the DC funds

Emerging Markets Equities – **active**as at 31 March 2020

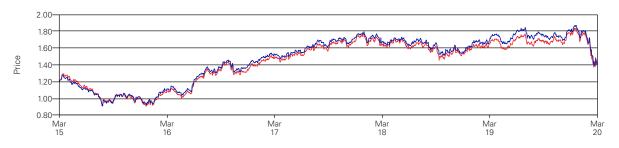
fund objective

To provide long-term capital growth in excess of UK price inflation by investing in shares predominantly listed in developing countries. The fund aims to outperform the benchmark over the long-term.



fund performance

	31 Mar 2019 - 31 Mar 2020 %	31 Mar 2018 - 31 Mar 2019 %	31 Mar 2017 - 31 Mar 2018 %	31 Mar 2016 - 31 Mar 2017 %	31 Mar 2015 - 31 Mar 2016 %
Fund	-15.06%	0.60%	9.87%	36.45%	-6.78%
Benchmark	-13.16%	0.05%	11.76%	35.23%	-8.80%
Relative Performance	-1.90%	0.55%	-1.89%	1.22%	2.02%



Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	-20.46%	-18.74%	-15.06%	-2.08%	3.61%	7.63%
Benchmark	-18.34%	-14.98%	-13.16%	-0.97%	3.67%	19.66%
Relative Performance	-2.12%	-3.76%	-1.90%	-1.11%	-0.06%	-12.03%

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.





market commentary

Emerging markets fell in the first quarter. Global markets sold-off following the initial outbreak of COVID-19 in China. As the virus spread beyond China to a multitude of countries, stock markets throughout the world descended into a steep decline. During the latter part of the period, fears were further exacerbated by a breakdown of discussions between the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Russia, which culminated in the failure to extend production cuts in light of falling demand. For oil producing nations in the emerging world, the fallout in financial markets was significant. Chinese equities declined during the quarter but outperformed all major indices around the world, as the country resumed economic activities in March after a stringent and prolonged lockdown. With all emerging market regions and sectors posting negative returns, the emerging Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region did not fare better.

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.	Very 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 High
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. 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.

