

Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund

September 2010

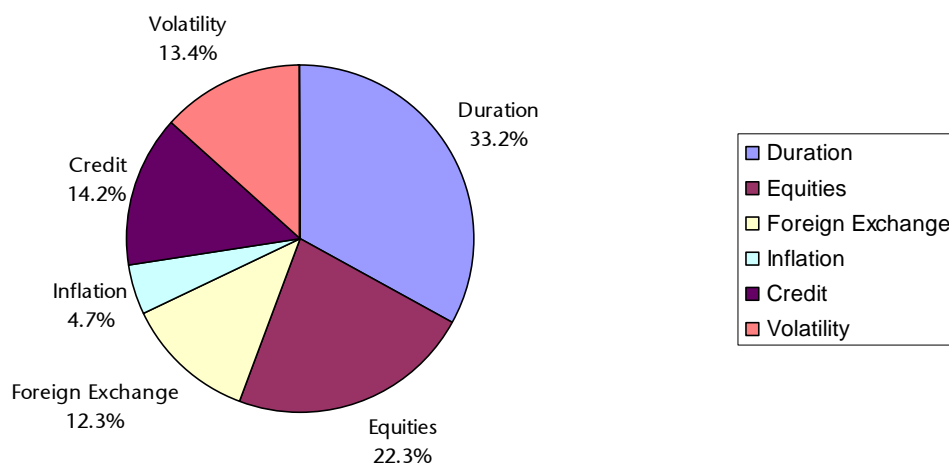


Description

The Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund aims to provide positive investment returns in all market conditions over the medium to long term. The investment team who actively manage the fund have a wide investment remit to help them try to achieve this aim. The team look to exploit market inefficiencies through active allocation to highly diversified market positions. The fund manager utilises a combination of traditional assets (such as equities and bonds) and investment strategies based on advanced derivative techniques resulting in a highly diversified portfolio. The fund can take long and short positions in markets, securities and groups of securities through derivative contracts.

Risk exposure

The fund's market risk exposure has a broad range of investment strategies:



Note: The percentage breakdown above may not sum to 100% due to rounding
At 30 June 2010

Performance to 1 September 2010

	Year to date	1 year	Since launch**	Growth since launch
Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	11.3%	15.1%	13.1%	27.7%
MoneyMate Managed	3.5%	8.9%	-1.1%	-2.1%
Balanced Sector Average				

** annualised from 8 September 2008

Source: MoneyMate, bid to bid, gross income reinvested

Performance excludes policy charges or tax which may apply. It is not the return on a premium paid on a policy.

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Fund facts*

Fund size***	€5.0 billion
Launch	8 September 2008
Sector	MoneyMate Managed Balanced
Annual management charge	1.35%
Number of strategies	30

***relates to underlying fund

*Source: Standard Life Investments, at 30 June 2010

Standard Life Investments

We're motivated by a single purpose - to meet your needs with integrity and to the highest possible standard. We do this through a critical combination of talented people, a unique investment philosophy, and a robust, repeatable investment process intelligently applied.

Multi-asset investment team

GARS is managed by the Multi-Asset Investing Team, which contains over 20 of our most experienced investment professionals, with an average of 14 years industry experience.



How to access this fund

Synergy products

Synergy Investment Bond
Synergy approved retirement funds
Synergy Personal Pension
Synergy Executive Pension
Synergy Buy Out Bond

Other products

PRSA
Executive Pension Plus

The fund is not guaranteed, not capital protected and not a substitute for cash or deposits. In order to achieve its investment objective the fund will make extensive use of derivatives.

This fact sheet does not constitute investment advice. Contact your financial adviser for further information.

Warning: Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance

Warning: The value of your investment may go down as well as up

Warning: The income you get from this investment may go down as well as up

Warning: This fund may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates

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