

# Diversified Multi-Factor Equity Fund

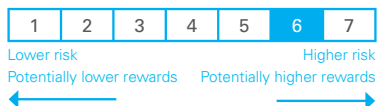
Unit-Linked Life Insurance Reported in GBP (Gross of charges)



## FUND AIM

The investment objective of the fund is to provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified portfolio of global equities that exhibit factor characteristics.

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

For more information, please refer to the Key Risks section on page 3.

## WHO IS THIS FUND FOR?

- The trustees of UK registered defined benefit or defined contribution occupational pension schemes, which may be classified as either retail clients or professional clients.
- Although investors can take their money out at any time, the recommended minimum holding period is 5 years.
- Please refer to your professional advisor who should be able to advise you on the suitability of this fund for your scheme.

## FUND FACTS

Fund size	Base currency	Comparator
<b>£2,069.2m</b>	<b>GBP</b>	<b>Composite (see note)</b>
Launch date	Domicile	
<b>Jul 2017</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	

## PERFORMANCE (%)



	YTD	3m	6m	1y	3y	Launch
■ Fund	-10.07	13.85	-10.07	-6.39	-	2.21

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	18.06	-5.28	-	-	-

All performance periods over a year will be annualised. Source: LGIM. Performance based on weekly mid-market prices before the deduction of fees. **Past performance is not a guide to the future.**

## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

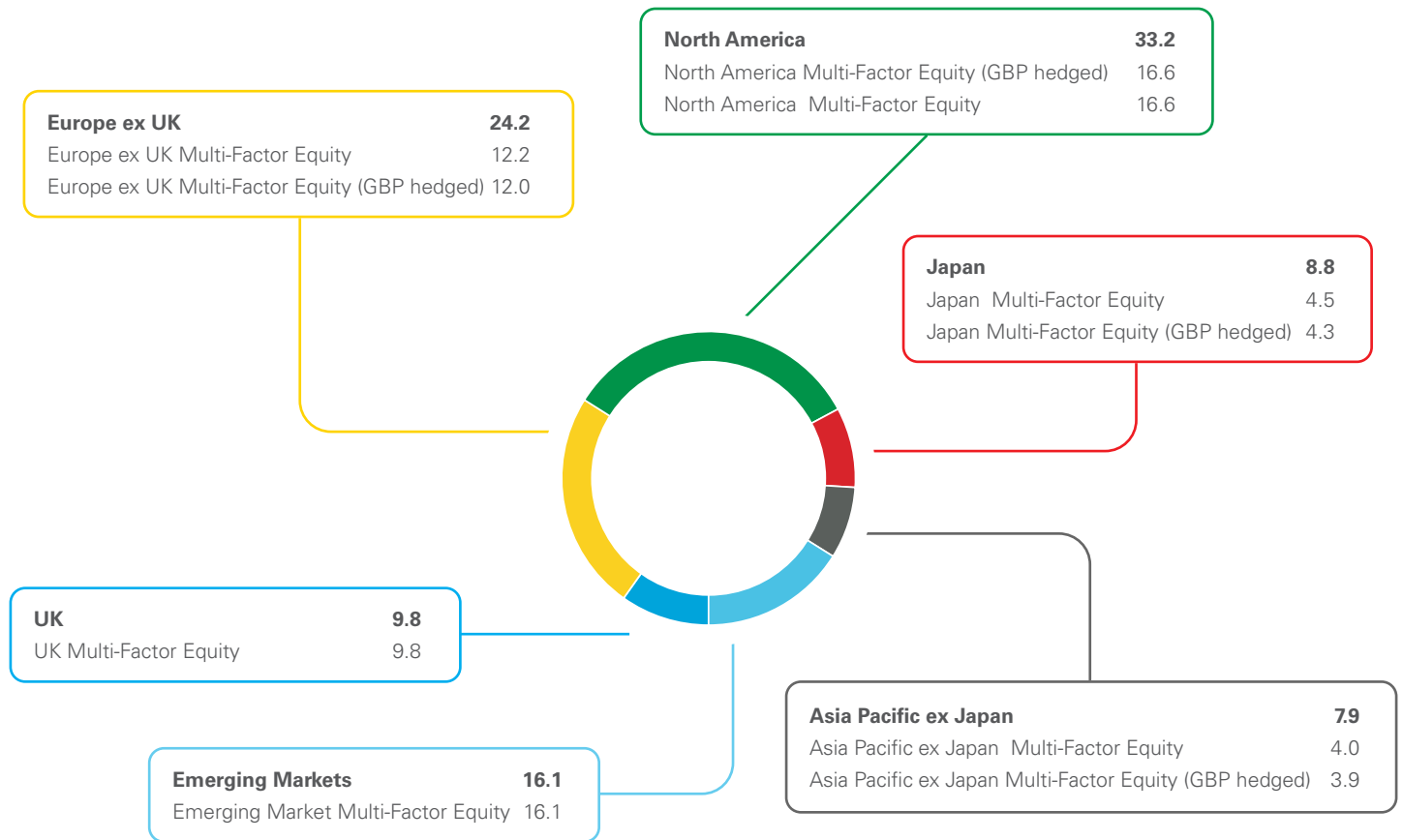
The fund will be fully invested in equities that exhibit the characteristics of certain equity risk factors that have been shown to be rewarded over the long term. The fund will gain exposure by investing in regional multi-factor building blocks. The regional allocation will be reviewed periodically (at least annually) and the fund will not take short term, tactical asset allocation positions. Derivatives may be used within the underlying funds for efficient portfolio management.

### Comparator note

We show the Fund's performance against a comparator of 33% FTSE North America Index (50% GBP hedged), 52% FTSE Developed ex North America Index (50% GBP hedged) and 15% FTSE Emerging Index, which broadly reflects the regional allocation and hedging of the fund as the fund targets multiple factors with the aim of improving returns versus similar regionally-weighted market- capitalisation indices while reducing stock-level concentration.

## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

All data source LGIM unless otherwise stated. Totals may not sum due to rounding.



## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

The Diversified Multi-Factor Equity Fund delivered a positive return in the second quarter of 2020.

During the second quarter, factor performance began to behave more in-line with expectations, with value stocks outperforming on days of hopes of a quicker path out of lockdown and then underperforming on days of heightened pessimism. The key reason for the fund's underperformance relative to its market cap-weighted comparator is its diversified weighting scheme. The fund is designed to have a much more balanced stock exposure, thereby reducing the stock concentration often seen in the market cap-weighted comparator. However, during the second quarter mega-cap stocks, particularly US tech stocks, were the strongest performers. The fund's more diversified stock exposure was the key reason for the underperformance during the quarter.

The fund invests in equities across developed and emerging markets while targeting factor characteristics that we believe are likely to be rewarded over the long term.

The fund is positioned to provide a balanced exposure to four factors: value, quality, low volatility, and size.

While not explicitly targeting a positive bias to a momentum factor, the fund aims to avoid strong negative momentum in its construction of the multi-factor exposure. It also aims to ensure a sufficient level of diversification to avoid unnecessary concentration risk across regions, currencies, stocks, and sectors.

We currently hedge 50% of our overseas exposure to developed-market currencies and we review our strategic regional allocation on a quarterly basis.

## FUND MANAGERS

The Fund is managed by LGIM's Asset Allocation team. The team has a wealth of experience in fund management, investment strategy and economics. They are responsible for a wide range of multi-asset funds and investment strategies across LGIM's client base. The Fund allows a broad range of pension fund investors to access this expertise.

The day-to-day implementation of the allocation of the fund is managed by the Allocation Strategy Management team.

## KEY RISKS

- The value of an investment and any income taken from it is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up; you may not get back the amount you originally invested.
- The return from your investment is not guaranteed and therefore you may receive a lower or higher return than you anticipated. There will be a variation in performance between funds with similar objectives due to the different assets selected.
- PMC's charges and associated transaction costs are subject to change, with notice for the former and without notice for the latter. Charges and transactions costs deducted from the policy reduce your potential for capital growth in the future.
- Tax rules and the treatment of income and capital gains could change in the future and may be applied retrospectively.
- Inflation reduces the purchasing power of money over time as the cost of purchasing goods and services increases. If the rate of inflation exceeds the rate of return on your portfolio, it will erode the value of your portfolio and its investments in real terms.
- In extreme market conditions it may be difficult to realise assets held for a fund and it may not be possible to redeem units at short notice. We may have to delay acting on your instructions to sell or the price at which you cancel the units may be lower than you anticipated.
- The value of a fund's assets may be affected by uncertainties such as international political developments, market sentiment, economic conditions, changes in government policies, restrictions on foreign investment and currency repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which investment may be made.
- PMC seeks to mitigate counterparty risk wherever possible on behalf of its policyholders through a variety of measures which include: each fund's non-cash assets being held with independent custodians, sweeping cash (where appropriate) overnight into the LGIM's range of Liquidity funds (above a deminimus level), using the delivery versus payment system when settling transactions and the use of central clearing for exchange traded derivatives and forward foreign exchange transactions. However, in the event of the failure of a counterparty, custodian or issuer there is a residual risk that a fund may suffer asset losses which are unrecoverable.

For more information, please refer to the Description of Funds [↗](#)



### SPOTLIGHT ON LEGAL & GENERAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

We are one of Europe's largest asset managers and a major global investor, with assets under management of £1,196.2 billion (as at 31 December 2019). We work with a wide range of global clients, including pension schemes, sovereign wealth funds, fund distributors and retail investors.

Source: LGIM internal data as at 31 December 2019. The AUM disclosed aggregates the assets managed by LGIM in the UK, LGIMA in the US and LGIM Asia in Hong Kong. The AUM includes the value of securities and derivatives positions.

## DEALING INFORMATION

Units can be purchased, sold or switched on a designated dealing day. Funds are offered on a weekly or daily basis as below:

Weekly close	Yes
Daily close	Yes
Daily midday	Yes
NIS available	Yes

The Notional Income Service (NIS) is available from the weekly dealt version where indicated. Further information is available in the relevant operational procedures sheet and the Description of Funds [↗](#)

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