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## Press Release

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### **F&C's Question of the Month: investment trusts attract the 'balanced' investor**

Respondents to F&C's latest online survey of investment trust investors have revealed that the majority have a 'balanced' approach to risk when it comes to their investments.

In the fourth of a new series of monthly online polls, 61% of those who participated in the survey on F&C's investment trust website ([www.fandc.co.uk](http://www.fandc.co.uk)) – which asked the question "What is your appetite for risk in investment trusts?" – said they took a balanced approach.

While 13% said they used investment trusts for higher-risk exposure, 9% described their risk appetite in investment trusts as 'low'. A further 17% use investment trusts to satisfy a combination of risk profiles.

Some respondents to the survey left comments explaining their attitude. One said simply, "Risk is exciting!", although the majority of those commenting said they invested in a portfolio of trusts with different risk profiles to achieve a balance. One older investor said "I am almost 70 so I prefer a safer bet."

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The research may help to combat the perception that investment trusts are inherently higher-risk than their open-ended counterparts, because of their unique features such as the ability to borrow to invest (gearing) and the fact that the share price may lag the net asset value of the trust because of supply and demand imbalances (discounts). While all F&C's investment trusts carry some risk to capital so cannot be considered 'low risk' in the same way as cash deposits, the stable of trusts includes enough variety to satisfy a wide range of risk appetites. Trusts on offer include globally diversified generalist trusts such as British Assets Trust and Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, as well as the UK income-focused Investors Capital Trust and more adventurous options such as Pacific Assets Trust, small and mid-cap specialist European Assets Trust, and 'niche' products including commercial property trusts and F&C Private Equity Trust.

Mike Woodward, head of investment trusts at F&C Investments, commented: "We believe the breadth of our range offers something for all but the most risk-averse investor, and we are pleased to see that a majority of our survey respondents feel they can achieve a balance of risk through investing in our investment trusts."

The full results and comments are below. Next month's question: 'Which market do you believe has the most investment potential over the next 12 months?' (UK, US, Europe, Japan, Asia, Emerging Markets, Property, Private Equity).

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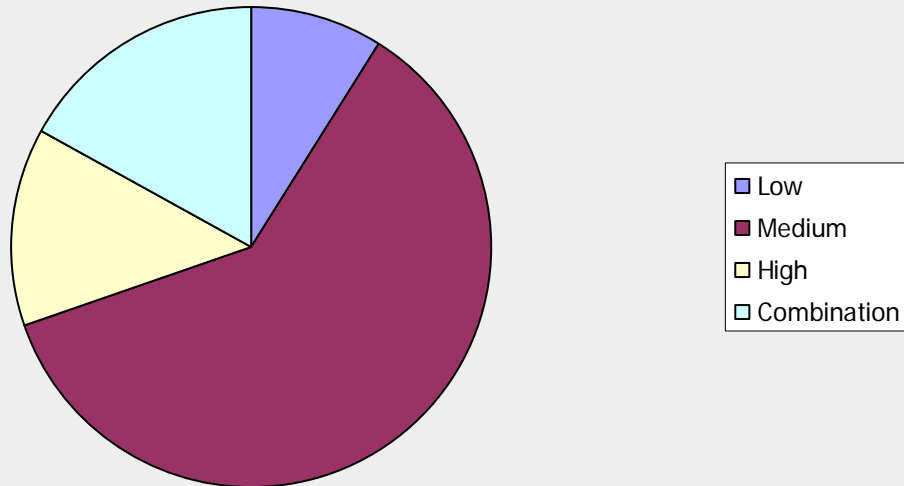
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Answer Options	Response Percent
Low	9%
Medium	61%
High	13%
Combination	17%

#### Comments (only a small minority of respondents left a comment)

1. I use all three balanced towards low
2. Risk is exciting!
3. Spread of risk in different funds
4. Continuing to hold and transfer some gains to IT ISAs
5. I am almost seventy, so I would prefer a safer bet.

#### Notes to Editors

##### F&C Investments

- F&C Asset Management (F&C) is an independent London Stock Exchange listed asset management group with around 100,000 shareholders.
- F&C traces its origins to 1868 with the launch of Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, the first ever publicly listed investment fund. Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust remains a client of F&C.

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- F&C REIT Asset Management is the group's global property asset management business. It was formed in 2008 from the merger of F&C's property division and REIT Asset Management. F&C REIT operates from offices in London, Dublin, Munich, Mumbai and Stockholm.
- F&C manages assets principally from three investment centres: London, Amsterdam and Edinburgh. The group has a global office network spanning a dozen countries: China (Hong Kong), France (Paris), Germany (Frankfurt & Munich), India (Mumbai), Ireland (Dublin), The Netherlands (Amsterdam), Portugal (Lisbon), Sweden (Stockholm), Switzerland (Geneva), UK (London, Edinburgh, Dorking) and the United States (Boston).

\* As at 30 September 2009.