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U.K. Asset Managers' Performance H1 2019

At Indur-Vishni Wealth Management & Advisory LLC although we may like to present our reports in a novel (some would say irreverent) way, we nevertheless take accountability very seriously. If in hindsight we were wrong in our assessment about some stocks then we'll put our hands up and say 'We got it wrong'. We're dismissive of stocks but we're deadly serious about the fundamentals as well as 360 degree macro view take the numbers seriously and the purpose of this six-month review is to assess how our assessments panned out for the first half of the year. So, without further ado, let's with the UK's Asset Managers.

Perky, bouncy Asses!

Ashmore finished 2018 10% down but H1 2019 has seen the stock recover all losses and then some. It's up 40% since the beginning of the year. Our last comment on Ashmore described the stock's price as "lofty" and it's even more so now. The dividend's dropped down to 3.2% from 3.77%. And, we're going to double down and reiterate, "There's nothing to justify this lofty valuation"; irrational exuberance has lifted this- and many other stocks- higher. Remember that saying, 'Never pick up pennies in front of an approaching steam-roller'? Those who bought in to Ashmore at the end of last year have clearly done well but we maintain our **S.T.F.A. & G.T.F.O**. recommendations for H2 2019. We got Ashmore wrong: we didn't see foresee so much appreciation for the stock.

Brewin Dolphin finished 2018 at 322.40. However, it finished H1 2019 at 305, a fall of almost 7.5% for the half. We still like the stock (the dividend remains over 5%) and it's getting closer to our recommended '**Carpe**' price of 288.80 but, remember, don't go crazy! Just buy a small tranche…if you're feeling adventurous. What you need to remember is that the U.K. is an emerging market masquerading as a developed market and you need to limit your exposure to both U.K. stocks and the pound. How did we do in our assessment on this stock? Well, we anticipated it going lower (hence our recommended entry price) and we still like the stock so we'll claim that as a win for us!

Hargreaves Lansdowne, notwithstanding its 5% rise for H1, is probably the most hated asset manager in the U.K., the consequences of being involved with the Woodford Equity Fund (the cosy, reach-around/circle-jerk world of the U.K. fund management and asset management industries has been exposed by the fallout from the scandal). A lot has been said about Woodford (possibly the most hated man in the U.K right now if you had money invested with the cocksucker!) over the last few weeks but he isn't the object of our focus. Hargreaves Lansdowne are and the fact that they were recommending that particular fund on their website to clients, whilst knowing about the fund's potentially problematic investments, in our eyes makes them either negligent our downright cunts. So yes, we reiterate our **S.T.F.A. and G.T.F.O**. recommendations. We didn't expect either the appreciation in the stock's price and it's all the more surprising that the stock enjoyed a small gain despite Hargreaves being linked to the Woodfucker. Could be worse, we could have money invested with Hargreaves and/or Deadwoodford!

Jupiter Fund Management fell over 50% by the end of 2018. We didn't like the long-term prospects of the stock the last time we assessed it. And, nor did we expect the dividend to hold. We were wrong on both counts: the stock has gone up 43% by the end of H1 and the dividend remains just above 4%. This has turned out to be a splendid investment for those who held on to their shares but we think the rally will soon fizzle out and last year's high of £6.34 won't be reached this year or during the remainder of the decade. Those of you who have made your money should think about **G.T.F.O**. and for those of you thinking about buying now we say **S.T.F.A**. Our advice remains the same as it did the last time we looked at Jupiter.

Man Group, too, got roughed up bad (a top to bottom fall of just under 37%) but we thought the stock, then with a yield over 6% (it's now just under 5%) had potential although our 'Carpe' price was around the £1 mark. The stock finished H1 up just over 13%. A nice return, especially when you factor in the dividend. We're changing our 'Carpe' price for the next quarter, down to £1.30. We think there's a good chance it goes there before the end of the year if a) volatility increases and b) withdrawals increase (just ask Neil Woodfried about withdrawals!). It's always good to see one of our 'Carpe' recommendations do well so we'll chalk that up as a 'Win' for us!

Quilter had a good 2018 (finishing up just over 14% last year) and we liked the stock and suggested waiting for it to hit £1.20 before taking a bite. Well. It did drop below £1.20 at the start of 2019 and then went on to rise 18% by the end of H1. The dividend is still over 4%. Despite the stock's performance and our recommendation, we don't see it going further than £1.70 this year so it's up to you if you want to hang on to it for the dividend or if you want to cash out while the going is good. Another 'win' for us.

We didn't like **Rathbone Brothers** when we looked at them last and we still don't like them. About RAT we said, "we see very little upside" and, indeed, the stock finished H1 down just over 4.5%. We reiterate our **S.T.F.A**. recommendation as we gloat over our hat-trick of 'wins'!

Schroders, got reamed to the tune of 30% last year but by the end of H1 2019 it was up 25%. An impressive recovery (that defied our previous assessment) but not enough to make us like the stock. With a 'Hard Brexit' looking increasingly likely, we think expensive, bloated asset managers like Scroders, Rathbone and Hargreaves have limited upside in the medium term. **S.T.F.A. & G.T.F.O**.

Stan Life Aberdeen finished 2018 41% down from where it began. The stock finished H1 up just under 14%. It still has a long way to go before recouping the remaining 27% and we doubt it will manage it this year. The stock defied our negative view of it but it doesn't change our **S.T.F.A. and G.T.F.O**. recommendations. We can just hear Ace Ventura yell "Looo-hoo-hoo-serrr" in our ears over this one!

Of the nine stocks we covered in this survey, four performed according to our expectations. The rest, despite obvious headwinds, exceeded expectations. But, we're only half-way through 2019 and our end of year survey should make interesting reading.

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