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Triple3 volatility fund added to netwealth

The Triple3 Volatility Advantage Fund has been added as an investment option on the netwealth platform, as a means to manage risk and smooth returns.

The move follows the Triple3 fund's recent addition to Macquarie Wrap.

The fund, which is distributed by Grant Samuel Funds Management (GSFM), aims to generate long-term absolute returns, which are negatively correlated to the S&P500.

Damien McIntyre, director with Grant Samuel Funds Management, says with volatile markets set to challenge investors in 2015, the Triple3 Volatility Advantage Fund fills an important gap in the market - that of real and sustained portfolio diversification.

"Australian investors have a definite home bias when it comes to the share market and, per capita, they have the second highest domestic equity exposure in the world. This domestic equity bias creates a real challenge for portfolio diversification.

"Investors have traditionally sought to diversify their equity risk by investing in bonds, cash and alternatives, with varying levels of success. The Triple3 Volatility Advantage Fund provides another diversification option," Mr McIntyre says.

Simon Ho, founder and chief executive officer of Triple3 Partners, says the fund provides this diversification by investing in volatility.

"No one would dispute that the volatility inherent in options markets is negatively correlated to traditional equities. The fund accesses this volatility through investment in the VIX Index, with the use of highly liquid exchange traded VIX options.

"The aim of the fund is to provide cash like returns when global markets rise, positive returns when markets experience volatility and strongly positive returns when global markets fall. With volatility expected in global markets during 2015, the fund is well positioned for the environment," Mr Ho says.

Triple 3 Partners was established in 2009 to provide volatility strategies to institutional clients, including alpha strategies, volatility overlay and volatility research. In addition to a role as an investment manager, Triple3 is a dedicated volatility research house and sells its research to professional investors as well as consulting to stock exchanges around the world.

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Grant Samuel Funds Management (GSFM) was established in July 2007 and is a subsidiary of the Grant Samuel Group, and co-owned by the executives of GSFM. Grant Samuel Group is an independent investment advisory house founded in 1988 and owned by its executives. GSFM specializes in marketing funds managed by high calibre local and international managers to Australian institutional and retail investors.

GSFM formed an alliance in October 2007 with New York based Epoch Investment Partners, Inc. to distribute Epoch's investment products to Australian clients.

In May 2008, GSFM acquired an equity stake in Tribeca Investment Partners, a successful Australian boutique manager which has been investing clients' funds since 1999.

In May 2011, GSFM formed a relationship with Payden & Rygel, a Los Angeles based independent investment management firm established in 1983, to distribute its global fixed income and absolute return strategies in the Australian market.

In early 2014, GSFM established a relationship with Triple Three Partners Pty Ltd (Triple3) a boutique research and investment management firm based in Sydney. Triple3 specialises in volatility as an asset class. The first fund from this relationship the Triple3 Volatility Advantage Fund was launched in May 2014.

GSFM currently represents \$5.7 billion funds under management (as of 28 February 2015). For more information about GSFM please visit the website: www.gsfm.com.au

Triple3 Partners is an independent research and investment firm based in Sydney that specialises in volatility as an asset class and provides volatility strategies to institutional clients. This includes alpha strategies, volatility overlay and volatility research.

Triple3 invests in portfolios of options in order to tap the alpha potential inherent in volatility. Using a proprietary quantitative strategy, Triple3 helps investors enhance returns and manage portfolio volatility.

Over the past seven years Triple3 has developed quantitative forecasting techniques and portfolio allocation algorithms, which represent a prominent source of its competitive edge. For more information please visit the website: www.triple3p.com

The PDS for the Fund may be obtained by contacting GSFM on (02) 9324 4356 or from www.gsfm.com.au. Before making an investment decision in relation to the Fund, investors should read and consider the PDS for the Fund.