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Austria	$-\frac{63\%}{500/}$	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-2.3%	-1.7%	+11.3%	
Belgium	$-\frac{58\%}{660\%}$	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+3.2%	+8.4%	+24.7%	4,265.64
Canada Denmark	$-\frac{66\%}{250}$	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+9.4%	+10.9%	+25.1%	,
Denmark	$-\frac{35\%}{500}$	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	-14.8%	-8.8%	+9.4%	,
Finland	$-\frac{38\%}{410/}$	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-1.9%	-2.8%	+3.0%	
France	$-\frac{41\%}{610}$	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-0.9%	-7.6%	+4.7%	
Germany	$-\frac{01\%}{770/}$	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+6.3%	+6.2%	+26.6%	
Ireland	$-\frac{11\%}{760\%}$	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+3.6%	-3.2%	+22.6%	
Italy	$-\frac{70\%}{520\%}$	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	+4.1%	-0.2%	+18.7%	
Japan	$-\frac{33\%}{420/}$	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+8.0%	+3.4%	+20.4%	
Netherlands	$-\frac{42\%}{400/}$	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-3.0%	-2.0%	+17.6%	
New Zealand_	$-\frac{49\%}{510/}$	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	+1.0%	-1.5%	-2.8%	
Norway	$-\frac{51\%}{720/}$	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	-3.1%	-0.1%	+8.6%	
Spain_	$-\frac{12\%}{710}$	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+5.9%	+4.5%	+22.1%	,
Sweden	$-\frac{1\%}{550}$	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	-1.6%	+7.7%	+36.5%	
Switzerland	$-\frac{33\%}{400/}$	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	-1.9%	+8.2%	+15.3%	
Un. Kingdom _	$-\frac{48\%}{500/}$	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	-0.1%	+1.1%	+16.0%	
USA	$-\frac{38\%}{740/}$	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+12.2%	+16.9%	+35.8%	
Argentina	$-\frac{/4\%}{420/}$	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+16.9%	+19.6%	+4.8%	, ,
Brazil Czech Rep.	$-\frac{43\%}{720/}$	Bullish	Bearish Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	-6.8%	-12.8%		127,830.00
Czech Kep	$-\frac{7270}{520/}$	Bullish Bullish	Bearish	Neutral Bullish	Neutral Neutral	+5.0% -1.4%	+5.6% -4.6%	+18.6% +8.6%	
Chile	$-\frac{3270}{710/}$	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+20.4%	+12.2%		
China	$-\frac{170}{640/}$	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	+0.2%	-3.2%	+15.3% +17.9%	
Egypt	— 0 4 /0	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	+8.6%	+16.4%	-19.4%	
Egypt Hong Kong	$-\frac{3370}{640\%}$	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+21.6%	+12.7%	+21.1%	
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Israel	-65%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	+11.2%	+12.5%	+33.6%	
Korea	$-\frac{0570}{46\%}$	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-3.4%	-7.2%	+0.4%	
Korea	— 57 %	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral		+9.9%	+20.0%	
Mexico	- 45%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-8.9%	-23.5%	-11.3%	
Philippines	$-\frac{70\%}{70\%}$	Bullish	Neutral		Bearish				6,977.18
Poland	- 51%	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	+1.2%	-3.1%	+18.1%	82,250.21
Portugal	49%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-8.0%	-5.6%	-3.9%	4,249.32
Russia	$-\frac{1370}{33\%}$	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Bearish	-21.5%	-30.5%	-24.8%	880.52
Singapore		Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	+13.1%	+13.7%	+22.3%	392.85
Sth Africa		Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+8.8%	+15.3%	+25.5%	76,969.90
Taiwan	— 50%	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	+12.9%	+15.4%	+40.5%	23,408.82
Thailand	- 71%	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+16.3%	+14.9%	+10.9%	1,464.69
Turkey	36%	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	-9.6%	-15.9%	-1.8%	9,184.82
Venezuela		Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	-11.7%	+27.3%	+35.2%	99,108.84
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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.

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World Stockmarket Outlook

The main thing investors should remember with Trump's election victory is that *limited liability companies are* the most <u>adaptable</u> economic entities on the planet.

In any environment, companies have relatively short "life spans" (i.e. most are acquired by other companies) but even if some fail and die, new companies emerge to take advantage of any new environment or new opportunities. This is why the stockmarket is the best place to invest... provided you invest widely to diversify away the individual "company specific" risk.

Individuals, state-owned enterprises, government departments and whole countries are *less* adaptable. So any policy changes will have "macro" effects, while at the "micro" level companies will just adapt to whatever the future may hold.

But what of Trump's policies? There is a lot of uncertainty over *actual* policies. Trump is very unpredictable and - like all good *popularist* politicians - appears to have some contradictory and/or impossible election promises.

He was to end the Russia-Ukraine war within 24 hours of being *elected* (not of taking office), but that deadline has passed.

He has promised that inflation will fall to zero... but probably no-one really believes that either as tariffs (60% on China, 10-20% on the rest of the world?) are unquestionably inflationary. Not just on direct imports but domestic production that always has a direct or indirect import component. For example, the current administration raised tariffs on Chinese solar panels, so all solar panels are now more expensive in America, increasing the marginal cost of renewable energy - and electricity is a cost in the production of everything.

Tariffs on friendly countries would probably lead to retaliatory tariffs on US exports. Even a small, relatively friendly, "trade war" hurts economic growth and everyone loses. By "everyone" we mean individuals (i.e. consumers and/or workers), governments and the economy as a whole. Companies will adapt, with the obvious outcome that as tariffs make competing imports more expensive, companies can simply pass on higher domestic costs to domestic consumers. Other alternatives could include reducing costs (e.g. laying off workers in favour of automation and, eventually, robots) or lobbying governments for incentives!

International trade exists for the same reason we have *specialisation of labour* among individuals. If you

don't understand why this is important, try building your next smartphone or microwave oven. First you need to mine your own ores and smelt your own metals. By then you will understand why it is better to specialise at a job, any job, and buy the item at a shop or online.

We also can't understand why US (and other politicians) are so fixated on wanting to create *factory* jobs. Yes, these may have been high paying jobs back in the 1950's but they are now *low* paying jobs . . . and will eventually be replaced by automation and robotics. Perhaps its "on-shoring" and security of supply? If so, let's aim to go straight to the automation and robotics phase.

Tax cuts may boost economic activity and corporate earnings (and the stockmarket), but will lower the Government's income (partially offset by the direct tax collected from tariffs) at a time when the US government debt is already very high. Interest costs are just under US\$900 *billion* annually, about 13% of total Federal spending and 3.1% of GDP. A lot of *long* term debt is at low interest rates and will cost more as progressively re-financed over the next 30 years!

If interest rates were to rise, servicing this debt could look less manageable. What could make interest rates rise? Perhaps higher inflation (owing to tariffs)? Perhaps lower Government tax revenues and continued borrowing to fund spending making US government debt look less secure? Perhaps increased geo-political tension where foreign countries would be less willing to hold foreign currency reserves in US assets (i.e. US government debt securities).

Russia still held US\$300 billion in short term US government debt securities at the start of its war - and those assets were frozen. Presumably "unfriendly" countries have noticed this and *may*, at some stage, decide to sell and take their money out - pushing US interest rates up and the US dollar down.

In the short term, expectations of higher interest rates would lift the US dollar, but if those higher rates were owing to higher inflation, then those higher inflation expectations could push the US dollar lower!

Overall the election outcome doesn't significantly change our view of the future. Higher (i.e. above 2%, perhaps 4-5%) inflation, moderate interest rates (again, mid-single digit) and moderate economic growth. We continue to invest fairly defensively, with a focus on Gold, Energy, Commodities and Utilities.

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Recommended International Investment Funds

Fund Reports

CQS Natural Resources Growth & Income plc lifted net assets (plus dividend returns) +7.2% over the year to 30 June 2024. Its two benchmark indices were up +7.3% and +17.4%. The share price rose +17.1%.

The total annual dividend was 6.6 pence, down from 8.6 pence the year earlier.

The company's £25 million, one-year, revolving debt facility with **Scotiabank** expired on 13 September and has been replaced with a £25 million, two year, revolving facility with **BNP Paribas**.

The portfolio is focused on energy, gold, shipping and uranium, but recently "increased the portfolio weighting to precious metals miners due to attractive fundamentals, reducing energy and shipping exposure". It also "remains cautious of base metal miners as we see broader global economic risks".

A first quarterly dividend for the current financial year of 1.26 pence will be paid of 22 November (exdividend 24 October).

abrdn Asia Focus plc lifted net assets +7.9% over the year to 31 July 2024, under-performing its smaller companies Asia stockmarket index which rose +14.1%.

The share price was up +8.8%. Four dividends totalling 6.42 pence were paid and a special dividend of 1.0 pence will be paid 20 December (ex-dividend 22 November).

The company will likely declare its first quarterly dividend for the current year in the very near future.

The underperformance relative to the index partially reflects the weighting of Asia countries. The index is weighted to India (33.7), Taiwan (24.3%), South Korea (12.8%), China (10.2%) and Singapore (5.6%). The fund is more diversified and - relative to the index - under-weighted in all five of these larger markets: India (28.2%), Taiwan (14.2%), South Korea (8.5%), China (11.5%) and Singapore (0.2%).

Relative to the index it has larger holdings in Indonesia (8.6%) and Vietnam (6.7%),

The Fund Manager reports that "Asian smaller companies are forecast to deliver outsized earnings growth of around 41% in 2024, bouncing back strongly from a negative 2023", while "large caps are expected to see about 19% earnings growth and world equities 7%".

Asian small companies are also "forecast to lead in earnings growth until 2025" and are "still cheap relative" to US smaller companies. "Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises remain important across developing Asia, accounting for 97% of all enterprises, 56% of the workforce and 28% of economic output".

Share Repurchases

CQS Natural Resources made eight trades on-market over the last four weeks, buying back 328,438 of its own shares for £621,171. (Continued on Page 7)

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Advice	- -	Code	Date	Foreign	NZ Cents	to Net Assets	Bid-Offer or Last Sale		Loss %
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HOLD	iShares S&P500 Utilities	IUSU	13/08/18	422.3p	819.4		726.88p	1574.7	+92
	United Kingdom								
BUY	Aberforth Smaller Cos Trt plc	ASL	15/07/03	375.5p	1042.0	-13%	1438.0p	3115.3	+199
	Gold & Commodities								
BUY	VanEck V. Gold Miners	GDGB	14/01/19	1731.0p	3253.8		3339.0p	7233.5	+122
BUY	VanEck V. Junior Gold Miners	GJGB	14/01/19	2011.0p	3780.1		3332.0p	7218.4	+91
BUY	CQS Natural Resources G&I	CYN	11/01/21	136.8p	256.1	-8%	191.5p	414.9	+62
	Asian Regional								
HOLD	abrdn Asia Focus	AAS	09/09/03	17.8p	49.6	-18%	284.0p	615.3	+1141
HOLD	Scot Oriental Smaller Coy	SST	11/11/03	121.9p	330.5	-15%	1430.0p	3097.9	+837
	India								
HOLD	India Capital Growth plc	IGC	07/11/16	80.5p	137.6	-10%	185.0p	400.8	+191
	Japan								
HOLD	Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon plc	BGS	11/01/94	31.2p	88.1	-15%	111.2p	240.9	+174
HOLD	Fidelity Japan Trust plc	FJV	10/01/06	126.0p	322.7	-16%	156.0p	338.0	+5
	International								
HOLD	Herald Investment Trust	HRI	12/10/04	310.8p	820.1	-11%	2155.0p	4668.5	+469
BUY	iShares Oil & Gas Exp & Prod	SPOG	08/04/19	1287.0p	2491.8		2069.0p	4482.2	+80
HOLD	Templeton Emerging Markets	TEM	11/01/21	199.2p	373.0	-15%	167.8p	363.5	-3

The average Gains/Losses of all current investments from initial recommendation is +266.3%. This is equal to an average annual rate of +20.1%, 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 +14.0%.

Investment Fund Survey

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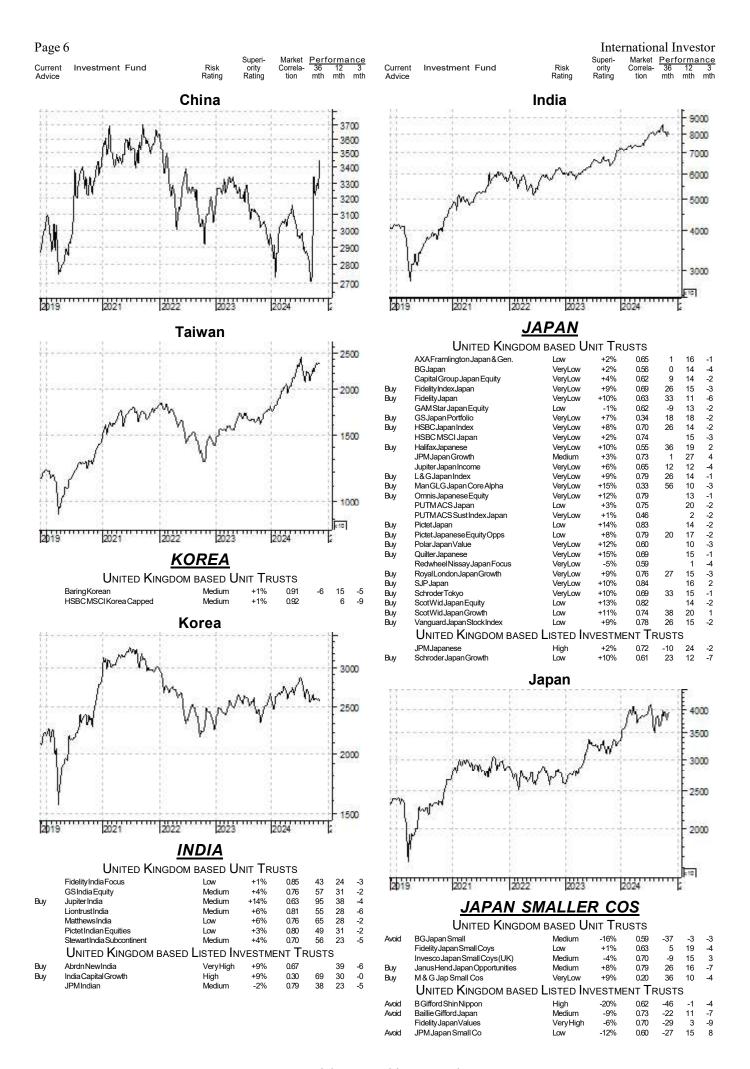
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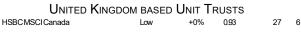
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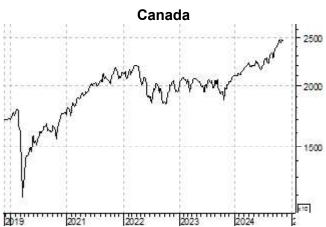
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	AXAFramlington Biotech	VeryLow	+1%	0.23	29	28	-4
	AXA Framlington Glb Tech.	Low	+3%	0.67	24	32	7
	AXA Framlington Health	VeryLow	+2%	0.28	31	18	-3
	Close FTSE techMARK	VeryLow	-2%	0.37	8	19	-5
Buy	Fidelity Global Technology	Low	+10%	0.75	60	41	3
Buy	Janus Hend Global Technology	Medium	+12%	0.73	57	51	5
	L&GGlobal Health & Pharm.	VeryLow	+2%	0.24	36	20	-1
Buy	L&G Global Technology	Medium	+14%	0.78	72	51	5
Buy	LiontrustGlobalTechnology	High	+13%	0.72	44	54	4
	PictetBiotech	VeryLow	+2%	0.21	24	41	-6
Buy	Pictet Digital Communications	Low	+7%	0.63	35	45	4
	PictetHealth	VeryLow	-1%	0.33	16	22	0
Buy	PolarBiotechnology	VeryLow	+11%	0.11	8	39	-4
Buy	PolarGlobalTechnology	High	+21%	0.74	8	51	7
Buy	Polar Healthcare Blue	VeryLow	+7%	0.13	8	23	-1
	Polar Healthcare Discovery	VeryLow	-1%	0.22	8	22	-8
Buy	Polar Healthcare Opps	VeryLow	+10%	0.17	8	37	-1
	Schroder Global Healthcare	VeryLow	+1%	0.30	27	20	-2
	WellingtonAsiaTechnology	Low	-1%	0.60	8	37	6
Buy	Wellington Global Innovation	Medium	+9%	0.71	8	37	7
	United Kingdom based	LISTED	INVES	TMENT 7	RUS	STS	
Buy	AllianzTechnologyTrt	High	+30%	0.75	8	56	2
	Herald Investment Trust	Low	-1%	0.55	1	36	-6
Buy	PolarCapTechnology	High	+11%	0.82	41	54	2
	Polar Global Healthcare	VeryLow	+6%	0.25	43	30	-3
	SChroderInt'l Biotech	VeryLow	-5%	0.30	8	29	-5
	The Biotech Growth Trt	VeryLow	-4%	0.21	-3	48	-3

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abrdn Asia Focus made 11 on-market share repurchases, buying back 2,215,000 shares for £6,327,343. This includes an unusually large repurchase of 2,000,000 shares on 17 October.

Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies made three trades, totalling 45,000 shares for £655,000.

India Capital Growth made six trades, buying back 273,000 shares for £506,970.

Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon repurchased 3,500,000 shares in seven large trades, returning £3,932,800 to investors.

Fidelity Japan Trust made 15 smaller trades, repurchasing 424,567 shares for £666,137.

Herald Investment Trust continues to actively repurchase its own shares, buying back 301,413 shares for £6,315,008 in 11 transactions.

Templeton Emerging Markets made 19 trades, repurchased 8,047,564 shares and returned over £14.4 million to investors.

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