

# fund news

## fund launches

	Fund Category	Life	Pension	MultISA	MultiPEP	MultiFUND	Royal Skandia
Merrill Lynch World Mining	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	3 Nov
Merrill Lynch US Flexible Equity	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	3 Nov
M&G Recovery (A class)	Self Select	-	-	13 Nov	13 Nov	13 Nov	-
F&C Stewardship Growth	Self Select	15 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	-
F&C UK Opportunities	Self Select	15 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	-
Aberdeen Multi Asset	Self Select	-	-	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	-
Aberdeen Managed Distribution ICVC	Self Select	-	-	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	-
Nedgroup IP Guarded Strategy	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	22 Nov
Nedgroup IP Diversified Strategy	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	22 Nov
Nedgroup IP Accelerated Strategy	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	22 Nov
Newton International Growth	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	5 Dec
Newton International Bond	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	5 Dec
SWIP Emerging Markets	Self Select	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	-
SWIP European Real Estate	Self Select	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	-
SWIP Property	Self Select	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	-
Gartmore SICAV Sterling Corporate Bond	Self Select	18 Dec	18 Dec	-	-	-	-

## fund closures

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Newton Global Managed	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	5 Dec
JPM UK Dynamic	Self Select	-	-	8 Dec	8 Dec	8 Dec	-
Newton Global Innovation*	Self Select	-	-	15 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	-
Old Mutual UK Select Smaller Companies*	Self Select	15 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	-

\* Closed to new business only.

## other events

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Aberdeen Managed Distribution - Merges into Aberdeen Managed Distribution ICVC	Self Select	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	-
Aberdeen Managed Distribution - Objective Change	Self Select	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov
Aberdeen Managed Portfolio - Merges into Aberdeen Multi Asset	Self Select	-	-	20 Nov	20 Nov	20 Nov	-
Schroder Far East - Name and Objective change to Schroder Far East Income	Self Select	-	-	1 Dec	1 Dec	1 Dec	-
Investec GS Global Strategic - Name Change to Investec GS Global Strategic Equity	Self Select	-	-	-	-	-	15 Dec
Gartmore SICAV European Corporate Bond - Merges into Gartmore SICAV Sterling Corporate Bond	Self Select	18 Dec	18 Dec	-	-	-	-

Refer to [www.skandia.co.uk/funds](http://www.skandia.co.uk/funds) for full details.

## the guaranteed pension fund

guaranteed pension fund bonus announcement as at 1 December 2006:

	Monthly Bonus Rates
Bonus rate on contribution units	0.4127%
Bonus rate on bonus units	0%
Additional bonus	0%

Although at the end of November 2006 the Fund was just below £1 per unit, circumstances are such that we consider abnormal or extreme conditions no longer apply to the Fund. As a result, bonus rates have been calculated in accordance with the fixed rules. Further information, including historical bonus rates is available on the Skandia website. 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 0.99%. A discount may apply if units are redeemed prior to the Selected Guarantee Date.

### important information - Skandia Review of Maintenance Charge - December 2006

Each year we determine the cost of administering our current product ranges. For the majority of Skandia products which feature a maintenance charge, including all those currently available to new clients, this charge has not changed this year. We have, however, increased the Maintenance Charge/Administration Charge/Administration Fee for a small number of products and this increase will apply from 1 January 2007. We will shortly be writing to all clients affected to advise them of the change.

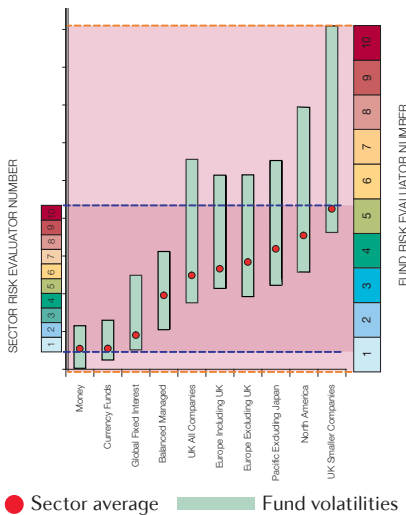
Visit [www.skandia.co.uk/fa/maintenancecharge](http://www.skandia.co.uk/fa/maintenancecharge) for full details.

# fund statistics in informer

## Fund Risk Number

You are familiar with the Risk Evaluator - telling you the volatility of sectors. The Fund Risk Number takes this idea and applies it to individual funds.

As the universe for each is so different you should not seek to compare one to the other. By virtue of being grouped averages, the spread of sector volatilities will be compacted, whereas an individual fund may be some way from the average, as highlighted on the scale below.



The Skandia Fund Risk Number has been calculated by taking the volatility values of an entire fund universe and arranging them in ascending order. The ordered volatility range has subsequently been divided into ten segments, each representing 10% of the range. The funds have been placed into the relevant segment, depending on where their volatility numbers fall.

The fund risk number will not be shown for funds with less than five years of performance history.

## Quartile rank

Quartile rank is a rating of performance on a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 is best and 4 is worst. The entire performance range of a sector is divided into 4, with each quartile rank corresponding to 25% of the range.

## Total Expense Ratio (TER)

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.

## Forsyth-OBSR Ratings

Ratings awarded are AAA, AA or A. There are several key factors which lead to the final Forsyth-OBSR Rating determination. These are:

- Strength of investment process and length of time it has been in place.
- Continuity of investment personnel.
- Investment style that has proven durable over time.
- Clearly defined investment objectives.
- Strong and consistent past performance record.
- Favourable risk adjusted returns.

The Forsyth-OBSR Ratings are more focused towards qualitative appraisals.

## S&P Fund Management Ratings

The S&P Fund Management Ratings are based on an evaluation of quantitative and qualitative factors that contribute to long-term performance.

- AAA the fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality in its sector.
- AA the fund demonstrates very high standards of quality in its sector.
- A the fund demonstrates high standards of quality in its sector.

## Bond Fund Volatility Ratings

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 V1 to V6, with V1 rated funds possessing the lowest sensitivity to changing market conditions and V6 the highest.

## S&P Star Ratings

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

## Financial Express Crown Ratings\*

The Financial Express Crown Ratings are designed to highlight funds that have had superior consistent performance in relation to risk, relative to their peer groups. Peer groups are deemed to be the sectors as defined by the IMA and ABI.

- 3 👑 Awarded to the top 20% of funds (in terms of overall score) within each sector.
- 2 👑 Awarded to the next 30%.
- 1 👑 Awarded to the bottom 50%, all rated funds get a crown rating.

## Citywire Ratings

Citywire considers all managers who run actively managed retail funds, assigning ratings to managers who achieve or exceed demanding performance thresholds based on their 36 month risk records. Of the hundreds of active fund managers only 20% receive a rating.

- AAA fund managers in the top 5%
- AA fund managers in the top 6%-13%
- A fund managers in the top 14%-20%

## Sector averages

Sector averages denote the median performance of all funds within that particular sector. Sector classifications are governed by the Association of British Insurers (ABI) for Life and Pension funds and by the Investment Management Association (IMA) for MultiISA, MultiPEP and MultiFUND investments. The two bodies do not provide the same sectors. Our Royal Skandia fund range uses the sectors defined by Financial Express.

A new sector will only display sector averages after three months of performance data has been collated.

\* It is not possible to provide Crown Ratings for the Specialist sector because it contains varied types of funds which does not allow for a meaningful comparison. The North American Smaller Companies, Japanese Smaller Companies and Commodity Energy sectors do not have sufficient members to allow calculations of Crown Ratings.