

In Demand: The Gartmore China Opportunities Fund

Surges in investor demand have been seen in sub sectors and niche investment areas such as China, India, and Emerging Market funds recently.

The surge in demand is on the back of bullishness over high growth areas such as India, China, Russia and other emerging markets where there are major drivers of growth, mainly in infrastructure. These regions remain positive economically due to upwardly revised forecasts despite the already high GDP growth expectations. Commodity prices continue at high levels as demand continues to grow and secular trends for domestic growth also remain intact. This can be seen in domestic consumption which is also a major driver of growth. As the Central Bank continues to cut rates and increases liquidity in the global markets, these niche investment regions are going to be the main recipients.

At Selftrade we have also seen these trends, with the Gartmore China Opportunities fund topping our most popular list with clients. China is seen as the world's largest exporter to the US, the world's second largest economy with twenty per cent of the world's population and the largest producer of steel.

Although the US is still the world's largest economy, global dynamics have changed and the Chinese economy became the largest growth contributor in 2007. Recent data releases indicate that the Chinese economy expanded by 11.4% in 2007, reaching its fastest growth rate in 13 years. While acknowledging the more volatile market environment, Charlie Awdry, Fund Manager of the **Gartmore China Opportunities Fund**, highlights that January's selling took place across sectors in a largely indiscriminate manner. "I believe that de-rating has been excessive in China, and not commensurate with the tighter monetary policy environment announced in December."

Gartmore's China Opportunities Fund was ranked first in its sector in the year to 31st December 2007. Indeed, it was the top performing UK mutual fund of 2007 gaining 71.2%. As a responsible asset manager, Gartmore would like to point out that this is a long term investment and that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment. China is an emerging market, which tends to be more volatile than more established stock markets.

Annual performance for the period ending 31.01.08 (%)

	31.01.03 -31.01.04	31.01.04 -31.01.05	31.01.05 -31.01.06	31.01.06 -31.01.07	31.01.07 -31.01.08
Percentage growth	82.7	3.2	25.9	38.3	34.5

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