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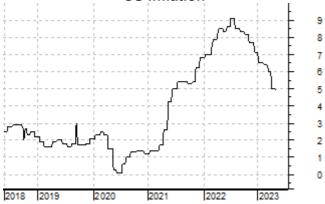
World Stockmarket Forecasts

Stockmarket	One-Year Forecast	Fundamental Indicators	Technical Indicators	Monetary Indicators	Economic Indicators	Historical 3 mths	Performance 6 mths	<u>(in US\$)</u> 12 mths	Share Index
Australia	49%	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	-6.3%	+0.5%	-5.1%	7,214.90
Austria	49%	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	-6.2%	+4.2%	+6.9%	3,176.93
Belgium	49%	Neutral	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	-2.1%	+7.3%	-1.1%	3,741.07
Canada	43%	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	-2.2%	-0.5%	-3.0%	20,419.62
Denmark		Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+14.4%	+31.2%	+37.9%	2,137.81
Finland		Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Bearish	-4.6%	+0.5%	+0.7%	10,490.02
France	52%	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+5.1%	+16.9%	+19.0%	5,530.36
Germany	63%	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+5.8%	+17.5%	+18.3%	15,913.82
Ireland		Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	+10.5%	+22.5%	+25.4%	8,545.40
Italy		Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+1.7%	+16.8%	+17.1%	29,482.74
Japan	59%	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	+3.0%	+6.5%	+6.0%	29,388.30
Netherlands	50%	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+1.8%	+12.5%	+13.1%	752.99
New Zealand		Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	-10.5%	-9.3%	-18.7%	1,368.42
Norway		Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	-7.4%	-7.2%	-8.0%	1,382.04
Spain	50%	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+2.7%	+19.7%	+14.7%	916.19
Sweden	51%	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	-1.7%	+1.3%	-9.0%	1,356.44
Switzerland		Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+7.1%	+9.4%	+10.8%	11,564.73
Un. Kingdom	02%	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+1.6%	+11.9%	+6.4%	7,754.62
USA	38%	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+0.8%	+3.3%	+2.5%	4,124.08
Argentina	55%	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+6.9%	+49.8%	+85.3%	321,529.60
Brazil	62%	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	+7.0%	+4.4%	+4.5%	108,464.00
Czech Rep.	69%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+1.5%	+17.7%	+15.7%	1,371.71
Chile	80%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	+1.9%	+10.1%	+24.0%	28,503.15
China	55%	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-1.8%	+8.3%	+3.7%	3,272.36
Greece	58%	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+6.9%	+31.4%	+35.0%	1,122.75
Egynt	42%	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	-3.2%	+15.9%	-4.1%	17,270.69
Egypt Hong Kong	32%	Neutral	Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	-7.3%	+13.2%	-1.3%	19,627.24
Hungary	<u>60%</u>	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	+6.7%	+21.1%	+21.3%	46,073.98
India	59%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+2.6%	-1.6%	+10.7%	62,027.90
India Indonesia	53%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Bearish	-0.3%	-1.3%	+0.2%	6,707.76
Israel	50%	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	-4.2%	-15.4%	-13.5%	1,811.23
Korea	49%	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-5.2%	-2.1%	-9.2%	2,475.42
Korea Malaysia	55%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-6.6%	+0.2%	-9.4%	1,422.92
Mexico	65%	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+11.2%	+17.4%		· ·
Philippines		Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	-6.7%	+7.1%	-3.4%	6,578.15
Poland		Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+14.0%	+27.3%	+25.0%	63,669.39
Portugal		Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+7.0%	+11.1%	+15.6%	4,643.57
Russia		Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	+1.3%	-29.9%	-23.7%	1,038.32
Singapore		Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	Bullish	-4.5%	+2.0%	+4.6%	337.60
Sth Africa		Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	-7.3%	-1.9%	-1.6%	72,961.36
Taiwan		Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	-2.6%	+11.7%	-5.3%	15,502.36
Thailand	45%	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-6.9%	+1.0%	+0.7%	1,561.35
Turkey		Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+2.3%	+1.8%	+56.6%	4,795.61
Venezuela		Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+22.4%	+19.2%	+10.3%	34,108.56
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One Year Forecasts predict the probability that a stock-market will rise over the next year. Investors should seek to invest in markets with forecasts of 60-100%, while avoiding markets with forecasts of 0-40%. Bullish = Favourable. Bearish = Unfavourable.

World Stockmarket Outlook

United States Consumer Price Index Inflation peaked at 9.1% in mid-2022 and has since fallen back to 4.9%. **US Inflation**



That is above the official "target" rate of 2.0%, but we believe the Central Banks secretly want inflation around current levels (i.e. mid-single digit) to *deflate* the value of debt. Therefore we expect that in the coming months the Federal Reserve will claim it has "won" its battle to control inflation. <u>That would allow interest rates</u> to remain steady, removing pressure on the economy and <u>the banking sector</u> (which experiences "losses" when interest rates rise as it must "mark-to-market" the reduced value of long term government bonds).

Other countries, however, still have higher inflation rates. The United Kingdom CPI peaked at 11.1% and is down only slightly to 10.1%. Germany has done better, with CPI peaking at 10.4% and now down to 7.2%.

Inflation is still *too high* but getting better and probably not the "crisis" that justifies aggressively raising interest rates significantly further and damaging economic activity.

Government Subsidies

An "Inflation Reduction Act" to hand out government grants, low-interest loans and tax credits? That all sounds rather inflationary but we are told this will "reduce the trade deficit" and we are told that will "reduce inflation". If you want to know *how* that is supposed to work, don't ask an Economist! Ask a Politician. They, apparently, have the answer to everything.

But perhaps this is really just a continuation of the money printing that became popular during Covid-19. The current "crisis" is *climate change* so the US government will hand out cash grants, low interest loans and tax "credits" (transferable or redeemable in cash) for businesses involved in generating renewable energy or mining/processing renewable energy minerals in the United States.

If this was really about *climate change*, then it wouldn't matter *where* the energy or critical materials were mined or processed. So clearly this is mainly about protectionism of US businesses, dressed up and sold to the electorate (and international partners) as a *climate change* policy.

Grants and loans could be very valuable, but tax credits - equal to about 10% of operating costs - will be a major on-going subsidy to US industry.

Australia has responded with its own grants, loans and potential subsidies in the form of a "National Reconstruction Fund" to promote renewable energy and battery production businesses in Australia.

The **European Commission** is working on the *Green Deal Industrial Plan* to compete (and stop potential European business expansion being re-located to the US). Details have yet to be finalised, but will emphasise "better access to finance" for "net-zero technologies".

So other regular businesses, ones that don't qualify for the grants and low-interest loans and tax credits may *also* find themselves "crowded out" of credit markets. Banks will lend to renewable energy businesses (with government loan guarantees) but not to regular businesses (with no government guarantee) or make only limited *risky* loans at much higher interest rates to regular businesses.

At the same time, governments will print as much money as it takes to push through the development of renewable energy businesses locally.

Of course, you can't buy everything with just money. If there is a shortage of critical materials then it could take 15-20 years to find new resources and bring them into production and in the meantime commodity prices would rise significantly. The recent European energy shortage shows how governments respond to this by providing subsidies to manufacturers and consumers to deal with the higher prices!!

Our portfolio already has an exposure to critical renewable energy minerals through commodity funds. With governments increasing their involvement in business - and directing the availability of capital to selected industries - it may become ever more important to focus on these selected "green" businesses. As these businesses grow, it is also likely that more funds will target these sectors, providing a wider choice for investors.

This is an area where we shall be looking for potential new investments for the future.

Recommended International Investment Funds

Dividends

CQS Natural Resources Growth and Income will pay a quarterly dividend of 1.26 pence on 26 May (ex-dividend 27 April).

abrdn Asia Focus will pay a third interim dividend of 1.60 pence on 23 June (ex-dividend 25 May).

Share Repurchases

Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust made two on-market share repurchases over the last five weeks to acquire 40,000 shares for £490,994.

Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies repurchased 64,500 of it own shares on-market in nine trades, returning £767,129 to investors.

Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon made five trades, repurchasing a total of 250,000 shares at a discount to net asset value at a cost of £369,116.

Fidelity Japan Trust made two trades, repurchasing a total of 100,000 shares for £174,250.

Templeton Emerging Markets was very active, repurchasing 3,915,101 shares on-market in 16 trades at a cost of £5,769,584.

Current Advice Investment Fund	EPIC Code	Initial Re Date			Prem/ Disc to Net Assets	<u>Recent P</u> Bid-Offer or Last Sale	Price NZ Cents	Gain or Loss %
United States								
HOLD iShares S&P500 Utilities United Kingdom	IUSU	13/08/18	422.3p	819.4		631.75p	1270.4	+55
BUY Aberforth Smaller Cos Tr Gold & Commodi		15/07/03	375.5p	1042.0	-14%	1264.0p	2541.7	+144
BUY VanEck V. Gold Miners	GDGB	14/01/19	1731.0p	3253.8		2934.0p	5899.9	+81
BUY VanEck V. Junior Gold N	liners GJGB	14/01/19	2011.0p	3780.1		2757.0p	5543.9	+47
BUY CQS Natural Resources	G&I CYN	11/01/21	136.8p	256.1	-15%	171.0p	343.9	+34
Asian Regional								
HOLD abrdn Asia Focus	AAS	09/09/03	17.8p	49.6	-15%	243.0p	488.6	+886
HOLD Scot Oriental Smaller Co	y SST	11/11/03	121.9p	330.5	-15%	1190.0p	2392.9	+624
India								
BUY India Capital Growth plc	IGC	07/11/16	80.5p	137.6	-8%	128.0p	257.4	+87
Japan				/				
HOLD Baillie Gifford Shin Nippor		11/01/94	31.2p	88.1	-11%	148.0p	297.6	+238
HOLD Fidelity Japan Trust plc	FJV	10/01/06	126.0p	322.7	-9%	176.5p	354.9	+10
International				/				
HOLD Herald Investment Trust	HRI	12/10/04	310.8p	820.1	-15%	1720.0p	3458.7	+322
BUY iShares Oil & Gas Exp &		08/04/19	1287.0p	2491.8		1818.25p	3656.2	+47
* United Kingdom based Unit Trus	st							

The average Gains/Losses of all current investments from initial recommendation is +265.8%. This is equal to an average annual rate of +22.5%, based upon the length of time each position has been held. The average annual rate of gain of ALL recommendations (both the 13 current and 59 closed out) is +14.5%.

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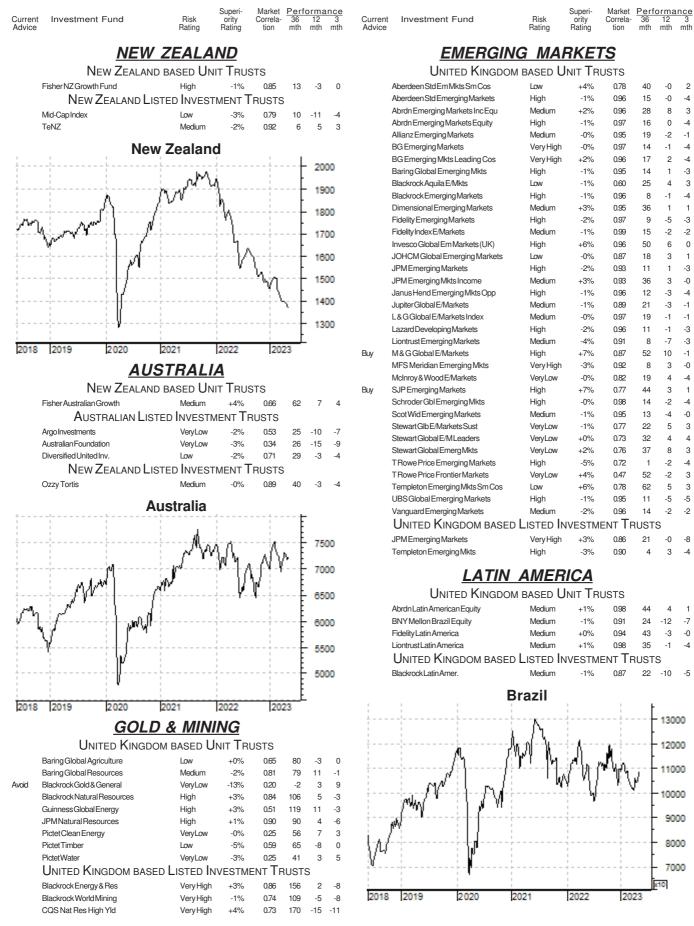
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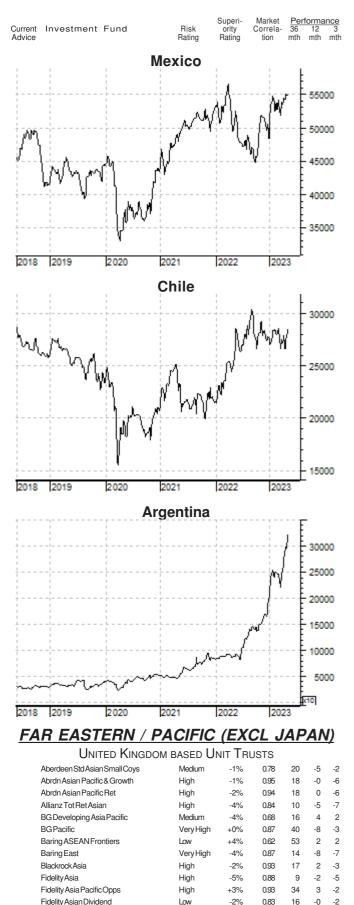
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Investment Fund Survey





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Fidelity Asian Spec Sits

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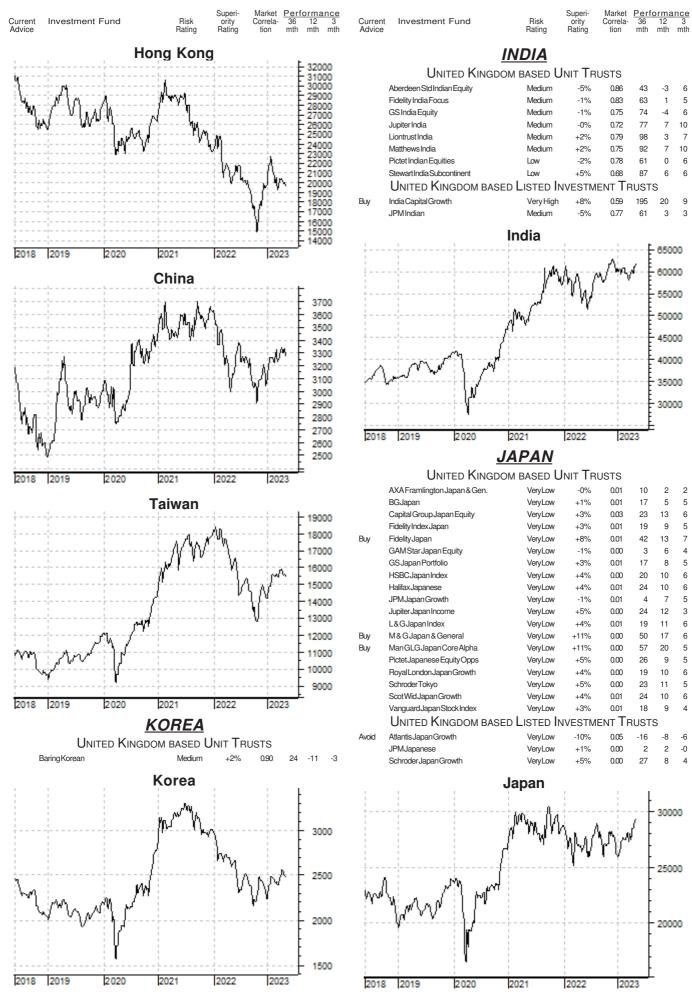
FAR EASTERN / PACIFIC (INCL JAPAN)

UNITED KINGDOM BASED UNIT TRUSTS								
Abrdn Asia Pacific & Japan	Medium	+4%	0.88	14	1	-3		
United Kingdom based Listed Investment Trusts								
Henderson Far East Inc.	High	-5%	0.88	-20	-12	-9		

HONG KONG / CHINA REGION

UNITED KINGDOM BASED UNIT TRUSTS

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Avoid	Aberdeen Std All China	Low	-13%	0.63		-5	-12		
Buy	BGChina	High	+7%	0.79	-8	-6	-16		
	Fidelity China Consumer	High	+4%	0.89	-16	-3	-12		
	Fidelity China Focus	Medium	+5%	0.91	3	10	-3		
	GSAIIChina	Medium	+2%	0.83	-12	-4	-13		
	InvescoChinaEquity	Medium	+2%	0.88	-16	2	-12		
	Janus Hend China Growth	High	+1%	0.92	-20	-8	-14		
	JupiterChina	Medium	+1%	0.93	-14	-0	-7		
	LiontrustChina	High	+3%	0.93	-17	-8	-13		
	MatthewsChina	Medium	+6%	0.71	-10	-0	-8		
	PictetChina	High	+3%	0.84	-22	-9	-13		
	TempletonChina	High	+0%	0.84	-22	-1	-13		
	United Kingdom based Listed Investment Trusts								
Buy	Fidelity China Spec Sit	Very High	+11%	0.81	2	-2	-17		
Buy	JPM Chinese	Very High	+11%	0.71	-28	-15	-28		



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	JAPAN SI	MALLE	R CC	<u>)S</u>					
	UNITED KINGDOM BASED UNIT TRUSTS								
	Aberdeen Std Japan Sm Coys	VeryLow	-1%	0.30	-1	7	2		
	BG Japan Small	Low	-2%	0.48	-8	8	0		
	Fidelity Japan Small Coys	VeryLow	+1%	0.54	8	8	6		
	Invesco Japan Small Coys (UK)	VeryLow	+2%	0.59	4	-1	-2		
	Janus Hend Japan Opportunities	VeryLow	+6%	0.48	21	8	6		
Buy	M & G Jap Small Cos	VeryLow	+17%	0.46	81	25	6		
	UNITED KINGDOM BASED	DISTED IN	VESTM	ENT TF	RUST	S			
	B Gifford Shin Nippon	Medium	-3%	0.44	-8	1	-3		
	Baillie Gifford Japan	Low	+1%	0.41	12	2	1		
	FidelityJapan Values	Low	+3%	0.48	17	9	7		
Avoid	JPM Japan Small Co	VeryLow	-7%	0.34	-19	-7	0		
	TEOU		21/2						
		INOLOG							
	UNITED KINGDOM	и based U	NIT T R	USTS					
	AXA Framlington Biotech	Low	+4%	0.61	20	22	2		
	AXA Framlington Glb Tech.	Very High	+1%	0.84	34	-6	5		
	AXA Framlington Health	Low	+3%	0.76	33	9	8		
	Close FTSE techMARK	Medium	+1%	0.62	39	17	12		
Buy	Fidelity Global Technology	High	+8%	0.75	68	10	5		
	Janus Hend Global Technology	Very High	+1%	0.85	36	3	9		
	L&GGlobal Health & Pharm.	VeryLow	+2%	0.64	25	7	8		
	L&GGlobalTechnology	Very High	+5%	0.83	59	5	17		
	Liontrust Global Technology	Very High	+0%	0.79	33	-1	15		
	PictetBiotech	Low	-2%	0.49	-5	22	2		
Avoid	Pictet Digital Communications	Medium	-9%	0.66	2	-2	4		
	PictetHealth	Low	-3%	0.79	15	6	11		
	Schroder Global Healthcare	Low	+2%	0.81	28	7	9		

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