

Press information

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Standard Life Global Absolute Return Strategies tops Nucleus growth table

The Standard Life Global Absolute Returns Strategies Fund was the fastest growing fund on IFA-owned and controlled wrap platform Nucleus in October.

The actively-managed Fund aims to provide positive returns in all market conditions over the medium to long term and can take long and short position in markets, securities and groups of securities through derivative contracts. The team looks to exploit market inefficiencies through active allocation to highly diversified market positions.

According to the latest figures from Nucleus, the Standard Life Global Absolute Returns Strategies Fund, which is ranked 24th largest by value of holdings on the platform, was joined on the list by the Legal & General Index Linked Gilt Index Trust and the Dimensional Global Short Bond, which were ranked second and third respectively.

The Standard Life fund was previously ranked sixth last month, while the Dimensional Bond rose from ninth. The L&G Trust retained its second place position.

The top three funds by value remain unchanged with the Dimensional Global Short Bond, L&G Index Linked Gilt Index Trust and M&G Strategic Corporate Bond leading the way. Further down the list, the Invesco Perpetual Global Bond makes it into the top 10, appearing tenth up from 12th in September.

Commenting, Kenny McKenzie, Managing Director, Intelligent Capital and Chairman of the Nucleus investment strategy team, said:

“Despite stock markets moving upwards, investors are continuing to play the cautious card by opting for a fund that is designed to perform in all market conditions.”

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Notes to editors:

Top 10 fastest growing funds between 01 October 2010 and 01 November 2010

Rank	Fund	Rank @ 01 October	Rank by Value
1	Standard Life Global Absolute Rtn Strategies	6	24
2	Legal & General Index Linked Gilt Index Trust	2	2
3	Dimensional Global Short Bond	9	1
4	M&G Strategic Corporate Bond	8	3
5	Royal London UK Government Bond	5	6
6	Invesco Perpetual Global Bond	7	10
7	Schroders Gilt & Fixed	4	13
8	Newton Income NAV	10	11
9	Blackrock UK Dynamic	12	8
10	M&G American	15	23

Top 10 funds by value of holdings as at 01 November 2010

Rank	Fund	Rank @ 01 October
1	Dimensional Global Short Bond	1
2	Legal & General Index Linked Gilt Index Trust	2
3	M&G Strategic Corporate Bond	3
4	IFDS Prism Cautious Growth Fund A Acc	4
5	M&G Recovery	5
6	Royal London UK Government Bond	6
7	Invesco Perpetual High Income	7
8	Blackrock UK Dynamic	9
9	Invesco Perpetual Income	8
10	Invesco Perpetual Global Bond	12

About Nucleus

Nucleus Financial Group is an online wrap based business platform.

Nucleus was founded in 2006 by a number of high quality IFAs who shared a commitment to create a market where advisors have the infrastructure and desire to place the client centre stage.

Since foundation Nucleus has established itself as a major force for change in the market. It is now a community of IFA businesses who through ownership and control of the business process seek to create a better customer experience.

The management team is led by David Ferguson chief executive, and offers extensive experience across all areas of the UK retail financial services market.

The company was rewarded for its ground-breaking approach at the Scottish Financial Enterprise (SFE) Innovators Awards held in Edinburgh on 29 November 2007.

Nucleus Financial was rewarded for bringing something new to the wrap platform sector and won best new platform at the 2008 Adnitor Awards in October.

Nucleus won the 'Best online wrap or fund supermarket' accolade at the 2008 Online Finance awards in November, 2008.