

fund news

fund launches

	Fund Category	Life	Pension	MultiSA/ MultiFUND	Selestia Investment Solutions
Ashburton European Equity	Self Select	-	-	-	9 Dec
Ashburton Americas Equity	Self Select	-	-	-	9 Dec
Ashburton Asia Pacific Equity	Self Select	-	-	-	9 Dec
Ashburton Chindia Equity	Self Select	-	-	-	9 Dec
Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Growth	Self Select	-	-	-	12 Dec
Standard Life Global Absolute Return Strategies	Self Select	-	-	-	12 Dec
BlackRock Continental European	Self Select	12 Dec	12 Dec	-	-
BlackRock Cash	Self Select	12 Dec	12 Dec	-	-
BlackRock Emerging Markets	Self Select	12 Dec	12 Dec	-	-
BlackRock European Dynamic	Self Select	12 Dec	12 Dec	-	-
BlackRock US Dynamic	Self Select	12 Dec	12 Dec	-	-
BlackRock Global Bond	Self Select	12 Dec	12 Dec	-	-
MGTS Future Money Real Value	Self Select	-	-	-	15 Dec
MGTS Future Money Real Growth	Self Select	-	-	-	15 Dec
MGTS Future Money Dynamic Growth	Self Select	-	-	-	15 Dec
MGTS Future Money Income	Self Select	-	-	-	15 Dec

fund suspension

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AVIVA European Property	Self Select	4 Nov	4 Nov	-	4 Nov
New Star International Property	Self Select	25 Nov	25 Nov	25 Nov	25 Nov

fund closures

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Gartmore Multi-Manager UK High Alpha	Self Select	-	-	--	1 Dec
Gartmore European Growth	Self Select	1 Dec	1 Dec	1 Dec	1 Dec

fund closures to new business

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Gartmore SICAV Euro Money	Self Select	31 Dec	31 Dec	-	-
Gartmore SICAV Sterling Corporate Bond	Self Select	31 Dec	31 Dec	-	-
Gartmore SICAV US Dollar Money	Self Select	31 Dec	31 Dec	-	-

other events

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Gartmore Multi-Manager UK High Alpha – Merges into Gartmore Multi-Manager Absolute Return. AMC change to flat rate of 1.25%	Self Select	-	-	-	1 Dec
Gartmore European Growth – Merges into Gartmore European Selected Opportunities. AMC change to flat rate of 1.25%	Self Select	1 Dec	1 Dec	1 Dec	1 Dec
Aegon Global Bond – Objective Change	Self Select	3 Dec	3 Dec	3 Dec	3 Dec
Aegon Sterling Corporate Bond – Objective Change	Self Select	3 Dec	3 Dec	3 Dec	3 Dec
Aegon High Yield Bond – Objective Change	Self Select	3 Dec	3 Dec	3 Dec	3 Dec

Refer to www.skandia.co.uk/funds for full details.

the guaranteed pension fund

guaranteed pension fund bonus announcement as at 1 December 2008

	Monthly bonus rates
Bonus rate on contribution units	0.0000%
Bonus rate on bonus units	0.0000%
Additional bonus	0.0000%

Due to the continued uncertainty experienced by the fixed interest and equity markets, the Fund is currently experiencing what we consider to be abnormal or extreme conditions. Bonus rates since April have been reduced to take account of this. For November rates have been set to zero.

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 1.1%. A discount may apply if units are redeemed prior to the Selected Guarantee Date.

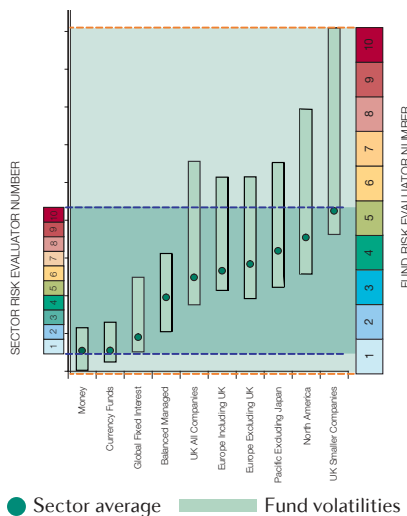
fund statistics in informer

In this issue of *informer* we have updated the categorisation of our fund lists to make the investment choices available to you and your clients via Skandia clearer, please see page 25 for further details.

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 Fund Risk and Sector Risk numbers is so different, as shown on the graph below, 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 Selestia Investment Solutions funds) as well as the depository and custodial charges, and audit, registration and compliance fees.

OBSR Ratings

Ratings awarded are AAA, AA or A. There are several key factors which lead to the final 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 OBSR Ratings are more focused towards qualitative appraisals.

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 Financial Express.

- 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.

*It may not be possible to provide Crown Ratings for funds within certain sectors. This is because either the sector contains varied types of funds, which does not allow for a meaningful comparison, or because the sector does not have sufficient members to allow calculation of Crown Ratings.

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 average performance of all funds within that particular sector. Sector classifications are governed by Financial Express.

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