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ISA Investors: Preparing for the Autumn Budget 2025

The Autumn Budget (26 November 2025) may bring changes to how ISAs are treated. While nothing is confirmed, speculation suggests allowances or benefits could be tightened. Here's what ISA investors should know and do now:



Why ISAs Matter

- **Tax-free growth:** No Capital Gains Tax (CGT) inside your ISA.
- **Tax-free income:** Dividends and interest sheltered.
- **Flexible:** Choose between Cash ISAs, Stocks & Shares ISAs, Lifetime ISAs, and Junior ISAs.

Possible Budget Changes

- Lower **annual allowance** (currently £20,000).
- Reduced **Cash ISA limits**.
- Lifetime ISA bonus or contribution rules altered.
- Caps on high-value ISA balances.

Actions to Take Before the Budget

- ✓ **Use Your Allowance Early**
 - Fund as much of your £20,000 2025/26 allowance as possible now.
 - Even partial contributions start compounding tax-free immediately.
- ✓ **Consider Stocks & Shares ISAs**
 - Cash ISAs may not keep up with inflation.
 - Equities, bonds, and funds offer higher long-term growth potential.
- ✓ **Protect Your Income**
 - Keep dividend and interest-paying assets inside your ISA.
 - Possible cuts to allowances outside ISAs make this even more valuable.
- ✓ **Don't Forget JISAs**
 - Consider contributions now in case bonus rules or limits change.
 - Junior ISAs remain a tax-efficient way to save for children.
- ✓ **Diversify Within Your ISA**
 - Mix of growth and defensive assets ensures resilience.
 - Your ISA is your **tax-free foundation** regardless of future changes.



Key Takeaway

ISAs remain the most powerful tool for tax-efficient investing

- ✓ Maximise your allowance early
- ✓ Prioritise growth over cash
- ✓ Stay flexible for post-Budget changes



You have worked hard to save your money, don't allow the Chancellor and HMRC to take it all. Invest in a tax-free ISA to protect your savings. If she reduces the amount you can invest in a Cash ISA, invest into a Cash Fund instead.

✂ We'll update you immediately after the Autumn Budget by email with any confirmed ISA reforms and tailored advice. Please provide your email address if you would like updates.

INVESTING IN THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY

Navigating Uncertain Times: Strategic Investment Opportunities in the Defence Sector

We are currently living through a period of heightened global uncertainty. Geopolitical tensions continue to rise from the Far East and Middle East to Central Europe creating complex challenges for investors. Recent global events, coupled with trade and tariff policies, particularly those influenced by President Donald Trump, have added further complications to traditional investment strategies. Amid these challenges, one sector has emerged as a strong and growing opportunity: the armaments and defence industry.

☑ A Sector on the Rise

In response to rising threats, countries across Europe are significantly increasing their defence budgets. This rearmament push includes both military hardware and cutting-edge technology.

As a result, the share prices of many companies in the defence and aerospace sectors have seen sharp upward movement.

On June 2nd, the UK Government released its Strategic Defence Review (SDR) a comprehensive roadmap outlining the country's evolving defence strategy. Key highlights include:

A commitment to modernise the UK's military capabilities and increase overall readiness.

An increase in defence spending, with an initial goal of 2.5% of GDP by 2027, and an ambition to reach 3% in the 2030s, subject to economic conditions.



A focus on building a "high-low" mix of equipment, expanding troop numbers, and revitalising the domestic defence industry to drive economic growth.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer reinforced this stance, pledging to make Britain "battle-ready" in the face of growing threats. The SDR makes it clear: "Business as usual is not an option."

Increased defence spending has become a common theme as nations face up to heightened geopolitical tensions and some significant shifts in the global order, leading to potential investment opportunities in defence stocks.

Data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute shows global defence spending has grown at an annual rate of 4.2% since 2020 – some four times faster than pre-pandemic levels. The institute also expects spending to accelerate to a 5% annualised rate by 2030, to reach \$3.4trn.

Rob Morgan, chief investment analyst at Charles Stanley, said: "In the relatively peaceful post-Cold War era, governments around the world were able to implement large-scale cuts to defence budgets and redirect these funds elsewhere in the economy – a process frequently referred to as the 'peace dividend'.

"However, the ongoing war in Ukraine, tensions between China and Taiwan, and various Middle Eastern conflicts in recent years has drawn increased focus on how this sustained underinvestment has hindered domestic defence capabilities."

The good news is that as an investor you can benefit from the future growth of the defence industry by investing into an Exchange Traded Fund – A Defence Index Tracking Fund.

The military and defence industry is a controversial topic. But even though stocks from the armaments sector are a no-go investment for many for understandable moral reasons, the industry flourishes especially in troubled times. This is because the

customers of the arms companies are almost exclusively states, which usually have large budgets. In addition, the technologies of the aerospace, military and defence companies are often also used in civil aviation and space travel after their introduction.

Companies that are listed on the stock exchange and active in the military and defence industry can be combined into an equity index and made investable via an ETF.

Investment Implications: While the sector presents considerable growth potential, investing directly in individual defence stocks can carry substantial risk. Company performance, political influence, and regulatory shifts can all impact returns. This is a sector that will continue to grow as global tensions increase and currently show no sign of easing, but this can change as it did at the end of the Cold War. However, the companies involved in this sector are some of the largest global businesses with strong balance sheets and order lists.

Two Defence Funds to consider

VanEck Defense ETF - What it does

The **VanEck Defense** ETF is designed to give investors access to companies around the world that play an important role in national defence and security. When it was launched in March 2023, it was the first defence ETF that investors based in the UK and Europe could buy.

VanEck invests in businesses that produce the following products and services:

- **Aerospace and defence technology**
(planes, satellites, communication systems)
- **Cybersecurity tools**
- **Military hardware and equipment**
- **Training, simulation and digital forensics**

The fund tracks an index called the **MarketVector™ Global Defense Industry Index**, which selects companies that earn most of their revenue from defence-related activities.

<i>Top Ten Holdings 11/06/2025</i>	<i>% of assets</i>
Palantir Technologies Inc Ordinary Shares	10.44
Leonardo SpA Az nom Post raggruppamento	7.44
Hanwha Aerospace Co Ltd	7.19
RTX Corp	7.09
Thales	7.02
Leidos Holdings Inc	6.08
Saab AB Class B	5.85
Curtiss-Wright Corp	5.85
Elbit Systems Ltd	4.38
Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corp Class A	3.99

Key Points for Clients:

- **Focused exposure:** Only includes companies meaningfully involved in defence and security.
- **Global reach:** Invests in companies from around the world, not just one country.
- **Responsible approach:** Excludes companies linked to controversial weapons (like chemical or biological weapons, landmines, or cluster bombs).
- **Physically backed:** The fund directly owns the stocks in the index.

HANetf Future of Defence ETF - What it does

The **HANetf Future of Defence** ETF gives investors access to a mix of companies that strengthen national and allied defence—including military hardware and cybersecurity—especially those tied to NATO and its partner nations.

HANetf invests in businesses that produce the following products and services:

- **Military aircraft & aerospace systems**
fighter jets, helicopters, drones, satellites
- **Defence equipment & hardware**
tanks, ships, radar systems, precision weapons
- **Cybersecurity solutions**
protecting governments, armies, and critical infrastructure from cyberattacks
- **Advanced communications & surveillance**
secure networks, intelligence systems, satellite communications
- **Training, simulation & support services**
tools and systems used to prepare armed forces for modern conflict

<i>Top Ten Holdings 11/06/2025</i>	<i>% of assets</i>
Palantir Technologies Inc Ordinary Shares	5.49
Safran SA	5.38
Rheinmetall AG	5.13
BAE Systems PLC	4.81
CrowdStrike Holdings Inc Class A	4.81
Cisco Systems Inc	4.44
Palo Alto Networks Inc	4.44
RTX Corp	4.37
Fortinet Inc	4.07
General Dynamics Corp	3.94

Key Points for clients:

- **Future-Ready Theme:** Invests in companies at the heart of modern defence and cybersecurity.
- **Built-in Variety:** Diversified across multiple countries and companies—no single country or company dominates.
- **Ethically Aligned with NATO:** Only includes firms from NATO or allied countries with strict criteria.

<i>Performance to 2/9/25</i>	<i>Risk</i>	<i>3m %</i>	<i>6m %</i>	<i>1 Yr %</i>	<i>2 Yr %</i>
Van Eck Defense UCITS ETF A Acc	163	11.3	37.5	70.2	136.9
HAN Future of Defence UCITS ETF Acc	146	6.9	25.9	55.6	117.0

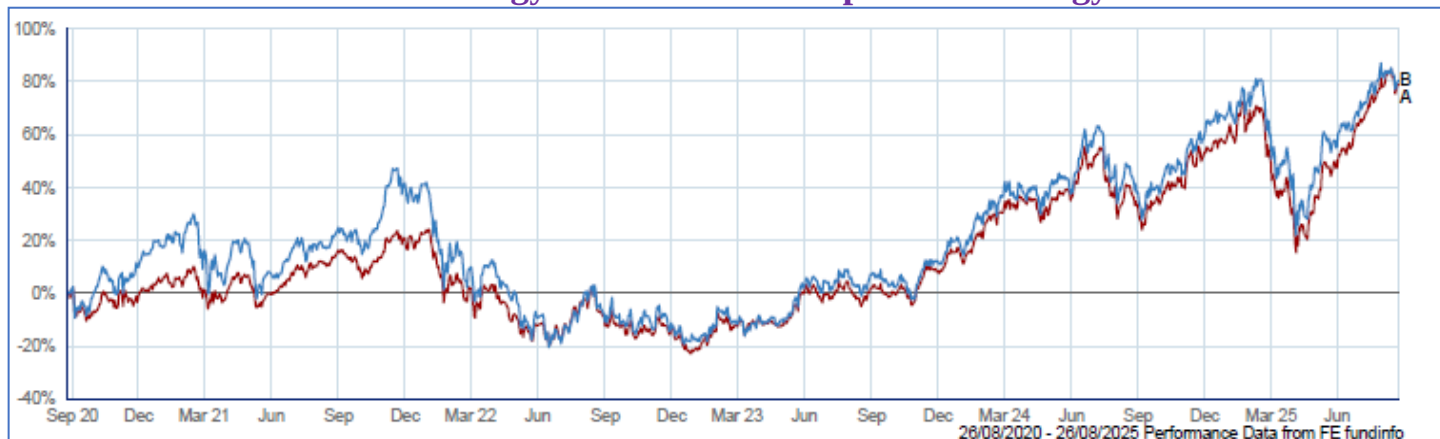
Exchange Traded Funds can be purchased through us using your Fidelity Adviser Solution account with us.

There is no initial charge to invest into these funds and annual charges are low.

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AI Technology Investment Trusts

Allianz Technology Trust or Polar Capital Technology Trust



Cumulative performance		1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Start of Data
A	Polar Capital Technology Trust PLC Ordinary Share Class ORD 2.5P	1.8%	23.9%	14.6%	30.0%	92.7%	78.8%	631.3%	3940.8%
B	Allianz Technology Trust PLC Ord 2.5P	0.1%	17.8%	9.1%	25.1%	91.6%	80.5%	705.7%	4440.0%

Allianz vs. Polar Capital

Two Routes Into Tech Growth

Technology continues to lead global markets, and two leading investment trusts give investors excellent access:

Allianz Technology Trust (ATT) and **Polar Capital Technology Trust (PCT)**. While both are strong performers, they take different approaches.

Allianz Technology Trust (ATT)

Managed from Silicon Valley, close to the heart of innovation.

Focuses on mid-cap and high-growth companies, often taking bold positions.

Strong long-term track record: over 10 years, it has delivered nearly 700% growth.

Ongoing charges: approx. **0.7% per year**, with a performance-related element.

Polar Capital Technology Trust (PCT)

London-based team with one of the largest groups of tech analysts in Europe.

More diversified with around 100 holdings, giving broader exposure and lower volatility.

Strong recent performance, with a significant tilt towards artificial intelligence opportunities.

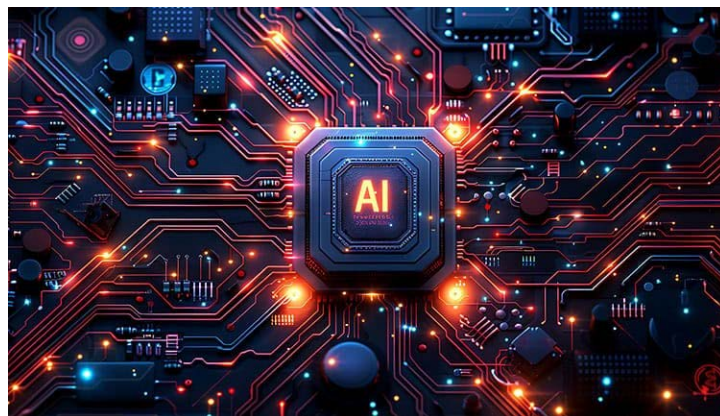
Ongoing charges: approx. **0.75% per year**, reducing to **0.6%** at scale, and **no performance fee**.

Quick Comparison

Available on Fidelity Adviser Solutions

Both trusts are accessible through the **Fidelity Adviser Solutions Platform**, making them easy to include in client portfolios.

Our view: For clients looking to invest in technology, either trust offers excellent potential. Allianz suits those seeking long-term, higher-growth opportunities, while Polar Capital may appeal to those preferring broader, more diversified exposure. A blend of both could provide the best balance between growth and stability.



Feature	Allianz Technology Trust (ATT)	Polar Capital Technology Trust (PCT)
Management	Based in Silicon Valley	Based in London, large analyst team
Portfolio Style	Concentrated, mid-cap growth	Diversified, ~100 holdings
AI Exposure	Selective	Strong focus, majority AI-related
10-Year Returns	698%	551%
Ongoing Charges	0.7% + performance fee	0.75% (drops to 0.6%), no perf. fee
Risk Profile	Higher conviction, higher risk	Lower volatility, broader spread

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The most-bought active and passive funds in August 2025

	Active Open-Ended Fund	Index Fund or ETF
1	Royal London Short Term Money Market	Vanguard LifeStrategy 80% Equity
2	Artemis Global Income	Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF
3	Jupiter Global Financial Innovation	iShares Physical Gold ETC
4	Artemis SmartGARP European Equity	L&G Global Technology Index Trust
5	Jupiter Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Hedged	Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF
6	Jupiter Gold & Silver	HSBC FTSE All World Index
7	Orbis OEIC Global Balanced Standard	Vanguard FTSE Global All Cap Index
8	Polar Capital Global Technology	Vanguard LifeStrategy 100% Equity
9	Fundsmith Equity	Vanguard FTSE All World UCITS ETF
10	Artemis Global Income	Vanguard LifeStrategy 60% Equity

MONEY MARKET FUNDS – CASH INVESTMENTS

August was another good month for investors. The world's biggest companies reported strong financial results and UK interest rates hit their lowest level in more than two years. The US is also expected to cut rates later this year, which gave an extra boost to business.

But will Big Tech keep delivering? Many people prefer the low-risk, predictable nature of cash and were therefore alarmed that the Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, was recently in the news for suggesting changes to Cash ISAs, and some commentators have accused the government of betraying prudent savers. The reaction is understandable, but may be overblown. After all, there is a simple way to generate tax-free, cash-like returns without a cash ISA: **you can buy a money market fund instead.**

Money market funds are a popular way to keep your money safe and accessible. They invest in short-term, high quality instruments like Treasury bills. Because interest rates are high, these funds are paying 5% in many cases. By contrast, many Cash ISAs are still paying around 3-4%.

Cash still holds a powerful allure for ISA and SIPP investors, however the **Fidelity Cash Fund** topped the charts again in August. This 'money market' fund is very low risk and aims to track to UK interest rates.

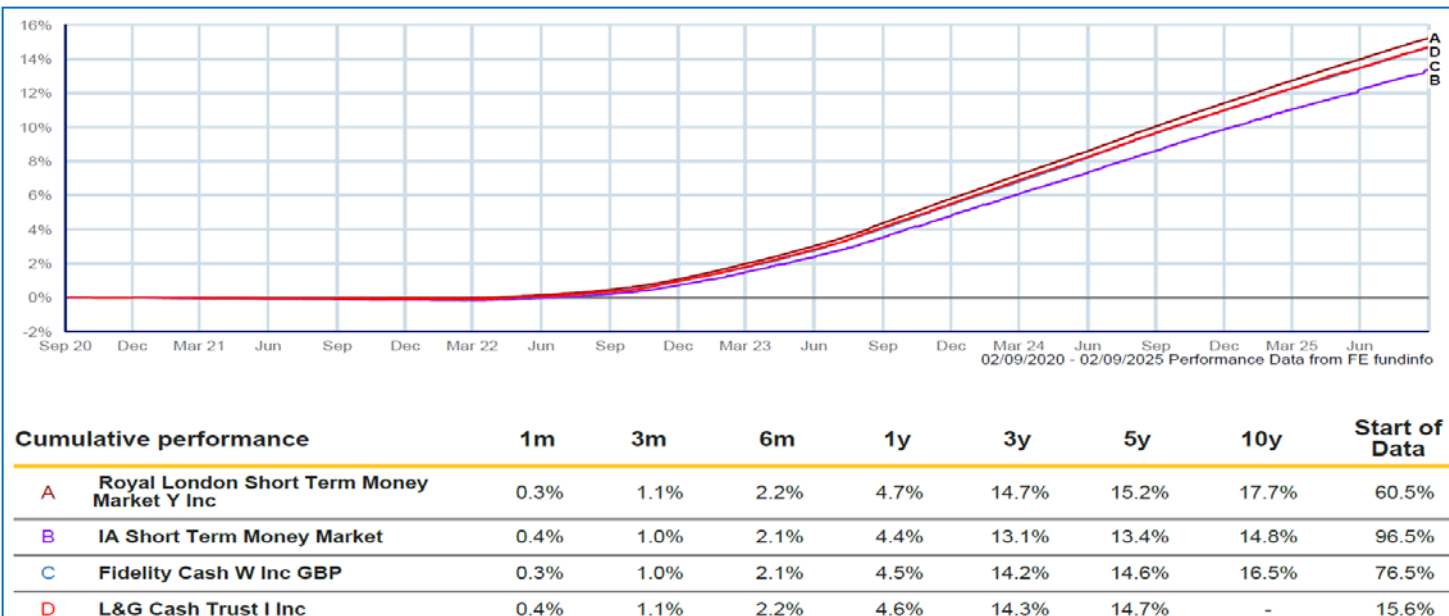
The **Royal London Short Term Money Market Fund** is another popular option in this space, as is the **Legal & General Cash Trust**.

The returns delivered by these funds have risen steeply since 2021 - as shown in the table below. As interest rates come down, however, so too will the returns of these cash-like investments. Money market funds invest in different forms of short-term debt, including Treasury bills and certificates of deposit.



Crucially, the holdings are very high quality, liquid, and diversified. This means the funds themselves are low-risk and stable - albeit at a slightly higher risk than a traditional savings account. They are typically used to hold money for short periods of time.

Fidelity Cash Fund ~ Income Yield ~ 4.46% p.
Royal London Short Term Money Market ~ 5.13% pa
L&G Cash Trust Income Yield ~ 4.30% pa



Why Investment Trusts are Trending in 2025

Investment Trusts are attracting plenty of attention this year, offering a powerful combination of income and growth potential. What makes them exciting in 2025 is their mix of better value, dependable income, and access to growth opportunities that are hard to find elsewhere.

They are actively managed and listed on the stock exchange, so buying shares in an investment trust is just like buying any other company share. For new investors, the appeal lies

in gaining diversification and professional management in one straightforward investment.

For those getting started, investment trusts may seem a little different from traditional funds—but at their core, they are simply listed companies that invest on your behalf.

Here are some of the trusts that clients are finding most interesting on the Fidelity platform.

Standout Choices for 2025

Fidelity Special Values – Focused on uncovering overlooked and undervalued UK companies, this trust has been one of the strongest performers in 2025 and has an excellent long-term track record.

Scottish Mortgage – A global growth favourite, investing in innovative companies leading in areas such as artificial intelligence, healthcare, and technology. Although the Trust took a hammering during the Tech sell off in 2022, the Trust is back on the rise. (See 12 month figures)

City of London – A reliable “Dividend Hero,” this trust has increased its dividend every year for decades, making it a popular choice for those who want consistent income. The current income yield is 4.28% pa and it invests mainly in the FTSE 100 biggest stocks.

Henderson High Income – Investing in international equities and global fixed interest to produce a income current yield around 6%, appealing to clients seeking steady high income.

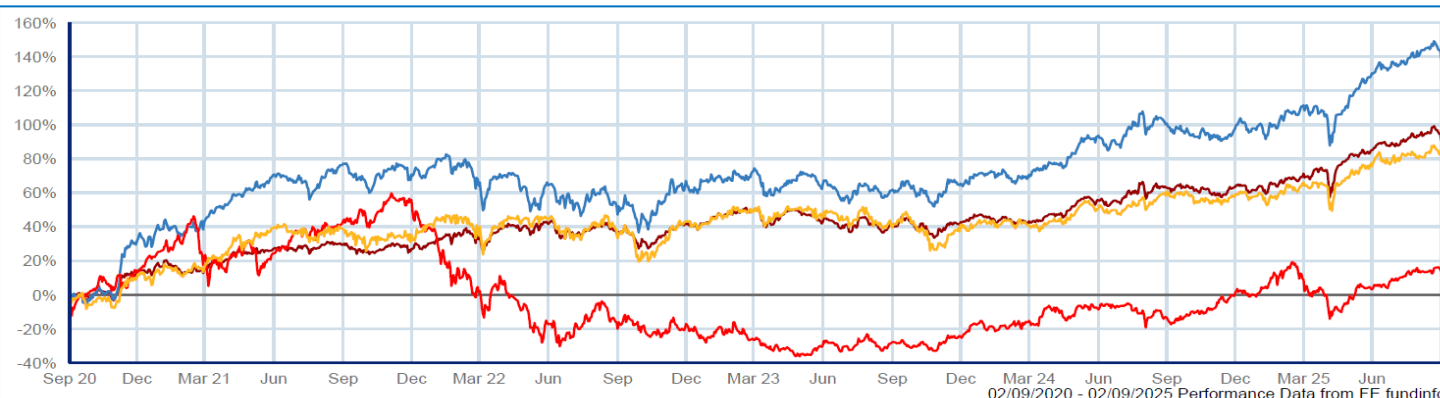
Why Clients Like Them

- **Attractive Income** – Many investment trusts pay strong dividends, often between 5–7%.
- **Potential for Growth** – Because they can trade below the value of their underlying assets (at a discount), there’s extra opportunity for gains.
- **Proven Reliability** – Many have decades-long track records of navigating different market cycles while continuing to grow dividends.

What This Means for You

If you’re looking for investments that can provide dependable income alongside growth opportunities, investment trusts like **Fidelity Special Values, Scottish Mortgage, City of London, and Henderson High Income** may be worth considering. They offer access to trusted managers, global opportunities, and in some cases, essential infrastructure—making them a popular option with clients in 2025.

Investment trusts offer a huge range of investment possibilities, and are a great way for beginner investors to get their money working harder for them over the long term. **Invest by calling the office on 0208 870 7072 and there will be no charge to make the purchase (usually £10 per deal if investing directly with Fidelity).**



Cumulative performance		1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Start of Data
A	The City of London Investment Trust Ord	-1.3%	3.0%	12.7%	17.0%	39.2%	90.6%	103.6%	988.1%
B	Fidelity Special Values Ordinary	-0.7%	3.6%	13.3%	18.9%	56.9%	138.5%	147.5%	3228.3%
C	Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust PLC	0.3%	10.2%	3.6%	31.4%	35.3%	13.6%	368.4%	3697.7%
D	Henderson High Income Trust Ord	0.6%	3.2%	9.5%	12.6%	33.3%	81.1%	82.7%	678.3%

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TWO FUNDS THAT WE LIKE THE LOOK OF

Artemis Global Income and Jupiter Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Hedged

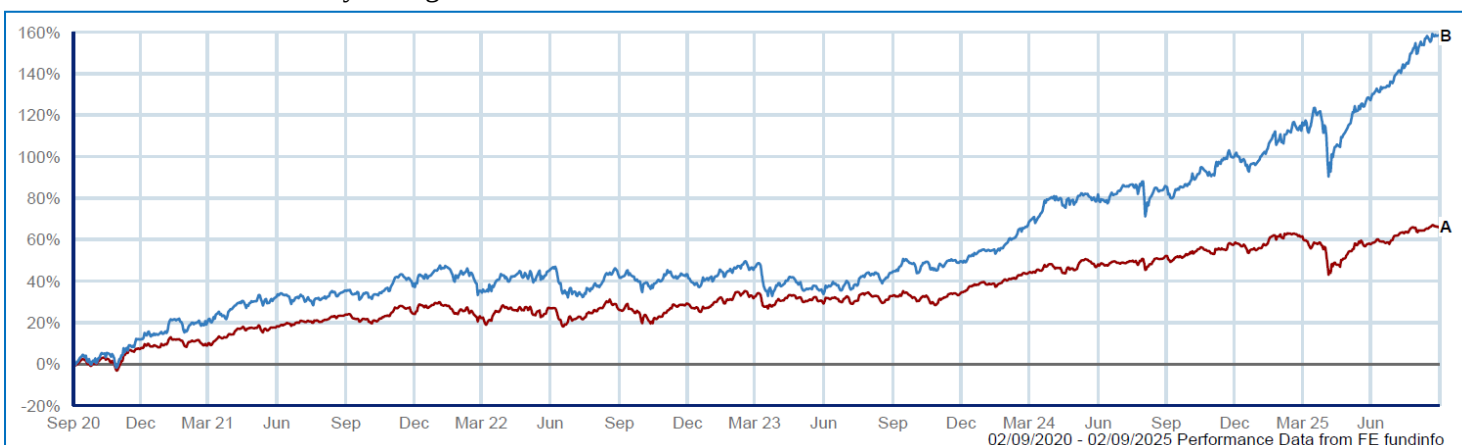
Artemis Global Income Fund will celebrate its 15th birthday in July – and investors who have been with it since the start are almost certain to have a lot to cheer about.

Although much can happen, the £1.6 billion fund is on course to deliver overall returns well in excess of 400%, – impressive when compared to the average for its global equity income peer group of 260%. All this return has been achieved without exposure to the Big Tech US stocks other than a brief flirtation with Microsoft ten years ago.

The fund's continued success is primarily down to the steadying influence of investment manager Jacob de Tusch-Lec, who has had his hand on the tiller from day one (it's unusual for a manager to remain in situ for so long).

'Artemis Global Income has changed less than the rest of the world over its 15 years,' he says.

It's an ambition that the fund has achieved, delivering average annual income growth since launch of 8 per cent.



Cumulative performance		1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Start of Data
A	IA Global Equity Income	1.4%	5.5%	3.1%	9.2%	31.9%	66.2%	153.5%	835.6%
B	Artemis Global Income I Acc	3.6%	13.8%	21.7%	39.1%	82.7%	158.4%	234.6%	563.4%

Jupiter Merian Global Equity Absolute Return Hedged Fund aims for capital growth while closely controlling risk, intending to deliver an absolute return above zero irrespective of market conditions. Funds in this sector generally try to make a positive return in any market condition. But they go about it in different ways. Some focus on one type of asset, such as shares or bonds, while others invest in a variety of different assets. Some stick to one geographical area, like the UK or Europe, while others invest globally.

Jupiter Merian Global Equity Absolute Return (GEAR) has received The Hedge Fund Journal's UCITS Hedge award for **Best Performing Fund over one, two and three years**, in the Equity Market Neutral Global – Quantitative strategy category.

If steady capital growth is your preference, then this fund could fit your requirements. The fund will not rocket up in value but provide a steady return of approx 14% per annum. We have written about Tellworth UK Select Fund in the past and this is a good alternative to consider.



Cumulative performance		1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Start of Data
A	Jupiter Merian Global Equity Absolute Return I Hedged Acc GBP	1.2%	1.6%	6.1%	13.9%	39.3%	73.6%	60.9%	142.7%
B	IA Global	1.3%	7.4%	3.9%	9.2%	30.3%	52.9%	177.2%	1138.0%

SEYMOUR SINCLAIR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS

MONTHLY INCOME PORTFOLIO	Income Yield % p.a.*	Risk Score	1 Year %	2 Years %	3 Years %	5 Years %
Fidelity Enhanced Income	7.54	82	5.1	17.4	20.8	53.8
Fidelity Global Enhanced Income	5.14	72	11.2	29.6	39.1	59.3
Invesco Monthly Income Plus	5.88	40	4.6	18.6	22.7	25.2
Man Income Professional	5.04	117	11.1	33.9	49.6	92.7
Schroder High Yield Opportunities	7.71	28	9.8	27.9	34.3	40.0
Portfolio Average %	6.26	67.80	8.36	25.50	33.30	54.20

CAPITAL GROWTH PORTFOLIO	Fund Charges % p.a.	Risk Score	1 Year %	2 Years %	3 Years %	5 Years %
Artemis Global Income	0.75	114	39.8	79.0	83.0	154.4
Artemis SmartGARP UK Equity	0.75	115	29.6	57.4	67.8	159.9
L&G Global Technology Index Trust	0.31	183	23.0	60.6	95.4	129.4
L&G Global 100 Index Trust	0.14	123	17.1	44.0	55.3	104.3
Schroder Recovery	0.91	129	17.4	35.8	47.1	123.3
Portfolio Averages %	0.57	132.80	25.38	55.36	69.72	134.26

ULTRA LOW-COST ETF PORTFOLIO	Fund Charges % p.a.	Risk Score	1 Year %	2 Years %	3 Years %	5 Years %
HSBC Euro Stoxx 50 ETF	0.05	135	14.5	33.2	64.1	80.3
L&G Global Equity ETF	0.10	138	14.6	35.3	45.6	83.9
L&G UK Equity ETF	0.05	103	15.2	33.6	41.2	90.2
L&G US Equity ETF	0.05	152	15.8	38.5	49.1	95.3
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	0.07	123	24.8	51.8	59.7	98.3
Portfolio Averages %	0.064	130.20	16.98	38.48	51.94	89.60

INVESTMENT TRUST PORTFOLIO **	Fund Charges % p.a.*	Risk Score	1 Year %	2 Years %	3 Years %	5 Years %
Fidelity Special Values Plc	0.70	132	20.0	47.6	57.1	141.0
JP Morgan American Plc	0.38	152	11.1	34.7	44.2	116.1
Law Debenture Corporation Plc	0.49	128	16.2	32.1	51.2	139.2
Polar Capital Technology Trust Plc	0.77	228	36.5	73.0	95.7	80.6
Temple Bar Trust Plc	0.62	150	32.5	59.2	76.3	188.5
Portfolio Averages %	0.59	158.00	23.26	49.32	64.90	133.08

LOW-COST INDEX TRACKER PORTFOLIO	Fund Charges % p.a.*	Risk Score	1 Year %	2 Years %	3 Years %	5 Years %
Fidelity Index US	0.06	131	13.7	38.6	45.7	90.4
Fidelity Index World	0.12	113	13.5	35.7	44.1	79.0
L&G Global 100 Index Trust	0.14	123	17.1	44.0	55.3	104.3
Vanguard FTSE Developed World ex-UK Equity	0.14	126	14.3	34.5	44.3	81.5
Vanguard US Equity Index	0.10	148	14.9	35.9	44.4	90.2
Portfolio Averages %	0.112	128.20	14.70	37.74	46.76	89.08

Remember the value of investments and yields can fall as well as rise and past performance is not a guide to the future.

All figures as at 4/9/25 income reinvested. *Current Income Yields that can change. ** Stamp Duty

PORTFOLIO NOTES

We try not to change the make-up of our Portfolios too often, but if we find that a fund is constantly underperforming its sector or the whole basis of stockmarket sentiment has altered, then we will make changes. If you are invested in a fund that we have changed, you can switch into the new funds at no charge.

Although each Portfolio is made up of five funds, you do not have to include every fund or trust, but choose those that you want or add others that you may prefer. The risk score is based upon a FTSE 100 Index Tracking Fund being rated at 100. The

total annual fees for a portfolio through the Fidelity Platform are averaged at 1.28% pa. except the ETF & Index Tracking Portfolio which is only 0.064% and 0.112% pa.

To buy into a Portfolio please telephone the office on **020 8870 7072** and we will set up the investment for you using your debit card. Remember the value of investments and yields can fall as well as rise; past performance is not a guide to the future. **No initial charge on all funds.**

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