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First Quarter of 2018

QuotedData news

Global equity markets declined in the first quarter of 2018. Concerns about US interest rate rises were the feature of the first half of the quarter. However, worries about global trade took over in the second part, particularly with the implementation of trade tariffs by the Trump administration. Global bond markets reflected higher inflation, with most major government bond yields climbing.

New research

Over the quarter, we published notes on Seneca Global Income & Growth, JPMorgan Multi-Asset Trust, India Capital Growth, RIT Capital Partners, Blue Capital Alternative Income, Global Diversified Infrastructure, John Laing Environmental Assets Group, Aberdeen Frontier Markets, CQS New City High Yield, Ecofin Global Utilities and Infrastructure and a combined review of Fidelity Asian Values, Fidelity Japanese Values and Fidelity Special Values. You can read all these notes, and more, by clicking on the links embedded above or by visiting www.quoteddata.com.

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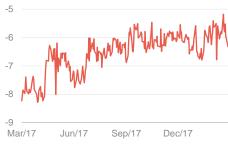
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All investment companies median discount

Time period 01/03/2017 to 30/03/2018

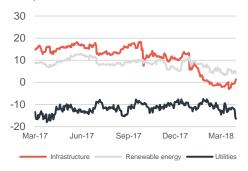


Source: Morningstar, Marten & Co

The median discount across all funds is still on a narrowing trend over the longer term. However, recently the median discount has widened.

Infrastructure funds median discount

Time period 01/03/2017 to 30/03/18



Source: Morningstar, Marten & Co

The median premium for funds investing in infrastructure has reduced over the past year but narrowed slightly recently. Although at a consistent discount, utilities funds have widened recently. Generally, renewable energy funds are at a premium that has remained relatively flat. moving slightly wider in the last three months.

More information about the funds mentioned in this report is available on our website. If you are reading this online, there are links embedded in the document that will take you through to the relevant webpage.



Performance Data

Generally, funds with a few exceptions, reflected market conditions and delivered negative returns. Funds investing in Japan had a decent quarter. Some fixed income/debt funds delivered positive numbers where most funds reported negative returns. A handful of extreme moves in discounts/premiums impacted on a small number of funds, particularly in the resources and infrastructure sectors.

Looking first at the positive moves:

Figure 1: Best performing funds in price terms in Q1 *

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	(%)
FastForward Innovations	27.0
EF Realisation	23.4
Lindsell Train	22.6
EJF Investments	15.0
Mithras	14.5
Polo Resources	12.8
Independent	10.3
Vietnam Enterprise	9.9
LMS Capital	9.7
Pacific Horizon	9.4

Figure 2: Best performing funds in NAV terms in Q1 *

	(%)
British & American	65.4
EJF Investments	15.9
Vietnam Enterprise	13.2
VietNam Holding	11.1
Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon	10.1
VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunities	8.3
Crystal Amber	8.3
Gresham House Strategic	6.4
Allianz Technology Trust	6.1
BlackRock Latin American	6.0

Source: Morningstar, * excluding funds with market cap. below £15m

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- Vietnam Enterprise, VietNam Holding and VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunities all performed well on the back of strong macroeconomic and market performance from Vietnam
- Fast Forward Innovations rose on the back of a run of good news from Nuuvera, its cannabis-focused investment
- The NAV of British & American, which is quite highly geared, benefited from the
 performance of Geron, its largest holding. The stock performed well due to the
 possibility Johnson & Johnson would buy into its operation and on positive newsflow
- EJF Investments sold two property holdings estimated to contribute approximately 12 pence per share
- Independent Investment Trust has benefited from the performance of UK smaller companies
- The oil price was up again over the quarter and this helped propel EF Realisation (whose largest asset is a US shale oil company) to the top of the tables
- Lindsell Train continued to attract attention from investors, moving it to a higher premium, despite a flat return from its NAV
- Polo Resources seems to have attracted some attention in a couple of tip sheets; the shares were volatile during the quarter
- LMS Capital delivered strong annual results in March, under its new manager. US
 dollar strength had impacted on its share price, but this weakened against the pound
 in March
- Mithras' portfolio continues to perform well. The board announced that shareholders should start to expect returns to include distributions
- Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon has extended its impressive run of results over the quarter. Japanese smaller companies have performed well in recent months



On the negative side:

Figure 3:Worst performing funds in price terms in Q1*

	(%)
EPE Special Opportunities	(36.2)
AXA Property	(26.6)
CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities	(25.9)
Alternative Liquidity	(24.6)
Adamas Finance Asia	(22.7)
India Capital Growth	(22.4)
Marwyn Value Investors	(20.2)
Premier Global Infrastructure	(19.5)
Ecofin Global Utilities & Infrastructure	(15.0)
Blue Capital Alternative Income	(14.7)

Source: Morningstar, * excluding funds with market cap. below £15m

Figure 4: Worst performing funds in NAV terms in Q1 *

	(%)
India Capital Growth	(15.4)
Premier Global Infrastructure	(14.8)
Golden Prospect Precious Metal	(12.1)
Pershing Square Holdings	(11.8)
JPMorgan Indian	(11.5)
Marwyn Value Investors	(11.1)
Henderson High Income	(11.0)
Chelverton Small Companies Dividend	(10.7)
Weiss Korea Opportunity	(10.1)
F&C UK High Income	(9.9)

Source: Morningstar, * excluding funds with market cap. below £15m

- EPE Special Opportunities continued its slide post December's profit warning from Luceco. Its discount has subsequently opened up
- On the downside, one of the biggest influences on the performance of funds over the
 course of the quarter was the weakness in the US dollar. A raft of funds, whose
 underlying US dollar based NAVs did not move by much in the quarter, made it into
 the biggest fallers as a result. These include CatCo Reinsurance Opportunities.
- India Capital Growth appears in both tables; the stronger pound was also a
 contributor to this. After an excellent year in 2017, the company has struggled during
 the first quarter of 2018 as the Indian market corrected, but has rebounded strongly in
 April
- CatCo Reinsurance Opportunities reported on the impact of hurricanes, fires, floods, etc. on their reinsurance portfolios and other higher than average natural disaster claims
- Negative investor sentiment towards global infrastructure and utilities contributed to a widening discount for Premier Global Infrastructure and Ecofin Global Utilities & Infrastructure
- AXA Property is in wind down and the sole remaining asset comprises a cinema investment in Curno, Italy, which is proving hard to sell
- Alternative Liquidity's discount has been widening again, post its latest return of capital
- Marwyn Value Investors has seen its NAV and share price decline over the quarter, although it has marginally rebounded in April. The company announced its intention to float one of its holdings, Safe Harbour, in March
- Golden Prospect Precious Metals' discount has widened despite the higher gold and silver price. Smaller mining stocks are losing out to sector specific ETFs, which tend to focus on larger companies
- Pershing Square's tender offer to purchase up to an aggregate amount of \$300 million of its own publicly traded shares was blocked by the Dutch Authority for Financial Markets (Autoriteit Financiële Markten)
- The NAVs of Henderson High Income and Chelverton Small Companies Dividend both fell on the underperformance over the quarter of UK smaller companies



Money in and out of the sector

About £473m net flowed into the sector, with £279 leaving and £752m coming in.

Figure 5: Money entering the sector in Q1 2018

	£m
Secure Income REIT	337.7
JPMorgan Multi-Asset	89.4
Utilico Emerging Markets	47.4
CC Japan Income & Growth	37.8
Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon	27.8
Edinburgh Dragon	22.9
Finsbury Growth & Income	21.6
Personal Assets	20.4
BlackRock Frontiers	19.2
Worldwide Healthcare	18.6

Source: Morningstar, * approximate value of additional capital at 30/09/2017

Figure 6: Money leaving the sector in Q1 2018

	£m
Alliance Trust	48.0
NB Global Floating Rate Income	33.5
Scottish Mortgage	33.2
Mercantile	24.5
JPMorgan American	20.7
Jupiter US Smaller Companies	13.4
JPMorgan Global Convertibles Income	11.1
Aberforth Smaller Companies	10.6
P2P Global Investments	9.8
British Empire	6.4

Source: Morningstar, * approximate value of shares bought back at 30/09/2017

Money coming in:

- Secure Income REIT raised £337.7m to invest in further social housing
- JP Morgan Multi-Asset (MATE) IPO'd in March, raising £89.4m
- Utilico Emerging Markets created redeemable deferred shares to create a
 distributable reserve for the company. This could be used in the future for the payment
 of dividends and/or the buy-back of shares
- Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon, Finsbury Growth & Income and Personal Assets
 have been issuing equity to meet investor demand
- Edinburgh Dragon placed £22.9m with a fundraising and a CULS conversion in February
- BlackRock Frontiers and Worldwide Healthcare both issued shares to bring their premiums down

Money going out:

- Alliance Trust has continued to buy back its own shares
- A combination of transitioning sterling shares to US dollar, keeping them in treasury and buying back shares by NB Global Floating Rate Income amounted to a reduction of £14.3m
- Scottish Mortgage and Mercantile also brought back shares in March to be held in treasury by £13.3m and £12.9m respectively, as part of their strategies to reduce their discounts to NAV
- JPMorgan American made several repurchases of its own shares
- Jupiter US Smaller Companies has been repurchasing its own shares, in line with its
 policy to buy back shares at appropriate times with a view to limiting any discount in
 the longer term to less than 10% in normal market conditions
- JPMorgan Global Convertibles Income and Aberforth Smaller Companies have a similar policy to managing their discounts to that of Jupiter US Smaller Companies and have been buying back their own shares
- P2P Global Investments has been buying back its own shares for some time, which
 it intends to continue



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Significant rating changes

Figure 7: More expensive relative to NAV – notable changes to discount (-ve) or premium (+ve)

	29/12/2017	30/03/18
	%	%
Lindsell Train	+13.8	+37.9
Independent	+5.9	+20.6
Mithras	-13.1	+0.8
EF Realisation	-27.7	-17.5
Doric Nimrod Air Three	+35.0	+45.1
Macau Property Opportunities	-26.4	-17.0
Aberforth Split Level Income	-5.4	+2.2
Golden Prospect Precious Metal	-20.7	-13.3
LMS Capital	-40.2	-32.8
Globalworth Real Estate	+1.5	+8.9

Source: Morningstar, Marten & Co

Figure 8: Less expensive relative to NAV - notable changes to discount (-ve) or premium (+ve)

	29/12/2018	30/03/18
	%	%
British & American	+176.7	+67.3
CATCo Reinsurance Opps	+13.9	-13.9
EPE Special Opportunities	-25.5	-52.5
AXA Property	-9.1	-34.3
Phoenix Spree Deutschland	+33.1	+18.0
Alternative Liquidity	-35.3	-50.0
Civitas Social Housing	+0.4	-13.7
Residential Secure Income	+2.8	-10.6
HICL Infrastructure	+5.7	-7.4
R&M UK Micro Cap	2.7	-10.4

Source: Morningstar, Marten & Co

Getting more expensive

- Lindsell Train continued to attract attention from investors, moving it to a higher premium, despite a flat return from its NAV
- Independent's NAV has widened from the performance of UK smaller companies
- . Mithras is in the process of winding up its assets, bring it closer to trading at par
- **EF Realisation** The oil price was up again over the quarter and this helped the company's discount to reduce
- Concerns regarding the residual values of A380s leased to Emirates, and the lack of a secondary market, appear to have subsided benefitting all three Doric Nimrod Air funds. Doric Nimrod Air Three, which has the longest leases and suffered the least as these funds corrected, has been the fastest to recover although it remains way off its premium high.
- A positive outlook for property in the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic has caused the discount of Macau Property Opportunities to narrow
- Aberforth Split Level Income's NAV has fallen 7.8% during the quarter (it has suffered from issues at De La Rue amongst others, which have been amplified by its gearing) but its share price has not kept pace (possibly due to the arrival of its maiden dividend) pushing the trust to a modest premium.



- Golden Prospect Precious Metals' discount has narrowed over the quarter, perhaps reflecting the higher gold and silver price
- LMS Capital delivered strong annual results in March, under its new manager, resulting in a narrowing of its discount
- Globalworth Real Estate has been at a premium for some time. Investments in Poland have performed well

Getting cheaper

- British & American's persistent high premium has narrowed a bit
- CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities has moved from a premium to a discount as it feels the impact of above average claims
- EPE Special Opportunities discount has opened up again, as it continued its slide post December's profit warning from Luceco
- AXA Property is in runoff and has one property left to sell, which is proving difficult.
 As a result, the discount has increased
- Phoenix Spree Deutschland has been trading at a discount to its peer, Taliesin, for some time
- Alternative Liquidity's discount has been widening again, post its latest return of capital to shareholders
- Civitas Social Housing has moved to a discount following a negative report from the regulator on First Priority Housing Association, to which the company leases 45 properties
- Residential Secure Income has been investing the £180 million raised in 2017. The
 widening discount may be down to negative sentiment towards UK residential housing
- HICL Infrastructure moved to trading at a discount for the first time in some years.
 Investors have been cautious about the sector for a while
- River and Mercantile UK Micro Cap moved to trading at a discount following an unexpected change of manager. The share price has recovered subsequently





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Major news stories

Portfolio developments

- Marwyn announced the float of Safe Harbour for £32.7m
- Hg Capital Trust has announced plans to invest in much larger deals than it has done
 to date
- 3i Infrastructure funded an investment by Infinis in Alkane Energy
- Alliance Trust wrote off goodwill on Stocktrade, following a year of poor financial performance
- Ranger Direct Lending was hit by Princeton and the General Partner bankruptcy in March
- Tufton Oceanic Assets has acquired two sub-Panamax containerships for \$22.8m
- JZ Capital Partners has announced an agreement to sell Bolder Healthcare Solutions to a subsidiary of Cognizant
- JZ Capital Partners announced the sale of Paragon Water Systems, Inc. to Culligan Water - an increase in NAV of 0.4%
- Worldwide Healthcare rejiged its portfolio and added to its BMS and Vertex stakes



- Hg Capital Trust announces the acquisition of German B2B fleet leasing company Mobility Concept
- Honeycomb provided funding to GLI Finance
- ICG Longbow updated investors on its portfolio
- GCP Infrastructure funded a solar portfolio
- Infrastructure funds, including HICL, reacted to Carillion's liquidation
- SQN Asset Finance had some good news on Suniva
- CIP Merchant Capital invested in Saffron Energy
- Princess Private Equity benefited from the sale of Trimco
- CatCo Reinsurance Opportunities took a big hit from the Californian wildfires
- Renewables Infrastructure bought Clahane wind farm
- Reconstruction Capital II is increasing its stake in Policolor
- Hg Capital invested in MeinAuto.de
- RM Secured Direct Lending announced a number of investments
- Global Resources wrote up its Kalia investment
- HgCapital completed the acquisition of Italian online hosting provider DADA
- VinaCapital Vietnam invested in local poultry company, Ba Huan JSC
- Oakley Capital sold Parship and Verivox
- Greencoat Renewables bought Lisdowney wind farm
- Riverstone Energy sold Three Rivers III
- Baker Steel Resources sold its 90% stake in the Prognoz Silver Mine
- Tufton Oceanic Assets Limited acquired two feeder container ships for \$20.5 million.
- BioPharma Credit made a \$150m loan to NovoCure
- Blue Capital Alternative Income reported improved market conditions
- SQN found a new lessor for Snoozebox assets
- CatCo provided an update on its 2018 portfolio and the aftermath of 2017
- John Laing Environmental bought another anaerobic digestion plant

Corporate news

- Third Point announced a series of structural measures and share buy backs to try and address its discount
- Pershing Square's tender was blocked by the Dutch authorities
- RM Secured Direct Lending said that it was on track for March C share conversion
- CatCo Reinsurance Opportunities reported a difficult year in the reinsurance market with an above average number of insurance claims and natural disasters
- Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon proposed a stock split on strong performance
- JPMorgan Claverhouse announced a new discount control mechanism
- Sequoia Economic Infrastructure's board brought in external consultants to advise the board on risk management and overview the manager's investment decisions.
- Ranger Direct Lending's board asked Kinmont to review its management arrangements
- JPMorgan Income & Capital's shareholders were given the option to rollover into JPMorgan Multi Asset Trust



- Aseana Properties recommended that investors approve an extension to its life
- Chenavari Toro suspended its buyback programme
- Funding Circle SME Income got funding from Citibank
- A tender for Pershing Square shares was announced after it settled a lawsuit
- Masawara announced its intention to delist
- Klepierre made a bid approach to Hammerson
- John Laing Infrastructure proposed moving its domicile to the UK
- BlackRock Emerging Europe is to offers shareholders a 100% tender offer in June 2018
- Empiric Student Property has a new acting chief executive
- Standard Life UK Smaller Companies changed its reference benchmark
- JPMorgan's Multi-Asset Trust launch benefitted from a rollover of £81m from JPMorgan Income and Capital Trust
- John Laing Environmental Assets announced a £30m fundraise
- Utilico Emerging Markets Limited to re-domicile the Company to the United Kingdom
- Aberdeen Asian Smaller to consult on restructuring the current Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock (CULS).
- Blackstone GSO Loan Financing commented on a US court decision
- Tak Lee opposed a fundraise by Shaftesbury
- Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, chairman of both Empiric Student Property and Residential Secure Income REIT, sadly passed away in March

Managers & fees

- JPMorgan European Smaller Companies' manager of 25 years, Jim Campbell, is to stop running the fund but remain at JPMorgan Asset Management
- Monks Investment Trust has announced a management fee change introducing a further stepped tier at £1.75bn of total assets
- LMS Capital appointed Gresham House Asset Management Limited in 2016 and performance has improved
- Henderson Alternative Strategies announced a lower fee structure
- JPMorgan Global Convertibles Income Fund Limited announced that Antony Vallee has decided to leave to pursue other opportunities.
- Talib Sheikh resigned from JPMorgan Asset Management
- Dan Whitestone became the sole manager of BlackRock Throgmorton
- Philip Rodrigs, the Star fund manager of River and Mercantile Micro Cap left
- The Investment Company announced that its management contract is moving to Fiske
- Templeton Emerging Markets lost Carlos Hardenberg
- Sarah Emly, co-manager of both JPMorgan Claverhouse and JP Morgan Income & Capital, sadly passed away during the quarter



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