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Equity markets have been subjected to increased volatility in 2016 due to a number of events. These include economic growth concerns in China, severe oscillation in the price of oil, negative interest rates in some regions and, more latterly, Brexit. Investors are also focussed on the US interest rate cycle and the likely timing of the next rate rise. Economic uncertainty has resulted in many equity markets struggling during the first half of the year although the US and UK markets have been notably resilient.

Despite the uncertainty, equities remain attractively valued compared to bonds and cash. In addition, the influential US market, which has been in a trading range for the last 18 months, has recently broken out on the upside. Although bonds have been supported by the tailwind of aggressive ECB monetary policy action, they offer little long-term value

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The following ESMA ratings have changed since the end of Quarter 2:

Fund Risk Rating Changes as at 30th June 2016

Fund	Was	Now
SuperCAPP	3	2
5 Star 5 Global	6	5
Diversified Assets	5	4
Green Resources	7	6
Indexed India Equity	7	6
Emerging Local Currency Debt (Pictet)	4	5
Global Equity (MFS Meridian)	6	5



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