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Changes to The Share Centre's Platinum 120 range of finest funds

Andy Parsons, advice team manager at The Share Centre, announces seven new funds to their Platinum 120 and explains why they have been added to the preferred list of funds.

Threadneedle UK fund

This fund aims to achieve capital growth by investing predominantly in UK companies and has been managed by the highly impressive Simon Brazier since he joined Threadneedle from Schroder's in April 2010.

For inclusion Brazier will assess a company's valuation, business model and ability to focus on cash flow generation. To help minimise the level of risk, diversification within the fund is key and Brazier is not afraid to search across the market cap spectrum or to include companies or sectors that are seen as out of favour.

Martin Currie Latin America fund

It is highly unusual for us to include a fund with hardly any track record, and given this fund was only launched in November 2010, there is little performance of note given the volatile nature of the markets during 2011 so far.

However, it is the fund manager, Jeff Casson that attracts us. Casson is highly respected for his knowledge and experience in investing in Latin America.

A key region within this fund is Brazil, by far the largest country within the investment region with a growing young and vibrant population helping to generate an increasing internal consumer market, which will increase its investment potential.

Invesco Perpetual Tactical Bond fund

Many investors are continuing to search for supplementary income given the poorer returns currently available through high street deposit accounts.

Throughout 2009 many investors were drawn to the Corporate Bond market by the attractive yields and the significant capital growth on offer. The significant potential rewards the debt markets offered at this time are not likely to be seen again.

However the emergence of strategic and tactical bond funds such as this one, has allowed the managers investment freedom to selectively change their strategy to identify the very best opportunities within debt markets as they arise.

Rathbone Income fund

The UK equity income sector is one of the most popular and includes some of the best and most well respected managers. The sector is often surrounded by speculation as to the real flexibility the managers have and the diversity they truly offer investors.

This fund has been chosen as we believe Carl Stick has the ability and mandate to provide real overall portfolio diversification, searching for the very best companies across the entire market cap spectrum. The fund currently includes approximately 40% of the funds assets in FTSE 250, FTSE Small Cap and AIM listed companies.

Standard Life European Equity Income fund

Income seeking investors, who would usually stick within the UK, are gradually becoming aware of the increasing opportunities from outside of the UK shorelines.

It is important to appreciate that the wider global arena not only offers growth, but also has the potential to provide true income diversification across companies and sectors. By including Europe, there is also much less reliance on the large cap constituents of the UK.

This fund also benefits from the proven success of the Standard Life winners list approach whereby the investment teams are given the group's preferred companies within the region. This means that if a company is on the winners list and meets a fund's investment objectives, it must be held in the portfolio.

Standard Life UK Equity Income Unconstrained fund

For many investors, choosing which UK equity income fund is right for them can be a difficult task as there tends to be a strong correlation across many of the top holdings. However, this fund offers true versatility across the market cap spectrum.

This fund is run on a concentrated approach, ensuring holdings are included in the portfolio for a specific reason and not simply held as a small tail holding offering very little in terms of income or capital appreciation.

Despite only taking over management of the fund in January 2009, Thomas Moore has clearly shown his ability to identify potential winners from outside the more traditional equity income basket proving that versatility and small cap size can work.

Premier Monthly Income fund

This fund currently offers investors an income yield above the sector and market average. And unlike many other UK equity income funds, it has the ability to offer investors a monthly income stream from an equity based fund.

Chris White has only managed the fund since December 2010; however he has a proven track record in the sector from his previous management roles. Chris uses a combination of top down and bottom up analysis, and enforces the strict requirement that a company yield must be 3% or above to be included in the fund portfolio.

This is another of the smaller UK equity income funds that allows the manager greater flexibility in stock selection. Approximately a third on the portfolio is invested in mid to small cap companies.

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Note to editors:

About The Share Centre's Platinum 120 range:

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