

More financial products for investors

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SINGAPORE — Investors looking to add diversity to their portfolios have more products coming their way, as local and foreign financial institutions attempt to meet increasingly-discerning investment appetites.

UOB Asset Management has collaborated with financial advisers GYC Financial Advisory to launch the United G Strategic Fund, which they claim is an "all-weather" fund with a global mandate and is actively-managed amid changing economic trends.

For example, the fund will be invested fully in equities in a bull market. In bearish times, invest-

ments will be reallocated into cash or money market instruments for capital preservation.

The fund is exclusively for GYC's customers and covers a wide range of asset classes, such as equities, bonds, cash and alternative instruments like exchange-traded-funds.

UOB Asset Management is the investment manager of the fund, while GYC is its investment adviser.

Meanwhile, United States-based investment firm BlackRock broke new ground with a series of global funds catering to local retail investors.

Launched last week, the world's largest asset manager unveiled 25 sub-funds of its flagship

BlackRock Global Fund (BGF) range.

Offering equity, bond and balanced funds, investors can apply for these funds through a number of financial intermediaries.

Mr Alasdair Riach, managing director and country manager for BlackRock Singapore, said the funds are aimed at meeting the growing investment appetite and expectations among Singaporean investors.

Some funds in the BCF range include BGF Global Allocation Fund — the largest fund in the group with over 700 securities worldwide and is AAA rated by Standard & Poor (S&P).

For those interested in global commodity plays there are the BGF World Gold and BGF World Mining funds, also AAA rated by S&P.

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