

fund news

fund launches

	Fund Category	Life	Pension	MultISA	MultiPEP	MultiFUND	Royal Skandia
New Star Property	Self Select						4 May
INVECO PERPETUAL Latin America	Self Select			7 May	7 May	7 May	
M&G South East Asia	Self Select			7 May	7 May	7 May	
M&G European Corporate Bond	Self Select			7 May	7 May	7 May	
Threadneedle European Bond	Self Select			14 May	14 May	14 May	
Old Mutual Japanese Select	Self Select			14 May	14 May	14 May	
First State Global Opportunities	Self Select			21 May	21 May	21 May	
JPMF Europe Smaller Companies	Self Select			26 May	26 May	26 May	
Schroder Japan Alpha Plus	Self Select			26 May	26 May	26 May	
Allianz Dresdner High Income Bond	Self Select	1 June	1 June	1 June	1 June	1 June	
Allianz Dresdner UK Mid-Cap	Self Select	1 June	1 June	1 June	1 June	1 June	
Allianz Dresdner UK Growth	Self Select			1 June	1 June	1 June	
Allianz Dresdner UK Equity	Self Select			1 June	1 June	1 June	
Allianz Dresdner Japan	Self Select			1 June	1 June	1 June	
Framlington NASDAQ®	Self Select			11 June	11 June	11 June	
Framlington UK Smaller Companies	Self Select			11 June	11 June	11 June	
M&G Global Basics	Self Select			18 June	18 June	18 June	
M&G Recovery	Self Select			18 June	18 June	18 June	
Threadneedle Pan European Growth	Self Select			18 June	18 June	18 June	

sector news

The IMA has merged the Property, Latin America and Index Bear sectors into the Specialist sector. As a result, Property and Latin American funds available to MultISA, MultiPEP and MultiFUND

investors now appear within the Specialist sector.

The Specialist sector is now more diverse and you should note that its Skandia Risk Evaluator ranking will not show a true

reflection of the risk levels assigned to individual funds therein. Some funds are far less volatile than the sector average would indicate

changes to the threadneedle strategic bond fund



High yield bonds have performed very well over the past few months, with returns comfortably outstripping those from lower risk investment grade issues. Threadneedle expects the positive themes underpinning high yield to remain in place in the coming months.

They have therefore moved the Strategic Bond Fund to its maximum 50% weighting¹.

The value of investments can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount invested.

¹Fund data Threadneedle as at March 2004.

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the guaranteed pension fund

guaranteed pension fund bonus
announcement as at 1 May 2004:

Monthly Bonus Rates	
Bonus rate on contribution units	0.08%
Bonus rate on bonus units	0.00%

Due to the extreme and prolonged deterioration of stock market conditions, this month's bonus rate on contribution units is less than would normally be expected from a deposit fund. Further information including historical bonus rates is available on the Skandia web site. Investors should be aware that the value of the investment may fall as well as rise, although units in the Guaranteed Pension Fund have their value guaranteed at a pre-selected date. Bonuses are calculated after deducting an annual management charge of 0.9%. A discount may apply if units are redeemed prior to the Selected Guarantee Date.

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The S&P Fund Management Ratings are based on an evaluation of quantitative (historic performance, volatility, and portfolio construction) and qualitative (management, corporate status and investment process) factors that contribute to long-term performance.

- AAA - the fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality in its sector based on its investment process and management's consistency of performance as compared to funds with similar objectives.
- AA - the fund demonstrates very high standards of quality in its sector.
- A - The fund demonstrates high standards of quality in its sector.

The Bond Fund Volatility Ratings are a current opinion of a fixed-income fund's sensitivity to changing market conditions relative to the risk of a portfolio composed of government securities* and denominated in the base currency of the fund. Volatility ratings evaluate the fund's sensitivity to interest rate movements, credit risk, investment diversification or concentration, liquidity, leverage, and other factors.

The Bond Fund Volatility Ratings range from S1 to S6, with S1 rated funds possessing the lowest sensitivity to changing market conditions and S6 rated funds possessing the highest sensitivity.

* Note for S1 through S4 categories government securities are intended to signify the most liquid, highest quality securities issued by a sovereign government.

The S&P Star Rating is calculated using a fund's monthly performance relative to its sector average for the past 36 months. The average and volatility of these 36 numbers is used to calculate a fund's star ranking.

- 5 ★ - funds in the top 10% of the sector
- 4 ★ - funds in the top 11-30% of the sector
- 3 ★ - funds in the top 31-50% of the sector
- 2 ★ - funds in the next 25% of the sector
- 1 ★ - funds in the bottom 25% of the sector

The Total Expense Ratio (shown for Life and Pension funds) represents the true cost of running a fund. It includes the fund AMC (which is shown for Skandia MultiFUNDS Ltd fund links) as well as the depository and custodial charges, and audit, registration and compliance fees.