

# The DC Funds

Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Equities – passive as at 31 March 2021

## Fund Objective

To provide long-term capital growth in excess of UK price inflation by investing predominantly in Asia Pacific (ex Japan) listed shares. The fund aims to perform in line with the benchmark as closely as possible.

### Fund Facts

**Launch Date:**  
1/3/2018

**Fund Size:**  
£16.43m

**Price Per Share:**  
254.40p

**Base Currency:**  
GBP

**Does this fund form part of an HSBC default strategy?**  
No

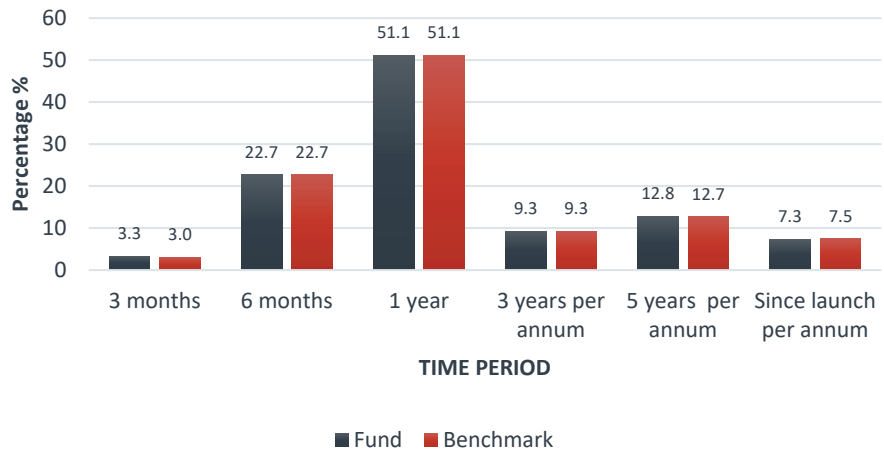
**Charges:**  
Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00%  
Additional Charges: 0.00%

**Current Underlying Fund(s):**  
100% L&G Asia Pacific (Ex Japan) Equity Index Fund

**Current Benchmark:**  
FTSE Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan Index

**Charges:**  
HSBC pays the investment management charges – not you. However, there may be costs within some of the funds and these will be reflected in the unit price.  
These nominal costs are variable and are likely to be between nil and 0.2% a year.

## Fund Performance



### Note

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The figures are shown in Sterling and have been calculated using actual returns since the introduction of the current DC fund range.  
Source: FIL Life Insurance Ltd. Single priced (i.e. no bid/offer spread), gross income reinvested and net of fees. Indicative prices have been used if a portfolio valuation fell on a non-trading day. The fund was launched on 1st March 2018, but links to an underlying fund which has been existence for a number of years. Before 1st March 2018, performance is simulated based on data provided by L&G, the underlying fund provider. Thereafter, returns are produced by Fidelity on a monthly basis.

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### Fund performance (continued)

|                             | 31 Mar 2020 -<br>31 Mar 2021 | 31 Mar 2019 -<br>31 Mar 2020 | 31 Mar 2018 -<br>31 Mar 2019 | 31 Mar 2017 -<br>31 Mar 2018 | 31 Mar 2016 -<br>31 Mar 2017 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                             | %                            | %                            | %                            | %                            | %                            |
| <b>Fund</b>                 | 51.1                         | -17.2                        | 4.3                          | 1.6                          | 37.4                         |
| <b>Benchmark</b>            | 51.1                         | -17.2                        | 4.3                          | 1.7                          | 37.2                         |
| <b>Relative Performance</b> | 0.0                          | 0.0                          | 0.0                          | -0.1                         | 0.2                          |

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### Market Commentary

Asia Pacific ex Japan equities rose over the quarter. Equities started the period on a positive note amid a drop in COVID-19 infections and optimism towards global vaccination rollouts. However, towards the latter half of the quarter, equities were caught in a global sell-off in risky assets amid rising US bond yields. From a country perspective, Chinese equities underperformed regional equities as growing concerns over policy tightening in China hurt investor sentiment. On a positive note, Indian equities gained momentum amid an expansionary, growth focused union budget for 2021. Investors largely ignored concerns over increasing COVID-19 cases and building inflationary pressures, instead focusing on supportive global equity market trends and an expanding vaccination drive in the country. Taiwanese and Korean stocks gained momentum as encouraging export data from both countries lifted investor sentiment. At the sector level in the region, financials, communication services and industrials stocks were the notable gainers. Source: Fidelity. This is general market commentary and should not be considered as advice.

#### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

|    |                                |               |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Samsung Electronics Co Ltd     | 10.25%        |
| 2  | Alia Group Ltd                 | 4.46%         |
| 3  | Commonwealth Bank of Australia | 3.53%         |
| 4  | BHP Group Ltd                  | 3.09%         |
| 5  | CSL Ltd                        | 2.78%         |
| 6  | Hong Kong Exchanges and Clear  | 2.27%         |
| 7  | Westpac Banking Corp           | 2.07%         |
| 8  | National Australia Bank Ltd    | 1.98%         |
| 9  | SK Hynix Inc                   | 1.85%         |
| 10 | Aust and NZ Banking Group      | 1.85%         |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>34.13%</b> |

#### GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

|    |              |                |
|----|--------------|----------------|
| 1  | Australia    | 39.19%         |
| 2  | Korea        | 33.31%         |
| 3  | Hong Kong    | 19.07%         |
| 4  | Singapore    | 6.49%          |
| 5  | New Zealand  | 1.69%          |
| 6  | China        | 0.14%          |
| 7  | Taiwan       | 0.05%          |
| 8  | India        | 0.04%          |
| 9  | Malaysia     | 0.01%          |
| 10 | Thailand     | 0.01%          |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

#### INDUSTRY SECTOR BREAKDOWN




|    |                   |                |
|----|-------------------|----------------|
| 1  | Financials        | 26.19%         |
| 2  | Technology        | 19.05%         |
| 3  | Consumer Services | 10.70%         |
| 4  | Basic Materials   | 9.74%          |
| 5  | Industrials       | 9.51%          |
| 6  | Real Estate       | 7.62%          |
| 7  | Health Care       | 6.54%          |
| 8  | Consumer Goods    | 4.39%          |
| 9  | Utilities         | 2.46%          |
| 10 | Other             | 3.80%          |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>100.00%</b> |

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### Risk rating

● Very low  
 ● Low  
 ● Low/medium  
 ● Medium  
 ● Medium/high  
 ● High  
 ● Very high

All investments carry a level of risk. You need to decide how much of each type of risk you're prepared to take. The table below gives an overview of some of the risks associated with this fund

| Risk type                      | Description of risk   | Level of risk for this fund   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Capital Risk</b>            | This is the risk that the value of your investments will fall. Investors in higher capital risk funds should expect to see above average growth over the long term, but might see big falls in value in the short term. The younger you are, the less worried you might be about capital risk, because your investments have time to recover their value before you retire. Higher capital risk funds may be less suitable if you are close to retirement and want more certainty.  |  |
| <b>Inflation Risk</b>          | This is the risk that the value of your investments will grow more slowly than prices rise. Inflation can be a problem for pension savings invested in cash or bond funds particularly if the interest you're earning is less than the rate of inflation and you are some way from retirement.  |  |
| <b>Pension Conversion Risk</b> | The price of an annuity changes on a regular basis. This means that the amount of income you can secure with the same amount of money will change. Pension conversion risk is the risk that the amount of income you can buy drops before you retire, because your money is invested differently to annuity funds. That's why, if you wish to buy an annuity to provide a regular income through retirement, putting more of your DC pension pot into bonds to try to match annuity prices as you get closer to retirement age can help protect against this risk. If you wish to continue investing your pension savings during retirement and access drawdown then this is less of a concern. |  |

### About the factsheet

It is important to remember that the price of units can go down as well as up. There's no guarantee that you'll get back the amount that goes into your DC pension pot. Changes in rates of currency exchange, particularly where overseas securities are held, could also affect the value of your investment. Although the funds can typically be bought and sold on a daily basis, if an exceptional amount of withdrawals are requested, the fund manager may need to delay when you can access your holdings. All funds are provided through FIL Life Insurance Ltd and may invest in securities issued by or hold deposits with HSBC Holdings plc and associated companies. The Trustee can change the underlying managers or funds within this fund, or decide to withdraw or replace the fund at any time, without member consent or prior notification. This factsheet should be read alongside the investment guide.

Making fund choices is an important decision that could have a significant effect on your benefits. This factsheet has been produced to provide you with fund information and is not designed to provide advice or a recommendation on the suitability of an investment for your personal financial circumstances. The Trustee cannot give you financial advice about your fund choices. Consider taking independent financial advice before making any investment decisions.

Valuation time: Business days at 5:00pm (UK time)

Dealing Process: The cut off time for switch instructions is 2:00pm each business day.

### Contact us

You can find more Scheme information at: [www.futurefocus.staff.hsbc.co.uk](http://www.futurefocus.staff.hsbc.co.uk)

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