

# Aberdeen's Whitley rules Europe in amLeague's April rankings

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Aberdeen Asset Management's Jeremy Whitley is the top performer in amLeague's latest monthly ranking after beating his rivals in both the European and eurozone equity mandates.

The firm's head of UK and European equities and his management team posted returns of 3.12% in the league's European equity mandate and 2.62% in the eurozone equity mandate.

The Edinburgh-based manager and his team were by far the best performers in the European equity rankings, bettering second placed Federal Finance's 2.23% by 89 basis points.

In third place was the team managed portfolio of French boutique Vivienne Investissement, which posted returns of 2.16% during the month of April.

Of the 23 managers taking part in the European equity mandate, only four managed to beat the Stoxx 600 NR benchmark, which rose 1.57%.

## Top five best performing European equity managers

Asset Management Company	Manager	Performance
Aberdeen AM	Jeremy Whitley – team managed	3.12%
Federal Finance	Team managed	2.23%
Vivienne Investissement	Team managed	2.16%
Edmond de Rothschild AM	Philippe Lecoq, Olivier Huet	2.12%
ING IM	Rob Radelaar, Jan Luschen	1.45%

Launched in June 2010, the goal of the league was to offer a way for institutional investors to compare fund managers' skill at running identical mandates.

Each manager must run a paper portfolio with an identical set of guidelines: a market exposure of 98-100%, a minimum of 20 stocks, and a maximum exposure to any single sector of 35%.

Two leagues were originally launched at the end of June 2010 – the pan-European and eurozone equity mandates – while the global equity mandate was launched at the end of December 2011.

Once again, Whitley and his team top the board in the eurozone equity ranking, having produced returns of 2.62% over the month of April.

Following closely behind in second place are ING IM's Nicolas Simar and Manu Vandenbulck with returns of 2.42%. This is while third place went to Bénédicte Bazi and Florian Allain of CCR AM with 2.07%.

Of the 18 managers taking part in the eurozone equity mandate, seven managed to beat the Eurostoxx NR benchmark, which rose 0.88% over the month of April.

### Top five best performing eurozone equity managers

Asset Management Company	Manager	Performance
Aberdeen AM	Jeremy Whitley – team managed	2.62%
ING IM	Nicolas Simar, Manu Vandenbulck	2.42%
CCR AM	Bénédicte Bazi, Florian Allain	2.07%
Somangest	Vincent Lequertier, Patrice Pailloux	1.76%
Vivienne Investissement	Team managed	1.46%

Topping the league's global equity rankings is BNP Paribas Investment Partners' THEAM-managed portfolio, which returned 2.36% over the course of April.

In second place, with less than half the returns, are the Ossiam Global Minimum Variance team with returns of 1.10%, followed by Ecofi Investissements' Olivier Plaisant and Mathieu Baillargeoin with 0.63%.

Of the 11 managers taking part in the global equity mandate, five outperformed its Stoxx 1800 NR benchmark, which rose 0.33% over the course of April.

### Top five performing Global equity managers

Asset Management Company	Manager	Performance
BNP Paribas IP	THEAM	2.36%
Ossiam Global Minimum Variance	Team managed	1.10%
ECOFI Investissements	Olivier Plaisant, Mathieu Baillargeon	0.63%%
AllianzGI High Alpha Strategy	Lucy MacDonald & team	0.51%
Petercam	Bart Baetens, Guy Lermينياux	0.49%