

Ironbark Royal London Wholesale Concentrated Global Share Option Included on Colonial First State FirstChoice Investment Menu

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Ironbark Asset Management ('Ironbark') in partnership with UK-based investment manager Royal London Asset Management ('RLAM'), are delighted to be awarded a global equities mandate on the Colonial First State FirstChoice investment menu.

Available from December 13 on the FirstChoice platform, the *Ironbark Royal London Wholesale Concentrated Global Share* option largely replicates the Ironbark Royal London Concentrated Global Share Fund (the 'Fund'), which has been managed by RLAM since 2016 and is highly rated by key research and consultant groups. The Fund was notably upgraded to 'Highly Recommended' by Lonsec earlier this year, and in recent weeks maintained its Recommended rating with Zenith Investment Partners.

Ironbark's Head of Funds Management, Alex Donald commented, "We are delighted that Colonial First State has entrusted us with this mandate. CFS FirstChoice is one of the market's leading and well used platforms, partnering with some of the world's most respected managers. The inclusion of the Ironbark Royal London Concentrated Global Share strategy amongst such an exclusive menu is a welcome reflection on both the investment capability and the strong demand we're seeing for the Fund from researchers, consultants and the adviser community".

RLAM's strategy aims to deliver long-term capital growth across economic cycles by employing its proprietary Economic Return & Corporate Life Cycle Frameworks to construct a balanced portfolio of 20-45 companies, diversified by country, sector and life cycle. This markedly differentiated stock selection approach has historically resulted in a consistent track record of performance across economic cycles and differing periods of style leadership for investors.

Alex commented further, "The significant style shifts post the pandemic have really highlighted the role this core strategy can play in investor's portfolios. As a capability that seeks to maximise stock-specific risk rather than being dominated by style exposure, our Ironbark Royal London Concentrated Global Share Fund has been one of only a handful of funds within its global equity peer group that's been able to deliver an excess return (relative to the MSCI World Index) of greater than 3% for both the 2020 calendar year and the 2021 calendar to date."

For more information on RLAM or the FirstChoice investment option, please contact Alex Donald, Ironbark's Head of Funds Management. Contact details are overleaf.

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Ironbark's product range covers a diverse range of asset classes, visit www.ironbarkam.com to learn more about Ironbark's strategic partnerships and best-in-class investment solutions.

About Royal London

Royal London Asset Management (RLAM) is one of the UK's leading fund management companies, managing assets on behalf of a wide range of clients.

RLAM's experienced team of investment specialists manages around £159 billion of assets (as at 30 September 2021), investing across all major asset classes. Their funds are aimed at meeting a broad range of investor needs. In addition, they provide bespoke solutions to meet specific objectives.

RLAM was established in 1988 and is a wholly owned and central part of the Royal London Group. Since their inception they have built a reputation as an innovative, high performing fund manager. RLAM's track record and exceptional client service have been recognised with a number of awards.

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