

**Aims**

Objective: The investment strategy of the fund is to purchase units in the M&G PP Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Index Fund – the underlying fund.

Underlying fund objective: The fund gains its exposure via the M&G Funds (1) BlackRock Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Equity fund. The underlying fund aims to be fully invested in the equity securities and equity related securities of companies that are constituents of the FTSE World Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

Within the index-relative limits, the Investment Manager uses a structured and systematic, bottom up stock selection process to build a portfolio with similar risk-return characteristics as the index in order to meet the fund's investment objectives. In addition to the fund's objective, the Investment Manager aims to reflect a fundamental ESG approach by overweighting its investments in securities which score well against the Investment Manager's ESG research framework and underweighting the securities which score less well.

Performance Objective: The fund aims to provide a total return (i.e. capital growth plus income), gross of the Ongoing Charges Figure, over any three year period.

**Benchmark**

Benchmark FTSE World Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index  
 ABI Sector Asia Pacific excluding Japan Equities

**Identification Codes**

Sedol Code	3424823
Mex Code	PURICK
Isin Code	GB0034248236
Citi Code	P562

**Fund Overview**

Daily price (19/12/2024)	654.40
Fund size (31/10/2024)	£5.47m
Underlying Fund size	£5.67m
Number of holdings	353
Launch date	31/03/2004

**Fund Charges**

Annual Management Charge (AMC)	Please refer to the "Fund Guide" for your specific pension plan
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**Performance**



**Discrete performance - to latest available quarter end**

	30/09/19 to 30/09/20	30/09/20 to 30/09/21	30/09/21 to 30/09/22	30/09/22 to 30/09/23	30/09/23 to 30/09/24
Fund	0.5%	24.4%	-10.2%	4.1%	15.3%
Benchmark	1.1%	25.4%	-9.2%	6.4%	18.1%

**Performance - to latest available quarter end**

	Quarter	Annualised		
	3 2024	3 Years to 30/09/24	5 Years to 30/09/24	10 Years to 30/09/24
Fund	-1.2%	2.5%	6.1%	7.9%
Benchmark	0.3%	4.5%	7.6%	8.8%

**Prudential Risk Rating**

**Higher Risk**

These are specialist equity funds that focus on set geographical regions or a particular type of share e.g. shares of smaller companies or those that conform to certain criteria.

These risk ratings have been developed by Prudential to help provide an indication of a fund's potential level of risk and reward based on the type of assets which may be held by the fund. Other companies may use different descriptions and as such these risk ratings should not be considered as generic across the fund management industry.

We regularly review our fund risk ratings, so they may change in the future. If, in our view, there is a material change in the fund's level of risk, for example due to a significant change to the assets held by the fund or in the way the fund is managed, we will provide information on the new risk rating. We recommend that you make sure you understand the risk rating of any fund before you invest.

**Fund Managers**



Name: Richard O'Connor  
 Manager of the underlying fund for: 19 years, 5 months

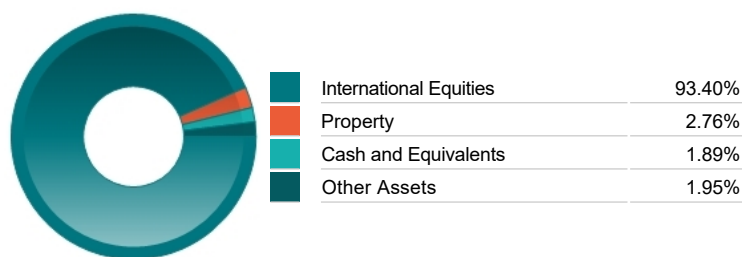
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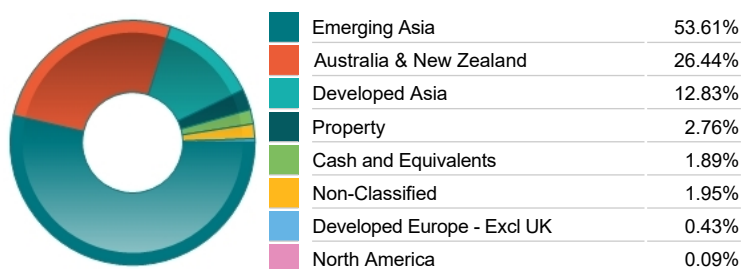
Top 10 Holdings

Name	% Weight	Sector	Country
1 TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED	9.12%	Technology Hardware & Equipment	Taiwan
2 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD	4.53%	Telecommunications Equipment	South Korea
3 COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	3.35%	Banks	Australia
4 BHP GROUP LIMITED	2.80%	Industrial Metals & Mining	Australia
5 AIA GROUP LIMITED	2.00%	Life Insurance	Hong Kong
6 DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	1.98%	Banks	Singapore
7 WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION	1.97%	Banks	Australia
8 CSL LTD	1.97%	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	Australia
9 NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED	1.93%	Banks	Australia
10 SK HYNIX	1.79%	Technology Hardware & Equipment	South Korea

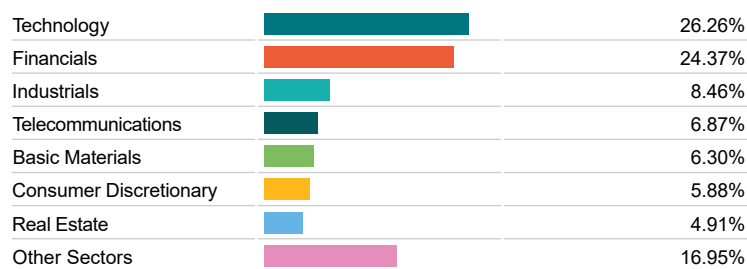
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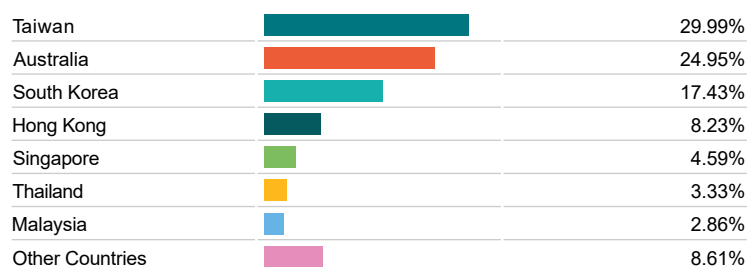
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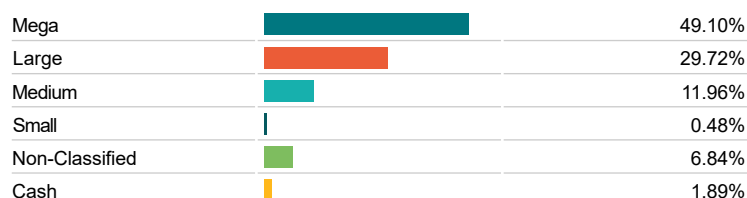
Equity Sector Breakdown



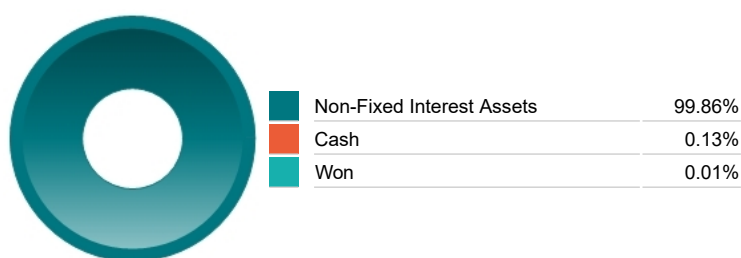
Top Country Breakdown



Breakdown By Market Cap (%)



Fixed Interest Currencies



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## Commentary

Performance as at Q3 2024 - September closed out a relatively flat quarter across Asia-Pacific markets, in contrast with the first half of 2024. The weak performance was steered by the Information Technology sector, where issuers like Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing, Samsung Electronics Ltd and SK Hynix Inc experienced a significant decline in price. In line with other developed markets, Financials issuers posted strong returns. In Australia, annual inflation fell to 2.8% based on the Consumer Price Index, and the central bank held interest rates steady at 4.35%. The Fund returned (-1.2%) in the third quarter, an underperformance of (-1.5%) compared to its benchmark, which returned +0.3%. The Fund's underperformance was primarily driven by underweight positions in the Information Technology sector, which detracted 65bps. However, this was cushioned by an underweight to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing, due to regulatory single issuer limit. Exclusions detracted 13 bps from active performance. The Fund achieved a higher ESG score and improved sustainability characteristics compared to its benchmark(as determined by the fund manager).

Source: M&G

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