# Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Fund



### Fund at a glance

The Tenax Fund is a long-only, multi-asset fund that aims for positive returns in excess of cash + fees over rolling 12-month periods at a low level of volatility.

#### **Background**

Tenax was launched in 2007, when a private client of Church House Investments sold his business and needed a safe place for £10 million. Having taken risk throughout his working life to accumulate his wealth, his objective was the long-term preservation of his capital with avoidance of the worst excesses of financial market volatility.

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An excellent option for investors looking for a relatively simple, absolute return-focused fund with low volatility

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#### Investment philosophy

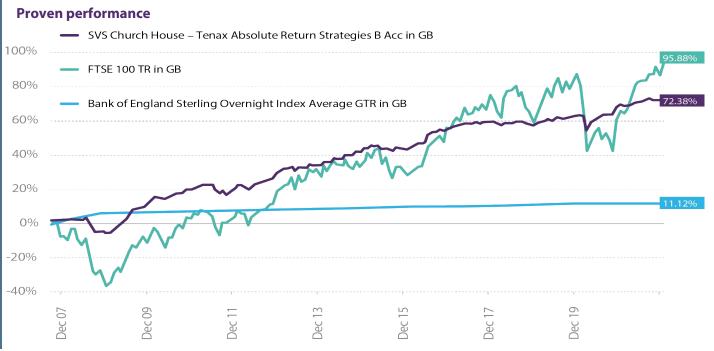
- Diversification across multiple, liquid asset classes.
- Strict risk controls with limits on allocations to asset classes, sectors and individual holdings.
- No upper limit on the allocation to money-market instruments and cash.
- Cash is the benchmark don't be afraid of it!

#### Why invest in this Fund?

Although long-term preservation of capital may not be an attribute sought by portfolio managers blending different investment styles, they do value the Fund's low volatility of returns as a contribution to reducing portfolio drawdowns and lowering volatility in their model portfolios.

The Fund is widely used as an investment for SIPPs in drawdown, either as a stand-alone solution or as part of a drawdown portfolio. The very low volatility (low sequence of returns risk) coupled with an annualised return since launch of approximately 5% make the Fund particularly suitable for this.

The Fund is an attractive alternative to cash and bonds during a prolonged period of low interest rates.















## The Tenax Fund Investment Process

The bedrock of the Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Fund Investment Process is a sound methodology, based on the company's long-standing investment philosophy of risk management being the key to performance. The methodology combines a multi-asset framework derived

 $from\ historically\ successful\ precedents,$ 

Idea generation is derived from tactical asset allocation, in turn leading to bottom-up, valuation-driven portfolio construction.

It is a process that combines intuitive fund management skills with longheld, proven investment principles, and at its core is a constant awareness of the aims, objectives and risk tolerances of the Fund's investors.

