SL CT American Select Pension Fund



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This document is intended for use by individuals who are familiar with investment terminology. Please contact your financial adviser if you need an explanation of the terms used.

The SL CT American Select Pension Fund invests primarily in the CT American Select Fund. The aim of the CT American Select Fund is summarised below.

The Fund aims to achieve investment growth over the long term (5 years, or more). It also looks to outperform the S&P 500 Index (the "Index") over rolling 3-year periods, after the deduction of charges. The Fund is actively managed, and invests at least 75% in a concentrated portfolio of shares of companies domiciled in the United States of America (US), or which have significant US business operations. There is no restriction on size, but investment tends to focus on larger companies. The Index represents around 500 of the largest companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange or NASDAQ and provides a suitable target benchmark against which Fund performance will be evaluated over time. The Investment Manager selects companies in which it has a high conviction that the current share price does not reflect the prospects for that business, and typically invests in fewer than 60 companies, including some companies not within the Index. The Investment Manager also seeks to create a portfolio that compares favourably against the Index over rolling 12-month periods, when assessed using the Columbia Threadneedle ESG Materiality Rating model. This model (developed and owned by Columbia Threadneedle Investments) analyses company data to assess how effectively material environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities are being managed. If sufficient data is available, the combined results are expressed as a numerical rating to indicate how much exposure a company has to material ESG risks and opportunities in a particular industry. Whilst the Fund may still invest in companies that have poor ESG Materiality ratings, at least 50% of the portfolio is invested in companies with strong ratings. The Investment Manager engages with companies with a view to influencing management teams to address material ESG risks and improve their ESG practices. Columbia Threadneedle Investments is a signatory to the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative and has committed to an ambition to reach net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner for a range of assets, including the Fund. As such, the Investment Manager will proactively engage with companies to assist with progressing this and may disinvest from those not meeting the minimum standards. The Fund only invests in companies that follow good governance practices. It does not invest in companies which derive revenue from industries or activities above the thresholds shown: tobacco production (5%); nuclear weapons – indirect involvement (5%), conventional weapons – military, or civilian firearms (10%), and thermal coal – extraction or power generation (30%), providing a company is not engaged in new coal projects. The Fund excludes companies that have direct involvement in nuclear or controversial weapons, and companies determined to have breached international standards and principles. The Fund may invest in other securities, collective investment schemes (including funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle companies), money market instruments, deposits, and cash. Derivatives may only be held with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The value of any investment can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed – you may get back less than you pay in.

For further information on the CT American Select Fund, please refer to the fund manager fact sheet, link provided below.

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CT American Select - Fund Factsheet - Underlying Factsheet link

Standard Life Launch Date	26/04/2001	Underlying Fund Launch Date	10/03/1982		
Standard Life Fund Size (30/09/20	024) £181.8m	Underlying Fund Size (30/09/2024) £935.8m			
Standard Life Fund Code	KN	Underlying Fund Manager(s)	Tiffany Wade		
Volatility Rating (0-7)	6				

The investment performance you will experience from investing in the Standard Life version of the fund will vary from the investment performance you would experience from investing in the underlying fund directly. This will be as a result of a number of differences, such as charges, tax and timing of investment.

Underlying Fund Information *

Note: Asset / Sector / Regional compositions are shown in a standardised format due to categorisation of items. This may be marginally different to the way the same information is displayed by the underlying fund manager. Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Composition by Sector



Source: FE fundinfo 30/09/2024

Pension Investment Fund

Equity Fund

Quarterly

Fund Performance *

Year on Year

Source: FE fundinfo

	Year to				
	30/09/2024 (%)	30/09/2023 (%)	30/09/2022 (%)	30/09/2021 (%)	30/09/2020 (%)
SL CT American Select Pension Fund	21.2	-0.3	-6.8	25.9	15.7

Performance

Source: FE fundinfo



Figures quoted are calculated over the stated period on a bid to bid basis with gross income reinvested and are based on units which contain an Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 1.75% and Additional Expenses of 0.09%, i.e. a Total Fund Charge of 1.84%. For the relevant charges on your policy, including any rebates or discounts that may apply, please refer to your policy documentation.

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Cumulative Performance

Source: FE fundinfo

	3 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
SL CT American Select Pension Fund	-6.4	21.2	12.5	64.0

Note(s): The information shown relates to the past. Past performance is not a guide to the future. The value of your investment can go down as well as up. For the relevant charges on your policy please refer to your policy documentation.

Where a fund holds overseas assets the Sterling value of these assets may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

Definition(s): Volatility Rating - The volatility rating of a fund indicates how much the fund price might move compared to other funds. The higher the volatility rating, the less stable the fund price is likely to be. You can use this to help you decide how much risk you're comfortable taking with your investments. Volatility ratings are calculated on a scale of 0-7.

Money Market - may include bank and building society deposits, other money market instruments such as Certificates of Deposits (CDs), Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) including Asset Backed Securities (ABSs), Money Market Funds and allowances for tax, dividends and interest due if appropriate.

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