# **Prudential Baillie Gifford UK Equity Core S3**

# Pru Part of M&G pl

#### **Aims**

Objective: The investment strategy of the fund is to purchase units in the Baillie Gifford UK Equity Core Fund - the underlying fund.

Underlying fund objective: The objective of the fund is to invest at least 80% directly or indirectly in shares of UK companies, being those which are incorporated, domiciled or conducting a significant portion of their business in the UK. The fund will be actively managed and may invest in UK companies of any size and in any sector. The fund manager will also assess shares in companies which are directly held using a Norms-based Evaluation and will comply with the fund manager investment policy on assessing breaches of the United Nations Global Compact as outlined in the company "ESG Principles and Guidelines" document. The indirect investment will be through collective investment schemes (including those managed or operated by the ACD). The fund may also invest in companies which are listed, quoted or traded in the UK. To the extent that the fund is not fully invested directly or indirectly in shares of such companies, the fund may also invest in other transferable securities of UK companies, deposits and cash. The fund may not invest in or otherwise use derivatives.

#### **Benchmark**

Benchmark	FTSE All-Share Index + 1%
ABI Sector	UK All Companies
Identification Codes	
Sedol Code	3420188

PUPAC
GB0034201888
P552

Fund Overview	
Daily price (21/01/2025)	459.57
Fund size (30/11/2024)	£8.16m
Underlying Fund size	£228.51m
Number of holdings	53
Launch date	05/04/2004

## **Fund Charges**

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

#### **Performance**



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

	31/12/19 to 31/12/20	31/12/20 to 31/12/21	31/12/21 to 31/12/22	31/12/22 to 31/12/23	31/12/23 to 31/12/24
Fund	-2.7%	14.8%	-13.3%	5.6%	10.2%
Benchmark	-9.8%	18.3%	0.3%	7.9%	9.5%

#### Performance - to latest available quarter end

	Quarter	Annualised		
	4 2024	3 Years to 31/12/24	5 Years to 31/12/24	10 Years to 31/12/24
Fund	-2.1%	0.3%	2.5%	6.3%
Benchmark	-0.4%	5.8%	4.8%	6.2%

#### **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.

You should also consider discussing your decision and the appropriateness of a fund's risk rating with an adviser.

### **Fund Managers**



Name: lain McComb Manager of the underlying fund for: 7 years

#### Important Information

- Some funds may invest in 'underlying' funds or other investment vehicles. The performance of our fund, compared to what it's invested in won't be exactly the same. That can be due to additional charges, cash management (needed to help people to enter and leave our fund when they want), tax and the timing of investments (this is known as a fund's dealing cycle, it varies between managers and can be several days).
- Source: London Stock Exchange Group plc and its group undertakings (collectively, the "LSE Group"). © LSE Group 2023. FTSE Russell is a trading name of certain of the LSE Group companies. e.g., "FTSE®" "Russell®", "FTSE Russell®", "MTS®", "FTSE4Good®", "ICB®", "Mergent®, The Yield Book®," are a trade mark(s) of the relevant LSE Group companies and are used by any other LSE Group company under license. "TMX®" is a trade mark of TSX, Inc. and used by the LSE Group under license. All rights in the FTSE Russell indexes or data vest in the relevant LSE Group company which owns the index or the data. Neither LSE Group nor its licensors accept any liability for any errors or omissions in the indexes or data and no party may rely on any indexes or data contained in this communication. No further distribution of data from the LSE Group is permitted without the relevant LSE Group company's express written consent. The LSE Group does not promote, sponsor or endorse the content of this communication.
- Source of portfolio data: Broadridge. Source of performance data: FE fundinfo. We can't predict the future. Past performance isn't a guide to future performance. The figures shown are intended only to demonstrate performance history of the fund, after allowing for the impact of fund charges and further costs, but take no account of any Annual Management Charge paid for by the deduction of units. Charges and further costs may vary in the future and may be higher than they are now. Fund performance is based upon the movement of the daily price and is shown as total return in GBP with gross income reinvested. The value of your investment can go down as well as up so you might get back less than you put in
- This factsheet is intended for the trustees, sponsors, advisers and members of occupational pension schemes using Prudential group pension contracts and Prudential grouped personal pensions and Stakeholder pension contracts. Its purpose is to provide an insight into how investment markets and funds have performed over the period and is provided for information only. If you are not familiar with any of the investment terminology included, then please contact an adviser. Investors should refer to their scheme documentation (e.g. Fund Guide) for fund availability, investment strategy, any scheme information and charges. Every care has been taken in populating this output, however it must be appreciated that neither Broadridge, Prudential nor their sources guarantee the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of this information or make any warranties regarding results from its usage.

Portfolio data accurate as at: 31/12/24

## **Top 10 Holdings**

Name	% Weight	Sector	Country
1 ASTRAZENECA	4.15%	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	United Kingdom
2 MARKS & SPENCER GROUP P.L.C.	4.01%	Personal Care, Drug & Grocery Stores	United Kingdom
3 BUNZL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY	3.94%	General Industrials	United Kingdom
4 RELX	3.65%	Media	United Kingdom
5 UNILEVER	3.61%	Personal Care, Drug & Grocery Stores	United Kingdom
6 JUST GROUP	3.59%	Life Insurance	United Kingdom
7 RIO TINTO	3.52%	Industrial Metals & Mining	United Kingdom
8 STANDARD CHARTERED	3.47%	Banks	United Kingdom
9 AUTO TRADER GROUP	3.24%	Software & Computer Services	United Kingdom
10 LEGAL & GENERAL GROUP	3.20%	Life Insurance	United Kingdom

## **Asset Allocation**



## **Equity Sector Breakdown**

Industrials	27.00%
Financials	22.44%
Consumer Discretionary	17.94%
Consumer Staples	12.73%
Health Care	7.32%
Real Estate	3.77%
Technology	3.62%
Other Sectors	5.17%

# Breakdown By Market Cap (%)

Mega		25.63%
Large		24.86%
Medium		39.16%
Small		8.36%
Micro		0.28%
Non-Classified	I	0.34%
Cash		1.36%

## **Regional Allocation**



## **Top Country Breakdown**

United Kingdom	97.78%
Cash and Equivalents	1.36%
Direct Property and REITs	0.85%

# Important Information

- The Industry Classification Benchmark is a product of FTSE International Limited and has been licensed for use.
- Prudential is a trading name of Prudential Pensions Limited. Prudential Pensions Limited is registered in England and Wales. Registered office at 10 Fenchurch Avenue, London EC3M 5AG. Registered number 992726. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

# Prudential Baillie Gifford UK Equity Core S3



#### Commentary

Performance as at Q3 2024 - Holdings in Marks & Spencer , Just Group and Bunzl supported performance during the quarter. In addition, having no exposure to Shell and BP supported relative returns. Marks and Spencer - The turnaround story at high-street retailer, Marks & Spencer, continues to progress as the shares hit a five-year high in the quarter. Most recently, the company has seen strong sales across its food, clothing and home segments. CEO Stuart Machin's growth plan has focused on modernising the business by developing the retailer's online presence, closing underperforming stores, opening more out-of-town outlets and tackling some of the logistics inefficiencies that he inherited. Just Group - Just Group is a bulk annuity provider. The latest results have been impressive with a significant increase in profitability. The rising interest rate environment has been a boon for annuity providers as higher rates have narrowed the funding gap for many smaller pension funds, leading to a rise in demand for buyouts. Bunzl - Bunzl's results during the period showed improvement in margins and a rise in adjusted operating profits. Bunzl has been a holding for more than twenty years and has demonstrated disciplined capital management throughout that period. Holdings in Babcock International, Burberry and Bodycote lagged during the period. International defence company, Babcock was unhelpful for returns. One of its legacy contracts to build new Royal Navy frigates has seen cost overruns resulting in further loss provisions. Babcock management confirmed they have been disappointed by these further provisions and are proactively trying to address the issues in a contract they inherited. However, they also pointed out that this contract is only 5% of the overall business, and the performance and outlook for the rest of the company is very encouraging. The share price of luxury fashion designer and retailer Burberry lagged during the quarter, with the departure of its CEO amid an ongoing slowdown in the luxury goods mark

Source: Baillie Gifford

## Important Information

• Prudential is a trading name of Prudential Pensions Limited. Prudential Pensions Limited is registered in England and Wales. Registered office at 10 Fenchurch Avenue, London EC3M 5AG. Registered number 992726. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.