



## **Attivo Investments APEX Preservation Conservative Portfolio**

The Attivo Investments APEX Preservation Conservative portfolio is constructed using some passive building blocks to provide market exposure at a low cost, but the predominant content is actively managed mandates, which are looking to generate growth higher than the index by taking advantage pricing anomalies – we term these anomalies as “alpha sources”. The portfolio is constructed with a low level of risk in mind. We aim for investment losses over a single year period to not exceed 10%, and the financial objective in mind is capital preservation.

### **Goals-Based Investment Theory**

The Attivo Investments range of Managed Portfolio Solutions utilise the theory of “goals-based investing”. This theory states that investment solutions should be tailored to an individuals’ personal financial goals. Typically, financial goals will fall into one of three categories:

- 1) Capital accumulation.
- 2) Capital preservation.
- 3) Income generation.

The Attivo Investments APEX Preservation Conservative portfolio fits into the “capital preservation” category, and so all underlying holdings will look to mirror this approach. For example, a low risk preservation strategy, whilst holding a lot of fixed income exposure, would only hold short-dated, money market, or other near cash instruments – we will not look to speculate for growth by playing the yield curve, because this would not be consistent with the underlying client goals.

### **APEX Investment Style**

Whilst the Attivo Investments APEX Preservation Conservative portfolio will contain some passive building blocks in areas we perceive little active value to be obtained, but there will be a focus on actively managed building blocks to achieve superior risk-adjusted returns.

We will look to identify “alpha sources” where we feel the markets are under-pricing certain investment styles and/or strategies to capitalise on the inefficiencies present in capital markets.

Whilst we will buy some investment funds, generally the approach within the APEX range is that of manager of managers rather than fund of funds. We award mandates to our preferred investment managers and trade on their portfolio holdings directly within our *own* funds, as opposed to buying *their* funds directly. In some cases, the strategies we select might not even be available within a fund structure if they are managed by a boutique or private investment house.

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The APEX range has a more dynamic approach to asset allocation, turning over the portfolio more frequently than the Core or Low Cost range, and also includes allocations to more sophisticated instruments like long/short fixed income and hedge funds.

### **Risk Levels**

The level of risk taken will be consistent with “1 on a scale of 1 to 7”, as defined by our risk partners, Oxford Risk. The portfolio will always be managed in accordance with this risk level, and we have robust risk management processes in place to ensure the risk being taken does not exceed the agreed mandate.

On the 5-tier risk scale, this portfolio is consistent with “1 on a scale of 1 to 5”.

### **Who is this Portfolio For?**

The Attivo Investments APEX Preservation Conservative portfolio might be suitable for the following types of investors:

- Clients who believe active management has the ability to add value above the market average over a reasonable timeframe (3-5 years).
- Clients who value the role of active management.
- Clients who take a keen interest in the markets, and believe active intervention has the ability to add real long-term value.
- Clients looking to preserve wealth, at a low level of risk.
- Clients who have limited capacity for loss.
- Clients who are not comfortable with large fluctuations in the value of their invested capital.

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## Asset Allocation

Equities		Fixed Income					Liquidity	Inflation Sensitive	Alternatives	Dynamic	
Global Managed Volatility Fund	Global Equity Fund	Global Fixed Income Fund	Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Fund	High Yield Fixed Income Fund	Emerging Markets Debt Fund	Global Short Term Bond Fund	Money Market Fund	U.K. Index-Linked Fixed Interest Fund	Liquid Alternative Fund*	Dynamic Diversified Credit Fund	Dynamic Global Income Fund
8%	4%	8.25%	10%	1.25%	1.25%	37.75%	19.25%	3.75%	2%	2.25%	2.25%
SEI	SEI	Insight Investment Management	RBC BlueBay Asset Management	J.P. Morgan Investment Management	Ninety One UK	RBC BlueBay Asset Management	Royal London	SEI	Dynamic Beta Investments	RBC BlueBay Asset Management	Brandywine Global Investment Management
Acadian Asset Management	Lazard Asset Management	Brandywine Global Investment Management	Schroder Investment Management	Ares Capital Management	Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers	Colchester Global Investors					
LSV Asset Management	PineStone Asset Management	Colchester Global Investors	Wellington Management	Brigade Capital Management	Colchester Global Investors						
	Poplar Forest Capital	Wellington Management		Benefit Street Partners	Marathon Asset Management						
	Brickwood Asset Management			T. Rowe Price	Grantham Mayo van Otterloo						
	Alphinity Investment Management										
	Rhicon										

The standard asset allocations are reviewed periodically, based on a range of capital market assumptions, and we routinely run stress-testing, based on several historical and theoretical negative market outcomes.

We rebalance our portfolios on an annual basis only. We have undertaken thorough research on this topic which concluded more frequent rebalancing adds a lot in the way of cost, but not in the way of return or risk control.

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## Performance

The graphs below show the long-term performance of this strategy against the IA Mixed Investment 0-35% sector, our chosen benchmark for the Attivo Investments APEX Preservation Conservative portfolio. Whilst this performance is simulated to some extent, the strategies invested have been present for the duration of the timeframe. As the portfolios we manage are goal-based, the strategies for each will have been consistent for the duration of the period analysed.



01/04/2020 - 31/03/2025 Data from FE fundinfo2025

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Investment values may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than you originally invested. This includes risks associated with emerging markets, overseas investments, and property or corporate bonds, which may exhibit higher volatility or reduced liquidity. Exchange rate fluctuations may also impact returns. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

## Charges

There are no initial charges for investing into the Attivo Investments APEX Preservation Conservative portfolio, aside from any dealing charges which may be imposed by the chosen platform.

The ongoing cost of the portfolio is 0.63% a year, which includes the fund charges and the discretionary fund manager charges combined. Any transaction charges would be additional to this. Please see the latest costs and charges document on the resource centre for transaction charges.

Please note this charge is correct at the date of issue but can and will vary in future.

## Resources

For additional information on these strategies please refer to our website – [attivoinvestments.co.uk](https://attivoinvestments.co.uk)

Our website also has a Resource Centre, which provides other collateral and tools to assist you.

Our portfolios are available for use on FE Analytics, by visiting the “portfolios” section of the interface, then searching for “Attivo Investments”.

## Other Advantages of using Attivo Investments

In addition to the information above, there are other important benefits of using the Attivo Investments range of solutions.

- Our co-CIO arrangement with SEI Investments opens up new doors when compared to the UK Managed Portfolio Service (MPS) space at large. A typical MPS provider in the UK will have access to around 4,000 different funds. The Attivo Investments solutions have access to around 100,000 different strategies.
- Whilst the Low Cost range of solutions uses a fund of funds approach, our APEX and Apex solutions uses a manager or managers approach. Rather than buying their funds we award them mandates, and replicate their portfolios within our own range of themed funds.
- This approach allows us to access niche areas of the market, including strategies which do not sit within a fund structure.

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- By pooling resources with SEI Investments, we are not only able to access these strategies that many others cannot, but are also able to do so on preferential terms. The average mandate size for a client of SEI Investments is £1bn and, therefore, managers are clearly incentivised to offer the best possible terms, allowing us to deliver better positive outcomes for your clients.

## Underlying Fund Descriptions

<b>Acadian Global Managed Volatility</b>	Managed-volatility strategies are a well-established product line at Acadian, representing approximately 17% of firm's total assets under management (which total over \$95 billion). The importance of these strategies commands the attention of research staff and requires ongoing improvements to maintain a competitive edge. Global Managed Volatility is the flagship strategy within Acadian's managed-volatility franchise. We view the firm's research team as highly favourable, particularly considering the model's factor diversity and speed of innovation; this has translated to consistently strong results over time
<b>LSV Global Managed Volatility</b>	LSV is one of the academic pioneers in researching, understanding and exploiting the value premium. Led by Josef Lakonishok, the research team continues to demonstrate thought leadership. The manager's quantitative security-selection process is focused on deep value, but it also avoids subjective biases prevalent among fundamental investor peers. An evolved and nuanced understanding of value accounting adds an element of further enhancement. For managed volatility, the firm's approach shows elevated awareness of volatility measures and serves to balance inputs into the process.
<b>Rhicon Currency Management</b>	Rhicon's discretionary FX strategy differentiates itself from peers by relying exclusively on technical and charting analysis to forecast future price action. Its disciplined investment approach significantly reduces the risk of irrational or inconsistent behavioural traits that affect shorter-term discretionary traders. The portfolio construction's design process facilitates trading opportunities across multiple time horizons, agnostic of the market environment and independent of FX-style betas. Over the past few years, Rhicon has seen material outflows from the product due to performance over a protracted period of low foreign-exchange volatility. SEI is now the largest investor within the strategy. Though assets are still above the firm's breakeven profit levels, there are some concerns surrounding firm viability if assets continue to remain depressed over the longer term.
<b>Alphinity Global Equity</b>	This team stands out in its application of a fundamental driven earnings momentum philosophy with a strong underpin to the quality of the businesses, which we believe helps the team identify durable and sustainable trends. A key positive feature of this strategy represents the team's heavy application of quantitative metrics and tools throughout all stages of the investment process, inducing robustness and repeatability. Although the strategy has a track record of only seven years, the team has already faced several shifts and strong reversals in the market, which we think they are able to leverage on. The strategy has outperformed the benchmark since inception and aligned with our expectations in terms of the alpha source exposure.

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<b>Lazard Developed World ex-US Quality Growth</b>	The Quality Growth strategies utilize a bottom-up fundamental approach that focuses on the long-term compounding benefits of investing in highly profitable companies with superior competitive advantages and long-term growth prospects that appear to be underappreciated by the market. The idea generation process is tailored to the team's investment philosophy, and the fundamental due diligence process aligns with the key areas of focus. The low-turnover approach, combined with a rigorous "beat the fade" valuation framework, focuses precisely on the inefficiency where the market misprices how resilient returns for these businesses are. We have a positive view on co-portfolio managers Louis Florentin-Lee and Barnaby Wilson and their ability to leverage the analyst platform, combining it with insightful stock-picking and disciplined implementation, leading us to have high conviction in the strategy.
<b>PineStone US Equity</b>	The U.S. Equity strategy employs a fundamental, quality growth approach. The team seeks to identify companies trading at reasonable valuations with sustainable competitive advantages and growth potential. The portfolio is conviction weighted. Given the long-term focus, turnover is very low. We believe PineStone's definition of quality is more robust than its quality manager peers. Additionally, we think the process is well structured for the approach, with several unique aspects such as its quality scoring framework. While there continues to be client concentration risk, due to the significant sub-advisory relationship with Fiera, we believe the relationship is symbiotic and the percentage AUM managed for direct clients will continue to increase over time.
<b>Poplar Forest US Value</b>	The U.S. Value offering generally focuses on out-of-favour and underappreciated companies. The benchmark-agnostic strategy is focused on normalized earnings and free cash flow over the long term. The investment team evaluates investment opportunities using bottom-up, fundamental analysis, paying particular attention to its belief about future normalized margins and free cash flow. The portfolio is concentrated and invests in the large- and mid-cap segments of the U.S. equity market. Almost all of the firm's assets are in the flagship U.S. Value product. Recent performance has been quite strong given the recovery in value stocks. Still, the move in industry assets from active to passive and long-term problems for value could put pressure on Poplar's business for the foreseeable future.
<b>Brickwood Developed ex-US Value</b>	Headquartered in London, the firm is expected to manage around \$2 billion including SEI's assets. The firm is in the emerging stage of its lifecycle, but given the PMs' long-standing track records, once the firm is established we can see UK assets scaling too. Lead PM Dermot Murphy is well supported by Ben Whitmore and Kevin Murphy under a collaborative research and decision-making structure. Whitmore has been managing value funds for 30 years, initially at Schrodgers before joining Jupiter in 2006. Co-founder PM Kevin Murphy is a valuable addition to the team bringing over 20 years' experience of value investing at Schrodgers under a very similar approach having worked previously with Whitmore. We view the team as amongst the best practitioners of contrarian value investing we have found; blending valuation discipline with insightful assessments for recovery potential and elements of quality underpinning that mitigates downside risk. The process is focused on identifying mispriced stocks and building a diversified portfolio of idiosyncratic risks, while minimizing investments in value traps (stocks that appear cheap, but where share-price recovery is ultimately elusive).
<b>Colchester Global Government Short Duration Bonds</b>	The firm invests exclusively in sovereign bonds and currencies and won't allocate to corporate credit or other non-government spread sectors. Colchester's focus on global government debt and higher quality smaller markets means its skill set is highly suited to this mandate. The firm's competitive advantage lies in its structured process and the firm's proprietary inflation forecasts, which give the firm an edge in

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	making relative value sovereign decisions. The manager targets higher real yielding markets and currencies which look cheap by Colchester's currency valuation model. The combination of Colchester's real yield interest rate models and robust process supports our recommended rating.
<b>Wellington Global Securitized</b>	The Global Securitized strategy has a large degree of overlap with the US focused strategy, and Wellington's US Securitized team will manage the covered bond allocation within the global benchmark in tandem with Wellington's Global Credit team. Brian Conroy leads the strategy following the somewhat recent retirement of Mike Garrett, who was considered one of the more intelligent minds in the MBS arena. While we view Conroy favourably, he is a relatively inexperienced portfolio manager, and thus his development is viewed as critical to the success of the strategy. Our concerns are mitigated due to the extensive notice that Garrett provided the firm, which has allowed for a more gradual transition of responsibilities. Lastly, we have a favourable view of the firm's organizational structure as a private partnership and believe that this element, combined with the ability to be a career analyst, has contributed to the team's strong continuity.
<b>Brandywine Global Fixed Income</b>	Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC (Brandywine), was founded in 1986 and is 100% owned by Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason), although Brandywine operates completely independently; this relationship has continued post Franklin Templeton's recent acquisition of Legg Mason. Brandywine offers a range of strategies across equities, fixed income and alternatives. The firm's global fixed-income team exploits the mean-reverting tendencies of interest rates and currencies by taking a benchmark-indifferent, macro-driven, value-oriented investment approach that favours high real-yielding countries with strong credit fundamentals alongside currencies that appear to be undervalued on a range of measures (such as purchasing power parity). Brandywine executes this strategy by being patient, long-term and often contrarian. This tried-and-tested approach is led by a portfolio management team comprised of some of the most experienced and seasoned bond investors in the industry. Moreover, the assets under management enable Brandywine to commit sufficient resources to cover the less efficient non-core markets, without being so large that the portfolio managers cannot take meaningful positions.
<b>Insight Global Government Bonds</b>	Insight Investment Management Limited (Insight) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY Mellon, which purchased the organization from U.K. banking group HBOS in 2009. The firm is one of the largest liability driven investment (LDI) managers in the U.K., but it also offers active fixed-income and multi-asset products. Insight's Global Government Bonds offering utilizes a broad suite of asset classes and instruments to create a portfolio with a diversified range of positions, which are carefully crafted to isolate intended risks for inclusion in the final portfolio. The investment process combines a range of long-term strategic views, tactical positions which allow an experienced portfolio manager to demonstrate their flair, and short-term quantitative models to help capture momentum signals within duration markets. How Insight structures trades within the portfolio, using outright long positions or more relative value trades depending on conviction, demonstrates a strong awareness of the payoff profile associated with investing in fixed-income markets. The quality and depth of investment individuals across a range of fixed-income markets— developed-market government bonds, credit and emerging markets—are also impressive.

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<b>BlueBay Global Aggregate ex-Treasury</b>	BlueBay's proprietary Alpha Decision Tool ensures trade ideas across each asset class are logged within a unified decision making system. This allows the firm's best ideas from both a top down and bottom up perspective to be applied and emphasised within each strategy on BlueBay's platform in a consistent way. The Aggregate strategies are run in a centralized manner by two of the most senior investors at BlueBay; Mark Dowding (Chief Investment Officer) and Kaspar Hense (Senior Portfolio Manager) who have the cross asset class expertise and ability to vet trade ideas prior to portfolio inclusion. They will manage portfolios holistically emphasizing higher conviction trades rather than outsourcing decision making to underlying asset class teams which leads to more efficient portfolio management and heightened accountability.
<b>Schroder Global Corporate Bonds</b>	The firm's credit process combines rigorous fundamental security analysis with a keen awareness of the macroeconomic backdrop and its implications for the credit cycle. Notwithstanding, bottom-up credit research remains the cornerstone of the investment process, where the team's commitment to leveraging the expertise within each sector team allows it to exploit less efficiently priced idiosyncratic opportunities. The information brought in by the bottom-up sector team is compared in a disciplined, consistent fashion, using scorecards to support sector asset allocation. We also view the lead portfolio manager on this account, Rick Rezik, as one of the most impressive investors in this asset class given the depth of knowledge he has on individual securities held within the portfolio. While we view Schroders as a credible global corporate manager, we believe there are alternative offerings in the peer group that are superior.
<b>Wellington Global Government-Related Bonds</b>	Founded in 1928, Wellington Management Company LLP is now a fully-owned partnership with assets under management of close to \$1.2 trillion. The firm's Global Government-Related mandate utilizes a multi-strategy investment approach whereby individual specialists are each allocated a risk budget. These specialists are chosen based on their low levels of correlation with other investment specialists at the firm. By structuring its product this way, Wellington can integrate multiple styles to create a portfolio that is generally uncorrelated with broader fixed-income markets and where no investment specialists dominate overall strategy performance. Relative to peers, we believe Wellington's return stream is unique and differentiated. We continue, however, to have concerns around elevated investment specialist turnover, the top-down risk budgeting process and the limited transparency provided to external parties on the performance of the firm's investment specialists.
<b>JP Morgan High Yield</b>	J.P. Morgan Investment Management (JPMorgan) is one of the world's largest asset managers, with over \$2.5 trillion in assets. After years of operating as autonomous units, JPMorgan made the decision to merge its Indianapolis and Cincinnati-based high-yield teams in 2019. Rob Cook leads the combined group; the combined analyst pool has grown, which is the key positive stemming from this change. The Indianapolis team's investment philosophy and process will continue to be implemented, with the Cincinnati team conforming to the investment approach. The team's assets under management (AUM) have been an area of concern in recent years, and the teams' combined AUM has only elevated our level of concern. We have yet to observe any direct impact on performance, and we take comfort in the fact that Cook and Hauser are leading the team and that the Indianapolis team's relative-value approach remains intact with additional resources at its disposal. These positive factors provide the conviction to maintain the strategy's recommended rating.

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<b>Ares High Yield</b>	Based in Los Angeles, CA, Ares Management LLC (Ares) is a publicly-traded global alternative investment manager with over \$310 billion in assets. The strength of the investment strategy lies in Ares' detailed credit analysis and the firm's experience in managing through a range of economic and credit cycles. By having dedicated private equity, credit, and real-estate groups, Ares can look beyond the traditional high-yield market to source new investment ideas, strategically and opportunistically investing in below-investment grade bank loans; investment-grade bonds that trade at high-yield levels; and distressed bonds to add value. The firm's commitment to credit research and its expanded opportunity set is somewhat unique relative to peers. Kapil Singh has managed the strategy since late 2018 alongside Chris Mathewson as co-portfolio manager. Given Singh and Mathewson's skillsets, Singh provides more input on top-down positioning while Mathewson focuses on tactical implementation and portfolio construction. We have been impressed with Singh's thoughtful contribution since joining Ares, and we view him as a good cultural fit. Our conviction in this offering continues to grow.
<b>Brigade High Yield</b>	Founded in 2006, Brigade Capital Management, LLC (Brigade) has over a decade-long track record as a specialist in leveraged finance, distressed, opportunistic and structured credit strategies. The long-only High Yield offering was launched in 2009 and has experienced steady asset growth. We believe a large part of Brigade's competitive advantage is the firm's expertise in tactically investing across the capital structure, coupled with its ability to opportunistically take advantage of market dislocations through bottom-up fundamental credit analysis and by looking for shifts in the credit cycle. Repositioning the portfolio during credit cycle shifts is a key tactic in the Brigade playbook. The depth and breadth of Brigade's senior investment professionals, combined with the team's long tenure working together through multiple market cycles, have been instrumental in developing these skills. We hold CIO and founding partner Don Morgan in high regard, and we believe Morgan will continue to be a key ingredient in the firm's future success. Overall, we view Brigade as an opportunistic manager with a thoughtful leader, superior credit research capabilities and the ability to make tactical allocation shifts over the credit cycle. A combination of these competitive advantages drives our recommended rating.
<b>Benefit Street Partners High Yield</b>	Benefit Street Partners (BSP) is a credit-focused alternative asset management firm based in New York, NY. BSP's competitive advantage is its relative-value approach that evaluates the entire leveraged finance universe. Alpha generation comes from opportunistically investing at any level of an issuer's capital structure and tactically allocating to mid- and small-sized companies. The breadth and depth of BSP's investment team, which includes several individuals with sell-side restructuring experience, provide it with a unique investment perspective when compared with the high-yield manager universe. Additionally, credit skills are sharpened through credit analysis from both a long and short point of view for the firm's hedge fund, along with obtaining key industry trends from its middle-market lending operation. A fundamental tenet of BSP's investment philosophy is a focus on bottom-up security selection through a disciplined investment process that assigns a near-term catalyst along with entry and exit points for each security. It also takes a private equity approach that emphasizes asset coverage and free cash flow as the critical determinants for the likelihood of default. Portfolio construction is focused on finding alpha through security selection and should typically have moderate active sector risks. BSP was sold to Franklin Resources, Inc. (Franklin) in 2018 and, to date, has remained largely autonomous. That said, we continue to monitor for any future integration that might detract from the strategy. We maintain our recommended rating.

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<b>T. Rowe Price High Yield</b>	T. Rowe Price Associates (T. Rowe), a publicly-traded company with around \$1 trillion in assets under management (AUM), is among the largest global asset-management firms. We believe the T. Rowe philosophy is superior to that of many of its peers in that it recognizes the benefit of high-conviction positioning along with selectively investing in smaller, under-researched issuers. We view the tenets of flexibility and portfolio concentration as being among the strategy's top attributes. We also have a favourable view of the firm's portfolio construction process, which allows the team to express conviction, turn the portfolio over and take full advantage of relative-value opportunities and inefficiencies not available to many peers that have larger asset bases. Furthermore, the portfolio is top-down managed during market dislocations to help ensure appropriate beta positioning. The T. Rowe investment team is led by a thoughtful portfolio manager in Kevin Loomer and is a tight-knit group of experienced investors. We believe the collaborative nature of the team's investment decisions improves relative-value comparisons and promotes objectivity. While the investment team is smaller than most peers, in aggregate the strategy offers a number of competitive advantages, which is reflected in our recommended rating.
<b>Ninety-One Local Currency Emerging Market Debt</b>	Ninety One (formerly Investec Asset Management) was established in South Africa in 1991. Investec Group demerged its asset management business from the broader group in March 2020 and renamed it Ninety One. As the asset management division has historically had the highest return on equity in the group, we are broadly supportive of this change; it allows profits to be reinvested more efficiently within the business. The firm's competitive advantage lies in the strength of its bottom-up security-selection, especially in local currency debt and foreign exchange (FX). This edge is enhanced by proprietary tools, such as Ninety One's currency risk indicator and detailed weekly country scorecards, which help provide objective inputs into a disciplined process that was built from direct experiences in emerging-market (EM) countries. The team's founding members have a significantly long track record managing local-currency debt and FX across the emerging-market debt (EMD) universe. A diverse background of experienced analysts cover all the sub-sectors of EM and operate on a flat structure, with all members given the ability to contribute to and be held accountable for investment decisions.
<b>Neuberger Berman</b>	Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC (Neuberger), founded in 1939, is headquartered out of New York, NY, with an additional 30+ offices globally. Neuberger's competitive advantage is its skill in comprehensively analysing the entire emerging-markets debt (EMD) opportunity set. The firm's dedicated team of EMD professionals is fundamentally-focused and makes risk-to-return projections for external, local and corporate EMD and foreign exchange (FX). Allocations are made to the most attractive opportunities, resulting in portfolios that generate excess returns from a broad set of alpha sources. The process is enabled by a unique multi-site approach that allows Neuberger to capitalize on a global presence to obtain better country and credit insight, perform more frequent country visits and engage in around-the-clock portfolio management. The team has historically upgraded its systems to evolve with the market and to find more efficient ways to monitor portfolios in real time. A combination of Neuberger Berman's depth of resource, prudent approach to risk management and long-tenured experience in this asset class drives our recommended rating.
<b>Colchester Local Currency Emerging Markets Debt</b>	Colchester Global Investors Limited (Colchester) was founded by Ian Sims in 1999 and started managing client portfolios in February 2000. The firm invests exclusively in sovereign bonds and currencies and won't allocate to corporate credit or other non-government spread sectors. Colchester's focus on global and emerging-market (EM) government debt and higher-quality smaller markets means its skill set is highly suited to this mandate. The firm's competitive advantage lies in its structured process and the firm's proprietary inflation forecasts,

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	which give the firm an edge in making relative-value EM sovereign decisions. Colchester targets higher real yielding markets and currencies which look cheap by Colchester's long term currency valuation model; the firm also employs a long-term investment horizon (majority employee ownership allows the firm to benefit from its longer term focus). The combination of Colchester's real yield interest rate models and robust process supports our recommended rating.
<b>Grantham Mayo van Otterloo Emerging Markets Debt</b>	Grantham, Mayo, van Otterloo & Co. LLC (GMO) was founded in 1977 and has remained 100% employee owned since that time. The firm's key investment offerings include asset allocation, equities and emerging market debt (EMD). GMO is renowned for its application of value investing across all its product offerings. GMO's competitive advantage lies in its well-thought-out philosophy; it eschews big macro bets on the broad direction of spreads at a benchmark level in favour of identifying value on a bond-by-bond basis within a country's capital structure. The focus on bond-level valuation allows the team to populate its portfolio with securities that are often overlooked by peers due to factors such as currency of denomination or limited levels of liquidity. GMO has employed this approach since the inception of this product in 1994. The team has demonstrated the patience and discipline required to be successful with this style given it can be subject to periods of meaningful out- and underperformance relative to its benchmark. The team's use of a proprietary quantitative model, which has been improved over time to incorporate new research and data inputs, provides structure to the investment process, which alongside the strength of the key portfolio manager on this strategy, Tina Vandersteel, further supports our recommended rating.
<b>Marathon Hard Currency Emerging Markets Debt</b>	Marathon Asset Management, LP (Marathon) was formed in 1998 as a partnership structure by Bruce Richards (current CEO) and Louis Hanover (current CIO). The firm's investment offerings focus primarily on a range of credit strategies that include corporate credit, emerging-market debt (EMD), and structured credit. Marathon's EMD strategy combines a core set of exposures designed to broadly replicate the characteristics of the index with selective active bets. The Marathon team demonstrates a strong understanding of technical factors that drive index performance such as index inclusion and exchange-traded fund flows, a dynamic it seeks to exploit through careful security selection. The use of off-benchmark credit, intended to be sensitive to the sovereign's fundamental trajectory and help avoid excessive basis risk versus the benchmark, is supported by a reliable and experienced pool of credit analysts.
<b>Colchester Global Government Short Duration Bonds</b>	The firm invests exclusively in sovereign bonds and currencies and won't allocate to corporate credit or other non government spread sectors. Colchester's focus on global government debt and higher quality smaller markets means its skill set is highly suited to this mandate. The firm's competitive advantage lies in its structured process and the firm's proprietary inflation forecasts, which give the firm an edge in making relative value sovereign decisions. The manager targets higher real yielding markets and currencies which look cheap by Colchester's currency valuation model. The combination of Colchester's real yield interest rate models and robust process supports our recommended rating.
<b>BlueBay Global Short Duration Bonds</b>	The firm was initially established to capitalize on strong growth trends in the European corporate and global emerging debt markets. The firm was acquired in 2010 and is currently 100% owned by the Royal Bank of Canada. BlueBay's proprietary Alpha Decision Tool ensures trade ideas across each asset class are logged within a unified decision making system. This allows the firm's best ideas from both a top down and bottom up perspective to be applied and emphasised within each strategy on BlueBay's platform in a consistent way. The Global

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	Short Duration strategy is run in a centralized manner by two of the most senior investors at BlueBay; Mark Dowding (Chief Investment Officer) and Kaspar Hense (Senior Portfolio Manager) who have the cross-asset class expertise and ability to vet trade ideas prior to portfolio inclusion. They will manage portfolios holistically emphasizing higher conviction trades rather than outsourcing decision making to underlying asset class teams which leads to more efficient portfolio management and heightened accountability.
<b>Royal London Short-Term Money Market</b>	The Fund's investment objective is to preserve capital and provide an income over rolling 12-month periods by predominantly investing (at least 80% of its assets) in cash and cash equivalents. The Fund's comparator benchmark is the Bank of England Sterling Overnight Interbank Average (SONIA). For the most appropriate comparison, this should be considered on a 'before the deduction of fees' basis. SONIA is the average overnight interest rate UK banks pay for unsecured transactions in sterling. It is considered to be an appropriate benchmark as it is a widely recognised approach to benchmarking short-term money market and fixed income funds.
<b>SEK UK Index-Linked Fixed Interest</b>	The investment objective of Fund is to generate current income adjusted for U.K. inflation consistent with the preservation of capital by investing in index-linked gilt securities with a maturity greater than or equal to five years. The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling. The Fund is actively managed. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 90% of its net assets in Sterling-denominated index-linked gilt securities issued by the U.K. Government with a maturity greater than or equal to five years (each a “5+ Year Index-Linked Gilt”).
<b>Dynamic Beta Global Hedge Fund</b>	<p>The sub-advisor, Dynamic Beta investments (“DBi”), uses quantitative models to analyse the historical performance of a portfolio of hedge funds and seeks to determine which market segments have been the principal drivers of returns. Substantial research and live trading have demonstrated that the drivers of returns over recent history will be very similar to those in the near future; consequently, by investing in those market segments in the appropriate weights, the Fund seeks to deliver returns that, over time, will match or exceed those of the target portfolio. DBi only invests in financial instruments with deep liquidity. This is a precondition for inclusion in the Fund and is consistent with DBi’s philosophy of providing maximum liquidity.</p> <p>Through quantitative modelling, the Fund combines two futures-based hedge fund replication strategies. The first, Multi-Strategy is a 60% allocation to an advanced factor based model that seeks to match or outperform the fifty largest global hedge funds in a leading hedge fund database (note: CTAs are excluded from this). This allocation targets the pre-fee returns of the portfolio and is rebalanced monthly. The second, CTA, is a 40% allocation to a faster model that seeks to match or outperform twenty of the largest CTA hedge funds. This allocation targets the pre-fee returns of those managers and is rebalanced weekly. To minimise variability, individual trades are targeted to execute at the respective daily settlement price for each contract.</p>
<b>BlueBay Multi-Asset Credit</b>	The BlueBay Multi-Asset Credit ("MAC") strategy provides exposure to the multitude of underlying asset class building blocks that are standard in a MAC strategy (such as High Yield, Investment Grade, Emerging Markets and Securitized Debt etc.), while also having exposure to more niche asset classes such as Convertible Bonds and Coco’s to access an attractive yield pick-up. The use of Convertibles and CoCos sets BlueBay apart from competitors as many peers don’t access these attractive beta opportunities. We like the fact that BlueBay

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	utilizes a centralized MAC portfolio management team that will manage the portfolio as a whole rather than outsourcing decision making to asset class sleeve portfolio managers. This leads to more efficient portfolio management and heightened accountability relative to an outsourced sleeve approach. Additionally, BlueBay's proprietary Alpha Decision Tool ensures all trades across each asset class are logged within a centralized system. The use of this tool allows MAC portfolio managers to be aware of all trades across each sub sector and gives them the ability to sort and emphasize the highest conviction trades within a more concentrated portfolio that doesn't erode bottom-up selection alpha.
<b>Brandywine Multi-Asset Credit</b>	Brandywine's competitive advantage lies in the team's ability to combine the strong top-down views formed via the firm's global fixed-income team with a conservative approach to bottom-up security selection that focuses on each individual credits' margin of safety. Top-down views inform where the team should be taking risk from a thematic, sector/security perspective and guide the rotation of the portfolio through different sectors. These views are formed by a tried and tested global macro team that includes some of the most experienced and seasoned bond investors in the industry.

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