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Top of the fund charts for The Share Centre

Andy Parsons, Advice Team Manager at The Share Centre lists the top 10 purchased funds during January 2011 and explains why these are investors' favourites.

1. Marlborough Special Situations
2. Aberdeen Emerging Markets
3. Legal & General UK Index
4. HSBC FTSE All-Share Index
5. First State Indian Subcontinent
6. Newton Real Return
7. Invesco Perpetual High Income
8. BlackRock Gold & General
9. Jupiter Global Managed
10. Marlborough UK Micro-Cap

“Since the beginning of 2010, we have been urging investors to utilise their 2010/11 ISA allowance before it disappears into the ether, never to be used again. Despite the economic issues, downturn and rising inflation, it never ceases to amaze me that investors can look beyond the current haze and focus firmly on their investment objectives and in some cases avoid being sucked into the current geographical issues.

“In the top spot for January was a fund with UK focus in the shape of the Marlborough Special Situations fund, run by the highly impressive Giles Hargreave and his team. The fund predominantly focuses on smaller companies which, by their very nature, can exhibit periods of volatility.

“The second most popular was the Aberdeen Emerging Markets fund. Emerging markets have come under intense scrutiny recently due to the ever increasing inflationary pressures. This fund is one of the most recognised within this investment arena and heavily supported in terms of assets under management - currently sat at around £2,300m. This is a truly diversified emerging market opportunity which does not solely concentrate on the BRIC regions.

“In third and fourth place, were the L&G UK Index and the HSBC FTSE All-Share, two funds that both focus on tracking the FTSE All-Share index.

“The next three funds show a real diversity in investor appetite. Investors show that despite inflationary pressures in India, they were still happy to invest in the region via the First State Indian Subcontinent. For those concerned about market volatility, whilst still wanting to invest; the Newton Real Return is an absolute style fund and was the sixth most popular fund from our customer. The Invesco Perpetual High Income fund sits seventh in our chart. Its one of the largest within the investment arena, run by the high profile and widely respected Neil Woodford.

“The next two funds regularly appeared within our top five in 2010. The BlackRock Gold & General for those investors seeking exposure to a precious commodity and often seen as the obvious hedge to inflation, interest rate and currency fears and the Jupiter Global Managed.

“In tenth place, it’s back to Marlborough and their UK Micro Cap fund. Again, it’s run by the highly impressive Giles Hargreave and his team. A fund that truly focuses on the smallest of companies as classified within the FTSE Small Cap Index.”

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