

fund **objective**

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

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<b>Launch date:</b> 1 March 2018 <b>Fund size:</b> £4.87m <b>Price per share:</b> 226.80p <b>Charges:</b> Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00% Additional Charges: 0.00% <b>Current underlying fund(s):</b> L&G European (Ex UK) Equity Index Fund <b>Benchmark:</b> FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Index	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1. Nestle</td><td>4.42</td></tr> <tr><td>2. Roche</td><td>3.17</td></tr> <tr><td>3. Novartis</td><td>2.81</td></tr> <tr><td>4. Total SA</td><td>1.86</td></tr> <tr><td>5. SAP</td><td>1.83</td></tr> <tr><td>6. ASML Holding</td><td>1.66</td></tr> <tr><td>7. LVMH</td><td>1.62</td></tr> <tr><td>8. Sanofi</td><td>1.53</td></tr> <tr><td>9. Allianz</td><td>1.42</td></tr> <tr><td>10. Siemens</td><td>1.39</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>21.71</b></td></tr> </tbody> </table>		%	1. Nestle	4.42	2. Roche	3.17	3. Novartis	2.81	4. Total SA	1.86	5. SAP	1.83	6. ASML Holding	1.66	7. LVMH	1.62	8. Sanofi	1.53	9. Allianz	1.42	10. Siemens	1.39	<b>Total</b>	<b>21.71</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>France</td><td>23.38</td></tr> <tr><td>Switzerland</td><td>19.86</td></tr> <tr><td>Germany</td><td>18.77</td></tr> <tr><td>Netherlands</td><td>8.23</td></tr> <tr><td>Spain</td><td>6.03</td></tr> <tr><td>Sweden</td><td>5.88</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>5.75</td></tr> <tr><td>Italy</td><td>5.58</td></tr> <tr><td>Denmark</td><td>3.94</td></tr> <tr><td>Finland</td><td>2.58</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total</b></td><td><b>100.00</b></td></tr> </tbody> </table> 		%	France	23.38	Switzerland	19.86	Germany	18.77	Netherlands	8.23	Spain	6.03	Sweden	5.88	Other	5.75	Italy	5.58	Denmark	3.94	Finland	2.58	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>
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fund **performance**

	31 Dec 2018 - 31 Dec 2019 %	31 Dec 2017 - 31 Dec 2018 %	31 Dec 2016 - 31 Dec 2017 %	31 Dec 2015 - 31 Dec 2016 %	31 Dec 2014 - 31 Dec 2015 %
<b>Fund</b>	20.90%	-9.44%	16.99%	19.17%	5.36%
<b>Benchmark</b>	20.97%	-9.24%	16.98%	19.40%	5.80%
<b>Relative Performance</b>	-0.07%	-0.20%	0.01%	-0.23%	-0.44%

Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	1.39%	3.18%	20.90%	8.60%	9.97%	9.41%
Benchmark	1.38%	2.98%	20.97%	8.70%	10.16%	9.58%
Relative Performance	0.01%	0.20%	-0.07%	-0.10%	-0.19%	-0.17%

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.

## market commentary

European markets were strong over the fourth quarter amid improving geopolitical conditions and a better than expected third quarter results season. News of a 'phase-one' US-China trade deal and reduced political uncertainty following the UK election results supported equities. The Conservative Party's convincing majority is expected to remove the stalemate on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. However, there is some caution as Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that he plans to execute Brexit by the end of 2020, with no extension to sort out details. This raises the possibility of a no-deal exit. Against this backdrop, both sterling and euro gained against the US dollar. The market witnessed a rotation out of defensive stocks into cyclical, with information technology and industrials among the biggest gainers

## 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.

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 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.

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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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