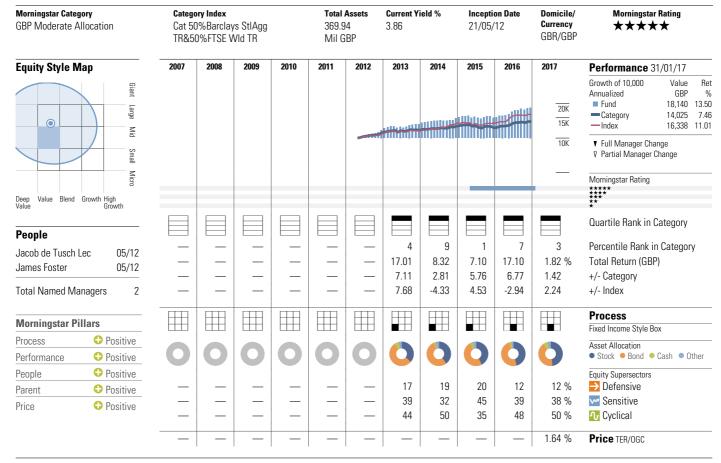
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Analyst View

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Strong choice for investors seeking income from a mixed-assets fund.

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The fund has been managed from inception by James Foster and Jacob de Tusch-Lec. who are responsible for the portfolio's respective bond and equity holdings, split approximately 60:40. It has a strong track record, ranking at the top of the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares peer group and its category over the three-year period to end September 2016 and from inception in May 2012. Each of the managers brings a strong longer-term track record. Foster, in particular, has managed strategic bond funds across several market cycles, achieving long-term outperformance of the peer group. He manages the fixed income portion of this fund similarly to the Artemis Strategic Bond Fund. De Tusch-Lec manages the equities portion of this fund similarly to the Artemis Global Income fund, which he has managed from inception in July 2010, achieving significant outperformance. He selects from holdings in the Global Income portfolio, including all of the core positions but normally with less exposure to higher-risk special situations.

In general, the success of this fund is attributable to the managers' security selection.

This starts with their other funds' holdings. However, there is further selection aimed at meeting the fund's regular income mandate as well as looking for where is the best return potential within companies' capital structure. For example, banks exposure has generally been taken through fixed income securities rather than equities during the life of the fund, while exposure to consumer companies has been taken more typically through equities. During 2016, De Tusch-Lec has found more value in cyclical companies, adding in significant positions in Aberdeen and BHP Billiton. These have been introduced in conjunction with a position in gilts to manage the portfolio's market exposure. The successful partnership between the fund's two proven managers earns the fund a Morningstar Analyst Rating of Bronze.



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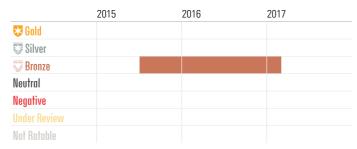
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