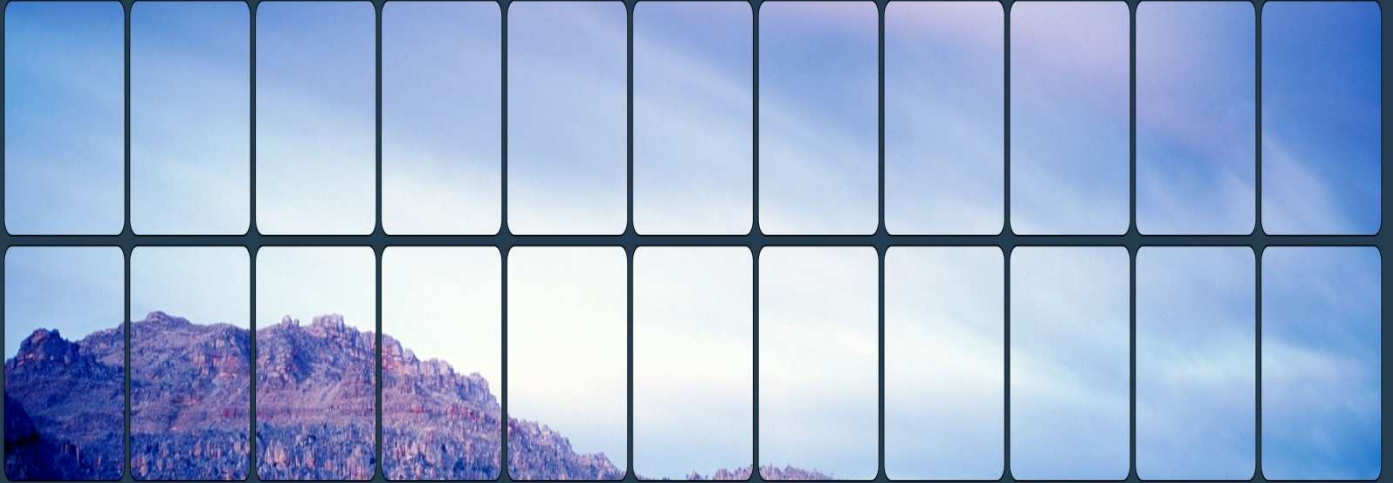


The Sentinel Fund



To watch over and guard

Sentinel OEIC

Fund Manager Quarterly Questionnaire

Period 30th September 2011

30th June 2011 to the 30th September 2011

FUND DETAILS

Fund: Sentinel Defensive Fund

Managing Group: Premier Asset Management

Manager: Paul Smith

PERSONNEL

1. Please detail any significant changes to the personnel involved in the management of the fund and the analysis of underlying stocks/funds. In particular, please detail the length and type of experience/qualification for any new team members.

None

2. Please give an approximation of total funds under management by the team managing the portfolio.

£ 235 m

INVESTMENT POLICY

3. Has there been any change to your investment research systems or your style of management?

No

4. What changes have you made to the Asset Allocation of the Fund?

We have increased our holdings in zeros, synthetic zeros, reduced our fixed income exposure slightly and maintained our level of cash in the fund.

5. What is the rationale for these changes and what impact do you expect this to have on performance?

Credit spreads have widened dramatically leading to weak equity markets and volatility. Consequently Zeros and Synthetic zeros became more attractive and investments were made. In addition investing in well covered zeros should help the fund to achieve steady capital growth. This defensive quality was further amplified by maintaining our cash weighting.

6. What has been your portfolio turnover level and is this higher or lower than you would normally expect?

Normal

7. Are you confident that you have negotiated the best possible terms and have all discounts and rebates against initial charges and AMCs on underlying funds been negotiated by you and notified to Premier so that they can ensure these are received by the fund? Are you actively aiming to reduce the TER of the fund?

Yes

8. Please list any funds that where the underlying TER of the fund NET of any rebate is greater than 1.5%. (If yes please complete the additional TER slide in the IC quarterly presentation)

None

9. Please supply 1 or 2 examples of good investments decisions you have made at stock level which have contributed to your performance.

At the beginning of the reporting period – we invested in Brevin Howard Global, an 'Alternative' holding in the Sentinel Defensive Fund. Over the quarter the NAV of this holding grew 3.89% despite hugely volatile markets, with the share price increasing by 8.20%

10. Please also provide an example of a poor investment and how you have dealt with this to minimise the loss to the fund.

The value of our Lloyds floating rate note fell over the reporting period, this was off the back of the general widening in credit spreads experienced over the quarter, led by financials. Subsequently, structured products suffered as the spread of the issuing banks widened and hence prices fell. Adverse movements in the fund were reduced by holding shorter duration synthetic zeros and defensive autocalls with reasonable downside protection to the initial autocall levels. For example, although BofA credit spread widened dramatically (CDS from 150bps to over 400bps during the quarter) our defensive autocall was called at its first call date due to initial downside protection; returning 4.70% over the quarter.

11. How have you managed the cash content in the portfolio with a view to maximising the return to the fund?

Over the period there was a limited cash position which we held for defensive purposes.

12. Are you happy with your stock selection across each sector?

Yes

13. If, not what changes are you looking to make over the next quarter and why?

n/a

14. Are there any particular factors which you feel have affected the performance or volatility of the fund?

A widening of senior financial spreads to record levels.