# ROSSBOROUGH PENSION SOLUTIONS (ZILL)

# **Investment Guide**

October 2024 (figures to end September 2024



### **INVESTMENT GUIDE**

This Guide provides an overview of the key factors which should be considered when making investment decisions and to assist you with your investment selection in your pension arrangement administered by Rossborough Financial.

- **Risk Definitions**
- **Asset Classes and Associated Risks**
- **Investment Fund Performance**
- **Investment Fund Choice**

#### **Risk Definitions**

The risks associated with the investment of your pension fund can be broadly categorised as follows:

Capital Risk - this is the risk that the value of the underlying investment funds in which your Plan is invested may go down. This should be of particular concern as you approach your selected retirement age and is why the Pre-Set Investment Strategies seek to reduce capital risk from before your retirement date.

Investment Risk - this is the risk that your pension fund might not achieve your retirement objectives if you do not invest in assets that have the potential to produce

higher returns. Although such assets tend to be more volatile in the short to medium term greater 'capital risk', historical performance indicates that these asset classes have produced significantly superior returns over the longer term.

Inflation Risk - this is the risk that the erosive effects of inflation may steadily reduce the value of your pension fund in 'real' terms and, as a consequence, the value of your pension income in retirement. Investment in higher risk assets will provide greater opportunity for your Plan to benefit from long-term growth in excess of inflation and so ultimately enhance your pension income.

### **ASSET CLASSES & ASSOCIATED RISKS**

An overview of the investment asset classes - Active Equity Investment - The managers available through The Occupational Retirement of active equity funds buy and sell equities Plan, the Rossborough Personal Retirement with the objective of outperforming a particular Plan (including Group Personal Retirement index or benchmark. There are a number of Plans) and The Guernsey Retirement Plan (the such funds available which primarily invest in Plans) together with their associated risks are equities. set out below:

**Equities** - These are quoted shares in on companies that are traded exchanges worldwide. They are assets which tend to produce the highest level of return but with higher risk. Over the longer term these assets should generate superior growth. There will be greater fluctuations in value, which at times may be dramatic. Equity investments may be further subdivided as follows:

- Passive Equity Investment The managers of passive equity funds attempt to replicate the movement of a particular index by buying the constituent components of that index or by purchasing and selling derivatives to provide an equivalent exposure to that index. The managers do not select the companies that are in an index and so investment returns are dependent upon how the index performs. The funds which adopt this approach are marked "\*\*" in the investment fund choice section of this guide.

### ASSET CLASSES & ASSOCIATED RISKS CONTD.

Property - This is an asset class which tends to Cash/Money Market - This is a market in which produce a higher level of return but with higher risk, cash lending and borrowing takes place on a Over the longer term these assets should short term basis, ordinarily less than 1 year. This is generate superior growth. There will be greater an asset class which tends to produce more fluctuations in value, which at times may be stable returns. Over the longer term these dramatic.

assets should give lower but steady growth with some fluctuation in value.

**Balanced Managed / Mixed Asset Funds -**

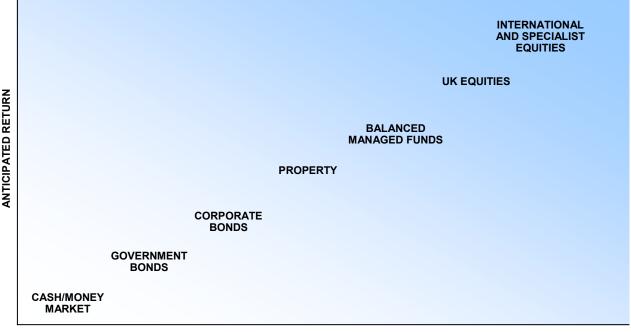
with reduced risk, i.e. BNY Mellon Real Return, to and funds that can hold up to 85% in equities, which aim performance to produce higher levels of return but with more risk.

These are funds that can invest across the major The chart overleaf shows the long term asset classes as described in this guide. Such performance and volatility of the asset classes funds can vary as to their levels of risk, from "Real described and inflation (UK Retail Price Index). Return" funds that look to produce steady growth but ABI stands for "Association of British Insurers" these indices show of pension funds that have invested in these different assets.

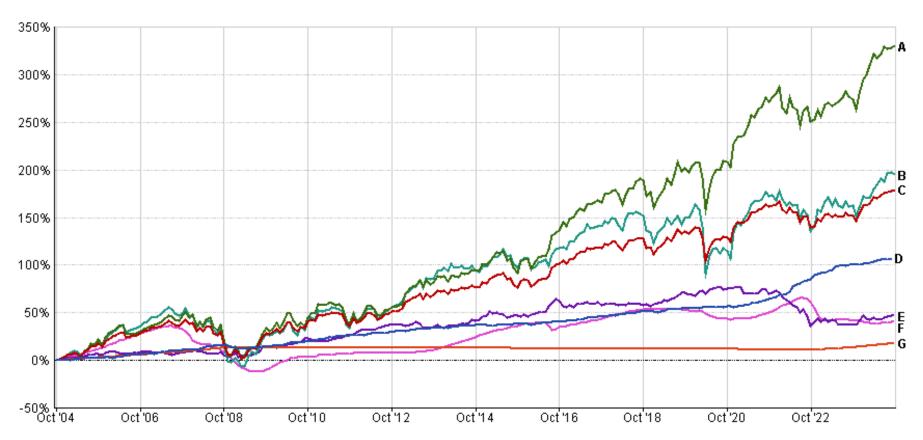
**Bonds** - Also known as "Fixed Interest". these investments are basically IOUs issued by a government or a company. In general, each bond is issued for a set period at a set interest rate but they can be traded. These are assets which tend to produce more stable returns, although Corporate Bond funds will tend to be more volatile than government bonds (UK government bonds are known as Gilts). Over the longer term these assets should give lower but steady growth, with some fluctuation in value.

### fig 7. Asset Classes and Associated Risks

The relative risk profiles of these Asset classes compared to their expected returns over the longer term can be demonstrated as follows:



## ASSET CLASSES & ASSOCIATED RISKS CONTD.



- A ABI Global Equities GTR in GB [330.66%]
- B ABI UK All Companies GTR in GB [195.27%]
- C ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares GTR in GB [179.17%]
- D UK Retail Price Index TR in GB [107.28%]
- E ABI Sterling Fixed Interest GTR in GB [47.13%]
- F ABI UK Direct Property GTR in GB [40.56%]
- G ABI Money Market GTR in GB [17.93%]

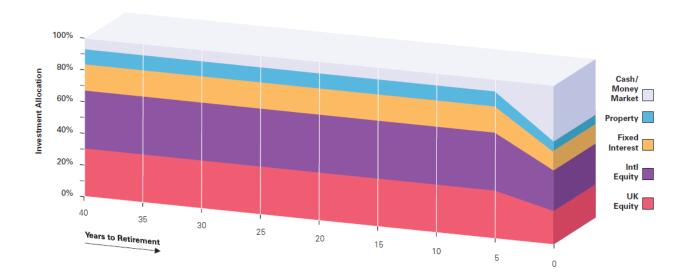
The Plans offer 3 Pre-Set Investment Strategies each designed to meet the differing investment requirements depending on how you may choose to access or secure your pension benefits at your selected retirement age.

# The Income Drawdown Pre-Set Investment Strategy (IDPRE) (Retirement Trust Safe-Age Strategy)

This Strategy is designed for members who intend to take 30% of their pension fund as a tax free lump sum but may wish to leave the balance of their pension fund invested with the intention of making withdrawals directly from their fund in retirement through the use of a Retirement Trust Scheme. It currently consists of:

- A 100% weighting to the Zurich International Life Managed Fund until 5 years prior to retirement.
- At the 5 year point, cash/money market (Insight GBP Liquidity Fund) is gradually introduced and the Zurich International Life Managed Fund commensurately reduced.
- This change in asset allocation is automatically phased over a period of 60 months on the 1st day of each month.
- This gradual, measured approach to disinvestment/reinvestment ensures a smooth transition over the 5 year period. The objective is to achieve 30% in cash and 70% actively managed through the assets held in the Zurich International Life Managed Fund at the retirement date.

The asset allocation of the Income Drawdown Pre-Set Investment Strategy is illustrated below and at its core is the Zurich International Life Managed Fund which is actively managed and as such its asset allocation is dynamic. Therefore, the following should be seen as illustrative of the typical asset allocation, rather than a literal representation:

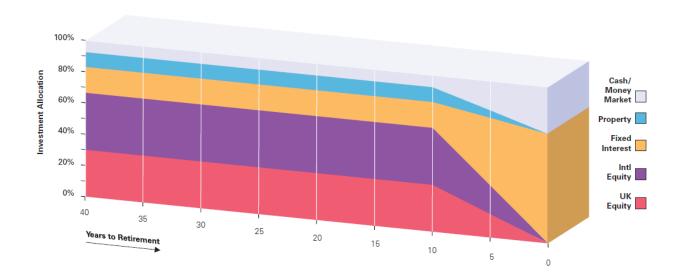


# The Traditional Pre-Set Investment Strategy (TDPRE) (Annuity Safe Age Strategy)

This Strategy is designed for members who intend to take 30% of their pension fund as a tax free lump sum and may use the balance to purchase an annuity to provide an income in retirement. It currently consists of:

- A 100% weighting to the Zurich International Life Managed Fund until 10 years prior to retirement.
- At the 10 year point, fixed interest (iShares GiltTrak Fund) and cash/money market (Insight GBP Liquidity Fund) are gradually introduced and the Zurich International Life Managed Fund commensurately reduced.
- This change in asset allocation is automatically phased over a period of 120 months on the 1st day of each month.
- This gradual, measured approach to disinvestment/reinvestment ensures a smooth transition over the 10 year period. The objective is to achieve 30% in cash, with the 70% remainder in fixed interest at the retirement date.

The asset allocation of the Traditional Pre-Set Investment Strategy is illustrated below and at its core is the Zurich International Life Managed Fund which is actively managed and as such its asset allocation is dynamic. Therefore, the following should be seen as illustrative of the typical asset allocation, rather than a literal representation:

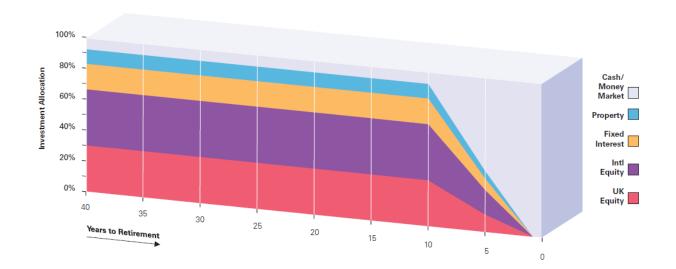


### The 100% Money Fund Pre-Set Investment Strategy (MFPRE)

This Strategy is designed for members who may be unsure how they might secure their pension benefits or who are risk adverse and wish to protect the accrued value of their pension fund as they approach their selected retirement age. It currently consists of:

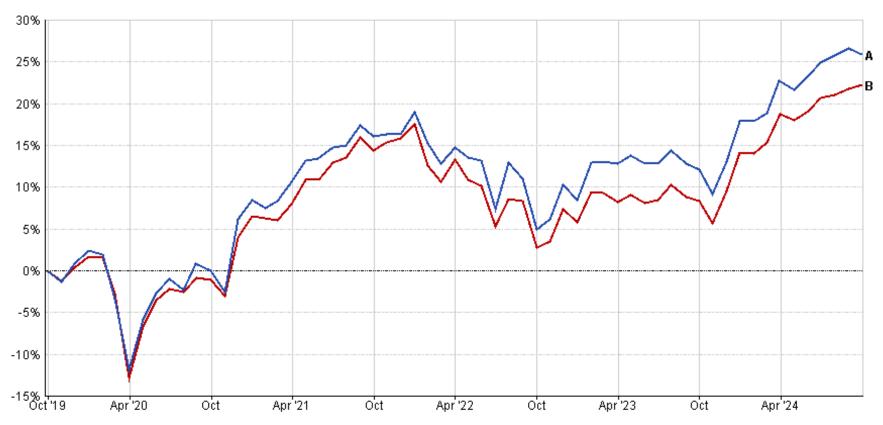
- A 100% weighting to the Zurich International Life Managed Fund until 10 years prior to retirement.
- At the 10 year point, cash/money market (Insight GBP Liquidity Fund) is gradually introduced and the Zurich International Life Managed Fund commensurately reduced.
- This change in asset allocation is automatically phased over a period of 108 months on the 1st day of each month.
- This gradual, measured approach to disinvestment/reinvestment ensures a smooth transition over the 10 year period. The objective is to achieve 100% in cash 12 months prior to your retirement date

The asset allocation of the 100% Money Fund Pre-Set Investment Strategy is illustrated below and at its core is the Zurich International Life Managed Fund which is actively managed and as such its asset allocation is dynamic. Therefore, the following should be seen as illustrative of the typical asset allocation, rather than a literal representation:



### The Pre-Set Strategies

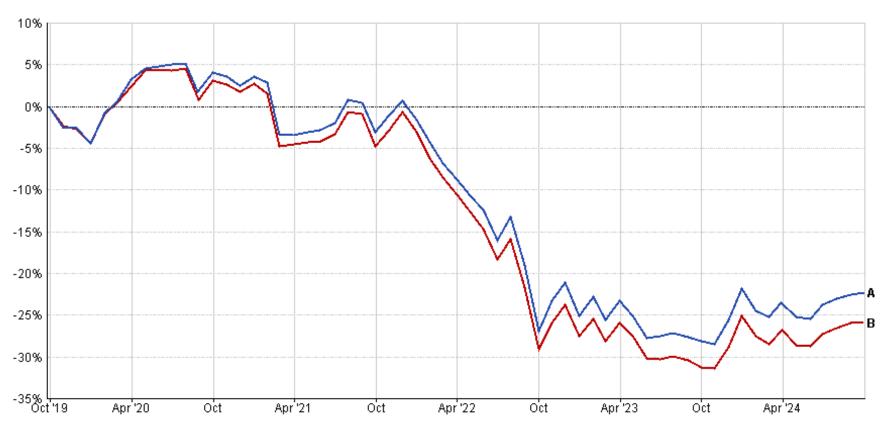
The graphs below show the 5 year Performance of the Zurich International Life Managed, iShares GiltTrack and Insight GBP Liquidity Funds, which collectively make up the 3 Pre-Set Investment Strategies, compared with the average performance of other pension funds in the same class.



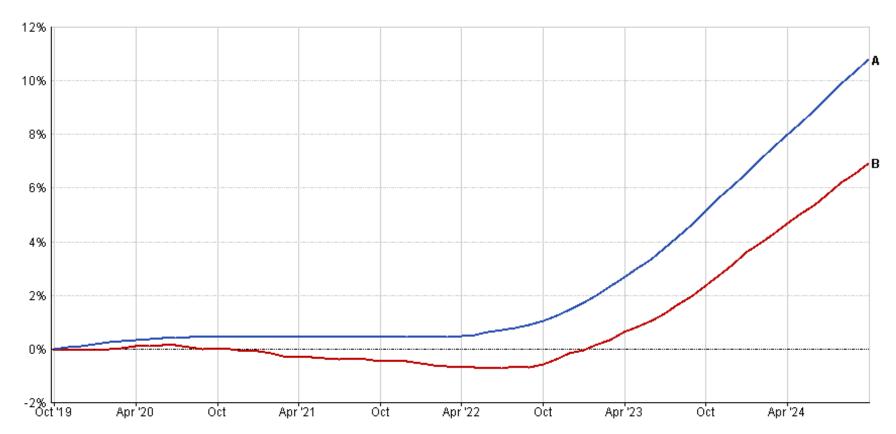
- A Zurich Intl Managed Fund 03/10/2024 01/02/2016 GTR in GB [25.95%]
   B ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares GTR in GB [22.30%]

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The Zurich International Life Managed Fund was launched in February 2016. It is run with the exact investment philosophy and management style, and by the same team as the long-standing Zurich Managed Fund, which has an exemplary performance over almost 30 years. The graph above uses the Zurich Managed Fund for all pre-February 2016 performance.



- A ZIL iShares FIDF Gilt Track IPP in GB [-22.27%]
   B ABI UK Gilts GTR in GB [-25.93%]



A - ZIL - Insight GBP Liquidity IPP in GB [10.78%]
B - ABI Money Market GTR in GB [6.93%]

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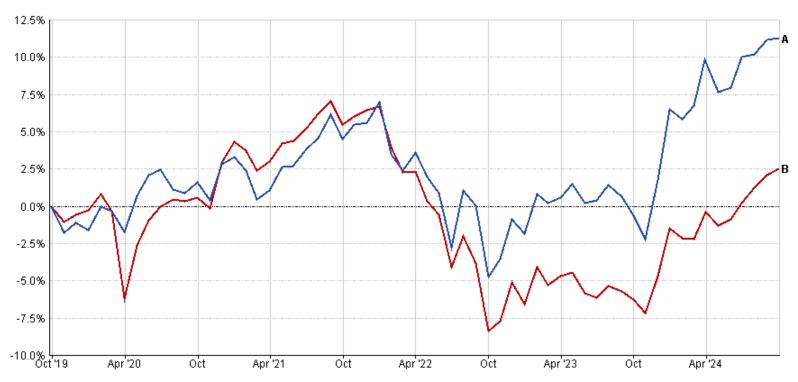
### **ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGIES**

### PERSPECTIVE Cautious Strategy

The aim of this investment strategy is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing cost effectively in a range of investment funds which provide exposure to traditional asset classes (equities, bonds, property and cash). The underlying fund exposures will be monitored and adapted based on changing financial market conditions in order to optimise returns within a lower risk portfolio of investments.

The investment risk profile for this strategy has been assessed to be - Risk Profile 3 Low Risk.

The graph below shows the 5 year Performance of the PERSPECTIVE Cautious Strategy.



- A ZIL PERSPECTIVE Cautious Strategy (Net 0.15% Fee) 01/07/2024 GTR in GB [11.32%]
- B ABI Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares GTR in GB [2.54%]

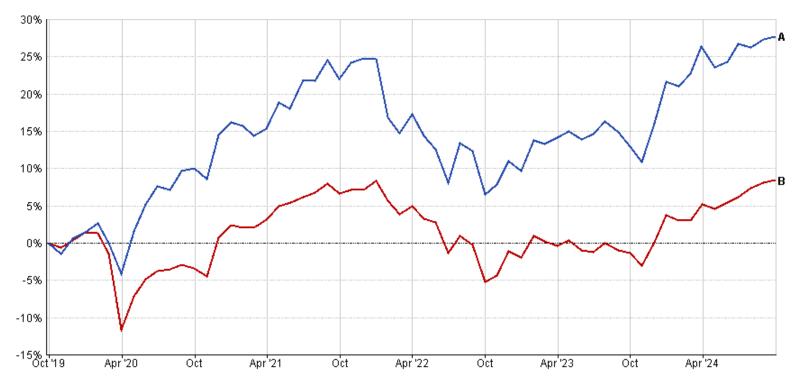
### ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGIES CONTD

### PERSPECTIVE Balanced Strategy

The aim of this investment strategy is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing cost effectively in a range of investment funds which provide exposure to traditional asset classes (equities, bonds, property and cash). The underlying fund exposures will be monitored and adapted based on changing financial market conditions in order to optimise returns within a balanced risk portfolio of investments.

The investment risk profile for this strategy has been assessed to be - Risk Profile 5 Low-Medium Risk.

The graph below shows the 5 year Performance of the PERSPECTIVE Balanced Strategy.



- A ZIL PERSPECTIVE Balanced Strategy (Net 0.15% Fee) 02/04/2024 GTR in GB [27.70%]
- B ABI Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares GTR in GB [8.53%]

### ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGIES CONTD

### PERSPECTIVE Growth Strategy

The aim of this investment strategy is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing cost effectively in a range of investment funds which provide exposure to traditional asset classes (equities, bonds, property and cash). The underlying fund exposures will be monitored and adapted based on changing financial market conditions in order to optimise returns within a higher risk portfolio of investments.

The investment risk profile for this strategy has been assessed to be – Risk Profile 7 Highest-Medium.

The graph below shows the 5 year Performance of the PERSPECTIVE Growth Strategy.



A - ABI Flexible Investment GTR in GB [30.38%].

B - ZIL PERSPECTIVE Growth Strategy (Net of 0.15% Fee) 01/07/2024 GTR in GB [29.92%]

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The PERSPECTIVE Growth Strategy was originally established in November 2014 and has been made available on Zurich International Pension Platform from November 2019.

Performance data to: 30/09/2024

## PRE-SET INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

### **Pre-Set Investment Strategy Funds**

Fund Name	Sector/Benchmark	Risk Profile	B'mark Quartile Rank (1yr)	Return (1 yr)	B'mark Quartile Rank (3 yr)	Return (3 yrs)	B'mark Quartile Rank (5 yr)	Return (5 yrs)
Insight GBP Liquidity	Money Market	1 - Lowest	+	5.37%	+	10.29%	+	10.78%
iShares GiltTrak **	FTSE Actuaries UK Conv Gilts (All)	4 - Lowest Medium	+	8.18%	-	-19.80%	-	-22.27%
Zurich International - Managed Fund	Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	5-7 - Medium	-	12.32%	+	8.51%	+	25.95%
Source: FE Analytics						Perforr	nance data to:	30/09/2024

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## **ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGIES**

### **PERSPECTIVE Strategies**

Fund Name	Sector/Benchmark	Risk Profile	B'mark Quartile Rank (1yr)	Return (1 yr)	B'mark Quartile Rank (3 yr)	Return (3 yrs)	B'mark Quartile Rank (5 yr)	Return (5 yrs)
PERSPECTIVE Cautious Strategy	Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	3 - Low	+	12.03%	+	6.51%	+	11.32%
PERSPECTIVE Balanced Strategy	Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares	5 - Low Medium	+	13.05%	+	4.64%	+	27.70%
PERSPECTIVE Growth Strategy	Flexible Investment	7 - Highest Medium	+	13.62%	-	0.04%	-	29.92%

Source: FE Analytics

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# **INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE - Self Select Option**

Core Funds are considered suitable as the principal investments for a pension portfolio

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Fund Name	Sector/Benchmark		Rank	(1 yr)	Rank	(3 yrs)	Rank	(5 yrs)
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Insight GBP Liquidity	Money Market	1 - Lowest	+	5.37%	+	10.29%	+	10.78%
abrdn Sterling Short Term Government Bond	FTSE Actuaries UK Conv Gilts up to 5 Years	3 - Low	+	6.31%	-	1.12%	-	1.02%
iShares GiltTrak **	FTSE Actuaries UK Conv Gilts (All)	4 - Lowest Medium	+	8.18%	-	-19.80%	-	-22.27%
iShares UK Credit Bond Index **	ICE BofA 5-15 Year Sterling Non-Gilt	4 - Lowest Medium	-	10.55%	-	-8.98%	+	-4.72%
Invesco Corporate Bond	Sterling Corporate Bond	3 - Low	+	12.73%	+	-1.43%	+	5.81%
Pimco GIS UK Corporate Bond	Sterling Corporate Bond	3 - Low	+	11.08%	-	-9.55%	-	-7.07%
CT UK Property	UK Direct Property	5 - Low Medium	+	3.03%	-	-8.08%	+	-0.72%
Janus Henderson Cautious Managed	Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares	5 - Low Medium	+	13.56%	+	7.92%	+	18.80%
Ninety One Cautious Managed	Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares	5 - Low Medium	+	13.24%	+	2.78%	-	4.33%
BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio	Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	4 - Lowest Medium	+	15.37%	+	9.17%	+	38.41%
Fidelity Multi Asset Open Growth	Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	6 - High Medium	+	13.37%	+	10.99%	+	29.61%
BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Global Balanced	Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	6 - High Medium	+	15.16%	+	21.55%	+	44.17%
Sterling Blue Chip	Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	5 - Low Medium	-	12.18%	-	2.40%	-	9.57%
Zurich International - Managed Fund	Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	5-7 - Medium	-	12.32%	+	8.51%	+	25.95%
iShares UK Index **	MSCI United Kingdom	8 - High	+	13.94%	+	33.88%	+	35.76%
CT UK	UK All Companies	5 - Low Medium	+	14.44%	+	17.58%	-	20.74%
iShares Developed World Index **	MSCI World	8 - High	-	20.54%	-	29.48%	-	70.57%
M&G Global Themes	Global Equities	7 - Highest Medium	-	10.19%	-	14.00%	-	47.19%
Sterling Adventurous	Global Equities	7 - Highest Medium	+	18.39%	-	16.44%	+	51.03%
CT Global Select	Global Equities	7 - Highest Medium	+	26.64%	+	23.98%	+	66.53%
CT American	North America	7 - Highest Medium	-	23.82%	-	26.72%	-	81.52%
MFS Meridian Global Equity	Global Equities	8 - High	-	12.39%	-	10.41%	-	34.90%
iShares US Index **	North America	8 - High	-	22.37%	-	36.89%	-	89.64%
UBS US Equity	North America	8 - High	-	9.52%	-	19.66%	-	69.30%
Fidelity European	Europe Excluding UK	5 - Low Medium	+	17.24%	+	26.55%	+	57.38%
CT European	Europe Excluding UK	9 - Very High	+	16.11%	+	21.23%	+	56.87%
Schroder Tokyo	TSE TOPIX	8 - High	-	8.93%	+	12.40%	-	28.26%
abrdn Asia Pacific Equity	Asia Pacific Excluding Japan	9 - Very High	+	13.70%	-	-7.74%	-	16.49%
Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders	Asia Pacific Excluding Japan	9 - Very High	+	14.21%	+	3.81%	+	39.19%
CT Asia Pacific	Asia Pacific Excluding Japan	10 - Highest	+	16.60%	-	-9.10%	-	15.80%
Source: FE Analytics	<u> </u>	•				Perfo	ormance data to:	30/09/2024

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# **INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE - Self Select Option**

### Strategic Funds are for members who invest in more specific sectors or specialist funds

Fund Name	Sector/Benchmark	Risk Profile	B'mark Quartile Rank (1yr)	Return (1 yr)	B'mark Quartile Rank (3 yr)	Return (3 yrs)	B'mark Quartile Rank (5 yr)	Return (5 yrs)
Invesco Sterling Bond	Sterling Fixed Interest	4 - Lowest Medium	+	12.80%	+	0.99%	+	9.78%
Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt **	Barclays UK Government 15+ Years	4 - Lowest Medium	+	11.48%	-	-39.05%	-	-42.31%
iShares Over 15 Years Gilts Index Fund**	Barclays UK Government 15+ Years	4 - Lowest Medium	+	10.32%	-	-38.70%	-	-42.41%
Rathbone Total Return Portfolio	Bank Of England Base Rate + 2%	3 - Low	+	10.89%	-	8.59%	-	19.90%
BNY Mellon Real Return	IA Targeted Absolute Return	4 - Lowest Medium	+	11.98%	-	4.42%	+	17.50%
CT Dynamic Real Return	IA Targeted Absolute Return	5 - Low Medium	+	14.96%	-	8.19%	+	23.00%
PERSPECTIVE Socially Responsible Investment Fund	Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares	5 - Low Medium	+	17.30%	-	2.04%	+	34.67%
Jupiter UK Income	UK Equity Income	7 - Highest Medium	+	16.46%	+	33.24%	+	32.22%
Artemis UK Special Situations	UK All Companies	7 - Highest Medium	+	18.13%	+	14.61%	+	48.29%
Axa Framlington UK Select Opportunities	UK All Companies	7 - Highest Medium	-	12.24%	-	-5.87%	-	6.87%
Ninety One UK Special Situations	UK All Companies	7 - Highest Medium	+	33.26%	+	41.63%	+	57.05%
CT UK Mid 250	FTSE 250 ex Inv Cos	7 - Highest Medium	-	16.76%	-	-21.45%	-	-0.46%
Baillie Gifford Long Term Global Growth	Global Equities	8 - High	+	27.97%	-	-14.15%	+	101.93%
Invesco UK Equity High Income	UK Equity Income	8 - High	+	17.95%	+	24.35%	-	14.32%
Fundsmith Equity	Global Equities	8 - High	-	14.68%	-	11.28%	-	49.32%
Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity	Global Equities	8 - High	-	7.64%	-	3.10%	-	39.64%
JPM US Small Cap Growth	Russell 2000 Growth	9 - Very High	-	10.62%	-	-17.20%	-	25.41%
iShares GI Emerging Markets Govt Bond Index USD**	JPM GBI-EM Global Div Composite	4 - Lowest Medium	+	8.40%	-	-0.14%	+	-3.51%
iShares Emerging Markets Index **	MSCI Emerging Markets	10 - Highest	-	14.93%	-	-0.18%	-	19.48%
Stewart Investors Global Emerging Markets Leaders	MSCI Emerging Markets	9 - Very High	-	5.88%	+	3.49%	-	5.59%
Russell Emerging Markets Equity	Global Emerging Markets Equities	9 - Very High	+	13.48%	+	-3.06%	+	14.87%
Fidelity India Focus	MSCI India	10 - Highest	-	19.63%	-	24.77%	-	73.35%
Baillie Gifford China	MSCI China All Shares	10 - Highest	-	4.06%	-	-32.30%	-	-3.11%
Jupiter China	MSCI Zhong Hua	10 - Highest	-	0.90%	-	-24.93%	-	-26.46%
Blackrock Gold and General	FTSE Gold Mines	10 - Highest	-	43.21%	-	36.69%	-	37.13%
Ninety One Global Environment	Global Equities	10 - Highest	-	11.81%	-	-4.10%	-	-2.66%
JPM Natural Resources	Commodity/Energy	10 - Highest	-	-0.38%	+	38.70%	+	58.64%
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Source: FE Analytics

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## INVESTMENT FUND PERFORMANCE - Self Select Option

### **Risk Profile Funds**

Fund Name	Sector/Benchmark	Risk Profile	B'mark Quartile Rank (1yr)	Return (1 yr)	B'mark Quartile Rank (3 yr)	Return (3 yrs)	B'mark Quartile Rank (5 yr)	Return (5 yrs)
Zurich Risk Profile 20% Equity Fund **	20% FTSE All World/80% Barclays Glob Agg	3 - Low	-	11.98%	-	-2.66%	-	4.04%
Zurich Risk Profile 40% Equity Fund **	40% FTSE All World/60% Barclays Glob Agg	4 - Lowest Medium	-	13.64%	-	3.42%	-	15.93%
Zurich Risk Profile 60% Equity Fund **	60% FTSE All World/40% Barclays Glob Agg	5 - Low Medium	-	15.31%	-	9.77%	-	28.64%
Zurich Risk Profile 80% Equity Fund **	80% FTSE All World/20% Barclays Glob Agg	6 - High Medium	-	16.98%	-	16.36%	-	42.30%
Zurich Risk Profile 100% Equity Fund **	100% FTSE All World	7 - Highest Medium	-	18.65%	-	23.21%	-	56.84%
Source: FE (Financial Express)						Perform	nance data to:	30/09/2024

Funds marked with a '\*\*' are index trackers, or passive funds - Their performance is shown relative (+/-) to the index they track. It is not uncommon, or unreasonable, for tracker funds to marginally lag their indices due to the effect of charges, albeit these are generally modest for such funds. We can confirm that where an index fund is shown to have underperformed its benchmark above, the margin is small, acceptable in our view, and, in fact, quite normal with such funds.

**Comparative Performance** - The table shows the performance for each fund over 1, 3, and 5 years. The quartile ranking of each fund, where shown, indicates which 25% band of a peer group the fund sits within, with 1 being the top quarter and 4 the bottom quarter. Our preference is for consistent 1st and 2nd quartile rankings, which demonstrate that a fund has reliably beaten its peer group average. Where a fund has a defined benchmark, performance relative (+/-) to that benchmark is shown. Lower rankings in the shorter term are less of a concern if consistent outperformance is demonstrated over the medium to longer term.

**Historic Figures** - Where possible, we have used actual historic performance figures as sourced from FE (Financial Express). However, in most cases, the above funds are new classes of existing funds, and as such, these new classes have a relatively short performance history. In such cases, we have shown the performance figures of equivalent existing funds.

### **RISK PROFILE**

#### **Risk Profile 1 - Lowest Risk**

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile will be invested in cash and cash-type assets, rather than higher-risk investments such as shares. When you have only cash in your portfolio, you can usually expect to get back the money you have invested.

#### Risk Profile 2 - Very Low Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, mainly lower and medium-risk investments such as cash, cash-type assets, bonds and UK commercial property, and fewer high-risk assets such as shares. While a fund like this should go up and down in value less than a 'high-risk' portfolio, the value of investments can always go down as well as up.

#### Risk Profile 3 -Low Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, mainly lower-risk investments such as cash, cash-type assets and bonds and medium-risk investments like UK commercial property, and a minority of higher-risk investments such as UK and overseas shares. While a fund like this should go up and down in value less than a 'high-risk' portfolio, the value of investments can always go down as well as up.

#### Risk Profile 4 –Lowest Medium Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, mainly lower or medium-risk investments such as cash, cash-type assets, bonds or UK commercial property, typically with a fewer higher-risk investments such as UK and overseas shares. While a fund like this should go up and down in value less than a 'high-risk' portfolio, the value of investments can always go down as well as up.

#### Risk Profile 5 -Low Medium Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, a mix of lower and medium-risk investments such as cash, cash-type assets, bonds and UK commercial property, and higher-risk investments such as UK and overseas shares. While a fund like this should rise and fall in value less than a higher-risk portfolio, the value of investments can always go down as well as up.

### Risk Profile 6 - High Medium Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, mainly higher-risk investments such as UK and overseas shares, with some lower and medium-risk investments such as cash, cash-type assets, bonds and UK commercial property. While a fund like this should rise and fall in value less than a higher-risk portfolio, the value of investments can always go down as well as up.

### Risk Profile 7 – Highest Medium Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, mainly higher-risk investments such as UK and overseas shares, with only a few, if any, lower and medium-risk investments such as bonds and UK commercial property. Because of this, there is a possibility you may not get back as much money on your investments as you put in, particularly in the short-term.

#### Risk Profile 8 – High Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, mainly higher-risk investments such as UK and overseas shares, with very few, if any, lower and medium-risk investments such as bonds and UK commercial property. Because of this, there is a possibility you may not get back as much money on your investments as you put in, particularly in the short-term.

#### Risk Profile 9 – Very High Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, mainly higher-risk investments such as shares from outside the UK, and a large proportion of overseas shares, with very occasional lower-risk investments such as bonds. Because of this, there is a possibility you may not get back as much money from your investments as you put in, particularly in the short-term.

#### Risk Profile 10 –Highest Risk

An investment fund appropriate for this risk profile may contain, for example, only higher-risk investments such as overseas shares and no low-risk investments such as cash-type assets and bonds. Because of this, there is a possibility you may not get back as much money from your investments as you put in, particularly in the short-term.

### INVESTMENT FUND CHOICE

The following funds are available to members.

#### abdrn Asia Pacific Equity

in companies in the countries of the Asia Pacific income. The fund invests in shares, fixed income region, excluding Japan. The fund may invest in securities, money-market instruments, funds and some countries that are still developing their cash. The fixed income securities and money economies.

#### abdrn Sterling Short Term Government Bond

The fund aims to generate income and some growth over the medium to long term (3 to 5 a maturity of up to five years.

### **Artemis UK Special Situations**

The fund aims to provide long-term capital growth by exploiting special situations. The fund invests BlackRock Gold and General principally in UK equities and in companies which The fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth are headquartered or have a significant part of their activities in the UK which are quoted on a regulated market outside the UK.

### **AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities**

The fund aims to achieve capital growth by asset class and sector set out above. investing in companies, primarily of UK origin where the manager believes above average BNY Mellon Multi Asset Global Balanced returns can be realised.

#### **Baillie Gifford China**

The fund aims to invest in an actively managed bonds. portfolio of Chinese market stocks. The manager invests on a long-term (5 year) perspective, and has a strong preference for growth, looking for significant upside in each stock that they invest in. The process is driven by rigorous, fundamental, from discussion with all of Baillie Gifford's global schemes. investors, to produce a portfolio that typically holds 40-80 stocks

#### **Baillie Gifford Long Term Growth**

stated in sterling, by at least 2.5% per annum over operations there. rolling five-year periods. The manager believes this is an appropriate target given the investment policy of the Fund and the approach taken by the manager when investing. The Fund will invest at least 90% in shares of companies anywhere in the world. The Fund will invest in companies in any sector which, typically at the time of purchase, have a market capitalisation of more than US\$4 billion. The Fund will be actively managed and will be concentrated, typically comprising 30 to 60 holdings.

#### **BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio**

The fund aims to grow capital by investing mostly The fund aims to achieve capital growth as well as market instruments will be issued governments, government agencies, companies and supranationals. The fund invests in money instruments which mav investments with a relatively low credit rating or years) by investing in UK Government bonds with which are unrated. Investments are made on a global basis with a UK bias. The fund can use derivatives as part of its investment strategy. This can increase the overall risk profile of the fund.

on your investment. The fund invests primarily in global shares of companies which derive a significant proportion of their income from gold mining or commodities such as precious metals. The fund has the flexibility to invest outside of the

A total return fund comprised of long-term capital growth and income by investing in a mixed portfolio of company shares (i.e. equities) and

#### **BNY Mellon Real Return**

The objective of the fund is to achieve significant real rates of return in sterling terms predominantly from a portfolio of UK and international securities. bottom-up analysis undertaken by their dedicated The fund may also invest in deposits, approved Emerging Markets Team. The fund managers money market instruments, derivative instruments, draw on this analysis, as well as insights gleaned forward transactions and collective investment

#### **CT American**

The aim of the fund is to grow the amount you invested. The fund invests at least two-thirds of its The Funds objective is to outperform (after assets in shares of medium to large companies in deduction of costs) the MSCI ACWI Index, as North America or companies that have significant

#### CT Asia

The aim of the fund is to grow the amount you invested. The fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in shares of companies in Asia, with the exclusion of Japan, or companies that have significant operations in Asia, excluding Japan.

#### **CT Dynamic Real Return**

financial market sell off.

#### **CT European**

The aim of the fund is to grow the amount you invested. The fund invests at least two-thirds of its Fidelity India Focus assets in shares of companies with good growth USD Fund prospects in Continental Europe or companies Aims to provide long-term capital growth with the that have significant operations there.

#### **CT Global Select**

The aim of the fund is to grow the amount you that have a significant portion of their activities in invested. The fund invests at least two-thirds of its India. The Manager has the freedom to invest assets in shares of companies worldwide. The outside the fund's principal geographies, market fund's investment approach means it can invest sectors, industries or asset classes. The fund may significantly in particular companies, industries invest in assets directly or achieve exposure and countries. This means it will typically hold indirectly through other eligible means including fewer investments than other funds.

#### **CT UK**

The aim of the fund is to grow the amount you Fidelity Multi Asset Open Growth invested. The fund invests at least two-thirds of its The fund aims to provide long-term capital growth. assets in shares of companies in the UK or The fund invests in a range of assets to gain companies that have significant UK operations. exposure to equities, bonds, commodities, The fund permanently invests a minimum of 75% property and cash based in the UK and other of its assets in European Economic Area worldwide markets. (excluding Liechtenstein) equities.

### **CT UK Mid 250**

Exchange; predominantly UK companies. fund selects companies considered to have good short-term trading strategies. prospects for share price growth, from any industry or economic sector, focusing companies included within the FTSE 250 ex The investment objective of the fund is to provide Investment Trusts Index.

#### **CT UK Property**

grow the amount you invested. The fund will rates. typically invest at least two-thirds of its assets, either directly or indirectly, in commercial real estate in the United Kingdom which is used for business purposes. The fund may also invest in shares, bonds, gilts, cash and other funds.

#### Fidelity European

The fund aims to provide a rate of return on your The fund aims to provide long-term capital growth. investment above inflation (defined as the It invests primarily in the shares of continental Consumer Price Index (CPI)), and currently European companies. The portfolio is likely to targets an average annual return of CPI +4% have a bias towards medium-sized and smaller when measured over 3 to 5 years, before charges companies and has the freedom to invest outside are deducted. This fund is managed with a view to the fund's principal geographies, market sectors, containing downside risk during periods of industries or asset classes. It can use derivatives with the aim of risk or cost reduction or to generate additional capital or income in line with the fund's risk profile.

level of income expected to be low. At least 70% invested in the shares of Indian companies listed in India, as well as those of non-Indian companies derivatives. Income is reinvested in additional shares.

### **Fundsmith Equity**

The objective of the fund is to invest in equities on The fund invests at least 90% of its assets in a global basis through a concentrated portfolio of shares of companies listed on the London Stock c.30 stocks. The fund's approach is to be a long-The term investor in its chosen stocks. It will not adopt

#### on Insight GBP Liquidity

investors with stability of capital and of Net Asset Value per Share. The fund provides daily liquidity with an income which is comparable to sterling The aim of the fund is to provide income and to denominated short dated money market interest

#### **Invesco Corporate Bond**

investing primarily in investment grade corporate bond market. debt securities. The fund may also invest in government, unrated and sub-investment grade iShares Over 15 Years Gilts Index \*\* debt securities, cash, cash equivalents, money The Fund is passively managed and the instruments, collective currencies, interest rates and credit and can be index used to achieve both long and short positions.

#### **Invesco Sterling Bond**

The objective of the fund is to generate income and long term capital appreciation in pounds sterling. The fund will invest a minimum of 50% of iShares UK Credit Bond Index \*\* its net assets in debt securities denominated in The investment objective of the fund is to provide pounds sterling.

#### **Invesco UK Equity High Income**

The fund aims to achieve a high level of income, together with capital growth. The fund intends to invest primarily in UK companies, with the balance iShares UK Index \*\* invested internationally. In pursuing this objective, The fund aims to achieve a return on your the fund managers may include investments that investment, through a combination of capital they consider appropriate which transferable securities, unlisted securities, money reflects the return of the equity market in the instruments, warrants, investment schemes, deposits and other permitted securities (e.g. shares) listed and traded on investments and transactions.

#### iShares Developed World Index \*\*

The fund seeks to provide total return, taking into USD Fund account both capital and income returns, which The fund aims to achieve a return on your reflects the total return of the developed world investment, through a combination of capital equity markets.

The fund aims to achieve a return on investment, regulated markets in the United States as well as through a combination of capital growth and financial derivative instruments income on the fund's assets, which reflects the investments the prices of which are based on one return of the JP Morgan Emerging Bond Index or more underlying assets) including exchange Global Diversified, the fund's benchmark index. traded S&P 500 futures contracts. A futures The fund aims to invest as far as possible and contract is a contract whereby the fund agrees to practicable in fixed income securities (such as buy or sell an underlying asset at a predetermined bonds) that make up the benchmark index.

#### iShares Emerging Market Index \*\*

The fund seeks to provide a total return, taking into account both capital and income returns, which reflects the total return of the global emerging equity markets.

#### iShares GiltTrak \*\*

The fund aims to achieve a combination of income The fund aims to closely track the returns of the and capital growth over the medium to long term. FTSE UK Gilts All-Stock Index, an index designed The fund seeks to achieve its objective by to track the performance of the UK government

investment investment manager has limited discretion to schemes, and other transferable securities select the Fund's investments and in doing so Financial derivative instruments can be used for may take into consideration the benchmark index. investment purposes and for efficient portfolio The Fund invests in fixed-income securities that management. They may include derivatives on make up the benchmark index. The benchmark measures the performance denominated United Kingdom (UK) Government fixed-income securities (gilts). They will have a minimum remaining time to maturity (i.e. the time until they become due for repayment) of 15 years.

Shareholders with a total return, taking into account both capital and income returns, which reflects the total return of the iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilt Index, the fund's Benchmark Index.

include growth and income on the fund's assets, which collective United Kingdom. The fund invests in equity regulated markets in the United Kingdom.

## iShares US Index \*\*

growth and income on the fund's assets, which reflects the return of the equity market in the iShares Emerging Markets Govt Bond Index \*\* United States. The fund will invest in equity securities (e.g. shares) listed and traded on (FDIs) (i.e. price in the future. Cash may be held by the fund for the purpose of providing cover for the exposure created by FDIs.

#### Janus Henderson Cautious Managed

The fund aims to provide income and long-term The fund aims to provide a combination of income capital growth by investing in a combination of and long term capital growth by investing company shares and a range of bonds in any country. The fund will invest no more than 60% of its value in company shares.

#### JPM Natural Resources

The fund will invest, primarily in the shares of, companies throughout the world engaged in the production and marketing of commodities. The fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term.

#### JPM US Small Cap Growth

The fund provides exposure to US small capitalisation companies and may suit investors aimed at producing long term capital growth.

#### Jupiter China

The objective of the fund is to achieve long-term capital growth through investing principally in companies in China (including Hong Kong) but Ninety One UK Special Situations may also invest in companies operating in other The fund aims to provide a combination of income countries which, in the manager's opinion, and long term capital growth, primarily through conduct a material proportion of their business in application of a contrarian approach to investment China (including Hong Kong) or derive a material in UK equities and in derivatives the underlying proportion of their earnings from activities in assets of which are UK equities. China. The manager will only enter into derivative transactions for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and not for investment.

#### **Jupiter UK Income**

The fund objective is to produce a high income increasing at least in line with inflation, from a managed portfolio chiefly invested in UK equities and fixed interest stocks, although it may have some overseas exposure.

### **M&G Global Themes**

combination of capital growth and income) than that of the MSCI All Country World Index over any five-year period.

#### MFS Meridian Global Equity

primarily (at least 70%) in equity securities of denominated, companies located in developed and emerging corporate and credit instruments. earnings growth potential compared to other assets in below-investment grade issues. companies (growth companies), it believes are undervalued compared to their perceived worth (value companies,) or in a combination of growth and value companies.

#### **Ninety One Cautious Managed**

conservatively in a diversified portfolio of equities, bonds and other fixed interest securities of high quality and marketability. At all times the fund's equity exposure will be limited to a maximum of 60% of the portfolio value.

#### **Ninety One Global Environment**

The fund invests globally, primarily in companies contributing to positive environmental change. This will include companies operating in services, infrastructures, technologies and related to environmental sustainability. Examples may include companies which provide, utilize, implement or advise upon technology-based who are looking for a growth style investment systems, products or services in environmental markets, particularly those of alternative energy, decarbonisation and energy efficiency, water treatment and pollution control, and waste technology and resource management.

### **PERSPECTIVE Socially Responsible Investment (SRI)**

fund The whilst incorporating traditional investment objectives and risk parameters, only invests in funds which have placed environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors at the core of their investment approach by identifying businesses which are positioned to cope with the needs of our changing world. Those funds which combine traditional stock selection analysis whilst identifying quality businesses with an ESG/SRI The fund aims to provide a higher total return (the operational overlay, can benefit from enhanced returns as ESG/SRI, with the support of policymakers globally, becomes mainstream in the investment industry.

#### **PIMCO GIS UK Corporate Bond**

The Fund's objective is capital appreciation, The fund is an actively managed portfolio that measured in U.S. dollars. The Fund invests invests at least two-thirds of its assets in sterlingprimarily investment Portfolio market countries. The Fund may invest in duration may vary within 2 years of the benchmark companies it believes to have above-average and the fund may tactically invest up to 15% of its

#### Rathbone Total Return Portfolio

typerisk and Diversifiers (LED) framework. The Japan. fund aims to deliver this return with no more than one-third of the volatility of the FTSE Developed Stewart Investors Global Emerging Markets stock market Index.

#### **Russell Emerging Markets Equity**

worldwide and industry sectors.

#### Schroder Tokyo

The fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section (Large Cap - Gross Total Return) index over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity in a focused portfolio of high-quality listed related securities of Japanese companies.

The fund is actively managed and invests at least equity-related 80% of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies. Investments are made based on Japan's economic strengths, benefiting from structural change in the economy.

The fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other securities (including in other asset classes), UBS US Equity collective investment schemes instruments, and hold cash.

#### **Sterling Adventurous**

choice is the highest of the 5 managed funds. our estimates of fair value. Theexposure to equities is generally higher than that of the other investment choices in the Vanguard UK Long Duration Gilt \*\* circumstances.

#### Sterling Blue Chip

The fund aims to provide the potential for medium maturities greater than 15 years. to long term growth and invests in equities and a proportion of fixed-interest securities.

#### **Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders**

The objective of the fund is to deliver a greater The fund aims to grow your investment. The fund total return than the Bank of England's Base Rate invests in shares of companies based in or having +2%, after fees, over any three-year period by significant operations in the Asia Pacific region investing with Rathbone's Liquidity, Equity- including Australia and New Zealand excluding

## Leaders

The fund aims to grow your investment. The fund invests in shares of companies in emerging The fund aims to achieve long term growth by markets or whose business is predominantly investing in the shares of companies in emerging based in emerging markets. This includes markets or companies that carry out a majority of companies that are listed on exchanges in their business in emerging markets. The fund developed markets. The fund invests in shares of uses a multi-strategy investment approach and is large and mid sized companies in the region. broadly diversified across different countries These companies generally have a stock market value of at least US\$1 billion. Emerging markets typically have lower average income and standards of governance than developed markets.

#### **Stonehage Fleming Global Best Ideas Equity**

To achieve long-term growth in capital and income businesses from around the world. The Fund intends to invest predominantly in equity and securities issued by or in connection with high-quality larger capitalisation companies. A particular focus on quality of management, balance sheet strength, return with such as its manufacturing industry and on sectors a bottom-up approach to identify exceptional businesses. A high conviction concentrated portfolio of c. 23 holdings.

countries, regions, industries or currencies, The fund is actively managed and invests more (including than 80% of its assets in the shares of well Schroder funds), warrants and money market established US companies. Through our internal research process the manager invests in companies which are believed to be undervalued by the market at the time of purchase. This The fund aims to provide the potential for long- approach aims to add value to the fund from term growth and the risk profile of this investment anticipated rises in company share prices towards

managed range, with a lower exposure to money The fund seeks to track the performance of the market instruments. The investment choice may Barclays U.K. Government 15+ Years Float also utilise fixed interest instruments in certain Adjusted Bond Index (the "Index"). The Index is a float adjusted market-capitalisation weighted index representing a segment of the U.K. government bond market, offering exposure to gilts with

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#### **Zurich International Life Managed**

The aim of the fund is to achieve total returns (from income and capital appreciation) that are This document is provided for information Columbia Threadneedle Investments. property assets.

#### Zurich Risk Profile \*\*

20% Equity Fund 40% Equity Fund 60% Equity Fund **80% Equity Fund 100% Equity Fund** 

hedge currency exposure held within the fund of investments. back to the fund base currency.

#### **Financial Promotion**

above the composite equity, fixed income and purposes intended to be used by the recipient property benchmark, gross of fees, over rolling 3 only, and may not be passed on or disclosed to year periods. The fund invests primarily in a any other persons and / or in any jurisdiction that portfolio of underlying funds managed by would render the distribution illegal. It does not The constitute, and under no circumstances should it portfolio, whilst global, does carry a UK bias and be considered in whole or in parts as, an offer, a includes exposure to equities, fixed income and solicitation, advice or a recommendation to purchase, subscribe for or sell the financial instrument(s) referred herein. This document is intended to report solely on the investment funds strategies identified by Rossborough Financial Services, the views, strategies and investments described herein may not be suitable for all investors.

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