

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....  
Semper Total Return Fund**

**AT A GLANCE**

<b>Investment Objective</b>	
The investment objective of the Fund is to generate capital growth over the medium to longer term.	

<b>Inception Date</b>	29 March 2018
<b>Fund Factsheet Link</b>	<a href="https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F000010E7X">https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F000010E7X</a>

<b>Management</b>	
<b>Manager Name</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
-	29 March 2018

<b>Investment Style Details</b>	
<b>Equity Style</b>	
<b>Market Capitalisation</b>	<b>% of Equity</b>
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-	-
-	-
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<b>Top 10 Holdings</b>			
<b>Total number of holdings</b>	281		
<b>Assets in Top 10 Holdings</b>	11.74%		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>% of Assets</b>	
United States Treasury Bills 0%	-	3.54%	
Tricon American Homes 2015-SFR1 Trust...	-	1.05%	
LSTAR SECURITIES INVESTMENT LTD 2.87%	-	1.00%	
Federal National Mortgage Association...	-	0.97%	
Freddie Mac Stacr Remic Trust 2019-Dn...	-	0.96%	
COREVEST AMERICAN FINANCE TRUST 4.82%	-	0.93%	
Volt Lxxxvi Llc 2020-Npl2 3.67%	-	0.85%	
Fhlmc Wlst 4.14%	-	0.84%	
LSTAR SECURITIES INVESTMENT LTD 2.67%	-	0.80%	
American Home Mtg 0.37%	-	0.80%	

<b>Volatility Measurements</b>	
<b>3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)</b>	-
<b>3-Yr Mean Return (average)</b>	-

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## FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 29 March 2018 to 30 June 2020:

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Semper Total Return Fund</b>	11.94%	0.90%	-11.34%
<b>Vanguard Global Bond Index</b>	0.39%	6.63%	3.41%

Performance over 12 months, and since launch.

	1 year	Since launch
<b>Semper Total Return Fund</b>	-13.06%	0.15%
<b>Vanguard Global Bond Index</b>	4.80%	10.70%

*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....

**These updates have been written at the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020, which has impacted the global financial markets in a way that has never been seen before.**

This was a brief introduction to the fund and the team. Semper is a US based company founded in 1992 and managing \$2.5 billion. The strategy was launched in the UK in 2018 but has been running in the US since 2013. There is currently circa \$320 million invested across the different strategies.

For investors searching for alternatives this might be a strategy to consider. It is uncorrelated to equity markets as it invests in US mortgage backed securities. They see this as an extremely strong relative value proposition and although it has underperformed in the recent market, they feel this has increased the opportunities available to them.

This fund provides direct exposure to the US real estate eco system. Built over many years they understand which are safe mortgages i.e. those that will be repaid and those that will not. The focus is on the health and quality of the underlying borrower and this involves drilling into the underwriting for these loans.

There are \$8 trillion of loans and they look to provide direct exposure to this space by diversifying across different structures to deliver the best returns. The types of areas they invest in are legacy loans which makes up about 39% of the portfolio, next generation issued post the financial crisis which makes up 35% of the portfolio and the balance is in new issues.

They are active managers looking for the best opportunities sets and constantly model the different potential returns as well as looking to minimise risk for investors. The portfolio has just over 250 securities and 400,000 individual home loans.

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In summary, for investors looking for an alternative investment this might be one to consider. Mortgage back securities had negative implications during the financial crisis, so this is not risk free. More work would be needed to understand the performance during the recent market downturn, and understand how they would mitigate risk if another financial crisis occurred.

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