

press release

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L&G UK Alpha Trust – a growth fund with the freedom to discover hidden gems says The Share Centre

- L&G's UK Alpha Trust fund has the freedom to invest in any sector, in any size of company and any UK stock.
- As a Platinum 120* fund, there is a low initial charge when investing in this fund through The Share Centre, and customers will not be charged dealing commission.

The aim of L&G's UK Alpha trust fund is to provide the potential for long-term growth by investing in a concentrated portfolio of UK equities.

UK equity funds have not performed as strongly as some other funds in recent years and in particular emerging market funds. Despite this, Andy Parsons, Advice team manager at The Share Centre, explains why he believes the L&G UK Alpha Trust fund is perfectly poised to benefit from the volatile markets we are currently experiencing.

"The fund has the freedom to invest in any sector, company and UK stock market in pursuit of strong capital growth. Though relatively small in size compared to its peers, the fund has flexibility on its side and is gaining momentum. The L&G UK Alpha Trust fund is highly rated having been recently awarded an S&P single A rating as well as a AAA rating by Citywire. The fund has made a return of 41.4% over the past year compared to the sector average of 4.8%.

"We believe that the L&G UK Alpha Trust fund benefits from the power and access L&G have to UK corporates. Legal & General are one of the largest investors in the UK stock market opening boardroom doors to their managers, giving them outstanding insights into companies which they choose to invest in. The fund favours small to mid cap companies which have historically seen the most gains when markets rally. As such we believe it has the potential to perform well for investors during the next anticipated upturn in the market.

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“This fund employs a rigorous and disciplined selection process to identify companies that offer security and prospects at a good value with strong future growth. Focusing on companies which have either fallen out of favour with the market or are in the process of restructuring and have the potential for rapid growth. This fund is suitable for investors seeking value and longer-term gains and would be well placed in a core UK portfolio of balanced investments.

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Note to editors:

* L&G UK Alpha Trust was recently voted Best UK Growth Fund 2009 by Money Observer

About The Share Centre's Platinum 120 range:

The Share Centre launched its Platinum 120 funds range in June 2009 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%. Please visit www.share.com/p120 to view the full Platinum 120 range. Please be aware that this may require registration.

Purchase information for the L&G UK Alpha Trust fund:

- The minimum investment is £500 and £100 thereafter, although investors purchasing this fund through The Share Centre can do so from £10 via CoFunds
- The maximum initial charge is 5%, although investors purchasing this fund through The Share Centre can receive an initial charge of 0.7619%
- The annual management fee is 1.5%

About Andy Parsons:

Andy joined The Share Centre in 2006 as a fully qualified Financial Adviser via the Chartered Insurance Institute and has since become an Associate Member of the Securities and Investment Institute.

As the Advice team manager, Andy manages and develops the services offered by the Advice team. Part of his role is to establish and maintain close working relationships with external financial services providers: this includes Fund Managers and Andy has been instrumental in creating and managing our new Funds of Funds product, the SF Portfolio of Funds, offered through our sister company, Sharefunds.

Andy takes a broad view of financial planning and is a regular contributor of general financial advice and articles to the media. His views are often reported in the broadsheets and financial news e-publishers such as WhatInvestment.co.uk, where Andy supplies a regular fund blog.

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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 SIPP's are also available.

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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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