the DC funds

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

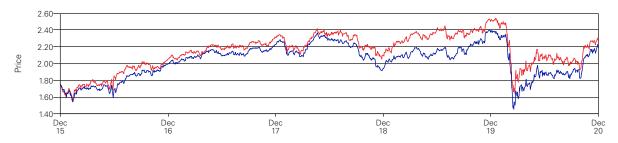
fund objective

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



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	-7.70%	22.35%	-12.80%	11.74%	13.43%
Benchmark	-9.82%	19.17%	-9.47%	13.10%	16.75%
Relative Performance	2.12%	3.18%	-3.33%	-1.36%	-3.32%



Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	17.52%	16.15%	-7.70%	-0.51%	4.53%	119.30%
Benchmark	12.62%	9.33%	-9.82%	-0.91%	5.14%	82.85%
Relative Performance	4.90%	6.82%	2.12%	0.40%	-0.61%	36.45%

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

UK equity markets rallied over the quarter. News of the efficacy of three COVID-19 vaccines and expectations that Joe Biden's win in the US presidential election would signal a new round of economic stimulus measures in the US boosted equities. Markets were also relieved as the UK and the European Union finally agreed on a post-Brexit trade deal. On the policy front, investors welcomed the Bank of England's decision for a more aggressive-than-expected step-up of its asset purchase programme. However, the positive sentiment was weighed down by fears over a new, faster-spreading virus mutation. More regions in the UK went into lockdown, as new infection rates rose significantly in the country, topping previous highs. Nevertheless, investors' risk appetite appeared to recover, as reports suggested that the approved vaccines were likely to be effective against the new COVID-19 mutation.

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. 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.

