# the DC funds

## Sterling Corporate Bonds - active

as at 31 December 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

fund <b>facts</b>	top 10 <b>holdings</b>	
Launch date:		%
1 March 2018	1. EDF 6% 23/01/2114	1.20%
Fund size: £3.41m	<ol> <li>Legal &amp; General 5.5% 27/06/64</li> </ol>	1.00%
Price per share: 221.30p	<ol> <li>Transport for London 4% 07/04/64</li> </ol>	1.00%
	4. Lloyds 6% 08/02/29	0.90%
Charges: Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00% Additional Charges: 0.01% Current underlying fund(s): M&G All Stocks Corporate Bond Fund	5. Ford Motor Credit 4.535% 06/03/25	0.80%
	6. Scottish Widows 7% 16/06/43	0.70%
	7. Innogy 6.25% 03/06/30	0.70%
	8. Thames Water 5.125% 28/09/37	0.70%
	9. Rabobank 4.625% 23/05/29	0.60%
	10.GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 19/12/33	0.60%
	8.20%	

asset <b>breakdown</b>				
	%			
Non-Financials	37.70			
Financials	23.50			
Government	14.50			
<ul> <li>Asset Backed Securities</li> </ul>	9.90			
Covered Bonds	4.60			
<ul> <li>Supranationals</li> <li>&amp; Agencies</li> </ul>	4.50			
<ul> <li>Mortgage Backed Securities</li> </ul>	3.40			
Cash & Other	1.90			
Total	100.00			



#### Benchmark:

iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts index

#### fund performance

	31 Dec 2018 - 31 Dec 2019 %	31 Dec 2017 - 31 Dec 2018 %	31 Dec 2016 - 31 Dec 2017 %	31 Dec 2015 - 31 Dec 2016 %	31 Dec 2014 - 31 Dec 2015 %
Fund	9.66%	-0.36%	5.87%	11.68%	0.33%
Benchmark	9.27%	-1.53%	4.34%	10.65%	0.49%
Relative Performance	0.39%	1.17%	1.53%	1.03%	-0.16%

Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	-0.05%	3.46%	9.66%	4.97%	5.33%	5.61%
Benchmark	-0.69%	2.95%	9.27%	3.93%	4.54%	4.99%
Relative Performance	0.64%	0.51%	0.39%	1.04%	0.79%	0.62%

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

Fixed income markets posted mixed returns over the quarter, with corporate bonds outperforming government bonds as credit spreads tightened. Core government bond yields rose amid easing trade tensions, as US and China agreed to an in-principle phase one trade deal. The US Federal Reserve indicated that rates will remain at current levels, given a strong labour market and resilient consumer data. In the UK, government bond (Gilts) yields rose to their highest level since June, amid easing concerns over a no-deal Brexit after Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservatives won the national election. Investors expect that the UK will be able to win approval for a draft deal to leave the European Union (EU) by the extended deadline of 31 January 2020. In Japan, the Bank of Japan (BoJ) decided to keep its key short-term interest rate unchanged and signalled that it may lower interest rates in the future.

#### risk rating

Very 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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