### **Global Conservative Absolute Growth Fund**



31 January 2015

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#### Risk Profile of the Fund Moderate Risk

#### Investment mandate and objective

The USD based international conservative balanced fund comprises diversified asset classes and investment strategies, with a low to medium exposure to equities and absolute return managers. The fund includes multiple specialized managers, through various geographic locations, which culminate in a low to medium risk fund. The fund aims to achieve an absolute return of cash plus 3%, over rolling 3 year periods. The fund is priced in USD.

Investment features: USD based international exposure

Multiple asset class exposure Diversified investment strategies

#### Cumulative performance since inception (%) 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% -10% 15 èep-May. Э'n Benchmark GTC Global CAG

Performance since inception (%)							
		6 Month	1 Year	2 Year*	3 Year*	5 Year*	Since Inception
GCAGs Fund (\$)	-2.26	-4.65	0.24	1.45	4.23	3.66	3.70
Benchmark**	-2.31	-3.56	-0.74	0.93	1.79	2.27	3.06
Absolute Target Return <sup>1</sup>	1.59	3.20	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50

The composite benchmark has been adjusted for fees.

**Fund Facts** 

Manager: Coronation International Inception date: September '01

Composite Benchmark consists of Benchmark: 35% MSCI World Index [\$], 45%

Citigroup World Government Bond Index [\$], 20% US T-Bills[\$]

Absolute target return: The absolute return target on this fund is to attain growth in excess

of 6.5% per year

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Composite Benchmark came into use on 1 Oct 09 and consists of 35% MSCI World Index[\$], 45% Citigroup World Government Bond Index[\$], 20% US T-Bills[\$], prior to 1 Oct 09 the benchmark used

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The absolute return target on this fund is to attain growth in excess of 6.5% per year All performances shown are one month in arrears

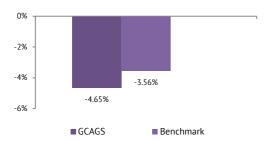
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#### 6 month performances (%)



#### Strategy allocation as at 31 January 2014



#### Top 10 equity holdings (%)

# As at 31 December 2014 Apollo Global Management Blackstone Group Comcast Corporation Discovery Communications eBay Inc Fortress Investment Group KKR & Co Porsche Automobil Tata Motors Twenty-First Century Fox

#### Portfolio comment

Volatility was the hallmark of global markets during the month of December driven by continued low interest rate policies as well as a rapidly falling oil price. This was evidenced by the fluctuations in the S&P 500 which declined almost 5% mid-month to rebound strongly at month end to close just below record highs. This sudden rebound was occasioned by a statement from the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee (FOMC) that they would be "patient" with regard to the normalisation of monetary policy. Stock market volatility as measured by the VIX, which measures market expectation of near term volatility, rose to an intra-month high of 23.57. The MSCI World gained 1.1% USD over the quarter driven almost exclusively by the US (4.81%), with Europe and Japan falling 4.30% and 2.40% respectively. 2014 has seen the US dollar gaining against all global currencies with both the Yen and the Euro losing more than 12% against the rampant greenback. Coupled with falling commodity prices, notably oil, markets were notably volatile with a wide dispersion in market returns.

Fixed income markets fared little better, with the Citigroup Global Bond Index showing a 2.15% detraction over the quarter ending the year in negative territory.

The fund had a disappointing quarter with exposure to EM markets detracting. It should be highlighted that investment decisions within the fund are based on long term prospects and earnings streams of individual companies as opposed to any short term macroeconomic outlook or individual company prospects. The fund remains defensively positioned with the anticipation of continued volatility.

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