



# ANNUAL SHORT REPORT

For the year ended  
31 January 2017

**Henderson**  
GLOBAL INVESTORS

**Henderson Multi-Manager Active Fund**

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## Short Report

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### Investment Fund Manager

Henderson Multi-Asset Team

### Investment objective and policy

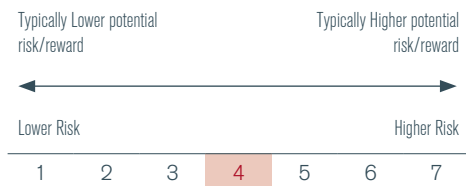
To achieve capital growth by investing in markets in both the UK and overseas.

The fund may invest in collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds, unregulated collective investment schemes (which include limited partnerships), money-market instruments and deposits.

Investment will not be confined to any particular sector.

### Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 4 types of share classes in issue: A accumulation, B accumulation, I accumulation and Y accumulation. The risk and reward profile of each type of share class is as follows:



The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling 5 year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRI level. The SRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions. The value of an investment in the Fund can go up or down. When you sell your shares, they may be worth less than you paid for them. The risk/reward rating above is based on medium-term volatility. In the future, the fund's actual volatility could be higher or lower and its rated risk/reward level could change.

The share class appears at 4 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in share price in the past 5 years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The following risks apply to investments in the fund. These could be triggered or made worse by unusual market conditions or unpredictable market events.

The rating does not reflect the possible effects of unusual market conditions or large unpredictable events. Under normal market conditions the following risks may apply:

**Active management risk** Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or detrimental at other times.

**Collective investment scheme risk** The fund may invest in other types of collective investment schemes which can involve different risks to investing directly in the underlying assets. Such schemes may increase risk due to investment in risky assets such as property or commodities, restrictions on withdrawals, less strict regulation and use of derivatives. The value of your investment may fall as a result.

**Counterparty risk** The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the fund.

**Derivatives risk** Derivatives use exposes the fund to risks different from, and potentially greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and may therefore result in additional loss, which could be significantly greater than the cost of the derivative.

**Exchange rate risk** Changes in currency exchange rates may cause the value of your investment and any income from it to rise or fall.

**Hedging risk** Measures designed to reduce the impact of certain risks may not be available or may be ineffective.

**Liquidity risk** Any security could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, increasing the risk of investment losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the "Risk Warnings" section of the Fund's prospectus.

Ther risk rating has changed from 5 to 4 in the year.

## Investment review

The fund returned 22.3% over the year under review, outperforming the IA Flexible Investment Sector average by 2.1%. Longer-term performance is also robust, with the fund outperforming its peer group over all periods in the last seven years.

With the global macro economy gathering significant momentum over the year, it is unsurprising that the fund's growth assets contributed most plentifully to investment returns. The best performing regional asset classes within the equity portfolio were the UK and North America, with key contributions from the holdings in the Majedie UK Equity Fund and the Findlay Park American Fund, which delivered returns of 30% and over 35%, respectively, in absolute terms.

Meanwhile, strong returns were received throughout the portfolio, with the Henderson European Growth Fund up 26.5%, the Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity Fund up 39.5% and the Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Fund up 45.1%. Furthermore, the position in ETFS Physical Gold increased by 22.5%.

Early in the period, a new UK equity holding in the Jupiter UK Special Situations Fund was added to the portfolio, funded by reducing positions in the Artemis Income Fund and the JO Hambro UK Opportunities Fund. In early March, we also added a new holding in the Invesco Perpetual European Equity Income Fund, which was funded by adjusting the composition of existing European ex UK equity fund holdings.

Cash in the overall portfolio was raised towards the end of the second quarter of 2016 as the result of the UK's Brexit referendum gave rise to wider concerns about risk assets and future economic activity in the UK and Europe. Allocations to cyclical regions, including Europe and Japan, were reduced by selling Eurostoxx 50 and by scaling back the underlying European equity fund holdings, and by reducing the position in the Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Fund. Elsewhere, a new position was initiated in the Henderson Gartmore Emerging Markets Fund – this trade was driven by the improving relative macroeconomic momentum in the region, as illustrated by the resilience of GDP and earnings growth forecasts versus their developed peers.

During the third quarter of 2016, we took profits by reducing our position in ETFS Physical Gold after some significant price appreciation over the course of the year to date. Within UK equities, we sold the holding in the Artemis Income Fund, and subsequently reduced the short futures position in the FTSE 100 index, maintaining the same aggregate weighting in UK equities. Elsewhere, within Japanese equities, we closed the short Nikkei 225 index futures position, reducing the fund's underweight versus the peer group average given a more positive policy outlook.

The key changes to the portfolio towards the end of the year were broadly concerned with moving away from an environment of ever-greater monetary stimulus and global deflation towards a more reflationary macroeconomic regime. Within the North American equity portfolio, we topped up the Legg Mason Clearbridge US Aggressive Growth Fund, and within Japanese equities we topped up the position in the Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Fund. Elsewhere, we took a more cyclical stance in our European equity allocation by increasing the weighting in the Invesco Perpetual European Equity Income Fund, which has a greater value style bias.

Our outlook remains optimistic, with a broad reflationary tilt to our portfolios. We are relatively balanced in relation to short-term foreign exchange views, but we continue to hold a negative view of sterling, particularly versus the US dollar, over the medium term. As we look further into 2017, we are monitoring the political situation in Europe and, increasingly, the US. We believe that we will get an opportunity to add to our emerging markets exposure in coming months as fears about a protectionist US and the stronger dollar are currently overshadowing a significant improvement in underlying macro momentum.

## Performance summary

	31 Jan 16 - 31 Jan 17 %	31 Jan 15 - 31 Jan 16 %	31 Jan 14 - 31 Jan 15 %	31 Jan 13 - 31 Jan 14 %	31 Jan 12 - 31 Jan 13 %
Henderson Multi-Manager Active Fund	22.3	(3.7)	8.4	11.3	12.6
IA Flexible Investment sector average	20.2	(4.5)	9.9	6.0	12.3

Source: Morningstar, bid to bid and net of fees as at 12 noon valuation point, based on performance of Class A accumulation share class.

Benchmark value are at close of business.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Fund facts

### Accounting dates

31 July, 31 January

### Payment dates

31 May

### Ongoing charge figure

	2017 %	2016 %
Class A	2.37	2.40
Class B	1.62	1.28 <sup>1</sup>
Class I	1.56	1.58
Class Y	2.37	2.40

The annualised ongoing charge figure (OCF) of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months.

The OCF includes a synthetic element of 0.71% (2016: 0.74%) to incorporate the OCF of underlying funds.

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).

The fund is a non-UCITS fund and we have used this disclosure to enable comparison across our fund range.

<sup>1</sup> Class B annual management charge commenced on 25 July 2015.

## Comparative table

	Class A Accumulation			Class B Accumulation		
	2017 (pence per share)	2016 (pence per share)	2015 (pence per share)	2017 (pence per share)	2016 (pence per share)	2015 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b>						
Opening net asset value per share	169.14	175.65	161.77	106.10	108.91	98.95
Return before operating charges*	42.12	(2.27)	17.90	27.03	(1.42)	10.90
Operating charges	(4.50)	(4.24)	(4.02)	(2.46)	(1.39)	(0.94)
Return after operating charges*	37.62	(6.51)	13.88	24.57	(2.81)	9.96
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.84)	-	-	(1.46)	(1.10)	(1.46)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.84	-	-	1.46	1.10	1.46
Closing net asset value per share	206.76	169.14	175.65	130.67	106.10	108.91
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.04	0.12	0.01	0.02	0.07
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	22.24%	(3.71%)	8.58%	23.16%	(2.58%)	10.07%
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (£000s)	151,539	148,799	220,295	8,114	7,067	7,473
Closing number of shares	73,292,521	87,976,058	125,417,806	6,210,060	6,660,900	6,861,481
Operating charges	2.37%	2.40%	2.41%	1.62%	1.28%	0.91%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.02%	0.07%	0.00%	0.02%	0.07%
<b>Prices</b>						
Highest share price (pence)	209.60	189.10	176.90	132.40	117.70	109.70
Lowest share price (pence)	161.60	164.60	159.70	101.40	103.00	98.23

## Comparative table (continued)

	Class I Accumulation			Class V Accumulation		
	2017 (pence per share)	2016 (pence per share)	2015 (pence per share)	2017 (pence per share)	2016 (pence per share)	2015 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b>						
Opening net asset value per share	135.34	139.41	127.32	135.84	141.08	129.94
Return before operating charges*	33.82	(1.85)	14.21	33.06	(1.83)	14.37
Operating charges	(2.38)	(2.22)	(2.12)	(2.84)	(3.41)	(3.23)
Return after operating charges*	31.44	(4.07)	12.09	30.22	(5.24)	11.14
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.00)	(0.55)	(0.76)	(0.68)	-	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.00	0.55	0.76	0.68	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	166.78	135.34	139.41	166.06	135.84	141.08
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.03	0.10	0.01	0.03	0.10

### Performance

Return after charges	23.23%	(2.92%)	9.50%	22.25%	(3.71%)	8.57%
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### Other information

Closing net asset value (£000s)	76,011	56,617	17,121	666	682	892
Closing number of shares	45,575,800	41,833,656	12,280,586	400,818	501,903	632,566
Operating charges	1.56%	1.58%	1.60%	2.37%	2.40%	2.41%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.02%	0.07%	0.00%	0.02%	0.07%

### Prices

Highest share price (pence)	169.00	150.40	140.40	168.30	151.90	142.10
Lowest share price (pence)	129.30	131.40	126.40	129.80	132.20	128.30

Performance values are at close of business and may differ from the performance summary.

### Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

## Major holdings

as at 2017	%
Findlay Park American Fund	7.03
JO Hambro UK Opportunities Fund B Accumulation	5.40
Majedie UK Equity Fund	5.14
Hermes Asia Ex Japan Equity Fund C Accumulation	5.09
Henderson European Growth Fund I Accumulation +	4.69
BlackRock European Dynamic Fund A Accumulation	4.53
Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	4.04
Fidelity American Special Situations	4.03
First State Global Japan Equity III	3.93
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	3.63

+ Related party to the Fund

## Asset allocation

as at 2017	%
UK Equity	18.89
North America Equity	18.15
Europe ex UK Equity	14.60
Asia Ex Japan Equity	10.98
Japan Equity	7.97
Global Emerging Market Equity	6.74
Commodities	4.90
Global Equity	4.15
Specialist Equity	3.25
Derivatives	0.34
Other net assets	10.03
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Major holdings

as at 2016	%
Findlay Park American Fund	9.52
Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	7.00
Henderson European Growth Fund I Accumulation +	6.70
BlackRock European Dynamic Fund A Accumulation	6.57
JO Hambro UK Opportunities Fund B Accumulation	6.55
Majedie UK Equity Fund	5.52
Artemis European Growth Fund I Accumulation	5.28
Hermes Asia Ex Japan Equity Fund C Accumulation	4.43
Old Mutual UK Alpha Fund Accumulation	4.15
ETFS Physical Gold	3.99

## Asset allocation

as at 2016	%
UK Equity	21.64
Europe ex UK Equity	18.55
North America Equity	15.49
Japan Equity	10.53
Asia Ex Japan Equity	9.69
Global Equity	6.71
Global Emerging Market Equity	5.76
Commodities	3.99
Specialist Equity	2.97
Derivatives	(0.50)
Other net assets	5.17
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Report and accounts

This document is a short report of the Henderson Multi-Manager Active Fund for the year ended 31 January 2017.

Copies of the annual and half yearly long and short form reports of this fund are available on our website [www.henderson.com](http://www.henderson.com) or contact client services on the telephone number provided.

## Other information

The information in this report is designed to enable you to make an informed judgement on the activities of the fund during the year it covers and the results of those activities at the end of the year.

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## Risk warning

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## Further information

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### Online valuations

You can value your Henderson Multi-Manager Active Fund at any time by logging on to [www.henderson.com](http://www.henderson.com). Select 'UK Private Investor' and then access 'Valuations' from the Tools Menu. Simply select the fund you hold and enter the appropriate number of shares.

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