

## press release

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### Fund in Focus: Threadneedle Latin America

**Sheridan Admans, investment adviser at The Share Centre, explains how investors looking for capital growth and exposure to Latin America, could benefit from the Threadneedle Latin America fund.**

“What makes Latin America attractive to investors is its abundance of raw materials such as copper, basic and precious metals, and oil. It is anticipated that as the world’s population grows, the thirst for these commodities will only grow further.

“We have already seen an increased demand over the last decade, leading to some economies experiencing internal consumer demand and wealth creation. We have also seen improvements in the financial systems in countries such as Brazil. These factors make Latin America more appealing to investors.

“The Threadneedle Latin America fund is an ideal way to invest within this region. We rate this fund as a higher risk investment for those who want exposure to Latin America and surrounding regions in a well diversified portfolio.

“The fund has been managed by Julian Thompson since April 2009. Thompson also manages Threadneedle’s Global Emerging Market Equity fund and heads up a team of analysts that cover emerging market research across the globe.

“The fund currently invests in 47 stocks, favouring large-cap companies. Its main focus remains the consumer-orientated sectors, which are likely to benefit from a strong recovery in the consumer credit cycle. The outlook for Latin America remains very positive. Threadneedle predicts earnings growth of over 30% in 2010.

In terms of performance, the Threadneedle Latin America fund has returned 77.64% over a 12 month period and 270.67% on a 5 year cumulative basis; while year-to-date it stands at 9.32%

“The fund has an annual charge of 1.50% and an initial charge of 3.75%. The minimum initial investment is £2,000. However, as the fund features in The Share Centre’s Platinum 120 range, customers wishing to invest in the Threadneedle Latin America fund will not have to pay the initial charge or purchase dealing commission. Customers can also invest in the fund from as little as £10.”

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**Note to editors:**

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 90%. Please visit [www.share.com/p120](http://www.share.com/p120) to view the full Platinum 120 range. Please be aware that this may require registration.

Coming soon: Emerging markets web chat

The Share Centre will be hosting a live web chat on emerging markets, in particular emerging markets debt, on Thursday 22 April 2010 between 1-2pm.

The web chat will be hosted by two leading fund experts: Sheridan Admans, investment adviser at The Share Centre, and Peter Eerdmans, fund manager of the Investec Emerging Markets Debt fund.

If you are interested in hosting the web chat on your website please contact Neil Gregory at Lansons Communications on 0207 294 36 11 or email [neilg@lansons.com](mailto:neilg@lansons.com).

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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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