

# the DC funds

Diversified Assets – **active**  
as at 31 December 2019

## fund objective

To provide long-term capital growth in excess of UK price inflation. The fund aims to have less capital risk than an equities based fund by investing in a broad range of asset classes including equities, bonds, and a range of alternative assets. The fund aims to perform in line with the benchmark, over the long-term.

### fund facts

**Launch date:**

4 October 2011

**Fund size:**

£538.82m

**Price per share:**

143.80p

**Charges:**

Inv Mgmt Charges: 0.00%

Additional Charges: 0.06%

**Current underlying fund(s):**

BlackRock Aquila Life Market Advantage Fund

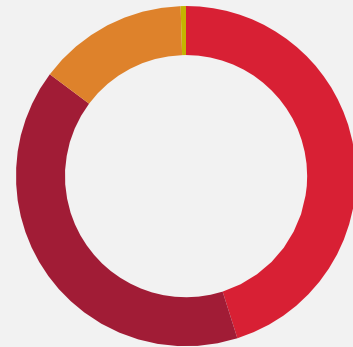
Investec Diversified Growth Fund

**Benchmark:**

Retail Prices Index +4% per annum

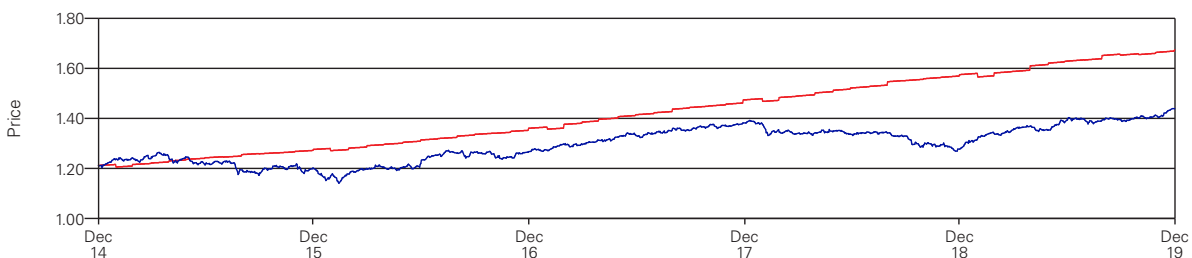
### asset breakdown

	%
■ Bonds	45.12
■ Equities	40.10
■ Alternatives	14.27
■ Cash	0.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>



## 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 %
<b>Fund</b>	12.52%	-7.53%	8.99%	5.58%	-0.99%
<b>Benchmark</b>	6.29%	6.80%	8.27%	6.59%	5.25%
<b>Relative Performance</b>	6.23%	-14.33%	0.72%	-1.01%	-6.24%



Rolling time period	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 year p.a.	5 year p.a.	Since launch
Fund	3.08%	3.68%	12.52%	4.28%	3.46%	43.80%
Benchmark	1.30%	2.79%	6.29%	7.12%	6.64%	69.55%
Relative Performance	1.78%	0.89%	6.23%	-2.84%	-3.18%	-25.75%

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.

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## market commentary

Global equities performed positively over the quarter and ended 2019 with strong gains. The accommodative policy stance of major central banks continued to support equities over the period. Investor sentiment improved further in December as the US and China agreed to the phase one trade deal and election results in the UK raised hopes for an orderly Brexit, which has been delayed until 31 January 2020. On the monetary policy front, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates for the third time this year in October. The European Central Bank (ECB) and Bank of Japan (BoJ) said that they would retain key interest rates at current or lower levels to achieve their inflation targets. China also introduced measures to prop up a slowing economy. Against this global backdrop, UK, US and Europe ex UK equities gained significantly. Emerging markets outperformed developed markets, as the US-China trade war de-escalated.

## risk rating

Very Low 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
<b>Capital Risk</b>	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
<b>Inflation Risk</b>	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
<b>Pension Conversion Risk</b>	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.	High

## 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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### Charges

HSBC pays the investment management charges – not you. However, there may be costs within some of the funds and these will be reflected in the unit price. These nominal costs are variable and are likely to be between nil and 0.2% a year.

