# the DC funds

European (ex UK) Equities - **passive**as at 31 March 2019

## 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.

fund <b>facts</b>	top 10 <b>holdings</b>		geographical <b>b</b>	
Launch date:		%		%
I March 2018	1. Nestle	4.49	France	23.28
Fund size: £2.87m	2. Novartis	3.27	<ul> <li>Switzerland</li> </ul>	19.25
	3. Roche	3.10	Germany	18.86
	4. Total SA	2.17	Netherlands	7.69
Price per share: 201.00p	5. SAP	1.76	Spain	6.69
	6. Sanofi	1.51	Other	6.10
Charges:	7. Allianz SE	1.48	Sweden	5.80
Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00%	8. LVMH	1.43	Italy	5.66
Additional Charges: 0.00%	9. Novo Nordisk	1.39	<ul><li>Denmark</li></ul>	3.89
Current underlying fund(s): L&G European (Ex UK) Equity Index Fund	10.Unilever	1.36	■ Finland	2.78
	Total	21.96	Total	100.00

# fund performance

	31 Mar 2018 - 31 Mar 2019 %	31 Mar 2017 - 31 Mar 2018 %	31 Mar 2016 - 31 Mar 2017 %	31 Mar 2015 - 31 Mar 2016 %	31 Mar 2014 - 31 Mar 2015 %
Fund	2.03%	3.69%	27.40%	-4.58%	7.37%
Benchmark	2.20%	3.93%	28.02%	-4.44%	7.46%
Relative Performance	-0.17%	-0.24%	-0.62%	-0.14%	-0.09%

Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	7.14%	-4.74%	2.03%	10.46%	6.67%	8.44%
Benchmark	7.39%	-4.48%	2.20%	10.79%	6.90%	8.67%
Relative Performance	-0.25%	-0.26%	-0.17%	-0.33%	-0.23%	-0.23%

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

Equity markets were supported by easing concerns over US-China trade frictions and the European Central Bank's (ECB) more accommodative monetary policy stance. The ECB has indicated that it will hold interest rates steady at least through the end of 2019. It also said that it could provide additional long-term loans to eurozone banks in a bid to revive the region's weakening economy. A delay in the UK's withdrawal from the European Union led to hopes that a disruptive no-deal Brexit may be avoided. However, the strength in the market was moderated as the ECB lowered its GDP growth and inflation forecasts for the 2019–2021 period, due to the weakening growth momentum in the eurozone. Growth stocks outperformed value stocks, while small and mid-cap companies outpaced large-cap stocks. All sectors posted positive returns, with the strongest gains seen in consumer staples, industrials and information technology stocks.

## 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
Capital Risk	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
Inflation Risk	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
Pension Conversion Risk	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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