

# Multi-Asset (formerly Consensus) 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 range of asset classes, excluding physical property.

## 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
£11,224.7m	GBP	ABI Mixed Inv 40-85% Shares Sector
Launch date	Domicile	
Mar 1993	United Kingdom	

## PERFORMANCE (%)



	YTD	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y
Fund	-3.27	-4.49	-2.98	-3.27	7.35	6.03
Comparator	-6.23	-7.79	-6.52	-6.23	6.62	5.56
Relative	+2.96	+3.30	+3.54	+2.96	+0.73	+0.47

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	-3.27	9.42	16.88	2.81	5.36
Comparator	-6.23	9.41	18.16	2.70	5.26
Relative	+2.96	+0.01	-1.28	+0.11	+0.10

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 future performance and the value of investments can go down as well as up.**

Please note that the Fund's allocation and comparator changed with effect from 31 July 2016. Comparator returns for periods starting before this date include an internally calculated composite benchmark composed of the benchmarks for each constituent fund that the Consensus Index Fund held. The Consensus Index Fund invested in a range of funds to follow the average distribution of the Balanced Fund, excluding Property as published in the CAPS Pooled Pension Fund Update.

## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

The fund will invest in a range of assets which may include equities, bonds, cash and listed infrastructure, private equity and global real estate companies. Exposure to each asset class will primarily be through investing in passively managed funds. The assets of the fund may be held directly or indirectly via units of other PF Sections, including MPAA (Multi-Asset Fund), deemed by PMC to be relevant to the objective of the fund. The fund aims to meet the criteria of the ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector. The fund is expected to have a level of risk which is equivalent to two thirds of the volatility of a global equity portfolio, over the long-term.

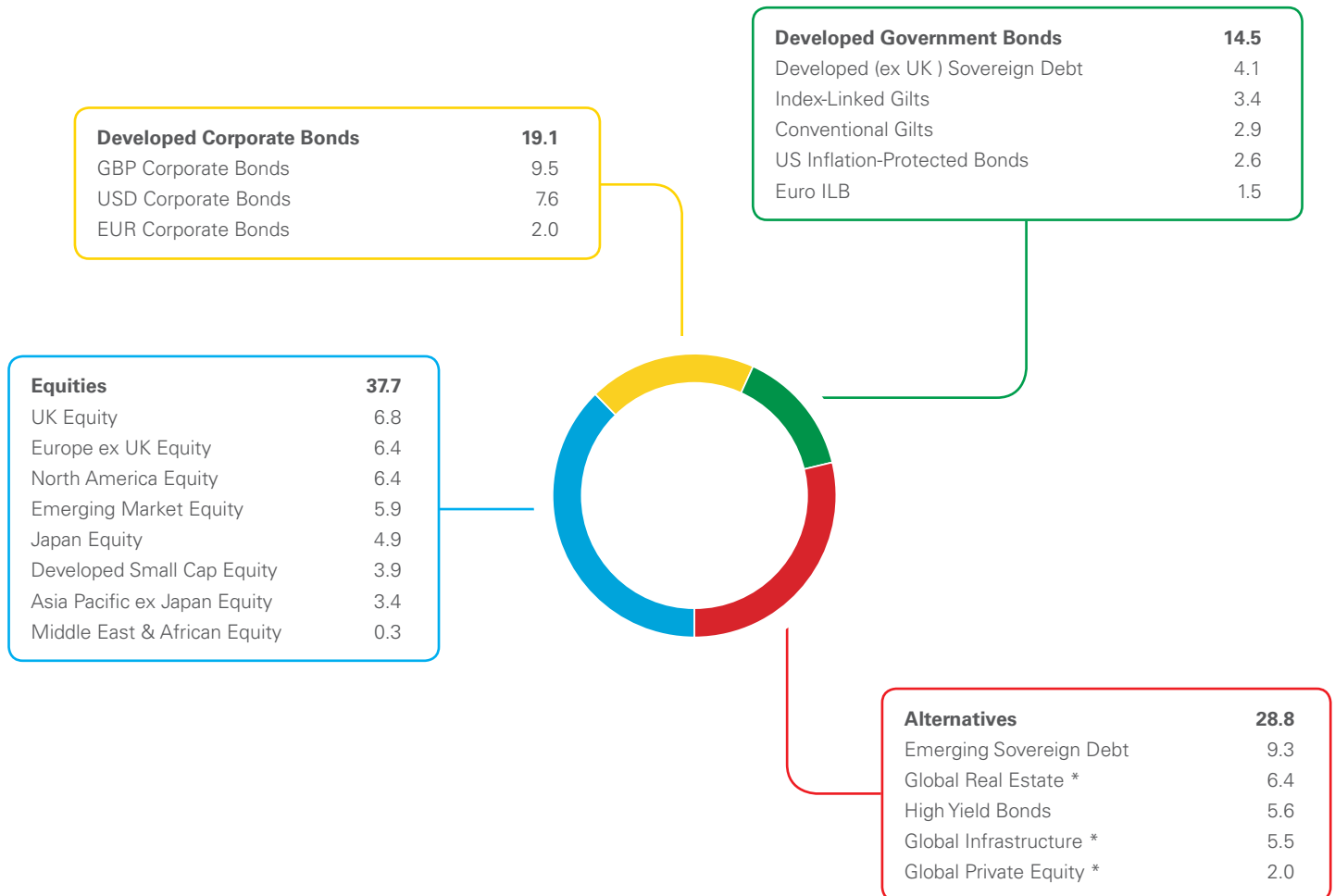
### Comparator note

The diversified nature of the Fund means that it is expected to have less exposure than a pure equity fund to adverse equity market conditions. However, the Fund may perform less strongly than a pure equity fund in benign or positive market conditions.

Please note that the performance data for the ABI Sector is on a 1 day lag and does not exactly correspond with the time period of the performance data for the Fund, the effect of this should even out over longer time periods, but may be pronounced over short time periods.

## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

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



### FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

Although markets fear the US may now be in late cycle stage, the Federal Reserve shrank its balance sheet further. However, it did temper its 2019 interest rate hike projections from three to two. A mediocre showing at the US mid-term elections failed to dampen Trump's enthusiasm for his trade spat with China, damaging the Chinese economy. Meanwhile in Europe, business sentiment melted as tensions bubbled over Brexit, Italy's fiscal proposals, and civil unrest in France. Asset-wise, US equities lost ground and 2018 performance entered negative territory. UK equities suffered from Brexit woes, and Japanese equities also plunged. Certain sovereigns assumed their safe haven role, with US Treasuries, gilts, bonds and Australian bond yields compressing.

The Multi-Asset Fund finished the quarter down 4.5% and has returned 7.9% p.a. since inception with 71% of the volatility of its long-term comparator, the FTSE Developed World Index, 50% hedged to sterling. Equities, in particular developed market equities including European (ex UK), North American and Japanese equities, were the main detractors from performance over the quarter. Other detractors included listed private equity, REITs, global high yield and global small cap equities. On the positive side, emerging market local currency debt, developed market sovereigns and inflation-linked bonds all added to performance.

During the quarter we increased the amount of currency hedging into sterling (versus the US dollar and the euro).

### 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.

\*Exposure through shares in listed infrastructure and global Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

Asset allocations are subject to change.

## 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 get back less than 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 de minimus 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 &amp; GENERAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

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Assets under management include derivative positions and assets managed by LGIMA, an SEC Registered Investment Advisor.

## 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

Further information is available in the relevant operational procedures sheet and the Description of Funds [↗](#)

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