the DC funds

Global Equities – **active**as at 31 December 2020

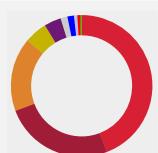
fund objective

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

fund facts Launch date: 23 February 2007 Fund size: £490.70m Price per share: 294.80p Charges: Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00% Additional Charges: 0.08% Current underlying fund(s): R&M Global High Alpha Fund MFS Global Equity Fund DCS Emerging Markets Equities – active Fund

geographical breakdown





Benchmark:

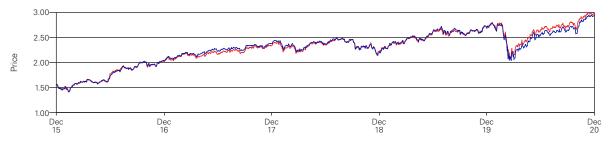
85% FTSE All-World Index

15% MSCI Emerging Markets Index

From 02 March 2015 to 24th September 2019 75% FTSE All-World Index 10% FTSE All-Share Index 15% MSCI Emerging Markets Index Prior to 31 August 2010 until 02 March 2015 60% FTSE All-World Index 30% FTSE All-Share Index 10% MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Prior to 31 August 2010 60% FTSE All-World Index and 40% FTSE All-Share Index

fund performance

	31 Dec 2019 -	31 Dec 2018 -	31 Dec 2017 -	31 Dec 2016 -	31 Dec 2015 -
	31 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2019	31 Dec 2018	31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2016
	%	%	%	%	%
Fund	9.43%	22.90%	-7.86%	16.50%	30.31%
Benchmark	13.30%	20.48%	-4.79%	15.51%	28.82%
Relative Performance	-3.87%	2.42%	-3.07%	0.99%	1.49%



Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	11.58%	15.43%	9.43%	7.41%	13.47%	194.80%
Benchmark	9.25%	13.21%	13.30%	9.13%	14.10%	170.60%
Relative Performance	2.33%	2.22%	-3.87%	-1.72%	-0.63%	24.20%

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.



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market commentary

Global equities performed positively as encouraging COVID-19 vaccine trials and the subsequent rollout of vaccination programmes in different countries fuelled optimism towards global growth. US presidential election results, the approval of a US fiscal stimulus package, the European Central Bank's move to enhance its quantitative easing programme and a post-Brexit trade deal also supported investor sentiment. However, rising COVID-19 cases and the re-imposition of targeted mobility restrictions in the US and Europe, as well as concerns over a more infectious COVID-19 strain and US-China tensions kept markets volatile. Against this global backdrop, all key regional markets ended higher, with Pacific ex Japan and UK equities rising strongly.

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. 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.

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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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