

## PLANETARIUM ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES - PAS European Markets (EUR)

Mushrooming debt levels in Europe, not to mention in the USA, plus the marked slowdown in growth in response to austerity measures being implemented have remained the two main causes for concern among investors. Throughout the third quarter, policymakers sought to put together programmes to resolve the situation, but their best-laid plans were quickly derailed. As a result, equity markets experienced a roller-coaster ride with some steep falls, most notably in the opening fortnight of August when the S&P 500 sank by 13%.

We continue to believe that the euro will weather the storm and government debt overhangs will gradually be mopped up. However, we are worried about the high likelihood that the global economy is heading for several years of flat growth.

We had decided by the end of Q2 2011 to increase the sub-fund's cash position on account of the uncertainties rife in Europe. As of 30 September, the position still stood at 18%. This did not enable the sub-fund to avoid returning a negative performance for Q3 (-5.5%), taking its score for the year to end-September to -5.2%. The sub-fund is invested in 16 underlying investment funds, primarily divided among Long/Short Equity (74%) and Event-Driven (6%) strategies.

Assets under management total just over EUR 41 m.

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