# **future**focus

## the DC funds

North American Equities - passive
as at 30 June 2019

## 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 <b>facts</b>	top 10 <b>holdings</b>		sector breakdow	n
Launch date:		%		%
1 March 2018	Microsoft Corp	3.78	Technology	21.14
Fund size: £17.60m	2. Apple Inc	3.40	Financials	19.61
	3. Amazon.Com	2.92	Consumer Services	13.69
Price per share: 244.00p Charges: Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00%	4. Alphabet	2.44	Industrials	12.33
	5. Facebook	1.72	<ul><li>Health Care</li></ul>	12.11
	6. Berkshire Hathaway	1.55	Consumer Goods	7.75
	7. Johnson & Johnson	1.38	Oil & Gas	5.65
	8. JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.35	Utilities	3.20
Additional Charges: 0.00%	9. Exxon Mobil Corporation	1.21	■ Basic Materials	2.44
Current underlying	10.Visa	1.13	Telecommunications	2.08
fund(s): L&G North American Equity Index Fund	Total	20.88	Total	100.00

## fund performance

	30 Jun 2018 -	30 Jun 2017 -	30 Jun 2016 -	30 Jun 2015 -	30 Jun 2014 -
	30 Jun 2019	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2015
	%	%	%	%	%
Fund	13.38%	14.55%	21.08%	20.51%	14.72%
Benchmark	13.37%	14.68%	21.31%	20.82%	15.02%
Relative Performance	0.01%	-0.13%	-0.23%	-0.31%	-0.30%

Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	7.87%	19.78%	13.38%	16.29%	16.80%	15.50%
Benchmark	7.85%	19.87%	13.37%	16.40%	16.99%	15.69%
Relative Performance	0.02%	-0.09%	0.01%	-0.11%	-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.





## market commentary

US markets rose in the second quarter, supported by expectations of progress in US-China trade talks and indications of an interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) in an uncertain economic environment. While concerns over trade frictions dominated investor sentiment in the early part of the period, expectations of further negotiations provided a tailwind to stock prices towards the end of the quarter. In late June, US President Donald Trump met with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on the side-lines of the Group of 20 summit in Osaka and agreed to restart trade negotiations. Elsewhere, the US decided to refrain from imposing punitive tariffs on all imports from Mexico, which further buoyed sentiment. All sectors except energy generated positive returns, with financials, materials and information technology among the leading gainers. In terms of style, growth outperformed value stocks and large and mid-cap equities outpaced their small cap peers.

## 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.

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