

Pyrford Global Total Return Sterling Fund

Hedged into Euro

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About Pyrford

- Established 1987 managing €8.64bn as at 31 August 2018 for 126 investors* across separate and pooled accounts, of which 66 are UK Pension Funds
- Independent, autonomous investment boutique
- A long history of managing this type of mandate
- GAR is an important part of our business over 50% of assets under management
- Team approach no 'star' managers
- A relentless focus on generating a real return stream with low absolute volatility
- Internal research drives a value process based on investment fundamentals
- Unconstrained, long-only investors with no attention to benchmarks, consensus or peer groups
- Signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment & Tier 1 signatory to the UK Stewardship Code

Investment Professionals

Name	Role	Years with Pyrford	Years in Industry
Tony Cousins, CFA	Chief Executive & Chief Investment Officer	30	33
Bruce Campbell	Strategic Investment Advisor	31	48
Paul Simons, CFA	Head of Portfolio Management, Asia-Pacific	22	22
Daniel McDonagh, CFA	Head of Portfolio Management, Europe	21	21
Suhail Arain, CFA	Head of Portfolio Management, North America	10	21
Nabil Irfan, CFA	Portfolio Manager	13	18
Peter Moran, CFA	Portfolio Manager	15	15
Jun Yu, CFA	Portfolio Manager	10	18
Stefan Bain, MSc	Portfolio Manager	6	17
Roderick Lewis, CFA	Portfolio Manager	5	17
Andrew Sykes, CFA	Portfolio Manager	5	11
Henrietta Brooks	Investment Analyst	4	4
Bethan Dixon, CFA	Investment Analyst	4	4
Anneka Desai	Investment Analyst	3	3



^{*} These figures include investors in pooled investment vehicles

Pyrford's Global Absolute Return Strategy

Three goals:

- Preserve capital (aim not to lose money in a 12 month period)
- Beat inflation by a significant margin over the long-term
- Deliver returns characterised by low absolute volatility

The results (in £):

- Only one negative calendar year in the last 23 (2002: -2.1%)
- Have almost matched inflation (RPI) +5% over the period since product inception (01 April 1994)
- Standard deviation (absolute volatility) of returns less than half that of the FTSE All Share Index from October 1998 to August 2018

Past performance does not guarantee future results



Goal: Capital preservation

"The strategy seeks to provide a stable stream of real total returns over the long term with low absolute volatility & significant downside protection"

Calendar year returns of Pyrford for investors, compared to negative equity markets

	2000	2001	2002	2008	2011	2015
Pyrford	+11.7%	+3.9%	-2.1%	+12.8%	+5.0%	+2.6%
FTSE 100	-8.2%	-14.1%	-22.2%	-28.3%	-2.2%	-1.3%
MSCI World	-6.0%	-14.3%	-27.3%	-17.4%	-4.3%	+5.5%

Percentage of rolling periods in which the composite had a positive return

September 1998 to August 2018

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Positive	69%	79%	93%	100%	100%	100%
Negative	31%	21%	7%	0%	0%	0%

Source: Pyrford International as at 31 August 2018

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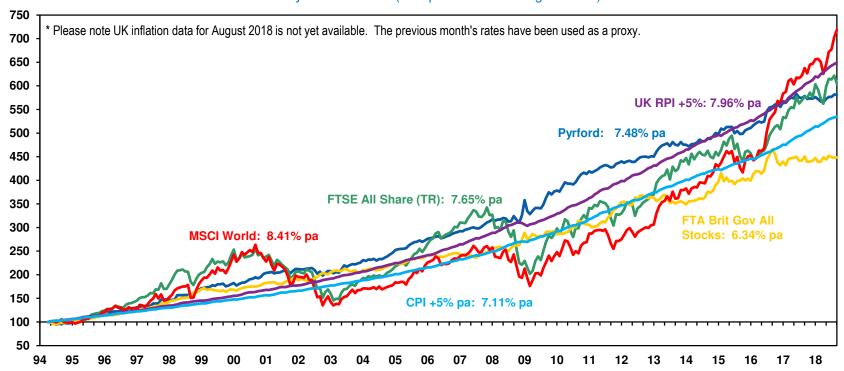
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Goal: Beat inflation by a significant margin

Investment performance

Over 24 years 5 months (01 April 1994 – 31 August 2018)



Source: Pyrford International, Office for National Statistics, FTSE and MSCI BARRA

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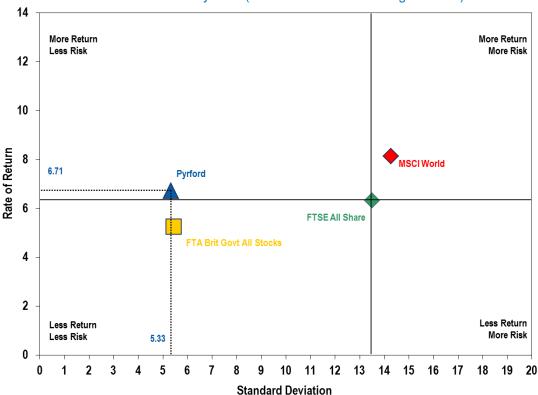
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Goal: Low volatility returns

"Equity-like returns with bond-like volatility"

Risk versus return

Annualised monthly data (1 October 1998 – 31 August 2018)



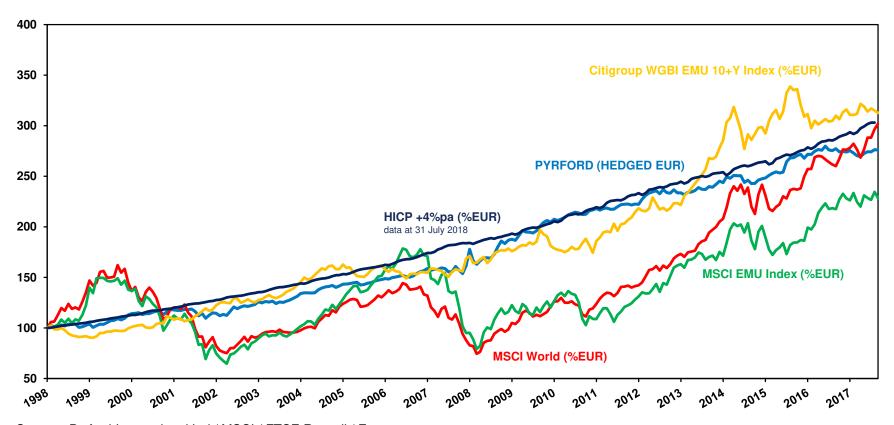
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Pyrford Global Absolute Return – Simulated Euro Hedged

01 January 1999 - 31 August 2018



Source: Pyrford International Ltd / MSCI / FTSE Russell / Eurostat

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Simulated performance is based on the hedged return of Global Absolute Return (£). Performance presented is simulated past performance and it is not an indicator of future performance.

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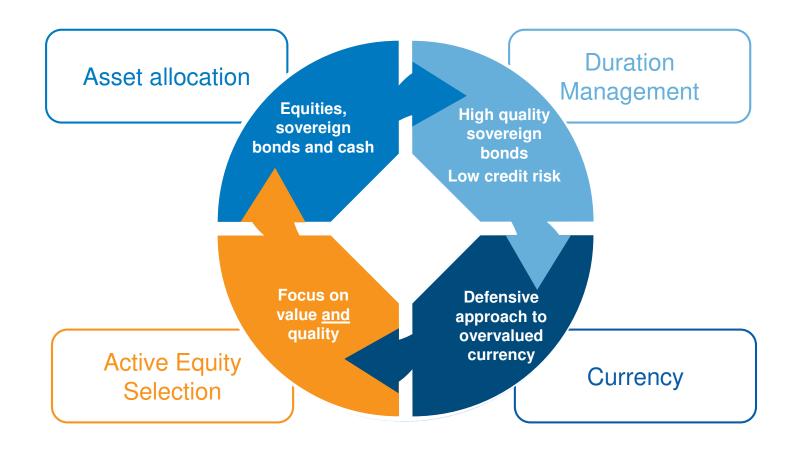


Investment philosophy

- A Quality and Value-driven approach, focused on Capital Preservation can contribute to a
 positive real rate of return to compound over the long-term
- Equities, sovereign bonds and cash
- Exposure to alternative asset classes is available via listed equities
 - Four key advantages:
 - Liquidity
 - Low transaction cost
 - Continuous price quote and full transparency
 - Positive yield
- Long only
- Focus on absolute, not relative, risk
- Low turnover



Four key return drivers



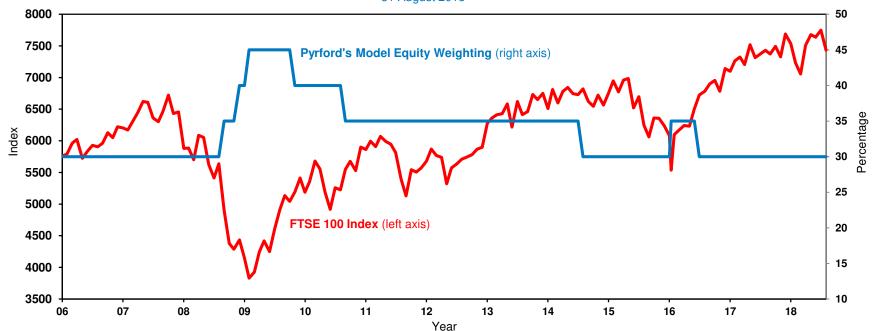


1: Top-down Asset Allocation Process

	Government Bonds	Equities
Investment Horizon	5 year total return forecast	5 year total return forecast
Calculation	Initial yield +/- capital movement	Initial yield +/- real earnings movement
Methodology	Yield curve analysis and forecast	Top-down & bottom-up analysis

Model Equity Weighting & FTSE 100 Index

31 August 2018



Source: Thomson Reuters Datastream

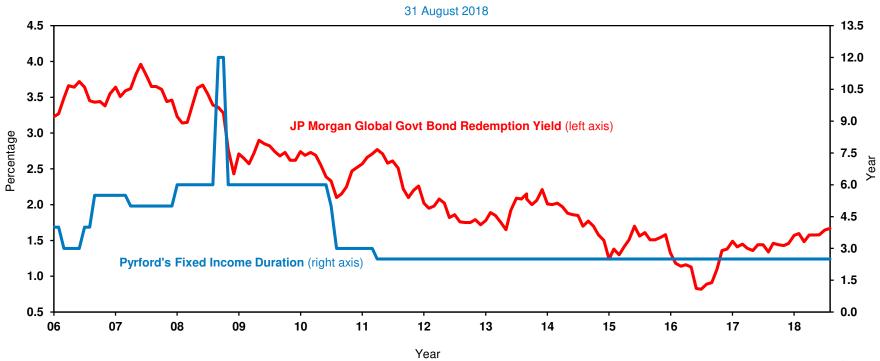




2: Duration Management - Government Bonds

- Sovereign risk only nothing below AA
- Conventional and index-linked bonds
- Coverage: USA, Canada, UK, Switzerland, Euro-zone, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Singapore
- 5 year yield curve forecast
- Active duration management

Bond yields and duration history



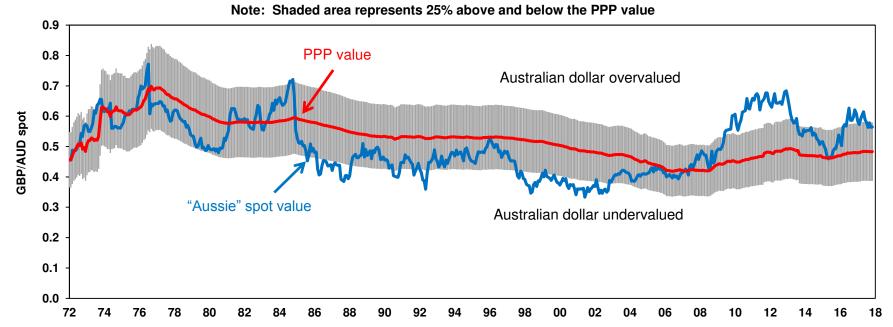
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3: Currency

- Use long term Purchasing Power Parity to analyse value
- Defensively hedge currencies that are 25% overvalued remove hedge when 5% overvalued
- If base currency is undervalued; consider selling foreign assets
- If base currency is overvalued; maximise foreign assets

Sample of GBP/AUD purchasing power parity analysis 15 August 2018



Source: Pyrford International / Thomson Reuters Datastream



4: Equity Selection

Data at 31 August 2018

- Absolute return focus
- Focus on Quality and Value
- Five year time frame
- All global developed markets plus those emerging markets that meet our strict requirements of institutional quality
- Not index oriented or peer group influenced
 - Zero weight in Japan throughout 1990s
 - Zero weight in European banks for more than seven years
- Top-down and bottom-up analysis
- Build portfolios that exhibit high dividend yield and high return on equity

	£GAR(equities)	MSCI World	FTSE All Share
Dividend Yield %	4.4	2.3	4.2
Return on Equity (1 Yr Av %)	19.8	12.6	13.6

Source: Pyrford International Ltd using Bloomberg

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Global Absolute Return (GBP) Model Portfolio - % allocations

As at 01 September 2018

EUROPEAN BONDS	
UK	50.33%
UK TREASURY 1.75% 22 JUL 2019	8.05%
UK TREASURY 2.00% 22 JUL 2020	8.10%
UK TREASURY 3.75% 07 SEP 2019	6.69%
UK TREASURY 3.75% 07 SEP 2020	7.10%
UK TREASURY 4.75% 07 MAR 2020	5.34%
UK TREASURY 8.00% 07 JUN 2021	4.18%
UK TREASURY 4.50% 07 MAR 2019	4.18%
UK TREASURY 1.50% 22 JAN 2021	6.69%

NORTH AMERICAN BONDS	
CANADA	4.78%
CANADIAN GOVT 3.75% 01 JUN 2019	1.59%
CANADIAN GOVT 0.75% 01 MAR 2021	1.59%
CANADIAN GOVT 0.75% 01 SEP 2020	1.59%
us	6.70%
US TREASURY 1.50% 15 AUG 2020	6.70%

AUSTRALIA	5.19%
AUSTRALIAN GOVT 3.25% 21 OCT 2018	3.60%
AUSTRALIAN GOVT 5.25% 15 MAR 2019	1.59%

	TOTAL PORTFOLIO	
	TOTAL BONDS	67.0%
	TOTAL EQUITIES	30.0%
	TOTAL CASH	3.0%
_	GRAND TOTAL	100.0%
	MODIFIED DURATION OF BONDS	1.5

EUROPEAN EQUITIES				
EURO AREA	1.74%			
AIR LIQUIDE SA (France)	0.26%			
FUCHS PETROLUB (Germany)	0.24%			
ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC 'A' (The Netherlands)	0.21%			
SANOFI (France)	0.31%			
SAP AG (Germany)	0.23%			
TOTAL SA (France)	0.21%			
UNILEVER NV (The Netherlands)	0.28%			
SWEDEN	1.68%			
ASSA ABLOY AB-B	0.50%			
ATLAS COPCO AB	0.37%			
EPIROC AB-A	0.13%			
ESSITY AKTIEBOLAG-B	0.67%			
NORWAY	0.87%			
TELENOR ASA	0.87%			
SWITZERLAND	2.25%			
NESTLE SA	0.68%			
NOVARTIS AG	0.56%			
ROCHE HOLDING AG	0.63%			
sgs	0.16%			
ZURICH INSURANCE GROUP AG	0.23%			

EUROPEAN EQUITIES	
UK	10.50%
BP PLC	0.63%
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO PLC	1.37%
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC	1.42%
IMPERIAL BRANDS	0.89%
LEGAL & GENERAL GROUP PLC	1.26%
NATIONAL GRID PLC	1.52%
RECKITT BENCKISER	1.00%
SSE PLC	1.16%
VODAFONE GROUP PLC	1.26%

ISRAEL	0.60%
BEZEQ THE ISRAELI TELECOM CO	0.60%

ASIA-PACIFIC EQUITIES	
AUSTRALIA	2.16%
BRAMBLES LTD	0.72%
COMPUTERSHARE LTD	0.36%
WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD	0.72%
WOOLWORTHS LTD	0.36%
HONG KONG	1.74%
AIA GROUP	0.47%
CHINA MOBILE LTD	0.80%
VTECH HOLDINGS LTD	0.47%
JAPAN	1.47%
ABC-MART	0.29%
JAPAN TOBACCO INC	0.37%
KDDICORP	0.32%
MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP	0.24%
SUMITOMO RUBBER INDUSTRIES	0.25%
MALAYSIA	1.11%
AXIATA GROUP BHD	0.44%
MALAYAN BANKING BHD	0.67%
SINGAPORE	2.34%
COMFORTDELGRO CORP LTD	0.66%
SINGAPORE TECH ENGINEERING	0.35%
SINGAPORE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	0.66%
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LTD	0.68%
TAIWAN	1.17%
ADVANTECH CO LTD	0.35%
CHUNGHWA TELECOM CO LTD	0.41%
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING	0.41%

NORTH AMERICAN EQUITIES	
USA	1.14%
AMERICAN EXPRESS	0.09%
CH ROBINSON	0.09%
MCDONALD'S CORP	0.22%
MICROSOFT CORP	0.26%
PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	0.25%
T ROWE PRICE GROUP INC	0.23%
CANADA	1.23%
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY	0.37%
IMPERIAL OIL LTD	0.25%
METRO INC	0.43%
SAPUTO INC	0.18%

Source: Pyrford International





Pyrford's current views

31 August 2018

- Quantitative Easing is morphing into Quantitative Tightening. Key interest rates have risen in the US, UK and Canada whilst the ECB is set to reduce its rate of bond purchases. In the US the Fed has set a course for significant balance sheet shrinkage whilst maintaining steady increases in the Fed Funds rate. The unprecedented central bank actions which commenced in 2008-9 boosted equity and bond markets but did little for economic activity. In particular, productivity growth has been poor.
- Overall debt levels (relative to GDP) have increased in the developed and emerging economies since the financial crisis. We believe this to be the most significant threat to "healthy" economic growth going forward. The debt ratios need to be modified without triggering another financial crisis.
- Inflation is stirring after a long slumber. Even in Japan and the eurozone we see signs of life. Corporate profits have grabbed a greater share of GDP at the expense of employee compensation but the worm is now turning.
- "Brexit" has added additional uncertainty whilst the election set-back for the ruling Conservatives has weakened their negotiating position with the EU. We believe the long-term future outside the EU machine will be favourable for Britain but political infighting on both sides of the Channel will complicate matters near-term.

- A Trump-led White House has added uncertainty to the direction of the US and world economy. "America First" will reverse progress on global trade deals and has injected a degree of unpredictability into foreign policy. Company tax cuts may prop an already inflated US stock market but will increase the budget deficit and do little to assist the household sector.
- The Eurozone is enjoying a cyclical upswing but the underlying fundamental flaw remains – the inappropriateness of a single currency and short-term interest rate for 19 disparate economies. Debt levels in peripheral Europe and continued lack of competitiveness are unsustainable. Italian banks remain in a parlous situation.
- The German election impasse has finally been resolved and another "grand coalition has been formed although Ms Merkel's power has been significantly weakened. As a negotiating compromise the Finance Ministry was handed to her coalition partner (the SPD).
- Asia ex-Japan offers the best absolute value and most attractive opportunities for long-term economic growth.
 Demographics provide a favourable "window" over the next 20 years.
- In general, markets (both equity and bond) are expensive. Low single-digit returns are probably the best that can be expected on a medium-term outlook.

This is not intended to serve as a complete analysis of every material fact regarding any company, industry or security. The opinions expressed here reflect our judgement at this date are subject to change. Information has been obtained from sources we consider to be reliable, but we cannot guarantee the accuracy.

Investment performance returns strategy

Data at 31 August 2018

Performance returns	Pyrford	FTSE All Share	FTA British Govt Fixed All Stocks	MSCI World Index	RPI+ 5% p.a.	
1 year	0.50	4.68	-0.47	12.73	N/A	
3 years	5.31	10.17	3.95	19.05	N/A	
5 years	4.12	7.58	5.03	14.77	N/A	
10 years	6.02	7.47	5.53	11.46	N/A	

Calendar year returns	Pyrford	FTSE All Share	FTA British Govt Fixed All Stocks	MSCI World Index	RPI+ 5% p.a.
2013	5.57	20.81	-3.95	25.00	7.80
2014	4.74	1.18	13.85	12.07	6.69
2015	2.61	0.98	0.56	5.45	6.26
2016	10.48	16.75	10.08	29.01	7.61
2017	2.13	13.10	1.81	12.42	9.31

Source: Pyrford International, Office for National Statistics, FTSE and MSCI BARRA

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Investment performance returns - simulated euro hedged

Data at 31 August 2018

Performance returns	PYRFORD (HEDGED EUR)	HICP +4%pa (%EUR)	Citigroup WGBI EMU 10+Y Index (%EUR)	MSCI EMU Index (%EUR)	MSCI World (%EUR)
1 year	-0.52	N/A	0.87	4.99	12.73
3 years	4.36	N/A	3.01	6.99	19.05
5 years	3.36	N/A	7.67	9.85	14.77
10 years	5.55	N/A	7.07	5.32	11.46

Calendar year returns	PYRFORD (HEDGED EUR)	HICP +4%pa (%EUR)	Citigroup WGBI EMU 10+Y Index (%EUR)	MSCI EMU Index (%EUR)	MSCI World (%EUR)
2013	5.16	4.88	1.50	24.42	21.86
2014	4.34	3.82	28.85	5.08	20.14
2015	1.85	4.24	2.40	10.56	11.03
2016	9.47	5.18	6.56	5.20	11.39
2017	1.30	5.40	-0.29	13.44	8.10

Source: Pyrford International Ltd / MSCI / FTSE Russell / Eurostat

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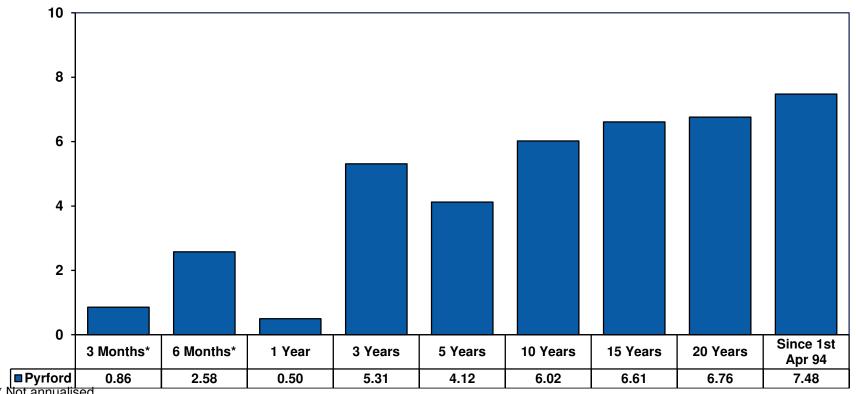
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Global Absolute Return strategy performance (GBP)

Annualised returns to 31 August 2018



* Not annualised.

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Performance

Since inception as at 31 August 2018

Performance since inception							
	NAV 31 Aug '18	Month ¹	3 mths ¹	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Since Inception
Class A Acc shares (inception 21.01.09) (£)	15.45	0.00	0.59	-0.39	4.11	3.01	4.63
Class C Dist Hdg € shs (inception 15.01.18)	9.85	-0.10	0.48	n/a	n/a	n/a	-0.03
* Euro hedged	n/a	-0.10	0.30	-1.40	3.18	2.26	n/a

Calendar returns								
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Class A Acc shares (inception 21.01.09) (£)	0.85	9.31	1.45	3.77	4.49	1.44	3.99	9.55
Class C Dist Hdg € shs (inception 15.01.18)	n/a							
* Euro hedged	0.04	8.31	0.70	3.37	4.08	1.01	4.09	9.38

Source: Pyrford International Ltd / State Street Global Services (Ireland) Ltd

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¹Not annualised. Performance is based on the net asset value price provided by State Street. Figures show total returns of accumulation and distribution units, net of fees.

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Fund information

As at 31 August 2018

Fund Information								
Investment Manager	Pyrford International Ltd, 95 Wigmore Street, London, W1U 1FD							
Fund Name	Pyrford Global Total Return (Sterling) Fund							
Administrator	ate Street Fund Services (Ireland) Ltd							
Custodian	State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Ltd							
Structure	Sub-fund of BMO Investments (Ireland) Plc, Ireland UCITS Fund							
Fund Size	EUR 3,099mn							
Auditors	KPMG							
No of Holdings	58 Equities, 14 Bonds							
Distribution Shares Yield	Class A (£): 1.84% Class I (€): 1.60% Class S (€): 1.60% Class W (€): 1.60%)							
NB. This is an estimate of t	the annual dividend yield based on the most recent dividend paid							
Ongoing Charges	Class A (£): 1.09%							
Ex-Ante Transaction Cost	0.11% (at 31 December 2017)							
Dealing	Daily to 11:00hrs							
NAV published	16:00hrs							
Ex-dividend dates	01 January 01 April 01 July 01 October							
Pay Dates	12 January 12 April 12 July 12 October							
Fees	Class A: 1% Class I: 0.75% Class S 0.75% Class W 1.5%. All plus expenses							
Minimum Investment	Class A: £0 Class I: \$1m Class W: \$50							
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Fund codes by share class								
ISIN		Bloomberg						
I Acc	IE00BDZS0H68	PGIEHAC ID						
S Acc	IE00BDZS0K97	PYGSEHA ID						
W Acc	IE00BDZS0L05	PYGWEHA ID						





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Absolute Return Strategy Composite £ - Disclosures

Period/ Calendar Year	Gross		Number of	Composite	Total Firm Assets at period end (£ m)			Retur	ns %		Total	Strategy**	
	Composite Return for the Period %	Composite 3-Yr Ann. Std Dev (%)	Accounts in Composite at period end	Assets at period end (£ m)		% of Total Firm Assets	Dispersion (Range) (%)	High	Low	Median	Number of Accounts in Strategy at period end	Total Strategy Assets at period end (£ m)	% of Total Firm Assets
9m to end 1994	(0.4)	-	3	64	304	21.1	-	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.3)	-	-	-
1995	21.4	-	2	70	361	19.4	-	21.9	20.4	-	-	-	-
1996	8.3	-	2	76	507	15.0	-	8.3	8.2	-	-	-	-
1997	12.3	-	2	85	706	12.0	-	12.4	11.9	-	-	-	-
1998	16.6	-	2	100	687	14.6	-	16.6	16.4	-	-	-	-
1999	6.8	-	2	107	763	14.0	-	6.8	6.5	-	-	-	-
2000	11.7	-	1	36	565	6.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	3.9	5.1	1	38	816	4.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	(2.1)	6.1	1	41	825	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	11.4	6.3	1	49	1,191	4.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004	9.2	6.1	2	73	1,405	5.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005	9.6	4.4	4	247	1,520	16.3	-	9.7	9.1	9.6	-	-	-
2006	5.7	3.2	4*	305	1,572	19.4	-	5.9	5.6	5.7	10	493	31.4
2007	8.6	2.6	1	81	1,503	5.4	-	-	-	-	11	642	42.7
2008	12.8	7.1	1	94	1,397	6.7	-	-	-	-	11	806	57.7
2009	5.7	8.9	1	100	1,600	6.2	-	-	-	-	11	810	50.6
2010	10.7	9.1	1	149	1,994	7.5	-	-	-	-	11	1,027	51.5
2011	5.0	6.2	1	337	2,258	14.9	-	-	-	-	11	1,251	55.4
2012	2.3	3.2	2	1,061	4,468	23.7	-	-	-	-	15	2,269	50.8
2013	5.6	3.0	2	1,672	6,911	24.2	-	-	-	-	16	2,975	43.0
2014	4.7	3.2	1	2,155	8,149	26.4	-	-	-	-	13	3,270	40.1
2015	2.6	3.9	1	2,206	7,513	29.4	-	-	-	-	12	3,199	42.6
2016	10.5	4.1	1	2,378	7,826	30.4	-	-	-	-	12	3,919	50.1
2017	2.1	4.1	1	2,920	7,756	37.6	-	-	-	-	10	3,687	47.5
YTD 2018	0.9	3.5	1***	2,773	7,735	35.9	-	-	-	-	10	3,427	44.3

Source: Pyrford International Ltd

^{***}As at August 2018, the composite comprised one pooled account containing 75 individual schemes. Past performance does not guarantee future results.



^{*}Three accounts moved from unrestricted to restricted composites due to changes in investment guidelines.

^{**}Number of accounts and total assets for all Absolute Return Strategy mandates have been shown here as supplemental information. These figures include the value of any Absolute Return Strategy accounts that have some form of investment restrictions and/or a base currency other than sterling.

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