

# the DC funds

North American Equities - **passive**  
as at 31 December 2018

## fund objective

To provide long-term capital growth in excess of UK price inflation by investing predominantly in North American listed shares. The fund aims to perform in line with the benchmark as closely as possible.

fund facts	top 10 holdings	sector breakdown																																																
<b>Launch date:</b> 1 March 2018 <b>Fund size:</b> £10.78m <b>Price per share:</b> 203.70p <b>Charges:</b> Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00% Additional Charges: 0.00% <b>Current underlying fund(s):</b> L&G North American Equity Index Fund <b>Benchmark:</b> FTSE All World North America Index	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1. Microsoft Corp</td><td>3.35</td></tr> <tr><td>2. Apple Inc</td><td>3.26</td></tr> <tr><td>3. Alphabet</td><td>2.73</td></tr> <tr><td>4. Amazon.Com</td><td>2.66</td></tr> <tr><td>5. Berkshire Hathaway</td><td>1.73</td></tr> <tr><td>6. Johnson &amp; Johnson</td><td>1.51</td></tr> <tr><td>7. JPMorgan Chase &amp; Co</td><td>1.40</td></tr> <tr><td>8. Facebook</td><td>1.36</td></tr> <tr><td>9. Exxon Mobil Corporation</td><td>1.26</td></tr> <tr><td>10. Pfizer</td><td>1.10</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>20.36</b></td></tr> </tbody> </table>		%	1. Microsoft Corp	3.35	2. Apple Inc	3.26	3. Alphabet	2.73	4. Amazon.Com	2.66	5. Berkshire Hathaway	1.73	6. Johnson & Johnson	1.51	7. JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.40	8. Facebook	1.36	9. Exxon Mobil Corporation	1.26	10. Pfizer	1.10	<b>Total</b>	<b>20.36</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Technology</td><td>20.02</td></tr> <tr><td>Financials</td><td>19.57</td></tr> <tr><td>Consumer Services</td><td>13.36</td></tr> <tr><td>Health Care</td><td>13.31</td></tr> <tr><td>Industrials</td><td>11.80</td></tr> <tr><td>Consumer Goods</td><td>7.91</td></tr> <tr><td>Oil &amp; Gas</td><td>5.96</td></tr> <tr><td>Utilities</td><td>3.19</td></tr> <tr><td>Basic Materials</td><td>2.64</td></tr> <tr><td>Telecommunications</td><td>2.24</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>100.00</b></td></tr> </tbody> </table> 		%	Technology	20.02	Financials	19.57	Consumer Services	13.36	Health Care	13.31	Industrials	11.80	Consumer Goods	7.91	Oil & Gas	5.96	Utilities	3.19	Basic Materials	2.64	Telecommunications	2.24	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>
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## fund performance

	31 Dec 2017 - 31 Dec 2018 %	31 Dec 2016 - 31 Dec 2017 %	31 Dec 2015 - 31 Dec 2016 %	31 Dec 2014 - 31 Dec 2015 %	31 Dec 2013 - 31 Dec 2014 %
<b>Fund</b>	1.23%	11.08%	33.86%	5.05%	19.39%
<b>Benchmark</b>	1.31%	11.27%	34.11%	5.32%	19.55%
<b>Relative Performance</b>	-0.08%	-0.19%	-0.25%	-0.27%	-0.16%

Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	-12.50%	-5.34%	1.23%	14.60%	13.55%	13.34%
Benchmark	-12.50%	-5.37%	1.31%	14.77%	13.74%	13.53%
Relative Performance	0.00%	0.03%	-0.08%	-0.17%	-0.19%	-0.19%

Past performance isn't 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:** Morningstar, FIL Life Insurance Ltd. Single priced (i.e. no bid/offer spread), gross income reinvested and gross 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 Legal and General, the underlying fund provider. Thereafter, returns are produced by Fidelity on a monthly basis.

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## market commentary

US markets declined sharply in the fourth quarter, amid heightened concerns over economic growth, trade frictions and higher interest rates. Data releases pointed to a continued expansion in the economy; however, consumers are becoming less confident and manufacturing surveys are mixed. There was some optimism about a truce in the trade war between the US and China in December, but investors remain sceptical about a firm consensus on trade issues between the countries. The market was further pressured as the US yield curve continued to flatten. As widely expected, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) raised its benchmark interest rate for the fourth time in 2018, but the Fed's tightening stance added to the jitters as it indicated that interest rates will rise two more times next year as economic growth continues.

## 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. The younger you are, the less worried you might be about capital risk, because your investments have time to recover their value before your retire.	High
<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 funds particularly if the interest you're earning is less than the rate of inflation.	Med
<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 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.	High

## 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.

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 at any time without member consent or prior notification.

**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

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### 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.

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