

# Press Release



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## **Newton's multi-asset approach delivers strong performance despite challenging markets**

*Newton Exempt Fund and Newton Global Balanced Fund Outperform CAPS Balanced Median over 1, 3, 5 and 10 years\**

*Newton Absolute Intrepid Fund delivers +10.3%pa against one month Libor of +5.3% over last 3 years*

LONDON, 10 February 2009 – Newton Investment Management Limited's single portfolio approach to multi-asset investing positioned its funds ahead of the competition in 2008, according to statistics published last week.

The Newton Exempt Fund was positioned first, and the Newton Global Balanced Fund second, in the Balanced sector of BNY Mellon Asset Servicing's latest quarterly CAPS survey over one, three and five years. Both Funds have also delivered consistent above median performance returns over 10 years\*:

	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year
Newton Exempt Fund	-3.0%	+7.6%	+11.5%	+6.7%
Newton Global Balanced Fund	-3.2%	+7.4%	+11.3%	+6.9%
Balanced Sector Median	-19.8%	-1.0%	+5.6%	+3.2%

In addition, over three, five and ten years, these two funds have not only outperformed the median, but also key equity, bond and cash indices\*\*:

	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year
FTSE All Share Index	-29.9%	-4.8%	+3.5%	+1.2%
FTSE W World Index	-18.3%	-1.7%	+5.0%	+1.8%
FTSE Gov't Over 15yr Index	+13.6%	+5.3%	+7.0%	+5.2%
ML Sterling Non-Gilts 10+ Yrs Index	-6.2%	-2.3%	+2.2%	+4.3%
One month Libor	+5.4%	+5.3%	+5.0%	+4.9%

Newton's holistic approach of retaining perspective and focusing ideas through the use of themes has generated strong returns for investors. The firm underlines the fact that multi-asset investment management can be tailored to meet a range of different objectives, evidenced by the development of single portfolio multi-asset funds with unconstrained, targeted orientations such as the Newton Absolute Intrepid Fund. This Fund invests without limitations in 'conventional' asset classes but uses

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downside protection tools and income-generating derivatives to enhance returns. This strategy, a pure application of Newton's global multi-asset approach, has generated a three year annualized return of +10.3%pa and over 2008 rose by +6.1%, gross of fees, despite one of the worst bear markets in living memory.

Jeff Munroe, chief investment officer, Newton Investment Management, comments: "Newton funds are different from the bulk of the competition. The flexibility and perspective offered by the single portfolio approach to investment has been key in a time of such market turmoil.

Iain Stewart, investment manager, added: "We believe that economic downdraft, following in the wake of the credit crisis, represents a major inflection point rather than a temporary cyclical phenomenon, and have therefore positioned our multi-asset strategies cautiously over the last few years. This positioning, coupled with a focus on stable, cash generative equity sectors (like pharmaceuticals and telecommunications), and an exposure to international government bonds and commodities like gold, provided strong positive returns in the final quarter of the year."

Jeff Munroe concludes: "Newton strongly believes that the 'multi-asset' approach is as valid today as it was when the company was launched. Indeed, in a challenging environment where the only certainty seems to be combined volatility, the flexibility to build single portfolios from a range of asset classes is extremely valuable. Equally our ability to retain perspective through seeking global investment opportunities is a significant competitive advantage. We see multi-asset strategies as highly relevant for both large and small DB and DC schemes."

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**Notes to Editors:**

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