

# Irish Opportunities Fund

Information is correct as at the 30th September 2010

Volatility/Risk

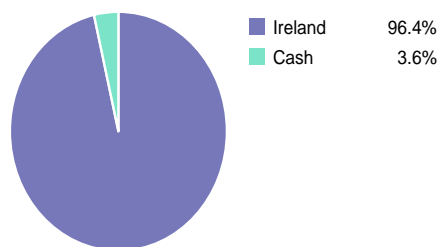


## How the Fund Works

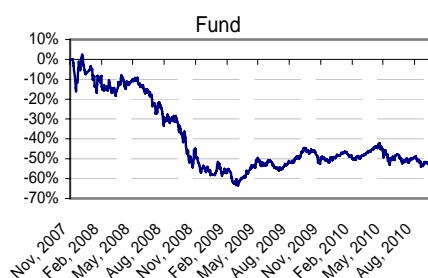
The Irish Opportunities Fund offers the experienced investor a way to benefit, over the medium term, from the growth potential of a selection of leading Irish companies. The Irish Opportunities Fund is a concentrated basket of Irish company shares and will be managed on an active basis. We recommend therefore that it should be considered as part of a well diversified portfolio.

**The return of this fund since launch (5th November 2007) is -22.61%p.a.**

## Country Distribution



## Performance



Year	Irish Opportunities Fund
2010 YTD	-8.0%
1 Year	-11.7%

The figures quoted are before tax and after management charges. Source: Irish Life.

## Market Commentary

The Irish Opportunities Fund rose by 1.2% in September whilst the Irish equity market fell by 1.0%. In the last quarter, the fund declined by 1.9% whilst the index fell by 7.0%.

The ultimate cost of recapitalising the Irish banks, especially Anglo Irish Bank, weighed on investor sentiment throughout September. There was also disappointing Irish GDP data and poor economic data from the US, and this provided a constant drag on the market.

September proved to be yet another dramatic month in the history of Irish financials. The financials index plunged 19.1% following a fall of 11.5% in August. The financials index has fallen by over 40% so far this year.

Allied Irish Banks declined 34% in September (the fund does not hold any AIB shares). AIB announced that it would launch a €5.4bn equity capital raising in November.

In August we purchased Aer Lingus on market weakness at 89c. Since then conditions appear to be stabilising for the airline sector and the shares have moved ahead. We sold the position last month at €1.04.

In July we sold the position in Paddy Power at €27.70. The shares fell back after the release of the interim results and we bought back into the shares at €26.50 last month.

In March the fund purchased Total Produce, the distributor of fresh fruit. The shares have performed well since then and we sold the position last month, booking a return of almost 19%.

The stocks in the fund at the month end include: AGI, CRH, C&C, IFG, ICG, Independent News & Media, Ryanair, Elan, Norkom and Kerry Group.

**Warning: The value of your investment may go down as well as up. This fund may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates. Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.**



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