

#### **Editorial**



FIXED INCOME MARKETS received a boost during Q1 as the US Federal Reserve moved to a softer monetary position. Investors were encouraged by a "doubly dovish" statement from the US central bank after its January meeting, when it hinted that further rate rises are unlikely during 2019 and that it would postpone plans to unwind its longstanding asset purchase programme.

In government bond markets, demand for highly-rated government debt continued to drive down yields, but the narrowing of US 10-yr Treasury yields to levels below those on 3-month T-bills for nearly a week in March — so called "yield curve inversion" - reflected investor concerns about the economic outlook.

High yield corporate bonds rebounded from a Q4 sell off and delivered their best first quarter since 2003. In European bond markets, 10-year German government bond (bund) yields fell into negative territory for the first time since October 2016.

"AFTER A WEAK Q4, MSFI ABSOLUTE RETURN FUNDS DELIVERED A SHARP IMPROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE IN Q1 2019 WITH OVER 93% OF PRODUCTS ACHIEVING A BREAKEVEN OR POSITIVE RETURN "

Multi sector fixed income (MSFI) absolute return funds attempt to achieve a balance of yield and credit risk by investing in a blend of fixed income instruments (which may include sovereign, municipal and corporate debt from developed and emerging markets). By applying a variety of strategies, which may include short positions, these funds aim to deliver a positive return in all market conditions.

After a weak Q4, MSFI absolute return funds delivered a sharp improvement in performance in Q1 2019 with over 93% of products achieving a breakeven or positive return (compared to 30% in Q4 2018). However, investor money continued to flow out of funds in the CAMRADATA MSFI universe, which collectively experienced  $\mathfrak{L}6.03$ bn in net redemptions (following outflows of  $\mathfrak{L}4.2$ bn during Q4), the third consecutive quarter that asset flows have been negative in this universe.

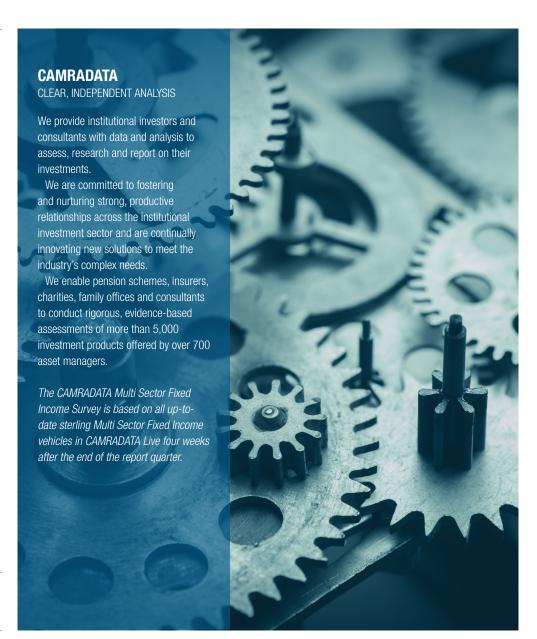
Several managers did manage to attract subscriptions from investors. Loomis Sayles was the largest beneficiary with inflows totalling £225m in converted sterling during Q1 2019.

Despite the positive performance in the sector, negative asset flows led to a decline of just over £3.9bn in AuM in the CAMRADATA MSFI universe. This marked the second successive quarter in which AuM in the universe have fallen after 5 successive quarters of growth between Q3 2017 and Q3 2018.

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## Investment views: Q1 2019



Facing concerns over economic slowdown, the Federal Reserve and the ECB signalled that further rate increases are unlikely before the year end and that steps to unwind their long-running liquidity support programmes will be put on hold during 2019. This provided a boost to risk assets, with international equities, commodities and high-yield corporate debt markets all making significant gains.

Emerging markets equities rallied in Q1, driven by monetary relaxation from the US Federal Reserve and temporary hopes of a solution to US-China trade tensions. However, Turkish equities slipped back as confidence in the lira declined, falling sharply against USD.

## **EQUITIES**

US equities recorded a strong start to the year, with the S&P climbing 13.7% during Q1, more than reversing the heavy losses sustained in the preceding quarter. Technology stocks, which had their best quarter since 2012, were at the heart of this recovery. Eurozone equities benefited from improved investor risk appetite, with the MSCI EMU index rising just over 10%. In the UK, the FTSE All-

Share climbed 11.9%.

China A-shares received a boost as MSCI confirmed plans to increase their weight in MSCI Indices and the Chinese authorities initiated fiscal and monetary stimulus to boost the economy.

#### FIXED INCOME

In the US, 10-yr Treasury yields fell 30bps during Q1 to their lowest levels since 2017. Yields on 3-month Treasuries exceeded those on 10-year Treasuries for almost a week during March — the first time this section of the yield curve has inverted since 2007. This trend typically highlights investor fears about a deteriorating economic outlook.

Looking internationally, investors continued to demonstrate strong appetite for highly-rated government bonds, with 10-yr German government bond yields falling into negative territory for the first time since October 2016 and Japanese government bonds yields also falling negative.

#### **OTHER ASSETS**

Oil prices recorded their largest quarterly rise for almost a decade during Q1 2019, contributing to a 15.0% gain in the S&P GSCI commodities index. Some industrial metals made significant gains, with zinc and nickel prices up more than 20% encouraged by hopes of a US-China trade solution. Gold prices climbed 0.9% during Q1, building on their strong performance in Q4 2018.

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#### **UNITED STATES**

US real GDP grew by 3.2% during Q1 according to US Department of Commerce data. This was buoyed by a 1.3% growth in consumer expenditure. Imports declined by 3.7% over the quarter, their largest fall for almost 10 years, driven by concerns over the trade outlook and US-China tensions.



The eurozone grew by 0.4% during Q1 2019 and by 1.2% year-on-year. Unemployment remained at a multi-year low and low oil prices kept down import costs. However, the outlook for manufacturing remains

weak, constrained by weak global demand, political uncertainty and poor performance from the auto sector.



UK growth rose to 0.5% for Q1, up from 0.2% in the preceding

quarter, according to UK Office for National Statistics data. This was encouraged by a rise in business investment, after several quarters where companies showed reluctance to invest in the face of Brexit uncertainties.



# **Highlights**

THE NUMBER OF MSFIs in this survey

now stands at 76 products. Over 90% of these products have more than three years' worth of returns, whereas there is only one product with a track record of less than one year.

47.16%

#### **NN INVESTMENT**

#### LOOMIS SAYLES

achieved the largest asset inflows, with inflows totalling £225m, in converted sterling, during Q1 2019. They were followed by NN Investment Partners, Manulife Investment Management, Wellington Managemenent International and BlueBay Asset Management.

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absolute return assets have decreased by just over...

£3.9BN



achieving an annualised return of 2.70% over the last three years.

2.31% over the last three years.

**USD products** produced a median

**GBP products** produced a median return of 0.57% over 1 year, whilst

> **EUR products** produced a median return of 0.37% over 1 year, whilst achieving an annualised return of

return of 3.07% over 1 year, whilst achieving an annualised return of 3,60% over the last three years.

#### **MSFI** Absolute return vehicles in

share with £7.3bn AuM at the end of Q1 2019.

largest market share with €4.9bn at the end of

largest market share with **\$12.3bn** at the end

The first quarter of 2019 saw a big increase in positive performance with over 93% of return, compared to 30% in Q4 2018.

# **Over 92% of products** achieved a breakeven or positive return over three years.

**EUR products** within the MSFI universe

# **According to the CAMRADATA IQ** Scores...

- Investments with their M&G Alpha Opportunities Fund (B GBP Share Class).

# MSFI products in GBP, **EUR and USD**

overall continue to be less volatile in respective Barclays Aggregate benchmarks over the last 3 years.

#### **OVER THE LAST QUARTER** the MSFI

universe saw net outflows of just over £6.03bn. This marks the third successive quarter that asset flows have been negative in this universe.

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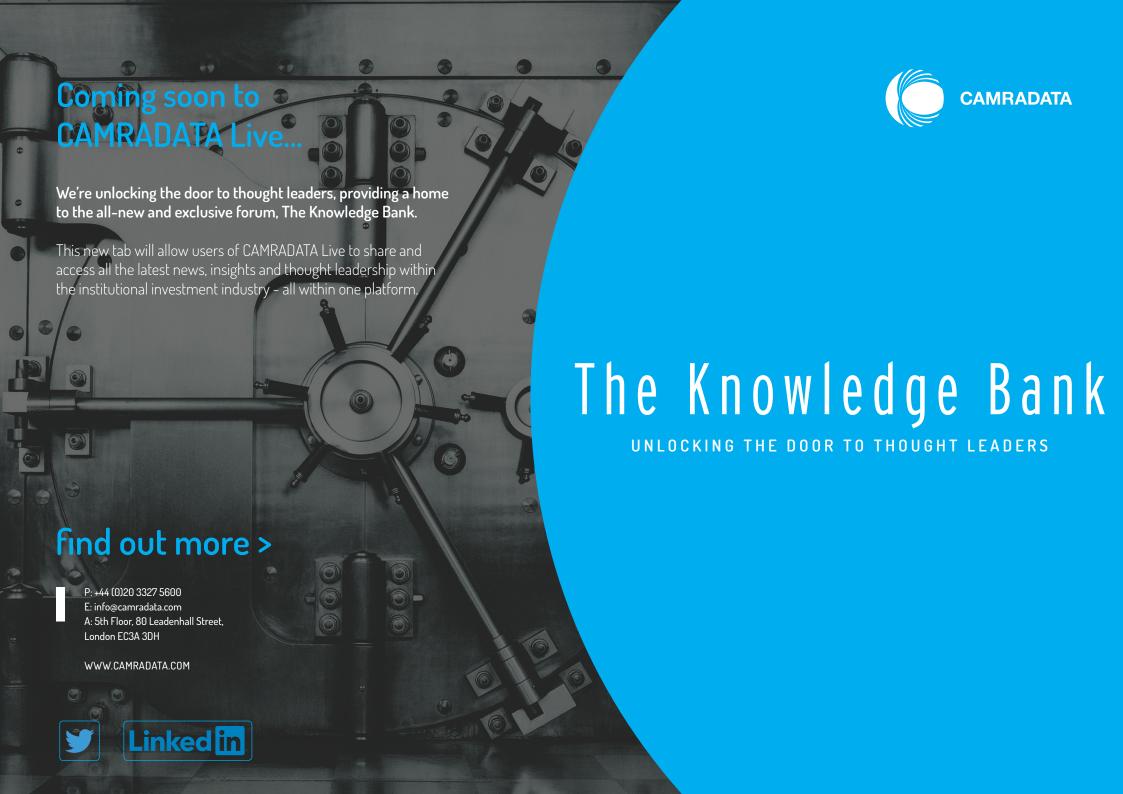
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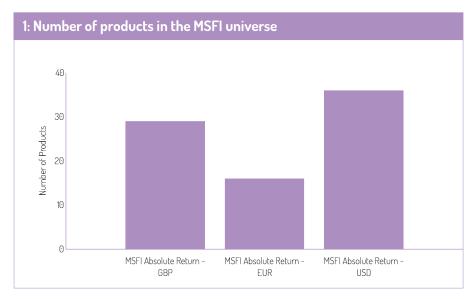


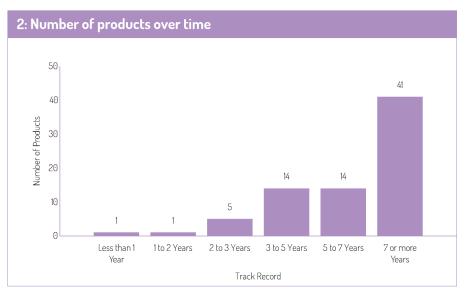
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# Part 1 The MSFI Universe



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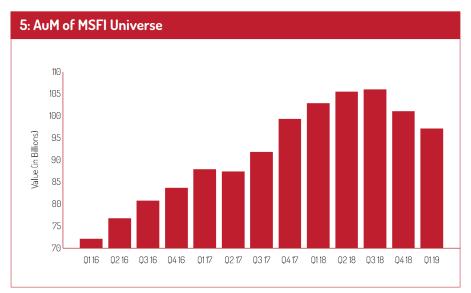


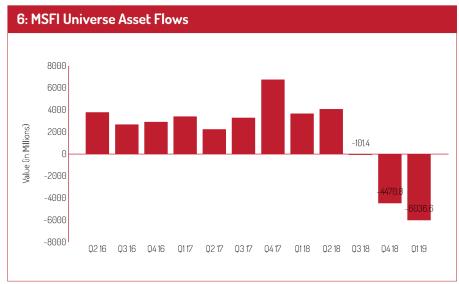






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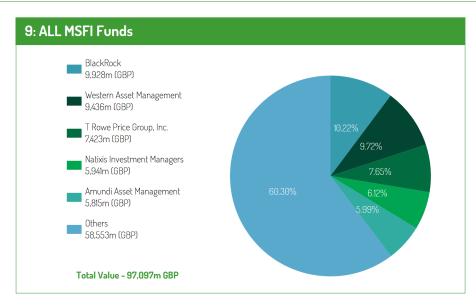


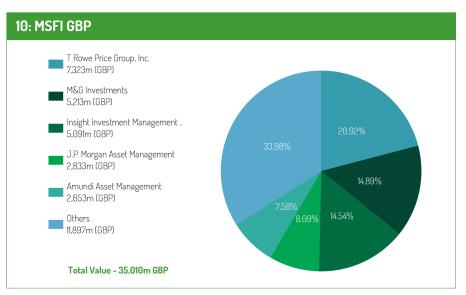


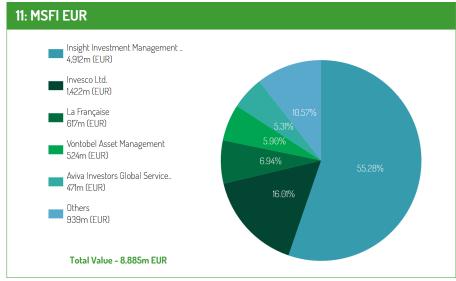
7: Top 5 Asset Manager inflows in GBP during the quarter							
Rank	Manager	Inflows					
1	Loomis Sayles	£ 225m					
2	NN Investment Partners Holdings N.V	£ 211m					
3	Manulife Investment Management (Europe) Limited	£ 170m					
4	Wellington Management International Limited	£ 66m					
5	BlueBay Asset Management LLP	£ 49m					

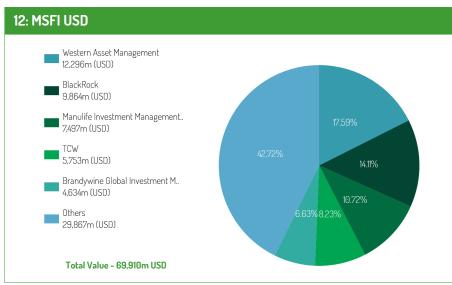
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Rank	Manager	Inflows Percent						
1	NN Investment Partners Holdings N.V	47.16						
2	BlueBay Asset Management LLP	21.53						
3	BMO Global Asset Management	13.75						
4	Loomis Sayles	12.66						
5	Wellington Management International Limited	4.46						

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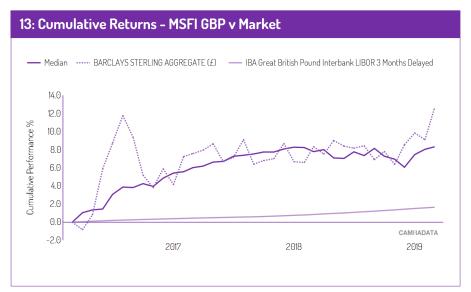


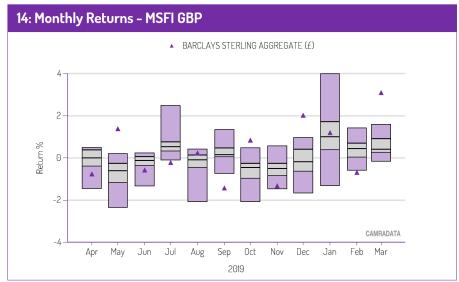


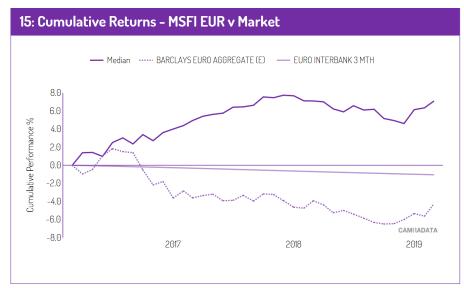


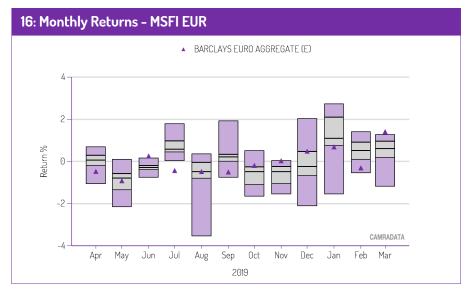


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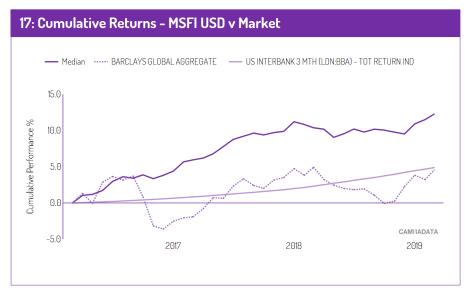


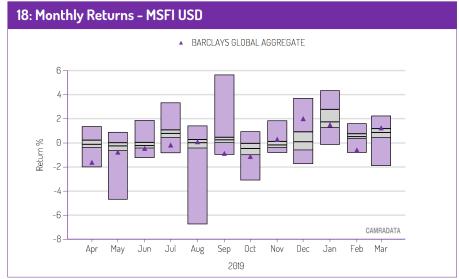




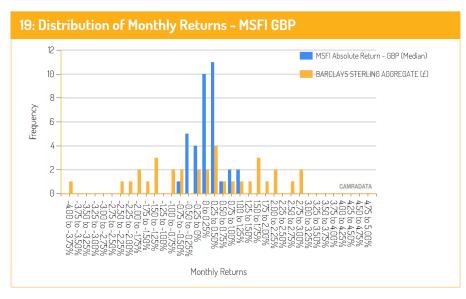


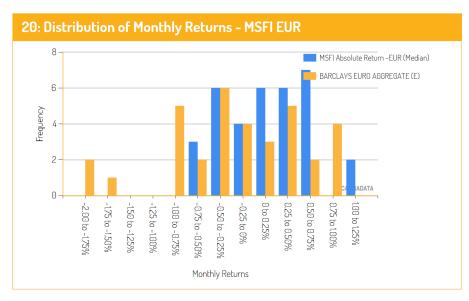
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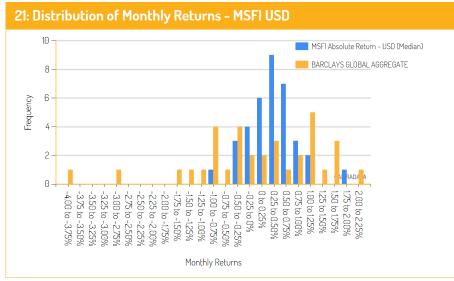




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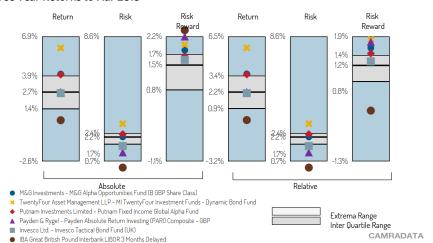
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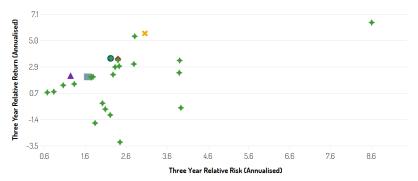
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#### Three Year Returns to Mar 2019



#### Three Year Relative Risk Return to Mar 2019



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- M&G Investments M&G Alpha Opportunities Fund (B GBP Share Class)
- Putnam Investments Limited Putnam Fixed Income Global Alpha Fund
- ▲ Payden & Rygel Payden Absolute Return Investing (PARI) Composite GBP
- Invesco Ltd. Invesco Tactical Bond Fund (UK)

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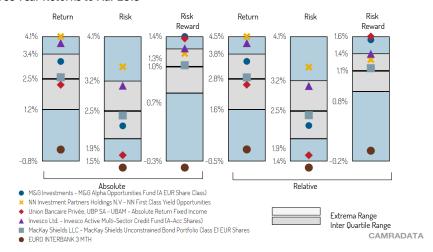
#### IQ Scores: - Benchmark: IBA Great British Pound Interbank LIBOR 3 Months Delayed

	Organization	Product Name	Excess Return %	Information Ratio	Wins - Losses %	Hit Rate %	Drawdown Strength	Score	Excess Risk %	Currency
1	M&G Investments	M&G Alpha Opportunities Fund (B GBP Share Class)	3.57	1.62	0.14	72.22	-0.83	0.85	2.21	GBP
2	TwentyFour Asset Management LLP	MI TwentyFour Investment Funds - Dynamic Bond Fund	5.58	1.83	0.34	69.44	-1.06	0.83	3.05	GBP
3	Putnam Investments Limited	Putnam Fixed Income Global Alpha Fund	3.52	1.47	0.10	72.22	-0.72	0.81	2.39	GBP
4	Payden & Rygel	Payden Absolute Return Investing (PARI) Composite - GBP	2.18	1.77	0.09	75.00	-1.41	0.69	1.23	GBP
5	Invesco Ltd.	Invesco Tactical Bond Fund (UK)	2.08	1.27	-0.01	72.22	-0.96	0.57	1.64	GBP
6	Loomis Sayles	Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha Fund - GBP	2.08	1.17	0.13	63.89	-0.92	0.55	1.78	GBP
7	MacKay Shields LLC	MacKay Shields Unconstrained Bond Portfolio Class E1 GBP Shares	2.94	1.21	-0.01	72.22	-1.58	0.50	2.42	GBP
8	NN Investment Partners Holdings N.V	NN (L) First Class Yield Opportunities(GBP)	6.46	0.75	-0.06	66.67	-0.98	0.50	8.60	GBP
9	AB (AllianceBernstein)	AB Diversified Yield Plus	2.10	1.21	0.04	69.44	-1.49	0.49	1.74	GBP
10	Amundi Asset Management	Amundi Funds II- Strategic Income - GBP hedg Pooled Lux	3.11	1.12	0.32	58.33	-2.05	0.49	2.78	GBP
11	Stone Harbor Investment Partners LP	Multi Asset Credit - Composite GBP	3.40	0.87	0.07	63.89	-1.34	0.47	3.90	GBP
12	J.P. Morgan Asset Management	JPM Unconstrained Bond Fund	2.26	1.00	0.08	63.89	-1.41	0.45	2.27	GBP
13	Kames Capital	Kames Absolute Return Bond Fund	0.82	1.24	0.05	63.89	-1.04	0.45	0.66	GBP
14	TCW	MetWest Unconstrained Bond Fund - UCITS (IGHG-QD Share Class)	1.40	1.33	0.07	66.67	-2.11	0.45	1.05	GBP
15	BlackRock	BlackRock Absolute Return Bond Fund	1.50	1.14	0.07	63.89	-1.32	0.43	1.32	GBP
16	Insight Investment Management (Global) Limited	Bonds Plus Fund (C0041)	-0.05	-0.02	0.05	47.22	-2.76	0.20	2.01	GBP
17	T Rowe Price Group, Inc.	Dynamic Global Bond Composite (GBP Hedged)	-0.53	-0.25	-0.03	47.22	-1.94	0.15	2.08	GBP
18	Investec Asset Management	Investec Target Return Fund	-1.65	-0.90	-0.02	36.11	-4.14	0.07	1.83	GBP

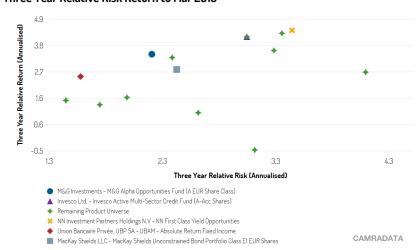
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#### Three Year Returns to Mar 2019



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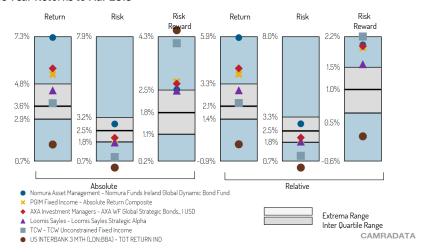


#### IQ Scores: - Benchmark: EURO INTERBANK 3 MTH

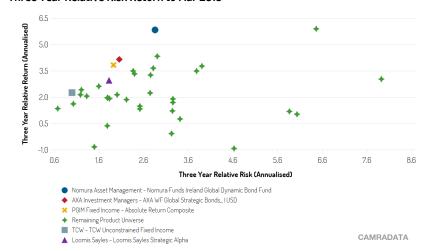
	Organization	Product Name	Excess Return %	Information Ratio	Wins - Losses %	Hit Rate %	Drawdown Strength	Score	Excess Risk %	Currency
1	M&G Investments	M&G Alpha Opportunities Fund (A EUR Share Class)	3.47	1.58	0.20	69.44	-0.81	0.76	2.20	EUR
2	NN Investment Partners Holdings N.V	NN First Class Yield Opportunities	4.45	1.29	0.09	69.44	-1.04	0.65	3.44	EUR
3	Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA	UBAM - Absolute Return Fixed Income	2.55	1.62	0.20	66.67	-1.22	0.60	1.57	EUR
4	Invesco Ltd.	Invesco Active Multi-Sector Credit Fund (A-Acc Shares)	4.19	1.38	0.15	69.44	-2.12	0.58	3.04	EUR
5	MacKay Shields LLC	MacKay Shields Unconstrained Bond Portfolio Class E1 EUR Shares	2.84	1.17	-0.02	72.22	-1.56	0.49	2.42	EUR
6	Vontobel Asset Management	Vontobel Fund - Bond Global Aggregate	2.73	0.67	0.17	58.33	-0.52	0.47	4.09	EUR
7	Insight Investment Management (Global) Limited	Bonds Plus Fund (EUR)	1.69	0.85	0.09	61.11	-1.53	0.32	1.98	EUR
8	La Française	La Française Lux - Multistratégies Obligataires	1.06	0.41	-0.26	66.67	-1.72	0.19	2.61	EUR

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#### Three Year Returns to Mar 2019



#### Three Year Relative Risk Return to Mar 2019



#### IQ Scores: - Benchmark: US INTERBANK 3 MTH (LDN:BBA) - TOT RETURN IND

	Organization	Product Name	Excess Return %	Information Ratio	Wins - Losses %	Hit Rate %	Drawdown Strength	Score	Excess Risk %	Currency
1	Nomura Asset Management	Nomura Funds Ireland Global Dynamic Bond Fund	5.82	2.02	0.39	69.44	-0.53	0.87	2.88	USD
2	PGIM Fixed Income	Absolute Return Composite	3.82	1.96	0.13	75.00	-0.84	0.83	1.95	USD
3	AXA Investment Managers	AXA WF Global Strategic Bonds_ I USD	4.14	1.99	0.33	69.44	-0.96	0.82	2.08	USD
4	Loomis Sayles	Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha	2.95	1.59	0.10	72.22	-0.70	0.73	1.85	USD
5	TCW	TCW Unconstrained Fixed Income	2.25	2.21	0.09	75.00	-1.16	0.72	1.02	USD
6	Payden & Rygel	Payden Absolute Return Investing (PARI) Composite	2.41	1.96	0.11	75.00	-1.37	0.71	1.23	USD
7	Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA	UBAM - Absolute Return Low Vol Fixed Income	1.34	1.91	0.05	75.00	-0.80	0.65	0.70	USD
8	Invesco Ltd.	Invesco Multi-Sector Credit Composite	4.32	1.47	0.06	72.22	-1.77	0.63	2.93	USD
9	BlackRock	BGF Fixed Income Global Opportunities Fund	2.61	1.61	0.11	69.44	-1.57	0.59	1.62	USD
10	MacKay Shields LLC	MacKay Shields Unconstrained Bond Portfolio Class E1 USD Shares	3.32	1.37	0.03	72.22	-1.55	0.59	2.42	USD
11	Stone Harbor Investment Partners LP	Multi Asset Credit - Composite	3.76	0.96	0.10	63.89	-1.29	0.58	3.93	USD
12	AB (AllianceBernstein)	Multi-Sector Credit	3.64	1.28	0.08	69.44	-1.64	0.56	2.84	USD
13	Amundi Asset Management	Amundi Funds II- Strategic Income - USD Pooled Lux	3.25	1.17	0.21	63.89	-1.95	0.54	2.78	USD
14	Hermes Investment Management	Hermes Absolute Return Credit Fund	2.05	1.52	0.10	69.44	-1.57	0.53	1.35	USD
15	Principal Global Investors	Global Credit Opportunities Composite	3.48	0.91	0.28	58.33	-2.03	0.50	3.81	USD
16	Wellington Management International Limited	Global Total Return Separate Account/Composite	1.85	0.83	0.18	55.56	-1.04	0.49	2.24	USD
17	J.P. Morgan Asset Management	JPM Global Strategic Bond Fund	2.13	1.05	0.02	66.67	-1.37	0.49	2.03	USD
18	Western Asset Management	Macro Opportunities Composite	5.88	0.91	-0.36	69.44	-1.42	0.49	6.49	USD
19	Pictet Asset Management	Global Fixed Income Absolute Return Consolidated	1.95	1.08	-0.02	69.44	-1.39	0.46	1.81	USD
20	Fulcrum Asset Management LLP	Fulcrum Fixed Income Absolute Return Strategy	0.36	0.20	0.20	41.67	-0.28	0.42	1.81	USD

# **Section 7:** Performance Tables

# 25: Performance - MSFI GBP

**GBF** 

Manager/Fund	3 Y	ears	1Y	ear	3 Months		
Ranked by performance over 3 years	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	
(Median of Universe)	2.7		0.57		2.01		
NN IP / NN (L) First Class Yield Opportunities(GBP)	6.94	(1)	-0.1	(26)	0.72	(28)	
TwentyFour AM / MI TwentyFour Investment Funds -	6.07	(2)	1.36	(11)	3.13	(9)	
TwentyFour AM / Vontobel Fund TwentyFour Strategic	5.84	(3)	1.39	(10)	3.23	(8)	
M&G / M&G Alpha Opportunities Fund (A GBP Share Class)	4.07	(4)	1.43	(8)	2.38	(16)	
M&G / M&G Alpha Opportunities Fund (B GBP Share Class)	4.07	(4)	1.42	(9)	2.38	(16)	
Putnam / Putnam Fixed Income Global Alpha Fund	4.03	(6)	0.97	(14)	3.02	(10)	
M&G / M&G Total Return Credit Investment Fund (F GBP	3.94	(7)	1.48	(4)	2.5	(14)	
M&G / M&G Total Return Credit Investment Fund (C GBP	3.93	(8)	1.47	(5)	2.5	(14)	
Stone Harbor / Multi Asset Credit - Composite GBP	3.91	(9)	0.31	(23)	5.21	(1)	
Amundi / Amundi Funds II- Strategic Income - GBP hedg	3.63	(10)	1.93	(2)	3.26	(7)	
MacKay Shields / MacKay Shields Unconstrained Bond	3.45	(11)	0.96	(16)	2.73	(12)	
Invesco / Invesco Global Unconstrained Bond Fund	3.38	(12)	0.13	(25)	2.54	(13)	
Stone Harbor / Stone Harbor Multi Asset Credit QIF Fund - I	2.93	(13)	-0.68	(28)	4.92	(3)	
J.P. Morgan / JPM Unconstrained Bond Fund	2.78	(14)	0.57	(18)	2.85	(11)	
Payden / Payden Absolute Return Investing (PARI)	2.7	(15)	1.44	(7)	2.05	(18)	
AB (AllianceBernstein) / AB Diversified Yield Plus	2.62	(16)	1.36	(11)	1.95	(20)	
Invesco / Invesco Tactical Bond Fund (UK)	2.61	(17)	0.35	(22)	1.19	(25)	
Loomis Sayles / Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha Fund - GBP	2.6	(18)	-0.29	(27)	1.12	(26)	
AB (AllianceBernstein) / AB Global Dynamic Bond Portfolio -	2.54	(19)	1.28	(13)	1.93	(21)	
BlackRock / BlackRock Absolute Return Bond Fund	2.03	(20)	0.2	(24)	1.41	(24)	
TCW / MetWest Unconstrained Bond Fund - UCITS (IGHG-	1.93	(21)	1.79	(3)	1.85	(22)	
Kames Capital / Kames Absolute Return Bond Global Fund	1.42	(22)	0.37	(21)	0.52	(29)	
Kames Capital / Kames Absolute Return Bond Fund	1.36	(23)	0.43	(19)	0.18	(31)	
Insight / Bonds Plus Fund (C0041)	0.5	(24)	-2.3	(31)	0.35	(30)	
Insight / Bonds Plus 400 Fund (C0894)	0.13	(25)	-5.45	(35)	0.16	(32)	

#### 26: Performance - MSFI EUR

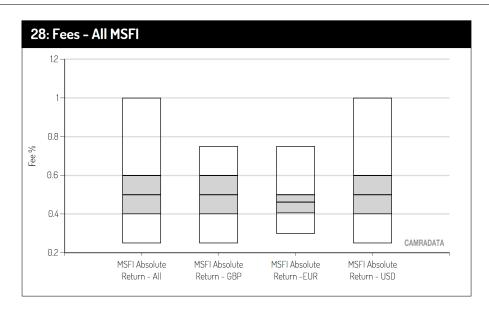
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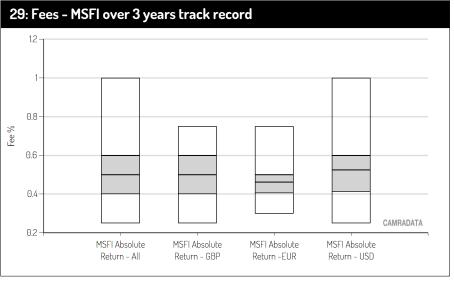
Manager/Fund		ears	1Y	ear	3 Months	
Ranked by performance over 3 years	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
(Median of Universe)	2.31		0.37		2.2	
NN IP / NN First Class Yield Opportunities	4.13	(1)	1.62	(5)	4.91	(1)
NN IP / NN (L) First Class Yield Opportunities	4.01	(2)	1.63	(4)	4.91	(1)
Invesco / Invesco Active Multi-Sector Credit Fund (A-Acc	3.87	(3)	1.15	(6)	4.69	(3)
Invesco / Invesco Global Total Return (EUR) Bond Fund	3.3	(4)	1.81	(3)	4.19	(4)
M&G / M&G Alpha Opportunities Fund (A EUR Share Class)	3.14	(5)	0.36	(11)	2.14	(11)
M&G / M&G Total Return Credit Investment Fund (A EUR	3	(6)	0.37	(10)	2.2	(10)
Amundi / Amundi Funds Credit Unconstrained	2.97	(7)	0.22	(13)	3.35	(5)
MacKay Shields / MacKay Shields Unconstrained Bond	2.51	(8)	-0.1	(14)	2.48	(8)
Vontobel / Vontobel Fund - Bond Global Aggregate	2.4	(9)	3.72	(1)	3.11	(6)
UBP / UBAM - Absolute Return Fixed Income	2.22	(10)	0.77	(9)	1.63	(14)
Amundi / Multi Asset Credit Representative Account	1.88	(11)	0.27	(12)	3.06	(7)
Insight / Bonds Plus Fund (EUR)	1.35	(12)	-1.26	(15)	0.62	(16)
NN IP / NN (L) Absolute Return Bond	1.23	(13)	0.9	(7)	1.91	(13)
NN IP / NN Absolute Return Bond	1.23	(13)	0.89	(8)	1.93	(12)
Vontobel / Vontobel Fund – Absolute Return Bond (EUR)	1.05	(15)	2.82	(2)	2.25	(9)
La Française / La Française Lux - Multistratégies	0.72	(16)	-3.77	(17)	0.97	(15)
Insight / BNY Mellon Absolute Return Bond (C0850)	-0.82	(17)	-5.33	(19)	-0.49	(18)
Insight / Absolute Insight Currency (EUR)	-3.56	(18)	-5.13	(18)	-1.1	(19)
Aviva Investors / Aviva Investors Multi Strategy Fixed			-2.71	(16)	0.34	(17)

# **Section 7:** Performance Tables

31 March 2019						USD
Manager/Fund	3 Y	ears	1Y	ear	3 Months	
Ranked by performance over 3 years	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
(Median of Universe)	3.6		3.07		2.995	
Western AM / Macro Opportunities Composite	7.31	(1)	0.73	(31)	5.15	(6)
NAM / Nomura Funds Ireland Global Dynamic Bond Fund	7.26	(2)	4.65	(8)	4.75	(10)
Invesco / Invesco Multi-Sector Credit Composite	5.8	(3)	3.75	(12)	5.2	(5)
AXA IM / AXA WF Global Strategic Bonds_ I USD	5.63	(4)	5.35	(4)	4.08	(13)
PGIM Fixed Income / Absolute Return Composite	5.31	(5)	2.96	(21)	2.71	(22)
Stone Harbor / Multi Asset Credit - Composite	5.26	(6)	2.31	(26)	5.82	(1)
AB (AllianceBernstein) / Multi-Sector Credit	5.14	(7)	4.29	(10)	5.46	(3)
Principal / Global Credit Opportunities Composite	4.99	(8)	4.6	(9)	5.75	(2)
MacKay Shields / Unconstrained Bond Composite	4.99	(8)	3.07	(20)	3.31	(16)
MacKay Shields / MacKay Shields Unconstrained Bond	4.82	(10)	2.77	(23)	3.23	(20)
Amundi / Amundi Funds II- Strategic Income - USD Pooled	4.76	(11)	3.59	(14)	3.69	(14)
Amundi / Absolute Return Bonds and Currencies High	4.54	(12)	-0.4	(33)	0.49	(38)
Loomis Sayles / Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha	4.47	(13)	2.19	(28)	2.15	(27)
BlackRock / BGF Fixed Income Global Opportunities Fund	4.14	(14)	2.3	(27)	2.76	(21)
Payden / Payden Absolute Return Investing (PARI)	3.94	(15)	3.18	(18)	2.51	(25)
TCW / TCW Unconstrained Fixed Income	3.78	(16)	2.96	(21)	1.25	(33)
AB (AllianceBernstein) / Multi-Sector Credit Portfolio S1	3.77	(17)	3.4	(16)	5.08	(7)
Payden / Payden Absolute Return Bond Fund	3.67	(18)	3.22	(17)	2.54	(24)
J.P. Morgan / JPM Global Strategic Bond Fund	3.67	(18)	2.56	(24)	3.39	(15)
Hermes / Hermes Absolute Return Credit Fund	3.6	(20)	3.97	(11)	3.29	(18)
Pictet / Pictet-Absolute Return Fixed Income	3.5	(21)	5.37	(3)	3.31	(16)
Pictet / Global Fixed Income Absolute Return Consolidated	3.5	(21)	5.32	(5)	3.29	(18)
Loomis Sayles / Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha Fund (Lux)	3.46	(23)	0.92	(30)	1.52	(31)
Manulife Investment Management (Europe) Limited /	3.44	(24)	0.98	(29)	5.28	(4)
Wellington / Global Total Return Separate	3.4	(25)	7.13	(1)	1.22	(34)

# **Section 8:** Fees





#### Asset management fees are typically based on a percentage of assets under management.

Whilst management fee structures vary from asset manager to asset manager, most tend to have a tier based approach charging percentages for different amounts. Some may also put in place a minimum investment amount or indeed a minimum fee.

However, for the purposed of the analysis shown here we are only looking at the First Tier percentage fee the asset managers are charging.

Please note asset managers will charge lower percentages for assets they manage above the first tier amount but these are not shown here.

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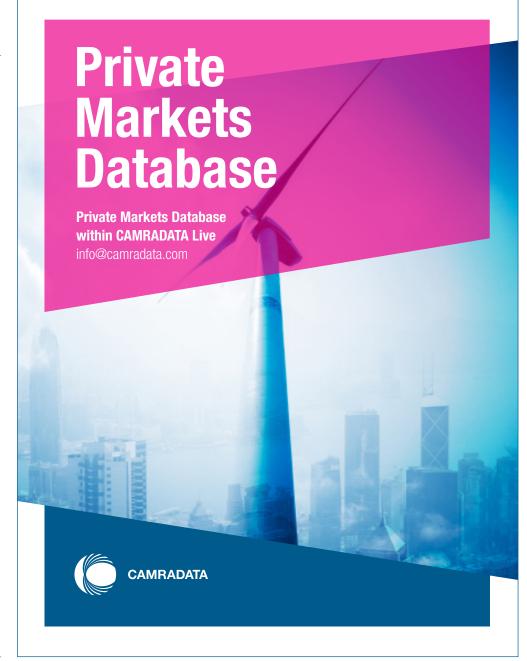
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