

# Henderson Multi-Manager Absolute Return Fund



Lead Fund manager  
Tony Lanning



Co-Fund manager  
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## Fund facts at 30 April 2012

### Fund aim

The fund aims to provide a positive return over the long term, whether markets go up or down, by investing in a range of collective investment schemes. These other schemes can invest in any country.

### Launch date

4 October 2004\*

### IMA sector

Absolute Return

### Fund size

£136.80m

### Type of shares

Accumulation

### XD dates

1 Oct, 1 Apr

### Dividend pay dates

31 May, 30 Nov

### Minimum investment

Lump sum £1,000

Subsequent £100

Regular saving £100 per month

### Charges (%)

Initial 5.00

Annual 1.25

### SEDOL number

B02W229

## Fund manager comment

April was a challenging month for equities, with the MSCI World Total Return Index down 2.7% in sterling terms. Disappointing jobs data from the US set the tone, with preliminary non-farm payroll numbers increasing just 120,000, which was half the gain of the previous month. Other sombre economic digests included news that the UK had entered technical recession after its economy shrank for the second consecutive quarter whilst Spain's unemployment rate rose to nearly one in four of the workforce. In fact, Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, downgraded Spain's sovereign debt from A to BBB+ citing concerns about the country's economy. Strength in sterling reduced gains from overseas government bonds so that the JPMorgan GBI Global All Maturities Total Return Index was flat for the month in sterling terms. UK gilts, as represented by the FTSE British Govt. All Stocks Index returned 0.4%. Commodities generally softened on the more downbeat mood, with the Brent Crude oil price dropping by four dollars to US\$119/barrel. The Henderson Multi-Manager Absolute Return Fund's mix of asset classes and strategies dampened volatility, with the fund off 0.7% for the month. During April, the holding in US Treasuries contributed positively as did a number of absolute return equity funds including Cazenove UK Dynamic Absolute Return and BlackRock UK Absolute Return. Fixed income absolute return did less well although Henderson Credit Alpha performed well. Hedge strategies, which had performed well in recent months struggled during April, with Odey Odyssey retreating and MS Diversified Alpha Plus detracting from performance. In terms of activity, the fund added a new 2% position in 10-year US Treasuries and took a 3% holding in Old Mutual Global Strategic Bond. Reductions were made in the holding in a Gold exchange traded fund, as the gold price appeared to have peaked in the near term. The holding in Kames High Yield was also reduced following the strong run that corporate bonds had enjoyed in the first quarter on the back of the European Central Bank's recent Long-Term Refinancing Operations.

\*Please note: On 31 October 2008, following a shareholder vote, the Multi-Manager Global High Alpha Fund changed its name, investment objective and fee structure to become the Multi-Manager Absolute Return Fund.

## Portfolio breakdown

### Fixed Interest

AXA US Short Duration High Yield  
Royal London Global Index Linked  
M&G Optimal Income  
Thames River Global Bond  
Kames High Yield Bond  
US 10Yr Note Future 2012

### Absolute Return Fixed Income

JP Morgan Income Opportunities  
JP Morgan Income Opportunities Plus  
Henderson Credit Alpha  
LeggMason Global Credit Absolute Return

### Hedge Strategies

BH Global Limited  
GAM Star Quant Keynes Strategies  
Odey Odyssey  
JP Morgan Global Merger Arbitrage  
Morgan Stanley Diversified Alpha Plus  
Nomura Voltage Mid-Term Source ETF

<b>23.6%</b>	<b>Absolute Return Equities</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
	Henderson UK Absolute Return	
	BlackRock UK Absolute Alpha	
	Melchior European Absolute Return	
	Cazenove Absolute UK Dynamic	
	Thames River Water & Agriculture Absolute Return	
	BNY Mellon Global Absolute Return	
	Thames River Longstone	
<b>10.7%</b>	<b>Specialist Equities</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
	Polar Capital Global Insurance	
	First State Global Listed Infrastructure	
	M&G Global Dividend	
<b>17.9%</b>	<b>Convertibles</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
	Jupiter Global Convertibles	
	<b>Commodities</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
	ETFS Physical Gold	
	ETFS WTI Crude Oil	
	<b>Cash</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

## Performance

Percentage growth, 31 Oct 08 to 30 Apr 12.



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Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Cumulative performance	Fund % change
1 year	-1.1
2 years	2.2
3 years	14.6
4 years	n/a
5 years	n/a

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Discrete year performance	Fund % change
31/03/2011 to 30/03/2012	0.5
31/03/2010 to 31/03/2011	2.7
31/03/2009 to 31/03/2010	14.2
31/03/2008 to 31/03/2009	n/a
30/03/2007 to 31/03/2008	n/a

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# Henderson Multi-Manager Absolute Return Fund (continued)

## General risks

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- The value of the Funds and the income from them is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to future performance.
- You should note that your tax treatment in relation to any investments held outside an ISA will depend on your individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. Governments may change the tax rules which affect you or the Funds in which you have invested.

## Risk profile

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- Where the Funds invest in assets (including cash) which are denominated in currencies other than the base currency (pounds sterling) then currency exchange rate movements may cause the value of investments to fall as well as rise.
- Emerging markets tend to be more volatile than more established stock markets and therefore your money is at greater risk. Political and economic conditions should also be considered. The reliability of trading and settlement systems in some emerging markets may not be equal to that available in more developed markets, which may result in delays in realising investments within the funds. A counterparty may not pay or deliver on time or as expected. Lack of liquidity or efficiency in certain stock markets or foreign exchange markets in certain emerging markets may mean that from time to time the Investment Manager may experience more difficulty in purchasing or selling holdings of securities than it would in a more developed market.
- If you opt to receive a fixed monthly income, it may be necessary to sell some of your shares or units in order to meet the level of payment you have chosen. This can lead to capital erosion.
- The fund may invest in other types of collective investment schemes including property funds, commodity funds and hedge funds. Such schemes may expose investors to increased risk due to restrictions on withdrawals, less strict regulation and use of derivatives.

## Important information

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Please note: due to rounding the figures in the holdings breakdowns may not add up to 100%. The fund's annual Authorised Corporate Director's fee is charged to capital. This has the effect of increasing the distribution(s) for the year by 1.50% and constraining the fund's capital performance to an equivalent extent. Fund size at 12pm on last business day of month. Unless otherwise indicated all figures sourced from Morningstar, Henderson Global Investors and BNP Paribas. Please note the views, opinions and forecasts expressed in this document are based on Henderson Global Investors' research, analysis and house views at the time of publication. No recommendations to buy or sell investments are implied. If you invest through a third party provider you are advised to consult them directly as charges, performance and terms and conditions may differ materially. Issued in the UK by Henderson Global Investors. Henderson Global Investors is the name under which Henderson Global Investors Limited (reg. no. 906355), Henderson Fund Management Limited (reg. no. 2607112), Henderson Investment Funds Limited (reg. no. 2678531), Henderson Investment Management Limited (reg. no. 1795354), Henderson Alternative Investment Advisor Limited (reg. no. 962757), Henderson Equity Partners Limited (reg. no. 2606646), Gartmore Investment Limited (reg. no. 1508030) (each incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered office 201 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3AE) are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority to provide investment products and services.

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