

All statistics from M&G internal sources as at 30.09.20, unless indicated otherwise.

Fund description

The fund invests in the shares of UK companies. The fund is passively managed against its benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index. The fund tracks the index by holding all of the companies which make up the FTSE 100 Index, together with a representative sample of the remainder of the companies in the All-Share Index.

Performance objective

To match the performance of the benchmark as closely as possible.

Key facts

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Style | Passive |
| Fund manager | Nigel Booth |
| Benchmark | FTSE All-Share Index |
| Number of holdings | 516 |
| Fund size | £156.98m |
| Current bid/offer spread | 0.62% |
| Offer price | £27.49 |
| AMC/OCE† | 0.10%/0.01% |

† AMC - annual management charge; OCE - other charges and expenses.

Performance

Percentage change in bid price since 1 Jan 2020, offer price prior to 1 Jan 2020 (net of fees)

| 12 months to end of September | 2020 | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Fund | -16.6 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 12.0 | 16.9 |
| Benchmark | -16.6 | 2.7 | 5.9 | 11.9 | 16.8 |

| | Qtr | 1 yr | 3 yrs* | 5 yrs* |
|-----------|------|-------|--------|--------|
| Fund | -3.1 | -16.6 | -3.2 | 3.5 |
| Benchmark | -2.9 | -16.6 | -3.2 | 3.5 |

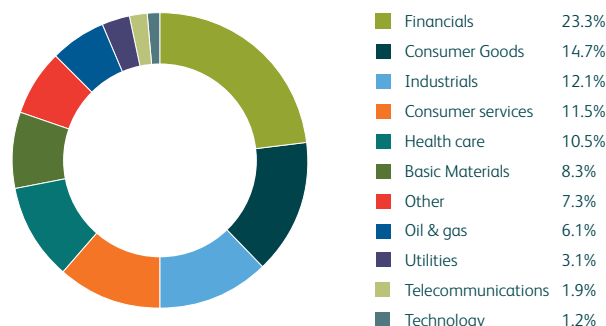
* Annualised

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value and income from the fund's assets will go down as well as up. This will cause the value of your investment to fall as well as rise. There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective and you may get back less than you originally invested.

Market background

- The UK lagged the major regional equity markets in the third quarter as confidence at home was mainly undermined by concerns about Brexit, the withdrawal of £38 billion of dividends in the first half of the year and a resurgence of COVID-19 cases. A smaller technology sector than its global peers, especially the US, acted as a further drag. However, sterling appreciation against the US dollar through July and August, plus government measures to support the economy, helped medium-sized and smaller companies outperform larger companies in the UK. The former were led by more economically sensitive sectors including industrials, retailers and travel & leisure. Meanwhile, aside from dividend cuts, larger companies succumbed to a combination of an adverse currency trend, the impact of low oil prices on the energy sector, a poor performance from banks under pressure from a low interest rate environment, and disappointing returns from more defensive sectors such as telecoms and utilities. However, the mining behemoths notably benefited from rising commodity prices.

Fund breakdown



Please note that the data may not always add up to 100.0% due to rounding.

Top 10 holdings

| | (% of fund) |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| AstraZeneca | 5.4 |
| GlaxoSmithKline | 3.5 |
| British American Tobacco | 3.1 |
| Diageo | 3.0 |
| HSBC | 3.0 |
| Unilever | 2.6 |
| Rio Tinto | 2.5 |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group | 2.3 |
| BP | 2.2 |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'A' | 1.9 |

Risk rating

Minimal

Lower

Lower to Medium

Medium

Medium to Higher

Higher

What type of funds are in this risk category? These are specialist equity funds that focus on set geographical regions or a particular type of share, eg shares of smaller companies or those that conform to certain criteria.

M&G Investments Pooled Pensions

M&G Investments Pooled Pensions manage a full range of funds on both an active and passive basis for defined benefit and defined contribution clients. We believe that the quality of client service is an important part of our overall pooled fund service.

Our team of Directors is responsible for all aspects of our relationships with individual clients, including regular attendance at trustee meetings to present performance and investment strategy.

Client Directors

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
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For scheme members

If you require further information about your pension please talk to your sponsoring employer.

For all general enquiries and administration please contact The Bank of New York Mellon Asset Servicing - Customer Services Desk on 0344 892 1812.

Regulatory and technical information

Usage

- This factsheet is intended for trustees, sponsors, advisers and “defined contribution” members of occupational pension schemes and personal pensions invested in M&G Pooled Pensions fund range.
- This factsheet reports upon the investment management of the fund during the quarter.
- There is no guarantee the fund objective will be achieved.

Advice

- This factsheet is provided for information purposes only. Any changes to your investment arrangements should be discussed with your advisers.
- The commentary in this factsheet reflects the general views of M&G and should not be taken as a recommendation or advice as to how a specific market or fund is likely to perform.

Performance

- Performance is measured on a bid price to bid price basis since 1 Jan 2020, offer price to offer price prior to 1 Jan 2020 (net of fees).
- The annual management charges are deducted before the unit prices are set and hence before the net performance figures shown here are calculated.
- To obtain unit price information for all funds in the M&G Pooled Pensions fund range, Pension Schemes can log on to www.mandg.co.uk/institutions/resource-centre/pooledfundprices/

Fund availability

- Not all of the funds available may be used by your scheme.
- If you are in any doubt as to which M&G funds are applicable to you, please contact your personnel or pensions department as appropriate.

How are fund prices calculated?

- M&G Pooled Pensions funds operate on a “single swinging” price basis. Although we create both bid and offer prices for each dealing day, the basis on which units in the fund are transacted is dependent upon the cash flow into/out of the fund on any day. If the fund has net positive cash flow on the day then it will be priced on an offer basis. If the fund has net negative cash flow on the day then it will be priced on a bid basis.
- The annual management charges are deducted from the fund before the unit prices are calculated.
- M&G Pooled Pensions funds are “forward” priced, which means that the unit price is set after money is invested. Money is invested on a “T+0” dealing cycle, which means that money received before 12.00 will be invested by close of business that day and the unit price applicable for that “valuation date” would be published by 12.00 on the following day.

What is the risk rating?

- 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.

Glossary

For definitions of the investment terminology used within this document please see the glossary at: www.mandg.co.uk/investor/help-centre/glossary

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