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FE Trustnet examines 2016 through a number of lenses, including investment style, fund sectors and UK market cap.



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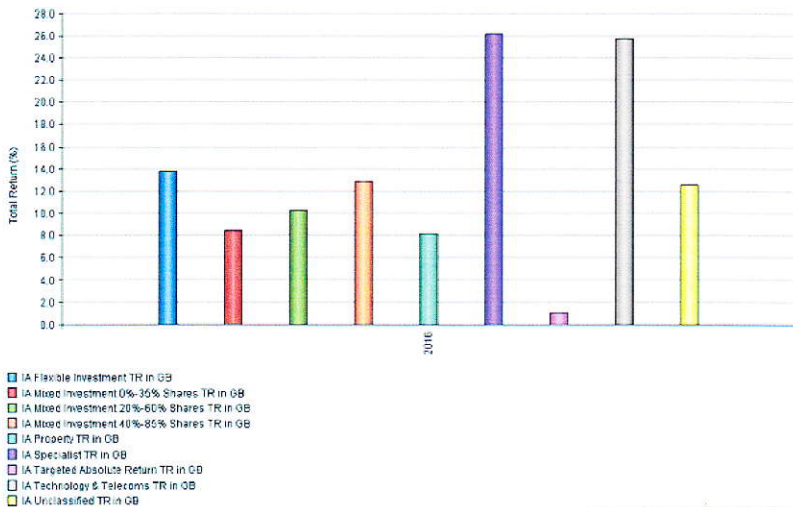
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Source: FE Analytics

Although by its very nature the IA Specialist sector is a very mixed bag of funds, it is the best performer in this category after making an average return of 26.17 per cent. WAY Charteris Gold & Precious Metals was the best performer after making 133.95 per cent (in fact, this makes the fund the best performer of the entire Investment Association universe). Other IA Specialist funds like Pictet Russian Equities, MFM Junior Gold, HSBC GIF Russia Equity and BNY Mellon Brazil Equity made some of the open-ended fund space's highest returns last year. The worst performing peer group was IA Targeted Absolute Return, up just 1.06 per cent. FP Argonaut Absolute Return, its worst performer, fell 25.63 per cent and made the Investment Association universe's biggest loss last year; it is joined at the bottom of the table by CF Odey Absolute Return and GAM Star (Lux) European Alpha.