

Liontrust Select International Alpha Fund

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The Select International Alpha Fund is an Absolute Return equities fund. The fund is index-unaware, aiming to produce positive absolute returns over the long term with a capital preservation mindset. The Fund's mandate allows it to actively manage its net market exposure – utilising both cash and shorts to help protect clients' capital. As of 8 May 2024, the Fund has been managed by Liontrust Investment Partners.

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Inception
Performance (Net of Fees)	-3.25%	-2.56%	-0.20%	6.40%	13.88%	8.16%

Refer below detailed performance data matrix

Top 10 Holdings	%
Siemens Energy AG	4.3%
Expedia Group, Inc.	3.7%
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	3.2%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	3.0%
Seagate Technology Holdings PLC	2.7%
Microsoft Corporation	2.4%
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	2.1%
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	2.0%
Snowflake, Inc.	2.0%
SK hynix Inc.	2.0%
Total (top 10 of 100 holdings)	27.4%

Source: Liontrust Investment Partners, Liontrust GF Global Alpha Long Short Fund

Fund Characteristics	
Portfolio Managers	Mark Hawtin, David Goodman, Pieran Maru, Kevin Kruczynski & Vanessa Sinclair
Strategy	International Equities
Objectives	To deliver consistent absolute returns over the investment cycle with a focus on capital protection during periods of market declines
Return Target	+10% pa over the long term
Number of Stocks	Up to 80
Cash	Up to 100% of portfolio
Distributions	Annually
Management Fee	1.36%
Buy/Sell	Daily Application/Redemption
Performance Fee	15.38% pa of the amount by which the NAV per unit exceeds the High Water Mark once the fund achieves its hurdle

Commentary

The Liontrust Select International Alpha Fund returned -3.25% for the month of December to be +6.40% over the past year (net, after fees). The Fund has continued to perform well since partnering with the Liontrust global team nearly three years ago. The fund has delivered some consistency in performance with +13.88% p.a. (net, after fees) over this period that has seen frequent periods of elevated market volatility.

Portfolio review

The Fund's December return reflected a challenging month in which strong long-book alpha generation was outweighed by adverse moves in certain short exposures.

Positive contribution over the month was led by Storage, Defence and Financial Services baskets. Notable stock names were SK Hynix (+25%) in Storage, Rolls-Royce (+9.3%) in Defence and Plus500 (+16%) and Goldman Sachs (+8.8%) in Financial Services.

Disappointingly, this was offset over the period by negative contribution from, amongst others, Healthcare and China baskets. Healthcare was mainly impacted by weakness in our Japanese holding, M3 (-18%), which suffered from overall sector weakness in Japan, and from the China basket where market weakness led Alibaba lower.

Portfolio changes

There were no major structural changes to the portfolio in December, though we modestly added to positions exhibiting improving fundamentals - particularly within healthcare, travel services, and European industrial - and trimmed certain China-exposed holdings where regulatory and geopolitical overhangs appear likely to persist into early 2026.

Adjustments also increased exposure to selected US quality compounders benefiting from broadening market participation as investors rotated from mega-cap concentration toward mid-cap and cyclical names. This aligns with our view that diversification beyond US large-cap growth will remain a key performance driver in 2026. This view is supported by December's broadening in non-US developed and emerging markets, where returns exceeded those of the US market.

Outlook

We enter 2026 with a constructive but balanced view. Global equities ended 2025 on strong footing, supported by easing inflation, clearer monetary policy direction and broadening market participation outside the US mega-cap complex. December data reinforced expectations of a soft landing, with moderating inflation and cooling labour conditions across major developed markets.

We remain mindful of risks heading into early 2026, including policy divergence across central banks, geopolitical uncertainties, and potential volatility as investors recalibrate expectations for rate-cut velocity and corporate earnings growth. Nonetheless, with broadening equity leadership and improved global macro stability, we believe the environment remains highly conducive to active, globally diversified stock selection.

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Liontrust Select International Alpha Fund Net Monthly Returns in AUD

Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Fin YTD	Fin YTD Index (1)	Average Cash	Average Short
2004/05							0.89	1.30	-0.44	-1.38	1.36	3.79	5.56	3.03	50.51%	-4.41%
2005/06	4.91	0.73	2.64	-0.96	4.20	4.43	5.11	4.42	5.66	-0.07	-3.66	2.02	33.16	22.26	21.28%	-4.15%
2006/07	0.43	2.13	2.80	3.60	1.97	4.81	2.40	0.13	1.06	3.14	5.05	-0.29	30.70	9.93	23.64%	-1.06%
2007/08	0.09	0.64	2.57	3.36	-3.71	-1.08	-8.04	-0.63	-1.22	2.98	1.83	-3.45	-7.04	-19.95	43.46%	-7.29%
2008/09	-2.51	2.89	-8.60	-9.70	-2.45	5.09	-3.10	-2.84	4.93	6.88	7.84	-0.65	-4.00	-15.30	51.14%	-3.95%
2009/10	7.58	2.13	3.34	-1.70	1.41	3.03	-4.09	0.16	4.70	0.17	-5.42	-2.72	8.11	8.36	11.69%	-1.03%
2010/11	4.31	-2.46	8.39	2.70	0.04	3.75	0.43	0.92	0.98	1.73	-1.91	-1.55	18.20	3.50	12.01%	-2.42%
2011/12	-2.18	-4.47	-4.46	2.48	-3.02	-1.70	3.61	4.73	3.57	-0.02	-4.28	-1.48	-7.57	-2.59	22.89%	-2.93%
2012/13	0.63	3.44	1.97	0.58	1.43	2.81	2.74	1.78	0.72	2.50	4.06	-0.44	24.49	31.02	6.72%	-0.35%
2013/14	3.93	-0.38	0.47	2.43	4.36	5.47	-0.93	1.56	-5.72	-2.51	1.16	-1.82	7.72	19.62	8.01%	-0.15%
2014/15	0.65	1.03	3.92	0.77	4.13	3.74	4.04	4.23	2.06	3.09	3.14	-2.68	31.74	23.89	13.16%	-0.63%
2015/16	-0.13	-2.30	-1.88	5.41	-2.12	-1.91	-3.98	-3.27	2.08	0.40	3.97	-7.06	-10.88	-0.60	20.86%	-0.71%
2016/17	2.90	2.13	0.13	-1.29	3.85	2.98	2.07	0.88	0.42	1.23	1.42	-2.06	15.50	15.36	23.10%	-2.82%
2017/18	0.26	0.99	1.89	3.62	2.39	-1.72	2.11	-0.29	-2.65	0.70	-0.69	-0.25	6.38	15.13	21.63%	-3.25%
2018/19	0.83	2.67	-0.16	-5.59	-1.95	2.09	-2.55	3.58	-0.28	3.12	-4.07	3.51	0.69	10.51	32.63%	-3.84%
2019/20	1.29	-1.58	1.39	0.26	2.89	1.88	0.26	-8.61	-16.74	4.90	6.25	-0.27	-9.91	3.22	9.52%	-2.35%
2020/21	2.93	5.39	0.02	-2.91	9.05	4.76	-0.45	4.70	1.05	2.69	-0.53	1.80	31.80	28.43	2.59%	-0.26%
2021/22	1.65	3.32	-3.37	2.76	-3.89	2.78	-6.81	-3.68	1.13	-3.00	-1.19	-11.91	-21.05	-8.80	5.43%	-0.15%
2022/23	4.96	-2.21	-8.79	3.56	6.86	-4.06	6.57	0.58	1.99	0.55	3.61	-1.50	11.50	19.97	7.68%	-25.68%
2023/24	3.22	0.96	-1.46	1.85	4.81	-1.21	8.89	0.34	1.32	-2.45	-3.81	4.85	17.94	18.21	16.14%	-59.16%
2024/25	-2.84	-0.62	-0.94	6.08	2.51	0.87	2.79	1.38	-3.43	0.57	2.97	2.30	11.85	17.97	1.37%	0.00%
2025/26	1.05	-0.15	1.52	0.79	-0.07	-3.25							-0.20	9.25	0.51%	0.00%
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												Incept.	8.16%pa	9.26%pa	20.20%	-6.33%

(1) Morningstar Global Markets NR AUD

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David Goodman is an Investment Manager in the Global Equities team. David joined Liontrust in 2024 from GAM where he was responsible for applying technical analysis to assist with portfolio construction and risk management. Between starting his career trading equity derivatives for Citigroup and joining GAM in 2009, he has held numerous senior positions at such companies as SEB, Marshall Wace, Instinet Alpha and Pali International. David Goodman has passed the Securities Association, General Registered Representative examination and has passed the Society of Technical Analysts diploma exam thus is a full member of the Society of Technical Analysts (MSTA).



Pieran Maru is an investment analyst in the Global Equities team. Pieran joined Liontrust in 2024 from GAM where he covered software and hardware companies in GAM's Global Equity team. Pieran initially joined GAM's compliance team in 2017, before moving to the Global Equity team in 2021. Pieran holds a BA in Materials Science from the University of Oxford, the Investment Management Certificate (IMC), a Certificate in ESG Investing and has passed CFA Exam Level 1.



Kevin Kruczynski is an Investment Manager in the Global Equities team. Kevin joined Liontrust in 2024 from GAM where he managed both Global and US Equity portfolios. He joined GAM Investments in 2016 from THS Partners, a global equity investment firm and a long-standing sub-advisor of GAM's oldest global equity strategies. Prior to that, Kevin spent two years at Cazenove Capital and in 2001 he worked for Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, where he supported the charities team. Kevin holds a degree in Banking and International Finance from City University and is a CFA charterholder.



Vanessa Sinclair is an Investment Manager in the Global Equities team at Liontrust, which she joined in 2025 from GAM, where she led the Equity Investment Specialist group. Prior to GAM, she managed equity product at 1859 Capital, a collaborative multi-asset hedge fund. Before that, Vanessa held various roles at Morgan Stanley, including Institutional Equity Sales, Global Consumer Specialist, and member of the Macro team within Principal Strategies. She began her career at Mercury Asset Management as a portfolio manager on the Emerging Markets team. Vanessa is a graduate of the LSE.