

## press release

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### FIFA WORLD CUP - FUNDS DREAM TEAM FROM THE SHARE CENTRE

**Following on from The Share Centre's top ten shares to make the most of the World Cup, investment adviser, Andy Parsons continues the theme by outlining the Funds XI that make up his World Cup dream team portfolio.**

Investors feeling inspired by the tournament may wish to consider the following funds which are the pick of what the world has to offer:

#### **Goal Keeper**

##### **Investec Gold**

As the price of gold displays the reach of many of the world's top goalkeepers and hits new highs, this fund offers exposure to the precise metal by investing in equities around the globe involved in gold mining. The FIFA World Cup is made of 5kg of gold and is the ultimate prize everyone is playing for.

#### **Fullbacks**

##### **BlackRock UK Absolute Alpha fund**

This fund invests in a portfolio of equities, taking in to account both long-term and short-term outcomes. Traditionally, funds look to outperform stock markets over a long period of time but this fund can profit from rising as well as falling markets. Like many great fullbacks, it has an ability to adapt, particularly when the going gets tough.

##### **Neptune Global Equity fund**

Global funds, provided you have an appetite for risk, demonstrate portfolio diversification of assets, regions and sectors. This is a dependable multi-national fund with a proven experienced manager at the helm.

#### **Centre Backs**

##### **M&G Recovery fund**

The M&G Recovery fund is a strong, dependable partner to help form the bedrock of a squad as it has stability and a good past performance record. The fund has recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is currently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> quartile over 1, 3 and 5 years.

##### **Invesco Perpetual High Income fund**

This fund is big, strong and very defensively aligned with a proven track record. Its stability comes from fund manager, Neil Woodford who believes that for the foreseeable future, solid defensive companies are the best place to invest.

## **Midfield**

### **BlackRock European Dynamic fund**

An energetic and reliable performer. Investing in this fund provides investors with a natural progression from a solely UK based portfolio into overseas markets. BlackRock European Dynamic fund is central to the heartbeat of global development.

### **Schroder US Mid Cap fund**

North America remains the largest economy on the planet today for many reasons. It has ability to innovate, access investment and strong distribution channels both internally and beyond its borders. Whilst the USA are expected to give England a tough opening game in the World Cup, this fund shows similar tough and resilient qualities, and aims to provide capital growth and income.

## **Wing**

### **Jupiter Merlin Worldwide fund**

The World Cup is a truly global event made up of 32 countries. This is typified by the Jupiter Merlin Worldwide, a fund of funds with worldwide exposure. It has a well known and strong management team, who have the wizardry to move across all asset classes.

### **First State Global Resources fund**

This fund is a big hard hitter. To provide long term capital growth it focuses on natural resources and energy, plenty of which is needed if you play on the wing of a football team.

## **Forwards**

### **Aberdeen Emerging Markets fund**

Emerging markets offer investors access to regions with growing populations, an abundance of raw materials, and developing financial markets. This is a truly global emerging markets fund that offers those wishing to risk the result with the potential for success.

### **Invesco Perpetual Latin American fund**

Brazil are the heartbeat of any World Cup. And what makes Latin America attractive to investors is its abundance of raw material and the world's continuing dependence on them. As the global thirst for these commodities continues to grow, the world will eagerly await the samba flair in time for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

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