# **future**focus

# the DC funds

Sterling Corporate Bonds - **active**as at 30 September 2019

## fund objective

To provide long-term capital growth in excess of UK price inflation by investing mainly in investment grade corporate bonds of UK companies. The fund aims to outperform the benchmark over the long term

	<del></del>	%		%
Launch date:		/0		
1 March 2018	1. EDF 6% 23/01/2114	1.20	Non-Financials	37.60
Fund size:	2. Legal & General 5.5%	1.00	Financials	21.70
	27/06/64		Government	14.40
£2.43m  Price per share:	3. Transport for London 4% 07/04/64	0.90	<ul><li>Asset Backed Securities</li></ul>	9.90
221.00p	4. Lloyds 6% 08/02/29	0.90	Covered Bonds	4.60
Charges:	5. Scottish Widows 7% 16/06/43	0.70	<ul><li>Supranationals</li><li>&amp; Agencies</li></ul>	4.50
Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00% Additional Charges: 0.01%	6. Thames Water 5.125% 28/09/37	0.70	Cash & Other	4.10
	7. Innogy 6.25% 03/06/30	0.70	<ul><li>Mortgage</li><li>Backed</li></ul>	3.20
Current underlying fund(s):	8. Aviva 6.875% 20/05/58	0.60	Securities	
` '	9. Silverback 3.1261% 25/02/37	0.60	Total	100.00
M&G All Stocks Corporate Bond Fund	10.GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 19/12/33	0.60		
	Total	7.90		

## fund performance

	30 Sep 2018 - 30 Sep 2019 %	30 Sep 2017 - 30 Sep 2018 %	30 Sep 2016 - 30 Sep 2017 %	30 Sep 2015 - 30 Sep 2016 %	30 Sep 2014 - 30 Sep 2015 %
Fund	9.66%	1.80%	1.31%	15.94%	2.94%
Benchmark	10.15%	0.17%	-0.19%	14.00%	4.47%
Relative Performance	-0.49%	1.63%	1.50%	1.94%	-1.53%

Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	3.51%	5.38%	9.66%	4.19%	6.18%	5.84%
Benchmark	3.66%	5.72%	10.15%	3.27%	5.57%	5.30%
Relative Performance	-0.15%	-0.34%	-0.49%	0.92%	0.61%	0.54%

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 M&G Investments, the underlying fund provider. Thereafter, returns are produced by Fidelity on a monthly basis.





### market commentary

Index-linked UK government bonds (Gilts) posted positive returns and outperformed nominal Gilts over the period. Ten-year UK inflation breakevens (the yield differential between nominal and inflation-linked government bonds of the same maturity) widened over the quarter, driven by the depreciation in sterling and expectations of an accommodative fiscal policy. Ten-year nominal government bond (Gilt) yields also fell below 0.5%, below the previous trough in August 2016. The political atmosphere in the UK remained volatile as the new Prime Minister Boris Johnson suspended parliament for more than a month before Brexit. However, the decision was later overturned by the Supreme Court, which resulted in a small rise in 10-year Gilt yields. On the policy front, the Bank of England kept interest rates on hold at 0.75% and signalled that prolonged Brexit uncertainty will keep interest rates lower for longer.

## 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.	Med 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.	Low Med

### 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.

#### Contact us

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