

# Non-UCITS retail scheme Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## M&G Episode Allocation Fund

a sub-fund of M&G Investment Funds (4)

Sterling Class I – Income shares ISIN no. GB00B71QKV66

Managed by M&G Securities Limited

### Objective and investment policy

**Objective:** The fund aims to provide a combination of capital growth and income of at least 5% a year above the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA), before any charges are taken, over any five-year period.

SONIA reflects the average interest rate that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other financial institutions.

There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve a positive return over any period. Investors may not get back the original amount they invested.

**Core investment:** The fund typically invests in a mix of assets, including company shares, bonds, convertibles and currencies. The fund may invest in these assets directly, via derivatives or through other funds.

A minimum of 30% of the fund is exposed to sterling and a minimum of 60% to developed market currencies (including sterling).

**Other investments:** The fund may invest in property and in other assets via derivatives or through other funds.

**Derivatives usage:** For investment purposes and to reduce risk and cost.

**Strategy in brief:** The fund has a very flexible investment approach, with the freedom to invest in different types of assets in response to changes in economic conditions and the valuation of assets. The fund typically invests 20-60% of its assets in company shares and convertibles, 30-75% in bonds or cash, and up to 20% in other assets. These allocations reflect the net exposure of the portfolio. The approach combines in-depth research to work out the "fair" value of assets over the medium to long term, with analysis of market reactions to events to identify investment opportunities. In particular, the fund manager seeks to respond when asset prices move away from a reasonable sense of "fair" long term value due to the market's reaction to events.

**Benchmark:** SONIA + 5%

The benchmark is a target which the fund seeks to achieve. The rate has been chosen as the fund's benchmark as it is an achievable performance target and best reflects the scope of the fund's investment policy. The benchmark is used solely to measure the fund's performance objective and does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

The fund is actively managed. The fund manager has complete freedom in choosing which assets to buy, hold and sell in the fund.

For unhedged and currency hedged share classes, the benchmark is shown in the share class currency.

**Additional information can be found on the M&G website, including:**

- a [glossary](#) providing an explanation of some terms used in this document.
- the Prospectus including the fund's objective and investment policy.

#### Other information

You can buy and sell shares in the fund on any business day. Instructions received before 12 noon will be dealt at that day's price.

Any income from the fund may be paid out to you quarterly.

In addition to the charges set out in the charges section, the fund will incur portfolio transaction costs which are paid from the assets of the fund. These can be higher when investing outside Europe.

Recommendation: This fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

### Risk and reward profile



■ The above risk and reward indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this share class. This Share Class is categorised in risk class 5 because its Net Asset Value has shown medium to high rises and falls in value historically.

- The risk number shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest risk number does not mean risk free.

#### The main risks that could affect performance are set out below:

- 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.
- Investments in bonds are affected by interest rates, inflation and credit ratings. It is possible that bond issuers will not pay interest or return the capital. All of these events can reduce the value of bonds held by the fund.
- The fund invests in other funds, which are subject to the risks associated with the type of assets held in those funds.
- The fund is exposed to different currencies. Derivatives are used to minimise, but may not always eliminate, the impact of movements in currency exchange rates.
- Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss due to greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks, among other factors. There may be difficulties in buying, selling, safekeeping or valuing investments in such countries.
- The fund may use derivatives to profit from an expected rise or fall in the value of an asset. Should the asset's value vary in an unexpected way, the fund will incur a loss. The fund's use of derivatives may be extensive and exceed the value of its assets (leverage). This has the effect of magnifying the size of losses and gains, resulting in greater fluctuations in the value of the fund.
- Convertibles are subject to the risks associated with both bonds and company shares, and to risks specific to the asset class. Their value may change significantly depending on economic and interest rate conditions, the creditworthiness of the issuer and the performance of the underlying company shares. In addition, issuers of convertibles may fail to meet payment obligations and their credit ratings may be downgraded. Convertibles may also be harder to sell than the underlying company shares.
- In exceptional circumstances where assets cannot be fairly valued, or have to be sold at a large discount to raise cash, we may temporarily suspend the fund in the best interest of all investors.
- The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to repay money owed to the fund.
- Operational risks arising from a failure or delay in operational processes and systems, or the failure of a third party provider may affect the value of your investments. Where this results in compensation needing to be paid, this may be paid some time after the original loss is experienced.

Further details of the risks that apply to the fund can be found in the fund's Prospectus at [www.mandg.co.uk/literature](http://www.mandg.co.uk/literature)

## Charges

The charges shown in the table are used to pay the costs of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	0.00%
Exit charge	0.00%
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing charge	0.71%
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

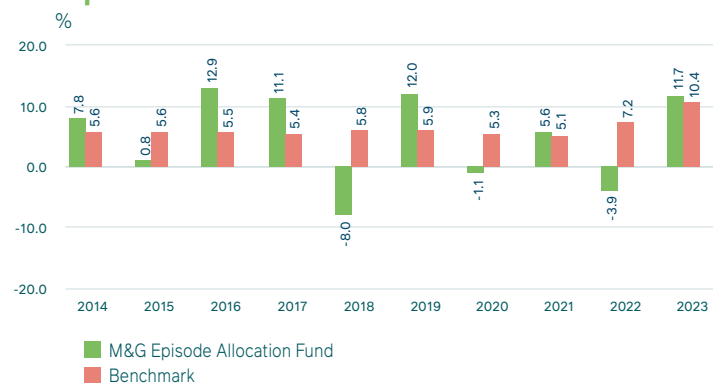
The entry and exit charges shown are the maximum figures and, in some cases, you may pay less. You can find out the exact charges which apply to your investment by contacting your financial adviser or distributor or, if you have invested directly with us, you can contact us using the details given in the practical information section.

The ongoing charge is based on expenses for the period/year ending 31 October 2023. This figure may change from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. This figure includes extraordinary expenses and underlying charges for closed-ended-funds, such as investment trusts and Real Estate investment trusts.

For Income shares, the ongoing charge is taken from investments held in the fund's portfolio and not from the income these investments produce. The deduction of this charge will reduce the potential growth of your investment.

**For more information on charges, please see the relevant sections of the Prospectus at [www.mandg.co.uk/literature](http://www.mandg.co.uk/literature)**

## Past performance



- Past performance is not a guide to future performance.
- Performance calculation includes UK taxes. It does not take into account the entry and exit charges but does take into account the ongoing charge and the Performance fee, as shown in the charges section.
- The fund launched on 16 February 2007 and the Sterling Class I Income share class launched on 03 August 2012.
- Performance is calculated using Sterling Class I Income shares.
- Benchmark performance has been calculated in GBP.
- Prior to 20 July 2021 the benchmark was 3 month GBP LIBOR +5%. With effect from 20 July 2021 the benchmark will be SONIA +5%.

## Practical information

The depositary is NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited.

For more information about this fund, please visit [www.mandg.co.uk/literature](http://www.mandg.co.uk/literature) where you will find a copy of the Prospectus, Instrument of Incorporation and the latest annual or interim Investment Report and Financial Statements. These documents are in English and are available free of charge. Our website also provides other information such as share prices.

UK tax laws apply to the fund, and this may affect your personal tax position. Please speak to an adviser for more information.

The fund is a sub-fund of M&G Investment Funds (4), an umbrella Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC). The Prospectus, and annual or interim Investment Report and Financial Statements contain information about all of the sub-funds in M&G Investment Funds (4).

The assets of each sub-fund within the umbrella OEIC are segregated by law. This means that the assets belong exclusively to that sub-fund and shall not be used or made available to pay the debts of any other sub-fund or the umbrella OEIC.

You may switch between other sub-funds of M&G Investment Funds (4). An entry charge may apply. Details on switching are provided in the Important Information for Investors document and the fund's Prospectus, or by calling M&G Customer Relations on 0800 390 390.

Other share classes may exist for the fund as set out in the relevant Prospectus.

For up-to-date details of the staff remuneration policy that applies to M&G Securities Limited, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the make-up of the remuneration committee, and the identities of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, please visit [www.mandg.co.uk/remuneration](http://www.mandg.co.uk/remuneration). We will provide a paper copy of this information, free of charge, if you require one.

This Fund is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. M&G Securities Limited is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

This key investor information is accurate as at 12 February 2024.