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Top traded funds from The Share Centre

1. Legg Mason Japan Equity fund
2. Legal & General UK Index fund
3. Jupiter Global Managed fund
4. First State Latin America fund
5. M&G Index-Linked Bond fund
6. Neptune Japan Opportunities fund
7. BlackRock Gold & General fund
8. CF Miton Special Situations Portfolio fund
9. M&G Index-Linked Bond fund
10. M&G Corporate Bond fund

Andy Parsons, head of investment research at The Share Centre, takes a closer look at the top funds purchased by investors in December 2011.

“As 2011 drew to a close, December threw up a new entrant to the top traded funds and to the top spot - the Legg Mason Japan Equity fund. Japan has recovered well from the devastation of the earthquake and subsequent tsunami, with the vast majority of the supply chain issues caused now re-built and re-established, enabling the region to get back on its feet faster than predicted. That said, investment within the region carries risk and is not for the faint hearted.

“Dropping one place during December was the Legal & General UK Index tracker fund. This fund is the default investment option for child trust fund vouchers invested via The Share Centre where a fund was not chosen so will feature on this list for the foreseeable future.

“In third place was the Jupiter Global Managed fund which has long been a favourite for investors seeking true global diversification.

“In fourth, fifth and sixth place, were three funds offering very diverse investment opportunities for investors. The First State Latin America fund offers investors exposure to a region of the world seen to be rich in commodities - both hard and soft.

“The accumulation class of the M&G Index-Linked Bond fund is in fifth position. Index-Linked investing is often seen as a way of attempting to protect their capital and income from the effects of inflationary pressures. The Neptune Japan Opportunities fund enters the top ten for the first time, emphasising that investors see the potential the region has to offer.

“The next two funds show a real diversity in investor appetite. The BlackRock Gold & General fund regularly features within the top ten funds purchased, no doubt chosen by investors seeking the potentially safer haven of gold, it should be remembered this fund focuses on corporates involved with the precious metal. The CF Miton Special Situations fund is a brand new entrant to the top ten.

“In ninth place is the income class of the M&G Index-Linked fund and in final place is the highly regarded M&G Corporate Bond fund.”

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