as lead manager on this fund in 2016, following the departure of Jason Pidcock to Jupiter. The portfolio 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 a 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. Performance has been weaker in recent years, and the fund has experienced significant outflows following Jason's departure.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1297.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	Yield 3.64%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Fidelity Asia *Managed by Teera Chanpongsang*

Teera invests 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 that are 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 portfolio has a low turnover and is well diversified across the region, thanks to the company's wide coverage and analyst expertise. Long run performance has been good.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2870.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.94%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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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. 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. Amit uses the strong regional coverage of Fidelity's analysts to good effect.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1455.1m	AMC 0.80%	OCF 1.09%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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First State Greater China Growth *Managed by Martin Lau, Sophia Li*

This fund focuses on individual company research. Martin invests 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 Martin is 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. The fund was soft-closed to new investment in 2012 but was reopened in 2016.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £444.9m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.05%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Goldman Sachs India Equity Portfolio *Managed by Team Managed*

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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1628.6m	AMC 0.85%	OCF 1.05%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Invesco Asian *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. Its strong performance has been particularly impressive given that most value funds have struggled recently.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £2468.1m	AMC –	OCF 0.90%	Yield 1.56%	Yield Payment Annually
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Invesco Hong Kong and China *Managed by Mike Shiao, Lorraine Kuo*

This fund is very concentrated and will hold between 30 and 60 stocks. Managers Mike and Lorraine, alongside Invesco's Greater China equities team, are based on the ground in Hong Kong and Taipei, so can conduct regular company meetings and in-depth analysis of each firm. The managers believe 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. It is a multi-cap fund, but Mike and Lorraine tend to focus on mid and large-caps. We like its high conviction and the fact that the managers are based in the region.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £382.2m	AMC –	OCF 0.89%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Invesco Pacific *Managed by Tony Roberts, William Lam, Charles Bond*

Ahead of the planned retirement of well-known fund manager Stuart Parks this fund is now managed by the trio of William, Tony and Charles. A significant emphasis is placed on valuation and bottom-up stock analysis as the trio focus on building a high-conviction portfolio whilst retaining an absolute return focus. The fund is not constrained by a benchmark. William is now co-head of the emerging markets and Asian equities team, alongside Ian Hargreaves, following a merger of the teams in 2018. Despite having consistent performance over the long term, the fund has been given a hold rating while we review it following Stuart's retirement.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £304.0m	AMC –	OCF 0.91%	Yield 1.41%	Yield Payment Annually
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Janus Henderson China Opportunities *Managed by Charlie Awdry, May Ling Wee*

Charlie and May scour the Chinese market for value opportunities, looking for companies with positive earnings outlooks not yet recognised by other investors. As they are based in London, they don't get distracted by the short-term noise of the market. Instead, they conduct focused field trips and one-to-one meetings with company management. The fund invests mainly in larger Chinese companies across a diverse range of sectors, listed in both China and Hong Kong. The portfolio is concentrated and currently holds around 35 stocks. Charlie is a very experienced Chinese equity investor and medium and long term performance has been good.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1203.2m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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JPM Emerging Markets *Managed by Austin Forey, Leon Eidelman*

Austin has managed this fund for over two decades with the aid of JP Morgan's strong emerging markets research team, which is partly based on the ground in Asia. The team seeks out long-term quality growth stocks, with the managers paying close attention to the risk profile of a stock, scrutinising governance and any ESG risks. Taking a longer-term approach, with an investment time horizon of three to five years means that turnover is low. The focus on risk has produced good returns over the long term, and the fund should outperform in falling markets, but can struggle to keep up in strongly rising markets.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1442.9m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.90%	Yield 0.83%	Yield Payment Annually
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Jupiter Emerging European Opportunities *Managed by Colin Croft*

Colin's philosophy is focused on two overlapping themes: under-appreciated investing and change-based investing. Change-based investing targets positive change that the market is yet to have fully factored in. In pursuing his investment philosophy Colin is style and benchmark agnostic, using rigorous bottom-up analysis with a macro overlay. He avoids derivatives and gearing and aims to be fully invested, taking a one in, one out, approach to holdings. The portfolio is concentrated at approximately 40-50 stocks, most of which are large or medium-sized. Emerging European markets can be volatile and this is reflected in the fund's performance. The manager is a fluent Russian speaker.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £96.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.21%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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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 was one of the first Indian equity funds available to UK investors and has a bias towards small and medium-sized firms. Avinash's experience makes it an interesting option.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £862.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.07%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Lazard Emerging Markets *Managed by James Donald*

James Donald heads up the Lazard emerging markets equity team. The strategy benefits from a large resource of analysts based across the world. The fund seeks companies with strong and consistent returns, trading at reasonable valuations. Political and macroeconomic factors are also considered when constructing the portfolio. The fund typically holds 70 to 90 stocks. It has a good long-term track record but has struggled in recent years as its relative value style has been out of favour.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £917.7m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.08%	Yield 2.10%	Yield Payment Biannually
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M&G Global Emerging Markets *Managed by Michael Bourke*

Following the departure of long-standing manager Matthew Vaight at the end of 2018, M&G have restructured the fund with Michael Bourke as lead manager, and Alice de Charmoy & Alistair Bruce as deputies. The fund's strategy is unchanged, believing 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. Due to the change in management, we have kept the fund as a Hold while the new team bed in.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £757.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.99%	Yield 2.95%	Yield Payment Annually
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Matthews Asia Pacific Tiger Managed by Sharat Shroff

Based in San Francisco, Matthews Asia is a specialist Asian investor and this is its flagship fund. The fund’s philosophy is to ignore short-term economic noise and focus entirely on the long term. Sharat and his team invest in high-quality, capital-light businesses, with good corporate governance. They will typically have a bias to consumer-facing businesses. We like this fund’s patient approach and its willingness to be different from its benchmark. Sharat and his team have strong local knowledge, which we think can help give them an edge over the competition.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1037.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.09%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Neptune Russia & Greater Russia Managed by Robin Geffen

Robin is the founder of Neptune Investment Management. The portfolio is heavily influenced by his view of the world, which is combined with bottom-up fundamental stock analysis to build a portfolio. The fund is extremely concentrated with approximately 65% of its value in in its top 10 holdings. The total portfolio is between 20 and 45 holdings. Stock positions and sector bets versus the benchmark are determined by Robin’s conviction ideas, however he prefers to invest in large-cap stocks so he can buy and sell them quickly. This is a highly specialist and volatile fund.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £210.1m	AMC 0.80%	OCF 1.05%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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RWC Global Emerging Markets Managed by John Malloy

Manager John Malloy approaches his portfolio from two angles. One is to analyse the economic and political backdrop using his own insights alongside a series of expert consultants. This will score countries on their attractiveness and includes frontier markets, where he can invest up to 20%. The other approach is individual company analysis, where he looks for companies trading on reasonable valuations but tapped into key long-term themes or trends. The fund is concentrated at around 60 names and has a range of small to large companies making for a very different-looking portfolio from peers, which can lead to volatile performance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1015.4m	AMC 0.90%	OCF 1.30%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Schroder Asian Alpha Plus Managed by Matthew Dobbs

Matthew has a completely flexible approach to building this portfolio, which helps him to pick out any market inefficiencies that he sees. He makes the most of Schroder’s large in-house research team, and focuses on stocks which have been highly-rated by analysts. Stock weightings in the portfolio reflect whether he sees visible earnings growth, sustainable returns, and whether they’re attractively-valued. However, Matthew also takes the macroeconomic backdrop into consideration, and is cognisant of how much exposure he has to certain regions or sectors. He will typically hold between 50 and 70 companies at any one time, and most of them tend to be large-caps. Matthew is highly experienced and has delivered very consistent performance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1010.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.95%	Yield 1.29%	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. Richard is very experienced and we consider this a core Asian income fund.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1453.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.94%	Yield 3.81%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Managed by David Gait, Sashi Reddy

This fund’s philosophy is to invest sustainably for the long term. It is completely benchmark agnostic. 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, after a slightly difficult period, the fund has had a strong year of relative performance versus its peers. We still think the fund’s focus on stewardship and sustainability will continue to deliver over the long term.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £7040.3m	AMC 0.85%	OCF 0.88%	Yield 1.05%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Stewart Investors Global Emerging Market Leaders Managed by Ashish Swarup, Tom Prew

This fund is closed to new investment and has been for some time. Its philosophy is to invest sustainably for the long term and it is completely benchmark agnostic. Corporate governance is paramount and most stocks will not meet the fund’s strict criteria. The team favours steady growers that can compound over the longer term. The resulting concentrated portfolio has about 40-50 names. The fund will also invest in stocks listed in developed markets if enough of their sales come from emerging markets. The fund has delivered strong returns over the long term but recent performance has been underwhelming.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1827.2m	AMC 0.85%	OCF 0.89%	Yield 1.45%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Sustainability Managed by David Gait, Sashi Reddy

This fund, which has recently had its name amended to include the word ‘sustainability’, 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £297.0m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.11%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Baillie Gifford Japanese Managed by Matthew Brett

Matthew became lead manager last year, but has been co-manager on the fund for more than 10 years. This is one of the most established funds in the sector having been founded in 1984. The largest portion of the fund is invested in secular organic growth, but the fund also has a portion invested in special situations and more cyclical growth. The fund has a bias to mid-caps. Baillie Gifford has a very strong Japanese team and this is reflected in the fund’s excellent long-term performance. We have every confidence that Matthew can continue to lead this fund to success in the future.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £2939.0m	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.63%	Yield 1.11%	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 incorporates a thematic approach, built from his on-the-ground knowledge and understanding of Japanese culture. Nick is benchmark agnostic and avoids ‘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. Nick is based in Tokyo and has a very clear and understandable investment approach.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1103.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.90%	Yield 0.39%	Yield Payment Annually
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Jupiter Japan Income Managed by Dan Carter

Dan has established a clear and consistent process since taking on the fund in 2016. It is designed to find companies with the ability, and willingness, to grow their dividends. To do this, Dan 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 engages with management to effect positive change, using formal correspondence to encourage firms to move to a progressive dividend policy. We are monitoring the fund while Dan builds a long-term track record.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £428.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.98%	Yield 2.30%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Legg Mason IF Japan Equity Managed by Hideo Shiozumi

This is an out and out growth fund and is at the highest end of the risk spectrum. Hideo has been investing in Japanese equities for more than 45 years and no one has more experience than he does. The fund will invest in companies of any size but ignores multinational Japanese mega-caps and instead tends to be dominated by mid and small-cap stocks. Hideo is not afraid to pay up for growth. The fund has delivered exceptional performance. However, it is extremely volatile and has been prone to very large falls in the past when its growth style has gone out of favour. This fund is not for the faint-hearted.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £965.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.02%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Managed by Neil Edwards, Stephen Harker, Jeff Atherton

This is a concentrated fund of around 40-50 holdings and is unashamedly tilted heavily to the contrarian value style of investing. Stephen, Neil and Jeff invest in out-of-favour companies which have been impacted by shorter term, and resolvable, issues. To mitigate risk, it has a bias towards the largest listed companies in Japan, and applies several initial risk overlays to each potential investment. The managers also have a keen focus on avoiding sector biases. It is one of the very few funds whose process has worked well over the long term in the tricky Japanese market.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £2091.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.90%	Yield 3.05%	Yield Payment Annually
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Artemis Global Growth *Managed by Peter Saacke*

This fund uses Artemis’s proprietary investment tool, SmartGARP®, to invest in a diversified portfolio, principally from developed markets. This process has historically worked well globally. 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £770.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Artemis Global Income *Managed by Jacob de Tusch-Lec*

This fund will look different from its peers for a number of reasons. Firstly, it will have around a third allocated to medium-sized companies, (with the rest in large and mega-caps). The manager will also look for contrarian ideas with a ‘value’ mindset. The portfolio is more focused on dividend growth and companies are sourced by looking for high free cash-flow, before the macro and sector outlook is analysed. Outside of this core process, Jacob will find special situations, such as companies that are out of favour but can help themselves turnaround. This differentiation, alongside Jacob’s excellent economic insight, makes for a compelling option in the sector.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £3181.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	Yield 3.34%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Baillie Gifford Global Discovery *Managed by Douglas Brodie*

This fund invests in smaller companies with very high growth prospects from all over the world. 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. Because a lot of the holdings are early-stage companies, Douglas has a keen focus on diversification, so the portfolio has between 75 to 150 stocks in no less than six different regions at any one time. Douglas has delivered excellent returns during favourable market conditions.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £796.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.78%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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BNY Mellon Global Income *Managed by Nick Clay*

This fund has recently rebranded with the name changing from Newton Global Income to BNY Mellon Global Income. 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. From this starting point, Nick adopts a strict yield criteria, ensuring every one of his holdings yield at least 25% more than the FTSE World index. He also focuses on companies which have sustainable competitive advantages, sound fundamentals, and are attractively-valued. Nick will hold anywhere between 40 and 70 stocks, depending on how many opportunities are available. The fund pays a high yield and has delivered strong absolute returns.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £5342.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.80%	Yield 3.07%	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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1161.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.93%	Yield 2.77%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Fidelity Global Enhanced Income *Managed by David Jehan, Daniel Roberts*

This fund is very similar to Fidelity Global Dividend, but has an additional covered call overlay (managed by David), which boosts its yield in return for foregoing some of the capital growth. Dan focuses on companies which offer the prospect of sustained dividend growth over the long term, have consistent cash flows and understandable business models, and little or no debt on their balance sheets. We like Dan’s 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £258.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.94%	Yield 4.55%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Fidelity Global Focus *Managed by Amit Lodha*

This is a quality growth style global mid-cap fund which holds between 40-60 different stocks. The fund’s philosophy centres on the premise that global equity markets are semi-efficient and that mispriced growth potential can be exploited. The manager hunts for sustainable pricing power, aiming for companies with uniquely positioned products or services that form a critical part of the value chain. Fidelity funds are augmented by their strong global research capability. The manager, Amit, has proven that he can compete with the pack. Performance has been excellent and the fund is on our watch list until such time as we meet the manager again for a qualitative assessment.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £442.2m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.93%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Fidelity Global Special Situations *Managed by Jeremy Podger*

This fund has a clear set of defined rules and four types of investment themes: corporate change – spotting a big structural change in a business; exceptional value – profitability is expected to improve significantly in the next three to five years; unique business – strong revenue and good cash-flow; and special situations – where there may be a merger or spin-off, for example. Jeremy has an exceptional track record of consistently adding value. It is very well diversified with around 100 to 150 holdings and is unlikely to take large country or sector bets. We consider this a core global fund which has tight risk controls.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £2541.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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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. Performance has been outstanding.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £18137.5m	AMC 0.90%	OCF 0.95%	Yield 0.59%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Guinness Global Equity Income *Managed by Matthew Page, 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £620.8m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.99%	Yield 2.58%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Invesco Global Equity *Managed by Nick Mustoe, Global Equity Group*

This fund typically comprises 60-80 stocks, which the group believes are the most sustainably growing, cash-generative companies trading on attractive valuations across the globe. Nick, who is also chief investment officer, has managed the portfolio since 2010. He is supported on the fund by the global equity group, which is comprised of numerous fund managers at Invesco as they aim to deliver the best ideas for the fund. The portfolio has no constraints in terms of market capitalisation, region and industry but has traditionally had a preference for developed market equities through its bottom-up stock selection process. The fund has no style preference.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1255.7m	AMC –	OCF 0.87%	Yield 1.78%	Yield Payment Annually
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Invesco Global Equity Income *Managed by Nick Mustoe*

This fund taps into the strength of Invesco’s equity income managers across various markets to build a portfolio of 40-60 global stocks. It usually has a bias towards large-caps and developed economies and has no specific sector weightings. Managed by Nick and the wider global equity income team, the fund has a ‘total return’ approach by seeking to deliver a combination of above average income as well as capital growth. The fund targets companies with robust balance sheets, strong cash flows and good management teams. Nick believes these companies are the most likely to sustain profit margins and deliver positive returns through the economic cycle.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £782.5m	AMC –	OCF 0.87%	Yield 3.50%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Invesco Global Smaller Companies *Managed by Nick Mustoe, Global Smaller Companies Group*

This portfolio taps into the global strengths of Invesco, with the fund being broken down into a number of sub-funds run by regional teams. A diversified portfolio of 300-400 stocks, the allocation to each region is decided by committee. Bottom-up stock research primarily determines stock selection within those regions. The fund is headed up by Nick and supported by the global smaller companies group, which is comprised of six additional fund managers. There is a dual fund manager/analyst role within the group providing both ownership and accountability for each investment decision. Tactical factors, like capital flows, economic growth, inflation and currencies, are also considered within the process.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £679.8m	AMC –	OCF 0.90%	Yield 0.76%	Yield Payment Annually
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Janus Henderson Global Equity *Managed by Ian Warmerdam, Ronan Kelleher*

Under the management of Ian and Ronan, this high conviction portfolio typically comprises between 40-60 stocks, with no specific benchmark focus. Investments in the fund are made on at least a five-year time horizon with the aim of having exposure to long-term secular growth trends, driven by innovation or demographics, which are under-appreciated by the market. Valuations are assessed based on cash flow, balance sheet strength and longterm earnings growth. The managers are supported on the fund by the UK-based global equities team, which is headed up by Ian. The Janus Henderson World Select fund was merged into this fund last year.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £631.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.85%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £754.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 3.50%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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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 worked well over the long term. Recent performance versus peers has been a little weaker.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1805.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £112.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.11%	Yield 0.80%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Lindsell Train Global Equity Managed by Michael Lindsell, James Bullock, Nick Train

Managed by the co-founders of the business, this has been one of the best performing global funds in recent years. Michael and Nick run this highly concentrated portfolio of 25-30 global equity stocks, with the help of co-manager James Bullock. 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 low, and the portfolio will look very different to its benchmark the MSCI World Index (developed markets). The portfolio has been known to have a historically strong weighting to Japanese equities.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £8331.5m	AMC 0.65%	OCF 0.74%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Liontrust Global Income Managed by James Inglis-Jones, Samantha Gleave

James has managed this fund since March 2009 and Samantha became co-manager in 2012. They aim to provide investors with a high level of income and capital growth that can keep pace with inflation over the medium to long-term. They use a ‘Cashflow Solution’ investment process. The process is based on the belief that the most important determinant of shareholder returns is company cash flows, as they can be a good indicator of strong growth in future reported profits and can mean companies are in a good position to pay generous and rising dividends to shareholders. Performance has been relatively unspectacular in recent years.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £151.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.93%	Yield 5.40%	Yield Payment Biannually
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M&G Global Dividend Managed by Stuart Rhodes

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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £2480.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 2.99%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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M&G Global Themes Managed by Alex Araujo

This fund was handed its fourth manager in six years following the departure of Jamie Horvat in January 2019. Alex Araujo, who also manages the M&G Listed Infrastructure fund, has now taken on the portfolio, which was previously known as M&G Global Basics. Alongside the management changes, the firm is revising the fund’s investment approach. Under Alex, the 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. Although the overall investment objective of achieving a higher total return than the MSCI ACWI index over a five-year period has not changed, we have decided to place the fund on hold while we review how these changes impact performance.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2113.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield 1.76%	Yield Payment Annually
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*This fund has a performance fee.

Rathbone Global Opportunities Managed by James Thomson, Sammy Dow

James 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 performance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1674.1m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.79%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 7.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1285.2m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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FIXED INTEREST

Artemis High Income Managed by Alex Ralph

Alex invests around 80% of this portfolio in bonds and up to 20% in equities for diversification and capital appreciation purposes. Industry exposure is capped at a maximum of 15% in any one sector across the portfolio. The manager targets higher levels of income by investing in bonds with lower credit ratings and she works closely with fellow managers Ed Legget and Paul Casson, who manage the equity portion of the portfolio. The fund has been a consistent performer in the past few years with Alex taking sole control following the departure of Adrian Gosden in 2016.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 3.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1240.6m	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.72%	Yield 5.50%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Artemis Strategic Bond Managed by James Foster, Alex Ralph

Alex and James typically invest in about 100-130 holdings which are diversified by sector, the quality of the underlying company and the length of time until the bond matures. The portfolio can also invest across regions but usually focuses on the UK, Europe and the US. While the macroeconomic view is decided on a team basis, each manager has their specific duties from a sector and company ratings perspective. James has responsibility for higherquality companies and financials, while Alex focuses on higher-risk holdings. The flexibility of the mandate also allows the fund to invest in futures, credit default swaps, index-linked bonds, preference shares and convertible bonds.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 3	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1570.7m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.59%	Yield 3.17%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond Managed by Torcail Stewart, Lesley Dunn

This bond fund has two drivers for performance: bond selection and income generation. Its straightforward, bottom-up process means the managers buy bonds that are undervalued and hold them until their potential is realised and the price has appreciated. In the interim, they are paid to wait by receiving coupons, delivering the income element. The sweet spot is in the crossover point between investment-grade and high-yield bonds, with an approximate 70/30 split respectively. We like this simple approach as it plays to the team’s strengths and avoids the complexities often prevalent in the strategic bond space.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 3.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £987.3m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.52%	Yield 3.40%	Yield Payment Monthly
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BlackRock Corporate Bond Managed by Ben Edwards

Manager Ben Edwards employs a flexible process in this fund to build a portfolio of around 150 holdings, predominantly in corporate bonds. To do this, Ben has the support of BlackRock’s vast global resources include specialist fixed income analysts, quantitative risk tools and a huge global trading platform, which gives him insights into how bonds are trading. He uses a mixture of top-down analysis to find areas of interest, with bottom-up stock selection to find potential holdings mispriced by the market. The fund can invest in a limited amount of high yield or un-rated bonds should a good opportunity arise. In a world of low yields, the success of this strategy is a stand-out.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 2.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1005.6m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.57%	Yield 2.76%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Fidelity Moneybuilder Income Managed by Sajiv Vaid

Highly regarded bond fund manager Ian Spreadbury retired at the end of 2018 with Sajiv taking over as lead manager on the fund with Kristian Atkinson as his deputy. This fund aims to achieve a steady income without taking undue risk by investing predominantly in investment grade corporate bonds. The fund can invest in bonds issued by governments, companies or other bodies and may also use derivatives to help achieve its investment objectives. Sajiv joined Fidelity in 2015 as co-manager of the Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income and Extra Income Funds. He has also been lead manager of the Fidelity Short Dated Corporate Bond fund since its launch in November 2016.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 2.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £3279.6m	AMC 0.40%	OCF 0.56%	Yield 3.23%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Invesco Corporate Bond *Managed by Paul Causer, Michael Matthews*

Paul is extremely well-respected in the industry. He has a completely unconstrained approach, which is built on the idea that markets are mostly efficient, but still throw up opportunities. Paul and his co-manager, Michael Matthews, have a three-step strategy. First, they analyse the macroeconomic backdrop and make informed decisions about which market areas are likely to do well. Secondly, they evaluate the companies, focusing on whether a company can meet its obligations in terms of paying interest and repaying the debt. Then finally, they assess the value and whether the risk being taken is worth the returns and the income on offer. Paul is one of the most experienced managers in the sector.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■2	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection –	Fund Size £3974.4m	AMC –	OCF 0.61%	Yield 3.18%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Invesco Monthly Income Plus *Managed by Paul Causer, Paul Read, Ciaran Mallon*

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 macroeconomic environment will drive the managers’ positioning. The team will also undertake detailed fundamental analysis on individual positions. The fund can and usually does have up to 20% invested in equities which is managed by Ciaran. This does make the fund more volatile than some of its peers but it has also been a tailwind to performance over the long term. The strength and depth of Invesco’s fixed income team set this fund apart from many of its sector peers.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■3.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection ● CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £2673.7m	AMC –	OCF 0.68%	Yield 5.66%	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 been a strong performer in recent years.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■3	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £806.9m	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.69%	Yield 3.90%	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. They are two of the most experienced and established fixed income managers and have delivered excellent long-term performance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■3	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection ● CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £2382.0m	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.69%	Yield 2.40%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Jupiter Strategic Bond *Managed by Ariel Bezalel*

This is a flexible ‘go anywhere’ bond fund. Decisions are driven by the team’s macroeconomic analysis and Ariel is not afraid to make big changes to the portfolio. The fund also makes extensive use of derivatives. 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 and has done an excellent job of preserving capital whilst still providing a high income and good performance. It has been one of our favourite bond funds for some time now.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■2.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection ● CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £3885.5m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.74%	Yield 3.60%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Kames Investment Grade Bond *Managed by Euan McNeil, Grace Le*

This fund has been downgraded to a hold rating following the departure of fund manager and co-head of fixed income Stephen Snowden to Artemis. Euan now manages the fund with Grace, who joined the firm from PwC in 2015. The structure of the fund lends itself to providing 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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■2.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £816.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.77%	Yield 2.28%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Kames Sterling Corporate Bond *Managed by Iain Buckle, Rory Sandilands*

Co-managed by Iain and Rory, this 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 is not restricted by market sector or geography, although it typically has a bias towards UK fixed interest. Rory became co-manager on the fund in August 2017 following the departure of the David Roberts, who left to join Liontrust Asset Management. The fund has been downgraded to a hold following a further swathe of departures within the fixed income team at the end of 2018, including co-head of fixed income Stephen Snowden.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■2.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £376.0m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.54%	Yield 2.84%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Legal & General Dynamic Bond *Managed by Colin Reedie, Julien Houdain*

This fund is currently being run on an interim basis by co-head of global fixed income Colin Reedie and senior portfolio manager Julien Houdain, while Oumar Saaed is on leave. The fund invests 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.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■3	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £223.9m	AMC –	OCF 0.63%	Yield 4.80%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Legal & General High Income *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 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. Under the manger’s tenure, performance has been OK.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■4	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1316.4m	AMC –	OCF 0.41%	Yield 6.20%	Yield Payment Monthly
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M&G Corporate Bond *Managed by Richard Woolnough*

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. This is a solid core corporate bond fund run by an excellent and highly-experienced manager.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■2.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection –	Fund Size £3583.4m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.66%	Yield 3.58%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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M&G Global High Yield Bond *Managed by Stefan Isaacs, James Tomlins*

Stefan and James manage a portfolio of fixed interest securities (from around 200 issuers), the majority of which are predominantly in developed markets. The process is top down, evaluating the macroeconomic environment. Their views on the future direction of interest rates have a large impact on the positioning of the portfolio. Credit liquidity is important, which is the ability to quickly realise the cash value of their holdings. To achieve this, they stick to larger bond issues with a broad investor base and diversified markets. M&G benefits from having a large credit research team exceeding 50 analysts.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■3.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1083.1m	AMC 0.65%	OCF 0.81%	Yield 5.17%	Yield Payment Monthly
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M&G Optimal Income *Managed by Richard Woolnough*

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. Richard is one of the few bond managers who has shown he can consistently add value through his asset allocation and interest rate management. One caveat is the strategy’s huge size (mirror funds of this strategy are also popular in Europe) which may make it harder to change the fund’s positioning quickly.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■3.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection –	Fund Size £3673.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.91%	Yield 2.85%	Yield Payment Monthly
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M&G Strategic Corporate Bond *Managed by Richard Woolnough*

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. This is a solid core corporate bond fund run by an excellent and highly experienced manager.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■2.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite 🏆	Selection –	Fund Size £2738.7m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.66%	Yield 3.75%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Man GLG Strategic Bond *Managed by Craig Veysey*

Craig has taken over the management of this fund, with Francois Kotze becoming his deputy. Both joined following Man GLG’s acquisition of Sanlam’s strategic bond business late last year. The fund can invest across all credit and fixed income asset classes using a combination of bottom-up analysis and top-down asset allocation. The bottom-up analysis is from a combination of proprietary analytical tools and detailed credit selection, while the portfolio leverages off the macro-specialists at the firm when making top-down allocation decisions. Veysey had been serving as head of fixed income at Sanlam since 2009. We have placed the fund on a generic hold rating while we assess the impact of these changes on performance.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating ■■■■■■■3	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £33.7m	AMC 0.50%	OCF 0.65%	Yield 3.63%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Schroder High Yield Opportunities Managed by Daniel Pearson

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 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. The fund has been through a number of recent manager changes.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 4	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £610.1m	AMC 0.60%	OCF 0.72%	Yield 6.64%	Yield Payment Monthly
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TwentyFour Dynamic Bond Managed by Gary Kirk, Eoin Walsh, Mark Holman, Felipe Villarroel, Pierre Beniguel, David Norris

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 means that its management team can take advantage of any changes in market conditions. It has a very strong focus on both credit default and interest rate risk. Because of the team’s expertise, it can take advantage of lower-rated bonds which have higher yields, 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. Performance has been excellent, but the fund can be a little more volatile than its sector.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 3.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £1956.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.77%	Yield 3.82%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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TARGETED ABSOLUTE RETURN

Aviva Investors Multi Strategy Target Income 2 Managed by Peter Fitzgerald, Ian Pizer, Ahmed Behdenna

This is one of very few absolute return funds to pay a monthly income. The income is derived from a wide variety of different assets and positioning is driven by the house macroeconomic view, which is updated once a quarter. The fund also aims to preserve capital, with risk-reducing strategies that are designed to protect the fund whilst costing very little. While the fund has paid out a good income, it has not protected capital as much as we would have expected in difficult markets.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 4	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1233.7m	AMC –	OCF 0.85%	Yield 4.40%	Yield Payment Monthly
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BlackRock UK Absolute Alpha Managed by Nigel Ridge

This is a long/short UK fund which aims to make a return in all market conditions. It was restructured and strengthened when Nigel joined in 2013. The fund is now higher conviction but with a conservative net exposure to the wider stock market. Nigel is a pragmatic stock-picker who will take the macroeconomic environment into account as well as company fundamentals. Before taking positions, he will try to identify a catalyst which will drive a stock up or down. This fund has had a strong and consistent track record under Nigel’s tenure.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 4.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £266.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.92%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Janus Henderson UK Absolute Return Managed by Ben Wallace, Luke Newman

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. Few funds in the targeted absolute return sector can boast of such a strong track record as this one. However, performance in the past couple of years has not been quite as strong as in the past. We note the fund’s size has grown considerably as it has become increasingly popular.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 4	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £2013.9m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.06%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Jupiter Absolute Return Managed by James Clunie

James is something of a ‘short selling specialist’, having completed his PhD on the subject. Short-selling, which means trying to make money when share prices fall, is therefore a key strategy of this absolute return fund, which invests primarily in global equities with the aim of generating a positive return in both rising and falling markets. James typically has a style bias towards value stocks and does not invest more than 5% in any one holding. The fund’s defensive nature and focus on capital protection does mean it will often underperform in rising markets. The fund does not have a performance fee.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 4.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1454.6m	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.85%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Managed by Ian Heslop, Amadeo Alentorn, Mike Servent

This is a complex quantitative long/short equity fund. The fund is designed to be market neutral. This means at any time it will have very little or no net exposure to the stock market. The fund is extremely diversified with between 600 and 900 positions. Returns are generated from five different sources: dynamic valuation; sustainable growth; analyst sentiment; company management and market dynamics. Ian and his team then vary the weighting to each of these factors depending on market conditions. This fund has delivered good long-term returns with almost no correlation to the stock market. However, recent performance over the past year has been disappointing. We still have confidence the fund can do well in the future and we like its low historic correlation with equity markets.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £7076.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.86%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies Managed by the SLI Multi Asset Investing Team

Since its launch, this fund has become one of the largest targeted absolute return portfolios in the UK retail market. It invests across numerous global asset classes to meet its investment aim of 5% more than cash over three years, regardless of market conditions. More than 40 investment professionals contribute towards the fund as either strategists, investment managers or investment risk experts. It invests in Standard Life equity and bond funds, as well as using ‘relative value strategies’ in equities, fixed income securities, currencies and cash positions. The portfolio also invests in more sophisticated, derivative-based instruments. It is a very complex fund and recent performance has been mixed.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 4.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £8798.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.89%	Yield 2.27%	Yield Payment Annually
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*This fund has a performance fee.

SVS Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Managed by James Mahon, Jeremy Wharton

Managers James and Jerry invest directly in a combination of fixed interest, equities, alternatives and cash to produce a diversified multi-asset portfolio. This absolute return fund, unlike many, does not short sell. Instead, the managers focus on capital preservation by having a highly diversified portfolio spread across uncorrelated assets, which should protect the fund when markets fall. Their macroeconomic view is formed by analysing data, corporate activity, political risk and the inflation outlook. This then determines the split between these various asset classes. Their focus is firmly on the risk associated with any investment.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 4	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA CORE	Fund Size £360.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 0.76%	Yield Payment Biannually
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MISCELLANEOUS

Artemis Monthly Distribution Managed by Jacob de Tusch-Lec, James Foster

This multi-asset fund is run by two very talented stock-pickers; Jacob is in charge of its equity portion, while James is in charge of the fixed income and overall asset allocation. They meet regularly to discuss their macroeconomic views, as well as their thoughts on specific companies. The fund does have some restrictions: it can’t hold more than 5% in any one holding (except government bonds), more than 20% in any sector, or more than 15% in emerging markets. It tends to hold around 60% in fixed interest and 40% in equities. The fund is a mix of two of the best funds in their respective sectors and has delivered excellent performance.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 4.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £977.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 4.35%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Artemis Strategic Assets Managed by William Littlewood, Kartik Kumar

Managers Kartik and William focus on the macroeconomic environment when generating investment ideas. While a sizeable portion of this fund tends to be invested in equities, it is also able to hold fixed income, currency, commodities and cash. The managers can short any asset in order to take advantage of falling markets and to help preserve capital when times are tough. The managers have an absolute return mindset. Unfortunately, their macroeconomic stance, which has anticipated inflation, has so far been incorrect and the fund has struggled to make gains as a consequence. We have therefore removed the fund from the Chelsea Selection.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 6	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £560.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.87%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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AXA Framlington Biotech Managed by Linden Thomson

Linden has always been a healthcare and biotech specialist throughout her career. She focuses on bottom-up fundamental research. She usually likes to meet a company before she invests as good management is particularly important for the smaller biotechs. 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 like Linden’s approach and specialist knowledge, and the fund has performed well under her tenure.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £422.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.83%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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AXA Framlington Global Technology Managed by Jeremy Gleeson

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. Jeremy has successfully run this fund since 2007 and has been specialising in technology stocks since 1998. His level-headed commitment to finding new opportunities with strong commercial potential and ignoring yesterday’s winners, coupled with his and his team’s vast experience, has led to very strong performance over the years.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £695.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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AXA Framlington Health Managed by Dani Saurymper

Dani has over 15 years’ experience in the healthcare sector. Like most AXA Framlington funds it is focused on growth and this often leads to an overweight in sectors such as biotech. Dani initially screens for businesses with high and improving returns. He always tries to meet companies before investing and assessing management is a key part of his process. The portfolio has around 60 holdings of which around 70% are domiciled in the US. We like the higher conviction, more concentrated approach that Dani has introduced but performance has been underwhelming.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £473.4m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.82%	Yield 0.22%	Yield Payment Biannually
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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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £842.7m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.17%	Yield 0.79	Yield Payment Annually
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First State Global Listed Infrastructure Managed by Peter Meaney, Andrew Greenup

This is a highly concentrated infrastructure fund with a bottom-up approach. Most of the allocation is to developed markets. From a broad universe, the manager identifies around 180 potential candidates, investing in approximately 40 equities. There is no direct investment in infrastructure projects, just listed companies that operate in the infrastructure sector. These may include utilities, roads, train lines, air and marine ports, oil and gas storage and transportation. The fund shifted toward more economically sensitive assets a few years ago. The managers are well supported by a team of seven analysts.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 6.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £1829.6m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.78%	Yield 2.95%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Invesco Distribution *Managed by Paul Causer, Paul Read, Ciaran Mallon*

Managed by the same team that runs Invesco Perpetual Monthly Income Plus, this fund aims to deliver both income and capital growth. Up to 40% of the fund can be invested in UK and global equities, while 60% or more is invested in investment grade corporate and government bonds. The managers are wary of potential risks and will hold higher proportions of government bonds and cash when a cautious outlook is required.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 4	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2376.2m	AMC –	OCF 0.78%	Yield 4.86%	Yield Payment Monthly
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Janus Henderson Cautious Managed *Managed by Stephen Payne, Philip Payne*

This multi-asset fund will only hold the asset classes that the managers know best. As such, it tends to only hold UK equities, UK fixed income and cash. While the equity portion of the fund is invested in cheaper, out-of-favour companies, the fixed income holdings are chosen to minimise the volatility and make sure the portfolio as a whole works well together. The fund holds equal weightings in bonds and equities when it is in its ‘neutral’ position, although it can hold between 20% and 60% in equities at any one time. This fund has a ‘hold’ rating due to manager changes, with Stephen and Philip only taking over in March 2019.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 4	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £1497.9m	AMC 0.63%	OCF 0.71%	Yield 3.60%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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Janus Henderson Global Technology *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. The fund saw a re-shuffle in its management team in 2017 as co-manager Stuart O’Gorman, who has managed the fund since 2001, left the firm with Alison, Graeme and Richard now co-managers. The investment philosophy remains unchanged 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.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £909.8m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Janus Henderson UK Property Feeder *Managed by Marcus Langlands Pearse, Ainslie McLennan*

This fund invests in physical UK commercial property. Marcus and Ainslie look for buildings used for retail, offices or industrial purposes, such as warehouses. They have also started investing in alternative commercial property for extra diversification, such as hotels, hospitals and care homes. Because physical property can be illiquid (difficult and time-consuming to sell), the managers will hold a significant amount of cash to manage flows of money into and out of the fund. We like their focus on high quality tenants and long leases. From March 2019 the fund changed its pricing method to dual pricing on a full spread basis. This means the difference between buying and selling the fund has increased. The point of doing this is to discourage short-term trading and to better reflect the true costs of buying and selling property. We think it is a sensible change which should protect long-term investors in the fund.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 3.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £1870.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.84%	Yield 3.00%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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JPM Natural Resources *Managed by Neil Gregson, Christopher Korpan*

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. The neutral position of the fund would be a third invested in each of these three categories, but the manager can adjust the allocation according to their view on where the opportunities lie. The top 10 holdings account for approximately 40% of the portfolio and tend to be large-cap oil & gas, and mining giants listed in developed markets. There are approximately 100 holdings, however, with the remaining allocation leaning towards smaller companies. Commodities are traditionally a more volatile asset class and this fund is no exception.

HOLD	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £633.0m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.90%	Yield 1.96%	Yield Payment Annually
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Jupiter Distribution and Growth *Managed by Alastair Gunn, Rhys Petheram*

The managers target a high and rising income with capital growth by investing in a blend of equities and bonds. Alastair runs the equities portion and Rhys the bonds, with the overall allocation to each varying according to what the pair believe offers the better return prospects. Alastair looks specifically for companies that can produce and sustain strong and growing cash flows and where management can show an ability to pay a regular dividend. Rhys invests in a range of high quality bonds, supplemented by bonds which offer a higher yield, but with higher risk. Unfortunately, performance has been rather lacklustre over the past couple of years, with the equity portion underperforming the market.

SWITCH	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £350.3m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.04%	Yield 4.60	Yield Payment Biannually
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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 he 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 and he has an excellent track record in this niche asset class.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £574.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.00%	Yield 0.30%	Yield Payment Biannually
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Jupiter Merlin Growth Portfolio *Managed by John Chatfeild-Roberts, Algy Smith-Maxwell, Amanda Sillars, David Lewis*

This fund-of-funds is part of the Jupiter Merlin range, all of which follow a similar investment philosophy, but are positioned on different objectives and risk levels. This fund is one of the higher-octane funds in the range, aiming to achieve both growth and some income by investing in a combination of equities, fixed income, commodities and property. The fund sits in the IA Flexible sector, meaning the managers have complete freedom when it comes to asset class allocation. The managers start with a thorough analysis of the macroeconomic environment, before focusing on fund selection and choosing the managers which they believe can weather whole economic cycles.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection –	Fund Size £1725.7m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 1.72%	Yield 0.3%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 10	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £2497.4m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.16%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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Polar Capital Healthcare Opportunities *Managed by Gareth Powell, Daniel Mahony*

Gareth and Dan are part of a team of six 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 approximately 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.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 8	FundCalibre Rating Elite	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £1205.5m	AMC 1.00%	OCF 1.16%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth *Managed by Valu-Trac***

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.

–	Chelsea Risk Rating 7	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £21.3m	AMC 0.30%	OCF 1.26%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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VT Chelsea Managed Balanced Growth *Managed by Valu-Trac***

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.

–	Chelsea Risk Rating 5.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £21.4m	AMC 0.30%	OCF 1.21%	Yield –	Yield Payment –
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VT Chelsea Managed Cautious Growth *Managed by Valu-Trac***

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.

–	Chelsea Risk Rating 4	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £8.6m	AMC 0.30%	OCF 1.30%	Yield 1.72%	Yield Payment Biannually
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VT Chelsea Managed Monthly Income *Managed by Valu-Trac***

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.

–	Chelsea Risk Rating 4.5	FundCalibre Rating –	Selection –	Fund Size £19.4m	AMC 0.30%	OCF 1.16%	Yield 4.84%	Yield Payment Monthly
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VT Gravis UK Infrastructure *Managed by Valu-Trac****

Around two thirds of the VT Gravis UK Infrastructure Income fund invests in investment trusts exposed to different types of infrastructure. 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. The fund will have a minimum of 22 holdings, and the maximum holding size is 9.5%. While this may seem very concentrated, investors should note that the fund will have exposure to around 1,000 separate underlying projects.

BUY	Chelsea Risk Rating 4	FundCalibre Rating Elite Radar	Selection CHELSEA SELECTION	Fund Size £357.5m	AMC 0.75%	OCF 0.75%	Yield 4.94%	Yield Payment Quarterly
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The Chelsea research team are investment advisers to the fund. *The investment adviser to the fund is Gravis Advisory Limited.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

UK All Companies												
Fund Name	Fund Calibre Rating	CRR	1 Year	1 Year Rank	3 Year	3 Year Rank	5 Year	5 Year Rank	10 Year	10 Year Rank	Yield	Fund Size £m
Artemis Capital	–	6	-10.24	226	23.40	145	30.45	84	177.28	61	-	277.5
Artemis UK Select	–	7	-13.80	249	16.03	201	23.22	162	171.31	73	3.77	690.5
Artemis UK Special Situations	–	6	-11.04	232	7.87	234	11.68	220	121.15	168	3.04	600.7
AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities	🟢	6	-1.79	58	18.96	182	26.96	123	194.30	47	1.87	1643.8
BlackRock UK	–	6	-1.09	46	35.30	34	48.32	28	151.65	96	1.63	516.4
BNY Mellon UK Equity	–	5.5	0.79	32	22.52	151	45.63	35	139.76	132	3.53	781
Fidelity Special Situations	–	6.5	-7.47	180	24.29	137	38.70	56	171.66	71	-	2895.2
Fidelity UK Select	–	6	1.11	31	28.88	83	47.06	31	180.02	56	-	471.9
Franklin UK Mid-Cap	🟡	6.5	-5.27	143	31.19	53	48.58	25	304.50	8	2.61	998.7
Invesco UK Growth^	–	6	-12.65	243	18.01	191	16.80	197	166.94	76	3.22	969
Janus Henderson UK Alpha	–	6.5	-7.54	182	29.85	67	47.97	29	141.61	126	-	406.3
JOHCM UK Dynamic	🟡	6	-6.32	165	36.69	25	38.36	57	219.20	34	3.41	1450
JOHCM UK Opportunities*	–	5	1.43	-	18.46	-	28.96	-	170.40	-	2.80†	459.1
Jupiter UK Growth	–	7.5	-14.43	251	-1.08	243	4.96	230	141.44	127	2.10	1103.1
Jupiter UK Special Situations	🟡	5.5	-8.79	201	25.54	121	26.10	134	181.46	54	3.10	1910.6
LF Lindsell Train UK Equity	–	6.5	11.47	3	53.86	7	82.19	4	405.05	3	1.73	7065.7
Liontrust Special Situations^	🟡	6	3.93	17	47.65	12	68.64	10	378.36	4	1.77	4932
M&G Recovery	–	7.5	-10.88	230	23.41	144	7.38	226	88.74	198	2.77	2389.8
Marlborough UK Multi-Cap Growth	🟡	7	-5.35	145	40.94	19	66.55	12	284.40	13	0.74	283.2
Merian UK Alpha	🟡	7	-5.00	140	29.57	73	24.69	148	159.48	85	3.55	1655.8
Merian UK Mid-Cap	–	6.5	-13.80	248	27.86	101	69.98	8	315.60	5	1.60	3233.7
MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth	🟡	7.5	1.80	27	67.31	1	-	-	-	-	1.01	343.4
Neptune UK Mid-Cap	–	7	-13.63	247	2.93	239	20.37	177	247.37	23	4.03	205.1
Schroder Recovery	🟡	7.5	-9.27	209	26.66	113	23.49	161	198.24	43	2.55	1132.5
Schroder UK Alpha Plus	–	6	-5.66	153	19.82	173	19.93	181	160.33	84	3.09	769.7
Schroder UK Equity	–	6	-9.33	211	18.31	187	21.00	172	155.59	89	3.12	446
Schroder UK Opportunities	–	6	-11.09	235	15.88	203	8.93	223	213.01	38	2.85	150.1
Slater Growth	–	7	3.48	20	35.96	30	67.35	11	493.40	1	-	550.1
Standard Life Investments UK Equity Unconstrained	–	7.5	-19.50	259	5.52	238	4.59	231	251.47	20	-	515.4
Sector Average			-5.08	261	24.55	247	28.50	233	151.57	200		
UK Equity Income												
Aberdeen UK Equity Income	–	6	2.32	4	27.74	8	16.86	65	153.34	28	4.10	153.8
Artemis Income	🟡	5	-5.84	39	23.57	21	30.00	20	163.77	19	4.43	5597.9
AXA Framlington Monthly Income	–	5.5	-2.12	15	26.72	9	35.08	8	178.10	12	4.44	396.9
BlackRock UK Income	–	5.5	-3.69	19	20.60	26	36.29	7	140.68	39	4.44	359.8
BNY Mellon Equity Income Booster	–	5.5	-8.45	68	18.76	34	18.22	60	130.61	47	8.14	105.6
BNY Mellon UK Income	–	5	-0.99	9	19.33	30	33.12	14	138.92	40	4.18	1218.7
Fidelity Enhanced Income	–	5	-4.01	22	4.09	78	10.87	73	104.68	56	7.38	316
Fidelity Moneybuilder Dividend	–	5.5	-4.42	26	7.83	75	17.09	63	141.39	38	4.97	712.8
Invesco High Income^***	–	8	-8.74	200 / 261	1.76	242 / 247	14.36	207 / 233	135.03	148 / 200	3.74	7014.1
Invesco Income^***	–	8	-6.60	175 / 261	2.78	240 / 247	14.59	203 / 233	133.34	152 / 200	3.81	3078.6
Invesco Income & Growth^	–	5.5	-1.66	11	17.58	44	24.06	43	162.81	20	3.90	411
JOHCM UK Equity Income	🟡	6	-12.53	83	28.22	6	25.54	35	194.30	6	4.36	3470
Jupiter Income	–	5.5	-8.50	70	22.85	23	28.69	26	134.30	44	4.30	1786.3
LF Woodford Equity Income**	–	10	-17.84	258 / 261	-16.94	247 / 247	-	-	-	-	4.74	3474.5
LF Woodford Income Focus	–	10	-17.87	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.58	552.5
Man GLG UK Income	🟡	6	-3.98	21	34.89	1	50.32	1	188.50	8	5.43	1132.1
Marlborough Multi-Cap Income	🟡	7	-2.84	18	16.10	53	29.92	22	-	-	4.58	1548.2
Premier Income	–	6	-7.10	53	13.11	63	22.98	47	150.17	30	5.00	322.7
Rathbone Income	🟡	5	-1.99	12	18.57	36	31.05	17	177.53	10	4.07	1130.1
Royal London UK Equity Income	🟡	5.5	-4.08	23	24.98	15	33.91	12	227.58	3	4.48	1913.1
RWC Enhanced Income^#	–	4.5	-0.58	-	14.71	-	15.85	-	-	-	7.00	206.9
Schroder Income	🟡	6	-8.62	71	30.95	5	31.88	15	178.14	11	4.37	2295.1
Schroder Income Maximiser	–	6	-7.25	57	24.76	17	24.67	38	135.82	42	7.07	1222.1
Standard Life Investments UK Equity High Income	–	6	-12.93	84	8.57	74	14.53	67	113.04	55	5.52	520.8
Standard Life Investments UK Equity Income Unconstrained	🟡	6	-10.46	80	5.89	76	16.94	64	192.90	7	5.07	1373.2
TB Evénode Income**	🟡	5	10.56	4 / 261	48.79	9 / 247	72.10	7 / 233	-	-	3.00	3187
Threadneedle UK Equity Alpha Income	–	5.5	-7.49	60	14.18	58	17.11	62	157.82	26	4.70	340.5
Threadneedle UK Equity Income	🟡	6	-7.25	56	18.74	35	26.52	30	175.83	13	4.30	3993.8
Trojan Income	–	5	2.78	2	17.26	46	36.38	6	171.21	17	4.17	2792.9
Unicorn UK Income^	–	7	1.26	6	24.92	16	31.42	16	334.82	1	3.84	628.4
Sector Average			-5.60	85	18.05	79	24.21	75	144.69	60		

UK Smaller Companies													
	Fund Name	Fund Calibre Rating	CRR	1 Year	1 Year Rank	3 Year	3 Year Rank	5 Year	5 Year Rank	10 Year	10 Year Rank	Yield	Fund Size £m
	Artemis UK Smaller Companies	–	8	-5.19	26	44.25	16	65.23	17	318.15	26	3.07	473.5
🇸🇬	AXA Framlington UK Smaller Companies	–	8	-3.89	19	39.22	22	77.38	10	417.73	9	0.72†	245.8
	Fidelity UK Smaller Companies	–	8	-6.48	33	27.74	39	45.60	34	474.53	5	-	359
	Invesco UK Smaller Companies Equity^	–	8	3.04	6	49.81	12	84.05	7	345.01	21	1.17	629.6
🇵🇰	LF Gresham House UK Micro-Cap	🟡	8	0.99	8	47.77	13	71.53	11	345.13	20	0.81	173
	Liontrust UK Smaller Companies	🟡	7.5	4.83	4	59.60	7	92.39	5	504.60	4	0.21	1001
🇸🇬	Marlborough Special Situations	🟡	7.5	-6.10	32	36.41	26	68.17	15	393.19	13	-	1508
🇵🇰	Marlborough UK Micro-Cap Growth	🟡	8	-2.81	15	50.59	11	69.39	14	440.38	7	-	1264.6
	Merian UK Smaller Companies	🟡	8	-5.57	29	44.73	14	80.93	9	366.50	19	0.67	1362.6
🇸🇬	R&M UK Equity Smaller Companies	–	8	-7.86	38	28.42	38	54.74	27	413.00	10	1.31	476.8
	Schroder UK Dynamic Smaller Companies	–	8	-5.48	28	35.84	27	41.08	37	432.13	8	1.32	294.8
	Schroder UK Smaller Companies	–	8	-6.95	37	33.02	31	55.86	24	344.56	22	1.31	527
	Standard Life Investments UK Smaller Companies	–	8	5.03	3	52.91	10	92.04	6	408.91	11	-	1577.3
Sector Average				-4.56	50	38.40	48	53.00	47	287.50	44		
Europe ex UK													
	Artemis European Growth	–	8	-13.08	112	25.27	86	27.30	80	141.75	33	-	152
	BlackRock Continental European	–	7	0.42	21	38.47	18	54.30	11	213.39	7	0.70	533.4
🇸🇬	BlackRock Continental European Income	🟡	7	1.31	17	27.31	81	44.34	28	-	-	4.16	1605.5
🇵🇰	BlackRock European Dynamic^	🟡	7	-2.97	45	39.95	14	59.08	6	277.11	3	0.68	3066.6
	Fidelity European	–	7	5.28	8	46.84	6	58.07	8	158.91	22	1.46	2499.5
	Fidelity European Opportunities	–	7	-5.81	79	28.00	73	39.01	39	123.12	58	-	370.6
	FP CRUX European	–	7	-4.80	67	23.91	88	-	-	-	-	2.17	158.2
🇸🇬	FP CRUX European Special Situations	🟡	7	-6.09	86	29.24	66	51.59	15	-	-	2.37	1729
	Invesco European Equity^	–	7.5	-6.25	89	30.12	60	33.46	64	150.93	29	3.03	2169.2
	Janus Henderson European Growth	–	7	-5.37	72	29.75	64	50.04	19	187.35	11	-	986.5
	Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities^	🟡	7	-1.97	38	30.47	59	37.79	44	165.14	20	1.30	1828
	Jupiter European	🟡	6.5	2.01	16	52.95	5	88.91	2	323.11	1	0.50	5503.8
	Jupiter European Special Situations	–	7	-5.88	82	23.90	89	31.36	72	138.57	38	1.10	398.7
	Man GLG Continental European Growth	–	7.5	-4.65	64	39.49	16	94.03	1	285.93	2	-	1409.6
🇸🇬	Marlborough European Multi-Cap	🟡	8	-7.35	94	46.60	7	74.95	3	186.18	12	1.51	320
	Neptune European Opportunities	–	8	-16.14	116	36.11	38	16.07	94	89.27	76	3.40	170.3
🇵🇰	Threadneedle European Select	🟡	7	2.66	13	37.82	20	53.22	12	232.11	5	1.20	1544.6
Sector Average				-3.76	117	30.81	107	37.10	96	140.27	76		
European Smaller Companies													
🇸🇬	Barings Europe Select	🟡	8	-1.91	5	42.75	5	74.43	3	295.07	6	1.40	1597.1
	Invesco European Smaller Companies^	–	8.5	-15.12	23	19.53	23	27.00	18	187.88	16	-	137.5
	Schroder European Smaller Companies	–	8.5	-16.81	24	35.90	9	51.78	13	230.92	12	0.92	148.3
	Threadneedle European Smaller Companies	–	8.5	-2.70	8	46.28	4	80.06	1	337.52	3	0.90	436.4
Sector Average				-8.32	25	31.32	25	49.09	19	227.74	18		
North America													
🇵🇰	AXA Framlington American Growth	🟡	7	14.29	13	76.01	13	125.07	15	394.04	14	-	557.3
	Baillie Gifford American^	–	7.5	7.69	77	102.77	2	170.95	2	482.91	6	-	2316.3
	Fidelity American	–	7	10.40	44	52.23	80	84.34	82	243.60	74	-	896.2
🇵🇰	Fidelity American Special Situations	–	7	5.42	103	35.51	121	87.05	80	308.10	42	-	871.1
	Janus Henderson US Growth^	–	7	14.67	10	59.82	39	92.28	65	308.33	41	-	275.7
	Legg Mason ClearBridge US Aggressive Growth^#	–	7.5	-2.36	140	35.86	119	56.47	108	276.54	60	-	982.7
	Legg Mason IF ClearBridge US Equity	–	7	1.15	132	32.69	125	59.54	106	210.02	81	-	28.7
	Legg Mason IF Martin Currie North America	–	7	14.59	11	70.47	21	106.63	31	294.62	50	-	143.7
🇵🇰	LF Miton US Opportunities	🟡	7	9.90	49	56.21	60	112.32	25	-	-	-	621.3
	Merian North American Equity	–	7	3.39	116	58.60	48	113.03	24	422.79	9	-	2757
	Neptune US Opportunities	–	8	12.05	25	73.67	16	91.05	70	228.38	76	-	246.9
	Schroder US Mid-Cap	🟡	7	4.44	108	42.76	105	97.07	58	311.11	39	0.25	1440.9
	Schroder US Smaller Companies**	–	8	1.98	11 / 17	49.35	7 / 13	92.10	5 / 12	309.17	6 / 8	0.12	781.4
	UBS US Equity	–	7.5	3.36	117	51.22	84	87.64	78	281.97	58	-	196
Sector Average				7.73	148	54.37	133	92.01	113	290.78	84		
Asia Pacific ex Japan													
	Aberdeen Asia Pacific Equity	–	8	0.72	18	51.75	42	47.47	68	158.47	30	1.22	731.8
	BNY Mellon Asian Income	–	7.5	8.86	2	41.29	83	51.26	51	237.24	2	3.64	1297.6
	Fidelity Asia	–	8	-5.23	60	63.84	7	90.08	5	199.69	12	-	2870.6
🇸🇬	Invesco Asian^	🟡	8	-4.68	53	61.77	16	79.28	13	213.55	7	1.56	2468.1
🇵🇰	Matthews Asia Pacific Tiger #	🟡	8	-1.55	33	45.57	71	71.17	28	-	-	-	1037.1
🇵🇰	Schroder Asian Alpha Plus	🟡	8	-6.65	69	64.98	5	77.72	14	246.52	1	1.29	1010.5
🇸🇬	Schroder Asian Income	🟡	7.5	0.30	20	50.04	55	61.69	36	227.48	4	3.81	1453.1
🇵🇰	Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders*	🟡	7.5	5.67	-	43.00	-	69.03	-	212.80	-	1.05	7040.3
Sector Average				-4.03	102	49.22	97	56.14	88	148.78	57		

Asia Pacific inc Japan												
Fund Name	Fund Calibre Rating	CRR	1 Year	1 Year Rank	3 Year	3 Year Rank	5 Year	5 Year Rank	10 Year	10 Year Rank	Yield	Fund Size £m
Invesco Pacific	–	8	-4.85	5	51.06	2	71.45	4	187.52	3	1.41	304
Sector Average			-4.36	7	46.97	7	67.37	7	155.13	6		
China/Greater China												
First State Greater China Growth	🏆	10	-4.51	3	66.83	6	84.80	15	238.01	1	-	444.9
Invesco Hong Kong & China^	🏆	10	-7.00	6	59.42	17	85.86	13	199.30	2	-	382.2
Janus Henderson China Opportunities	–	10	-12.93	19	62.85	11	97.63	6	176.72	7	-	1203.2
Sector Average			-11.79	37	56.82	36	75.28	33	126.98	19		
Global Emerging Markets												
Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity	🏆	10	3.07	10	39.62	72	36.42	65	147.46	6	0.90	1051.4
Aberdeen Latin American Equity*	🏆	10	17.21	-	65.65	-	29.80	-	-	-	-	127.2
Allianz Emerging Markets Equity	–	10	-9.20	91	44.01	61	51.29	24	68.26	39	-	168
Fidelity India Focus#*	–	10	13.50	-	65.56	-	115.27	-	-	-	-	1455.1
Goldman Sachs India Equity Portfolio^#*	🏆	10	2.90	-	52.22	-	113.74	-	253.28	-	-	1628.6
JPM Emerging Markets	–	10	4.35	8	67.26	7	63.05	13	138.00	8	0.83	1442.9
Jupiter Emerging European Opportunities	–	10	12.45	-	61.84	-	35.31	-	58.80	-	-	96.8
Jupiter India*	–	10	-3.88	-	31.66	-	81.86	-	159.76	-	-	862.7
Lazard Emerging Markets	🏆	10	-3.23	54	40.99	68	26.99	78	105.48	23	2.10	917.7
M&G Global Emerging Markets	–	10	-0.09	26	51.56	32	35.43	73	120.43	16	2.95	757.6
Neptune Russia & Greater Russia*	–	10	16.79	-	96.67	-	60.31	-	83.96	-	-	210.1
Stewart Investors Global Emerging Market Leaders	–	10	-3.79	-	31.64	-	38.13	-	163.41	-	1.45	1827.2
Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Sustainability^^	🏆	10	3.32	-	48.48	-	108.72	-	378.50	-	-	297
RWC Global Emerging Markets	–	10	-14.75	105	48.14	48	-	-	-	-	-	1015.4
Sector Average			-3.04	105	46.76	95	39.68	88	96.94	43		
Japan												
Baillie Gifford Japanese^	🏆	10	-6.22	35	57.88	2	96.75	7	239.87	3	1.11	2939
JPM Japan	–	10	-4.55	12	43.56	11	127.26	3	238.24	4	0.39	1103.6
Jupiter Japan Income	–	10	-5.87	28	44.63	8	92.81	8	153.80	10	2.30	428.8
Legg Mason IF Japan Equity	–	10	-9.09	50	39.06	17	199.31	1	670.97	1	-	965
Man GLG Japan Core Alpha	🏆	10	-8.20	45	40.28	14	65.77	33	129.07	22	3.05	2091.7
Sector Average			-7.52	74	35.54	71	68.98	65	129.55	52		
Global												
Artemis Global Growth	–	7	-3.07	264	41.64	165	75.30	78	264.10	25	-	770
Baillie Gifford Global Discovery^	🏆	8.5	5.43	98	86.36	3	126.60	5	491.24	1	-	796.4
Fidelity Global Focus	–	7	4.56	117	59.49	27	88.66	37	259.27	27	-	442.2
Fidelity Global Special Situations	🏆	7	1.77	176	52.97	51	89.64	34	224.44	58	-	2541.6
Fundsmith Equity	🏆	6	16.64	14	76.97	5	159.65	3	-	-	0.59	18137.5
Invesco Global Equity^	–	6.5	-10.24	308	32.04	242	39.24	213	176.37	103	1.78	1255.7
Invesco Global Smaller Companies^	–	8	-5.41	283	39.92	183	61.94	132	266.41	20	0.76	679.8
Janus Henderson Global Equity	–	7	5.98	90	60.87	24	106.26	12	385.95	2	-	631.7
JOHCM Global Select#	–	7	2.06	169	53.45	48	70.13	99	241.60	39	-	1805.4
Jupiter Fund of Investment Trusts	–	7	-2.72	258	43.20	153	56.98	158	187.19	86	0.80	112.1
Lindsell Train Global Equity#	–	6	18.90	8	94.24	1	166.49	2	-	-	-	8331.5
M&G Global Themes	–	7.5	4.59	116	46.78	117	52.91	166	136.93	145	1.76	2113.7
Rathbone Global Opportunities	🏆	6.5	8.17	54	63.45	18	113.54	7	318.15	9	-	1674.1
T.Rowe Price Global Focused Growth Equity#	🏆	7.5	6.57	81	73.99	7	121.68	6	302.56	15	-	1285.2
Sector Average			2.76	316	44.23	275	59.83	237	175.40	166		
Global Equity Income												
Artemis Global Income	🏆	7	-10.93	50	26.81	38	42.13	27	-	-	3.34	3181.6
BNY Mellon Global Income	🏆	6	12.71	8	44.33	7	80.45	1	241.75	1	3.07	5342.7
Fidelity Global Dividend	🏆	6	13.24	7	41.37	12	75.06	3	-	-	2.77	1161
Fidelity Global Enhanced Income	–	5.5	11.78	10	37.85	18	69.16	7	-	-	4.55	258.3
Guinness Global Equity Income#	🏆	6.5	8.20	14	43.96	8	67.51	9	-	-	2.58	620.8
Invesco Global Equity Income^	🏆	6.5	-2.34	43	32.98	30	47.34	23	224.51	2	3.50	782.5
Janus Henderson Global Equity Income	–	6	1.40	37	33.07	29	52.83	17	-	-	3.50	754.5
Liontrust Global Income	–	6.5	-0.58	41	34.72	26	34.71	34	170.40	7	5.40	151.5
M&G Global Dividend	🏆	7	1.37	188 / 316	48.29	97 / 275	51.23	179 / 237	238.46	44 / 166	2.99	2480.6
Sector Average			4.01	53	34.93	46	46.16	40	171.83	12		
Sterling Corporate Bond												
BlackRock Corporate Bond	🏆	2.5	4.74	24	16.13	16	28.68	16	131.74	9	2.76	1005.6
Fidelity Moneybuilder Income	–	2.5	4.01	49	12.30	54	24.32	42	90.68	35	3.23	3279.6
Invesco Corporate Bond^	🏆	2	3.10	70	11.47	65	17.89	69	87.40	39	3.18	3974.4
Kames Investment Grade Bond	–	2.5	2.42	78	12.39	52	24.54	40	112.43	17	2.28	816
Kames Sterling Corporate Bond^	–	2.5	4.40	39	12.97	48	22.63	53	128.84	10	2.84	376
M&G Corporate Bond	🏆	2.5	4.01	50	11.52	64	23.57	48	92.06	34	3.58	3583.4
M&G Strategic Corporate Bond	🏆	2.5	3.11	69	11.57	63	20.17	67	90.50	36	3.75	2738.7
Sector Average			3.93	92	13.21	84	23.27	80	89.78	57		

Sterling High Yield													
	Fund Name	Fund Calibre Rating	CRR	1 Year	1 Year Rank	3 Year	3 Year Rank	5 Year	5 Year Rank	10 Year	10 Year Rank	Yield	Fund Size Em
	Legal & General High Income	–	4	1.18	37	17.40	9	17.50	18	92.77	17	6.20	1316.4
	M&G Global High Yield Bond	–	3.5	2.34	28	15.50	17	16.92	21	93.76	16	5.17	1083.1
	Schroder High Yield Opportunities	–	4	1.65	34	18.83	7	29.10	3	113.86	11	6.64	610.1
	Sector Average			3.16	41	14.84	33	15.98	30	107.10	20		
Sterling Strategic Bond													
	Artemis High Income	–	3.5	0.52	86	16.03	12	19.69	25	146.62	3	5.50	1240.6
🔍	Artemis Strategic Bond	–	3	2.80	47	15.59	15	21.51	17	112.75	13	3.17	1570.7
🏆	Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond^	🏆	3.5	4.72	16	19.62	7	27.60	8	158.66	2	3.40	987.3
🏆	Invesco Monthly Income Plus	🏆	3.5	1.87	72	13.27	29	18.15	35	123.62	8	5.66	2673.7
	Janus Henderson Fixed Interest Monthly Income^	–	3	6.67	3	17.32	9	25.78	12	128.71	4	3.90	806.9
🏆	Janus Henderson Strategic Bond^	–	3	5.40	7	13.08	33	20.16	23	104.44	14	2.40	2382
🏆	Jupiter Strategic Bond	🏆	2.5	6.05	4	13.90	26	19.38	27	125.40	7	3.60	3885.5
	Legal & General Dynamic Bond	–	3	1.73	74	-0.32	78	0.14	71	65.12	37	4.80	223.9
	M&G Optimal Income	🏆	3.5	0.87	82	10.67	55	15.14	48	95.80	20	2.85	3673.3
	Man GLG Strategic Bond	–	3	0.80	83	4.82	74	2.28	70	-	-	3.63	33.7
🏆	TwentyFour Dynamic Bond	🏆	3.5	2.24	67	15.07	19	19.11	31	-	-	3.82	1956.8
	Sector Average			3.37	87	12.21	79	17.38	72	84.95	44		
Targeted Absolute Return													
	Aviva Inv Multi Strategy Target Income 2	–	4	2.38	-	0.17	-	-	-	-	-	4.40	1233.7
🏆	BlackRock UK Absolute Alpha	🏆	4.5	2.72	-	5.81	-	23.53	-	26.39	-	-	266.8
🏆	Janus Henderson UK Absolute Return	🏆	4	-2.15	-	2.44	-	15.35	-	57.91	-	-	2013.9
🔍	Jupiter Absolute Return	🏆	4.5	-4.81	-	-0.93	-	8.19	-	-	-	-	1454.6
🏆	Merian Global Equity Absolute Return#	🏆	5	-10.80	-	0.36	-	9.00	-	-	-	-	7076.8
	Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies	–	4.5	0.86	-	-2.22	-	2.94	-	51.24	-	2.27	8798.3
🏆	SVS Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies^	🏆	4	1.38	-	10.04	-	16.98	-	61.66	-	0.76	360
	Sector Average			-0.80	-	4.32	-	8.14	-	30.44	-		
Miscellaneous***													
🔍	Artemis Monthly Distribution	🏆	4.5	-1.50	127 / 149	22.84	14 / 138	38.82	7 / 119	-	-	4.35	977.8
	Artemis Strategic Assets	–	6	-13.98	151 / 151	4.50	128 / 131	1.53	118 / 118	69.14	69 / 76	-	560.5
	AXA Framlington Biotech	–	10	-3.06	-	27.66	-	72.32	-	405.96	-	-	422.5
🔍	AXA Framlington Global Technology	🏆	10	11.24	3 / 16	112.72	3 / 13	191.55	2 / 11	532.83	2 / 10	-	695.5
	AXA Framlington Health	–	8	4.52	-	25.64	-	70.30	-	317.06	-	0.22	473.4
	BlackRock Gold & General	–	10	1.03	-	2.03	-	25.85	-	-18.32	-	0.79	842.7
	First State Global Listed Infrastructure	🏆	6.5	16.93	13 / 316	47.29	109 / 275	83.26	44 / 237	253.66	30 / 166	2.95	1829.6
	Invesco Distribution^	–	4	1.67	47 / 149	13.06	110 / 138	16.59	100 / 119	120.83	11 / 73	4.86	2376.2
	Janus Henderson Cautious Managed	–	4	-4.04	144 / 149	11.01	118 / 138	13.09	110 / 119	84.08	53 / 73	3.60	1497.9
	Janus Henderson Global Technology	–	10	6.75	7 / 16	96.93	6 / 13	154.58	5 / 11	448.24	4 / 10	-	909.8
	Janus Henderson UK Property Feeder	🏆	3.5	3.16	7 / 17	14.04	5 / 14	28.83	5 / 13	94.15	4 / 8	3.00	1870.7
	JPM Natural Resources	–	10	-8.48	-	56.53	-	4.22	-	3.30	-	1.96	633
	Jupiter Distribution & Growth^	–	5.5	-6.83	157 / 160	5.80	143 / 144	14.76	118 / 119	108.14	64 / 83	4.60	350.3
🔍	Jupiter Financial Opportunities	–	8	7.85	-	57.36	-	76.94	-	120.39	-	0.30	574.7
	Jupiter Merlin Growth Portfolio	🏆	5.5	3.48	17 / 151	35.42	24 / 131	53.57	17 / 118	164.30	15 / 76	0.30	1725.7
	Polar Capital Global Technology#	–	10	7.92	6 / 16	118.48	1 / 13	204.16	1 / 11	554.13	1 / 10	-	2497.4
🔍	Polar Capital Healthcare Opportunities#	🏆	8	6.94	-	50.28	-	98.66	-	468.91	-	-	1205.5
	VT Chelsea Managed Aggressive Growth	–	7	2.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.3
	VT Chelsea Managed Balanced Growth	–	5.5	0.57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.4
	VT Chelsea Managed Cautious Growth	–	4	1.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.72	8.6
	VT Chelsea Managed Monthly Income	–	4.5	4.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.84	19.4
🔍	VT Gravis UK Infrastructure Income	🏆	4	12.34	-	24.91	-	-	-	-	-	4.94	357.5

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