

press release

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Top funds from The Share Centre

Andy Parsons, advice team manager at The Share Centre, lists the top purchased funds by our customers during June 2011 and explains why investors may have favoured them.

Top funds purchased in June

1. Legal & General UK Index Trust
2. First State Asia Pacific Leaders fund
3. Legg Mason Japan Equity fund
4. Invesco Perpetual Monthly Income Plus fund
5. Aberdeen Emerging Markets fund
6. First State Indian Subcontinent fund
7. Henderson Strategic Bond fund
8. M&G Global Dividend fund
9. Invesco Perpetual High Income fund
10. Newton Asian Income fund

“Back at number one is the Legal & General UK Index tracker fund, which we expect to sit in our top ten funds for some time to come as it is the default investment option for those who had their child trust fund voucher invested via The Share Centre and did not select their own fund.

“In respect of the rest, it is interesting to note that six of them have investment mandates that specifically look outside of the UK shorelines. Despite many overseas markets continually showing their volatile nature during global economic uncertainty, it hasn't appeared to deter investors.

“The second and third most popular funds both have an Asian feel. The First State Asia Pacific Leaders fund offers investors broad exposure to the region, albeit excluding Japan, whilst the Legg Mason Japan fund simply invests in Japanese companies.

“Fourth and fifth place, are the Invesco Perpetual Monthly Income Plus fund and Aberdeen Emerging Markets fund, both of which are behemoths in terms of fund size at £3.3bn & £2.6bn respectively. The Invesco fund has no doubt been chosen by those seeking supplementary income as it has an attractive current historic yield of 6.63%.

“The next three funds show a real diversity in investor appetite. In sixth place is the First State Indian Subcontinent fund which clearly shows that investors are prepared to overlook the current inflationary pressures and focus on the longer term opportunities. At number seven is the Henderson Strategic Bond fund, a truly flexible bond fund that allows the managers the ability to move freely across the debt spectrum.

“The appearance of the M&G Global Dividend fund at number eight leads us to believe investors have acknowledged that strong dividend streams can be identified in companies based outside of the UK shoreline.

“The final two places within the top ten fell to the Invesco Perpetual High Income fund, managed by one of the most popular and well respected managers in the industry, Neil Woodford and the Newton Asian Income fund, managed by Jason Pidcock.”

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