# **future**focus

## the DC funds

Japanese 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 Japanese 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>		sector <b>breakdow</b> i	n
Launch date:		%		%
1 March 2018	1. Toyota	4.11	Consumer Goods	23.75
Fund size: £2.22m	2. Softbank Group	2.32	Industrials	23.01
	3. Takeda Pharmaceutical	1.74	Financials	13.72
Price per share:	4. Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	1.74	Consumer Services	10.42
	5. Keyence Corp	1.58	Health Care	9.38
Charges: Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00% Additional Charges: 0.00%	6. Sony Corp	1.49	Basic Materials	5.76
	7. Honda Motor Co	1.33	<ul> <li>Telecommunications</li> </ul>	5.51
	8. Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	1.30	Technology	5.32
	Group  9. Central Japan Railway	1.18	Utilities	2.22
Current underlying fund(s):	10.Mizuho Financial Group	1.10	Oil & Gas	0.91
L&G Japan Equity Index	Total	17.90	Total	100.00
Fund	lotai	17.30		
Benchmark:				

## fund performance

	31 Mar 2018 -	31 Mar 2017 -	31 Mar 2016 -	31 Mar 2015 -	31 Mar 2014 -
	31 Mar 2019	31 Mar 2018	31 Mar 2017	31 Mar 2016	31 Mar 2015
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>■</b> Fund	-0.31%	6.42%	32.85%	-3.79%	27.53%
Benchmark	-0.34%	6.77%	32.79%	-3.25%	27.14%
Relative Performance	0.03%	-0.35%	0.06%	-0.54%	0.39%

Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	4.07%	-9.37%	-0.31%	12.12%	11.58%	9.23%
Benchmark	4.30%	-9.17%	-0.34%	12.21%	11.69%	9.35%
Relative Performance	-0.23%	-0.20%	0.03%	-0.09%	-0.11%	-0.12%

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

The Japanese equity market got off to a positive start in 2019, achieving its best quarterly performance since 2017, as the risk-off mood seen in global markets in the last quarter of 2018 receded. Expectations of a trade agreement between the US and China, and a change in the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) outlook to one of no rate hikes in 2019 supported sentiment. A weakening of the yen against the US dollar through mid-March was another positive factor, but the Fed's move away from monetary tightening caused the yen to strengthen in March. The improvement in risk appetite was reflected in the positive performance of growth-oriented companies, particularly in the technology sector, while value factors were largely out of favour. The energy sector was the only group to end the period with negative returns. From a market-cap perspective, small-cap growth stocks outpaced their larger peers.

## risk rating

■ Very Low ■ Low ■ Low/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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