

## The Pennine Pathfinder Fund



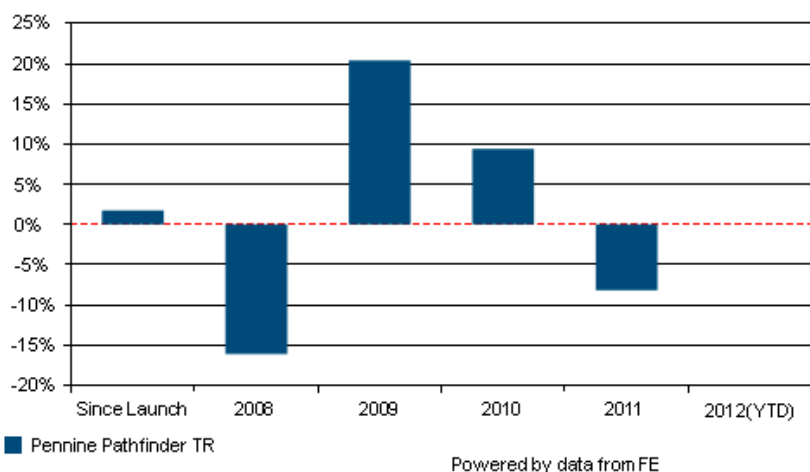
## | Fund Strategy |

- The Fund adopts a truly multi asset approach to investing, looking beyond the traditional portfolio asset classes of equities, bonds and cash to include alternatives such as absolute return strategies, structured products, private equity, commodities and property.
- We believe equities are the key driver of long term performance for an investment portfolio. By utilising other asset classes that display low or no correlation to equities, within an actively managed portfolio, we are able to offer investors a percentage of the upside that long term equity investing offers whilst significantly reducing the inevitable short term volatility associated with this asset class.
- We are aiming to achieve a positive return regardless of the prevailing market conditions. The Fund offers the potential for some downside protection during periods of volatility in global equity markets, ensuring a smoother ride in pursuit of long term growth.

## | Fund Objectives |

To provide medium to long-term capital growth from a portfolio of global investments.

## Performance Record



## Discrete Annual Performance (%)

Share Type	2012(YTD)	2011	2010	2009	2008
Accumulation	-	-8.2	9.4	20.4	-16.1

## Discrete Annual Performance to Quarter End 31 December 2011 (%)

Share Type	31/12/2010	31/12/2009	31/12/2008	31/12/2007	31/12/2006
Accumulation	-8.2	9.4	20.4	-16.1	-

## Cumulative Performance to 31 December 2011 (%)

Share Type	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Accumulation	1.3	-7.7	-8.2	20.9	-

Source: Financial Express Analytics. Quoted on a bid to bid, total return, UK Sterling basis. Past performance is not a guide to the future. The price of units and shares and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may get back less than you invested. Exchange rates will also cause the value of underlying investments to fall or rise.

Source: Financial Express. 11/01/2012

## | Key Facts |

<b>Fund Size:</b>	£20.6m
<b>Launch Date:</b>	5 October 2007
<b>Benchmark:</b>	Libor + 3% over 3 years
<b>Sector:</b>	IMA Unclassified

## | Top 10 Holdings |

	%
Cash	9.44
ASIAN TOTAL RETURN C IN SCHRO	6.15
CATCO REINSURANCE ORD USD0.0001 C S	5.36
M&G INVESTMENT MAN OPTIMAL INCOME	5.18
LIONTRUST FUND PAR EUROPEAN ABSOLUTE	5.10
ARTEMIS FD MNGRS INCOME I INC	5.07
HENDERSON GBL INVS UK ABSOLUTE RTN	5.06
MUZINICH FUNDS SHT DUR HGH YLD HGD	5.00
CAPITA FINL MNGRS ECLECTICA CF ABS	4.98
ABSOLUTE INSIGHT F CREDIT B2P2 GBP	3.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55.21</b>

## | Asset Allocation |

	%
Absolute Return	21.7
Global Equity	19.6
Corporate Bond	17.7
UK Equity	14.6
Cash	9.4
Specialist	5.4
Commodity	5.1
Property	4.6
Private Equity	1.9

## | Equity Geographical Breakdown |

	%
Global Other	6.5
Asia	6.2
Japan	3.3
US	2.2
Europe	1.4

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## Fund developments and comments

## Pennine Pathfinder Fund, Investment Manager - John Husselbee



December saw the conclusion of yet another 'emergency summit' by Eurozone leaders. Despite repeated disappointments following previous summits, markets yet again gave politicians the benefit of the doubt, with risk assets moving higher in the lead up to the meeting. Somewhat predictably, it turned out to be another case of 'buy the rumour', 'sell the fact'. Although the latest plan included a commitment by 26

European Union (EU) Nations (the UK opted out) toward a greater fiscal unity, once again limited detail was provided how the mechanics would work in practice.

Following the initial disappointment that greeted the results of the EU Summit, equity markets gradually moved higher toward month end, albeit on very thin volumes.

While the UK, US and European markets all posted positive gains, Emerging Markets continued to lag.

Gilt yields continued to fall as the bond market remained on 'red alert' over the events unfolding in the Eurozone. Improved US economic data has not been enough to stop safe-haven buying in gilts, bunds and treasuries. Credit enjoyed a good month, with high yield the strongest performer.

## Portfolio Commentary

Gilt yields remained anchored to near historical lows. It is possible a further deterioration in the global economy or in Europe could send yields lower. However, this does not equate to a sensible investment case. The 2% yield investors currently receive for buying 10 year government debt offers precious little protection against inflation and provides no cushion against the potential capital loss associated with a steep back up in yields. For us, they remain an unattractive asset class whose value is being driven by non-price sensitive buyers.

We continue to see good risk return characteristics in credit, in particular short duration high yield strategies where the default rate remaining low throughout 2012 and believe the currently yields of 5-6% more than compensate investors for default risk.

With the number of non-correlated asset classes continuing to dwindle, we have looked to alternative investment strategies in order to add further diversification to the portfolios. December saw the investment of CATco Reinsurance Fund across the fund. The vehicle provides reinsurance cover to reinsurers and has displayed a return profile completely uncorrelated to any other asset class.

## Outlook

We enter 2012 with a fairly cautious tone. The hurdles facing the global economy should not be underestimated and with many asset prices appearing fully valued, the risks appear to lie to the downside. The good news is there are pockets of genuine value, in certain cases extremely good value. We have positioned the fund in order to benefit from a re-rating in these assets, while at the same time also exploring alternative investments to provide the fund with much needed diversification in the current environment.

## Fund Information

Annual Management Charge	1.50%
Initial Charge	5.55%
Accounting Dates	28 Feb, 31 Aug
Payment Dates	30 Jun, 31 Oct
Valuation Point	12 noon, daily
Sedol Code	Acc: B23Z470, Inc: B23Z469
Published Price	www.thepenninefund.co.uk
Share Class	Accumulation & Income
ISA eligible	Yes, stocks & shares
Min. Investment	£1,000 / £100pm

## Investment Team

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## I John Husselbee, Chief Executive I

John Husselbee is Chief Executive of North, where he and his team have fund management responsibility for over £245 million of assets. John has over twenty years' investment experience. Before launching North, John was Director of Multi Manager Investment at Henderson Global Investors, where he was responsible for a full range of mutual fund portfolios and products totalling over £750m. He joined Henderson in 1996 from Rothschilds Asset Management where he was responsible for the launch and ongoing management of their portfolio management service. John is a well respected industry commentator and sits on the selection committee for the prestigious Investment Week Fund Manager of the Year Awards.

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