



Who runs the fund? Bentham Asset Management, a specialist global credit investment manager. It was founded by a team from Credit Suisse. Main men are Richard Quin, Nik Persic and Mark Fabry.

The basics: High-yield fund, meaning it invests in fixed-income but seeks a higher return (with higher risk) than mainstream government bonds and other highly rated securities.

The process: Selection is based on relative value, with an emphasis on preservation of capital and protection against downside risk, with diversification across industry and issuer. (In truth, it's all well and good to say "emphasis on preservation of capital", but there's no denying high yield is riskier than other forms of debt.) In particular, it holds US corporate debt securities rated below investment grade, with some exposure to syndicated loans and (cover your ears) collateralised debt obligations.

The bottom line: Impressive in recent years. Morningstar ranks it second among high-yield products over the past three years, with an outstanding 18.01 per cent a year over that period to May 31. And it's not just the three-year return: 5.47 per cent over the last year is decent, and 8.41 per cent over the past five years excellent.

Fees: In wholesale form, 0.79 per cent, but with a hefty 0.45 per cent buy/sell spread. For retail investors who can't access it through a platform, go to Challenger Investor Services.

Verdict: A risky area but delivering results.

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