

Press Release

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EDHEC and EuroPerformance release the Alpha League Table 2007 for the UK

EDHEC and EuroPerformance have released their rankings of the top asset management companies in the UK: the Alpha League Table. The Alpha League Table is constructed on the basis of a **genuine measure of alpha**, using a state-of-the-art methodology developed by EDHEC.

The **Alpha League Table 2007** for the UK reveals that:

- The winner of the 2007 edition is **Aberdeen Asset Managers** with a score of 2.82%. Frequency of alpha is high, with 81.2% of selected funds generating significantly positive alpha. Average alpha is 3.48%. **Jupiter Asset Management**, with a score of 2.68%, takes second place, and **M&G Securities** takes third place with a score of 2.51%.
- The **rankings are dominated by the firms that attract the largest asset inflows**, so it is no surprise to see such firms as Schrodgers, Fidelity or Invesco among the top ten.
- Overall, by the yardstick of alpha generated in equity funds, **the results of UK asset management firms are far superior to those noted in our earlier analyses** of French, Italian, Spanish, and Swiss firms. With a frequency of funds delivering alpha of over 45% and average alpha of 2.6%, UK asset managers provide unparalleled active asset management.
- Average alpha is high in all investment zones. **Asia and sector funds offer the greatest opportunities**, with alpha levels of 5%. The large number of international funds, with average alpha of 3%, is characteristic of the quality of UK asset management. Europe, emerging markets, and Japan generate average alpha of between 2% and 3%. Funds invested in UK securities, however, have an average of less than 3%.
- On average, **the “alpha” funds favour large-cap stocks** and the share of small caps is limited to 30% of the portfolios.



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About the EuroPerformance-EDHEC Alpha League Table

The Alpha League Table is a ranking constructed upon a measure of the intensity of alpha (the performance adjusted for the risks that were actually taken) for all of the asset management firm's active "equity" management. The asset management firm must be registered with the regulatory authorities and must have at least six equity funds analysed, marketed and managed in the country studied. We identify the funds that produce alpha from the EuroPerformance-EDHEC Style Ratings.

The alpha intensity is calculated every month using two indicators:

- The average alpha, which corresponds to the average of the positive alphas for the 4, 5 or 5 star 'h' funds in the Style Ratings.
- The frequency of alpha, which is expressed by the number of funds with a strictly positive alpha (4, 5 and 5 star 'h' in the Style Ratings) out of all the funds rated.

The final score, or alpha intensity, is the average of the 12 monthly scores. Only companies that have participated in the 12 monthly rankings are retained for the final rankings.

These annual rankings cover major geographical areas, and are also applied at the European level. The first edition was dedicated to France, the second to Spain-Italy, the third to Switzerland, and the current rankings to the United Kingdom.

For more information on the EuroPerformance-EDHEC Style Ratings, please visit the Style Ratings website at <http://www.stylerrating.com/>.

About EDHEC and EuroPerformance

EDHEC is one of the leading French and European business schools. It ranked 7th in the Financial Times "Masters in Management" Rankings in 2006. With 35 professors, engineers and associate researchers, the EDHEC Risk and Asset Management Research Centre is the leading European research centre in asset management.

EuroPerformance, a European fund rating agency, is a subsidiary of the FININFO group, the leading financial information firm in France. A specialist in data collection, EuroPerformance has developed tools with considerable value-added in the areas of performance and risk analysis through a broad referential database of European funds.

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