

## press release

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The Share Centre launches Platinum 120 Funds range to help investors identify funds with the best long-term prospects

- Investors can choose from 120 funds favoured by The Share Centre
- No dealing commission on all Platinum 120 funds, with almost 80% offering no initial charge
- The Share Centre highlights First State Global Resources fund as its first featured fund

**Retail stockbroker The Share Centre, has launched its Platinum 120 funds range in order to help investors identify the funds with the best long-term prospects and strong management. Customers who invest in a Platinum 120 fund will benefit from no purchase commission on all funds and no initial charge on almost 80%.**

With so many funds available to UK investors, many are likely to find the research and selection processes rather daunting. In order to simplify the search for suitable funds, The Share Centre has decided to launch its own preferred range of 120 funds that it believes to be the best across all major sectors.

**Commenting on the Platinum 120, Andy Parsons, Advice team manager** said: "We wanted to save our customers the time and stress of trawling through the 1,800 funds available via The Share Centre. Our Platinum 120 range has been designed to make the research and selection process simpler. Customers can also be assured that all Platinum 120 funds have gone through a rigorous selection process. However, it's not just about number crunching. We also base our selections on careful monitoring, meet with the fund managers as regularly as possible and conduct critical analysis obtained from the various tools available to the team."

To help highlight the variety of funds available through the Platinum 120, The Share Centre is regularly showcasing a different fund on its website. Customers are also able to register to receive these 'featured funds' by email.

### **Featured fund for the week commencing 29 June – First State Global Resources fund**

The First State Global Resources fund invests in a diversified portfolio of companies that are exposed to global resources and energy. As the fund invests in companies exposed to these

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sectors it tends to have a higher degree of liquidity compared to the approach of direct investment within the physical product and all the associated costs of storage, transportation and insurance. Gaining exposure to resources through a fund constructed in this manner ensures that returns are not only reliant on demand for natural resources but also the management of the mining company and, or managing the raw materials.

This fund is suitable for those investors that want to expose their investment portfolio to the global resource and energy sectors and who are comfortable with risks associated with overseas markets such as currency and political risk. As this is a sector-based fund, it should not form a large proportion of an investor's portfolio.

For more information on the First State Global Resources fund or The Share Centre's Platinum 120, please visit [www.share.com/p120](http://www.share.com/p120)

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## **Note to editors:**

\*The Share Centre's fund views are supplied by Andy Parsons and Sheridan Admans from our Advice team. We only provide view on funds we believe have good performance prospects over the medium to long term, and strong management.

The team's selection process is not based solely on number crunching and past performance as this is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The team carefully monitor its chosen funds, conduct regular meetings with fund managers as well as conducting critical analysis obtained from the various tools available to them. Anyone thinking about investing in any of the funds highlighted should make sure they have read and understood the [fund's key features document](#).

Purchase information for the First State Global Resources fund:

- The minimum investment is £1,000 and £500 thereafter, although investors purchasing this fund through The Share Centre can do so from £10 via CoFunds
- The maximum initial charge is 4%, although investors purchasing this fund through The Share Centre will not have to pay an initial charge
- The annual management fee is 1.50%

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Investing in general, and the products and services mentioned above may not be suitable for all: if in doubt, individuals should seek independent financial advice. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back their original investment. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

The bases and levels of taxation relating to ISAs, CTFs and SIPPs are subject to change and the value of these tax allowances may depend upon the circumstances of the individual.

## **About The Share Centre:**

The Share Centre was established in 1990 to provide value-for-money share services for private investors. Its range of services includes buying and selling shares (by Internet, telephone and post) and a comprehensive share administration and safe custody service. Tax-efficient investment 'wrappers' including ISAs, CTFs and SIPPs are also available.

The Share Centre's Advice Team provides comment on market sectors, individual shares and funds on [www.share.com](http://www.share.com). Access is available to customers and registered users of the site. Registration is free. To understand how our Advice team arrive at their views please read our [Investment Research Policy](#).

In addition, account customers can receive individual telephone advice on UK-listed shares and on funds traded via the CoFunds trading platform.

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