SHINING A LIGHT ON THE...... Nomura Global Dynamic Bond Fund

AT A GLANCE

| Investment Objective |
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| To provide a combination of income and growth through investing principally in debt securities with |
| fixed or variable rates of income. |

| Inception Date | 30 January 2015 | | |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| Fund Factsheet Link | http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snaps | | |
| | hot/snapshot.aspx?id=F00000VB9B | | |

| Management | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Manager Name | Start Date |
| Richard Hodges | 30 January 2015 |

| Top 10 Holdings | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------|--|--|
| Total number of holdings | 69 | 69 | | |
| Assets in Top 10 Holdings | 36.13% | 36.13% | | |
| Name | Sector | % of Assets | | |
| United States Treasury Notes 0.88 | - | 14.79% | | |
| Spain (Kingdom of) 2.9 | - | 5.28% | | |
| Obrigacoe 2.125% 10/17/28/Eur/ | - | 2.93% | | |
| Portugal (Republic Of) 5.12 | - | 1.97% | | |
| Achmea BV 4.25 | - | 1.92% | | |
| Unione di Banche Italiane Societa per | - | 1.89% | | |
| Arab Rep Egypt 5.577% | - | 1.88% | | |
| Ind & Com B C/Dub V/R 03/05/21 | - | 1.85% | | |
| Cds Na 01.000 Sp 12/20/2027 Gstrus33x | - | 1.83% | | |
| Italy (Republic Of) 2.7 | - | 1.80% | | |

| Volatility Measurements | |
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| 3-Yr Std Dev (volatility) | 3.62% |
| 3-Yr Mean Return (average) | 3.25% |

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 30th January 2015 to 30 June 2018:

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Nomura Funds Global Dynamic Bond Fund | -4.18% | 6.51% | 5.95% | -0.47% |
| Vanguard Global Bond Index | -0.43% | 3.51% | 2.00% | -0.73% |

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Performance over 12 months, 3 years and since launch:

| | 1 year | 3 years | Since launch |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| Nomura Funds Global Dynamic Bond Fund | 2.31% | 10.07% | 7.62% |
| Vanguard Global Bond Index | 0.21% | 6.33% | 4.36% |

You should note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns and the value of your investments can fall as well as rise. The total return reflects performance without sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all on-going fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be reduced.



UPDATE....

Richard started the presentation by explaining that many people think the bond market is on its last legs, and therefore there is little point investing. Richard would disagree with this but even if in part this is true he feels that this fund can respond to whatever the market is doing. The fund is managed with a total return mindset meaning that the fund looks to protect on the downside (i.e. falling markets), as well as participating when the markets go up.

The long-term aim is to deliver a yield (income) of between 3% and 5% with a small amount of growth. At the same time Richard wants to keep volatility low. Against the index the volatility is slightly higher but still below 4%. The maximum is 7/8% but the reality is that Richard wants to keep it below 4%. The fund has delivered stronger performance than the index.

Richard explained that he ran a similar strategy at L&G and this follows the same process. He doesn't look to match the index (in terms of investments he holds) and will invest where he sees opportunities. This means he looks across a variety of asset classes including Global Emerging Markets, High Yield, Convertibles, Sovereign Debt etc.

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He is currently finding opportunities in Portuguese Government Bonds, Japanese Convertible Bonds, Indian Bonds and Emerging Markets. The fund will be 80% invested at all times. The key to success for the fund is being active in finding opportunities and Richard believes he has the track record to prove he can do this.

In summary, the fund fundamentally is there to protect in a falling market and will likely be blended with equity investments. Richard has a strong record and the focus on driving positive returns over the long term is important. As with any fund it is worth considering other funds before deciding whether this is the right fund for you.

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