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Boutique manager Charteris Treasury delivers best UK fund performance in 2019

The firm's gold and precious metals fund tops 2,500 UK funds for the second time in four years

Charteris Treasury Portfolio Managers Limited, the London-based boutique fund manager, is pleased to announce that its HC Charteris Gold & Precious Metals fund has been ranked as the best performing UK-based investment fund in 2019.

This is the second time in four years that the fund has clinched the top spot across all sectors designated by the Investment Association, according to independent analysis of performance data compiled by FE Analytics.

The fund delivered a 52% total return over 12 months to 31 December 2019, the highest return of more than 2,500 UK-based funds over the period. It outperformed the second-best fund by approximately five percentage points and also outpaced the second-best performing fund in its own sector by about eight percentage points.

In 2016, the fund achieved a one-year gain of 134% - in a year that saw strong gains by precious metals.

The fund, a UK-regulated UCITS that is open to investment by the public, is actively managed by Ian Williams, chairman and chief investment officer of Charteris.

"We use proprietary long-term cycle analysis as well as fundamental and technical research to identify the best opportunities for superior returns," Williams commented.

The fund invests primarily in gold and silver miners with producing assets and proven reserves and also favours an overweight position in silver miners.

"Our consistent performance over several years shows that it is possible to make good profits by investing in gold and silver assets. Although we are pleased with last year's performance, when gold and silver saw moderate gains, the precious metals markets could be set for a much stronger year ahead. The gains made last year are now attracting renewed investor interest leading to higher inflows into our fund."

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About Charteris Treasury Portfolio Managers Ltd

Charteris is a UK-regulated fund manager and wealth management boutique based in the City of London. The Company has a discretionary asset management business which provides highly personalised asset management services to private and institutional investors.

In addition, the firm also manages four UK-based investment funds.

These funds are: the HC Charteris Gold & Precious Metals Fund; the HC Charteris UK Premium Income Fund; the HC Charteris Global Macro Fund and the HC Charteris Strategic Bond Fund.

Charteris has a differentiated investment philosophy that combines value-based fundamental and macro research with long-term cycle analysis of all major asset classes. This process is partly aimed at identifying new investment trends and offers the potential for excess returns over the long term.

Charteris and its leadership team have received numerous industry awards in recent years, including:

- UK's best performing fund in 2019 and 2016 (Gold Fund)
- Top ranking in Citywire WM Absolute Return sector, 2016 (Global Macro Fund)
- 2020 Nominee for two categories at the City of London Wealth Management Awards
- Ian Williams, manager of the UK's top performing Gilt Fund 2007, 2009 & 2013

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