FACTSHEET

31 May 2024

Pension Fund

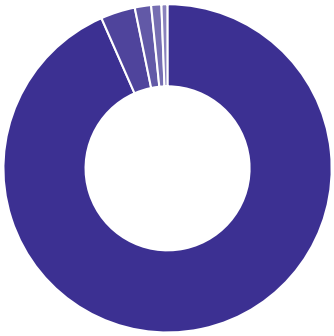
Clerical Medical Retirement Protection

Fund Aim

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in UK Government bonds (gilts). At least 80% of the Fund will invest in UK Government bonds (gilts). The Fund may also invest in index-linked government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds and supranational bonds (these are a type of security issued by two or more governmental organisations). A small portion of the Fund may be invested in bonds denominated in currencies other than Sterling. Investment in the asset classes will be direct, and indirect using derivatives as an additional way for the Fund to invest with the aim of meeting the Fund's investment aim. The extent of derivative use for investment purposes is dependent on market conditions and will be limited as the intention is that this should not change the risk profile of the Fund. The Fund may also include a small proportion in cash and cash like investments. A small proportion of the exposure to bonds may be achieved by investing in other funds. Derivatives may also be used for the purpose of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk (for example by hedging) or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management).

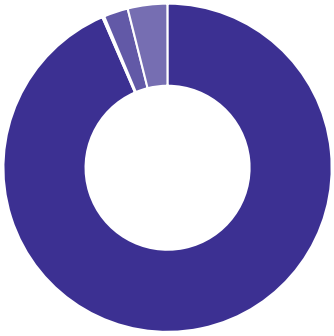
'FI and MA Fund Changes'

Asset Allocation (as at 28/03/2024)



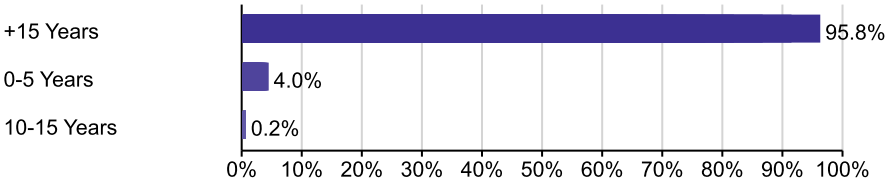
UK Gilts	93.4%
Futures	3.4%
UK Fixed Interest	1.6%
Global Fixed Interest	1.0%
Money Market	0.6%

Credit Rating Breakdown (as at 28/03/2024)



AA	93.4%
A	0.2%
BBB	2.4%
Not rated	3.9%

Maturity Breakdown (as at 28/03/2024)



The composition of asset mix and asset allocation may change at any time and exclude cash unless otherwise stated

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Information Statement

We've increased the range of investment options for this Fund primarily through permitting derivatives for investment purposes. We've also added more detail to explain how the Fund is invested. Please see our FI and MA Fund Changes web page for more information.

Basic Fund Information

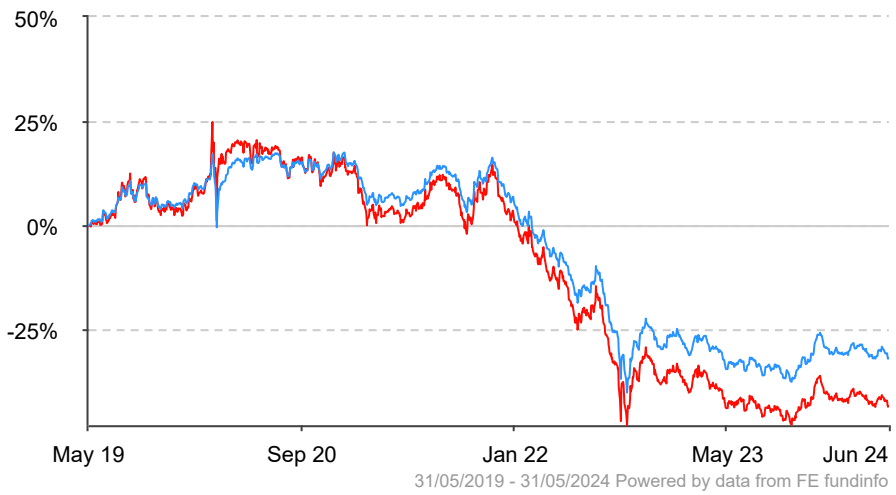
Fund Launch Date	07/04/1997
Fund Size	£48.3m
Sector	ABI Sterling Long Bond
ISIN	GB0000547280
MEX ID	CMRP
SEDOL	0054728
Manager Name	Julien Houdain
Manager Since	01/07/2023

Top Ten Holdings

(as at 28/03/2024)

UK TREASURY GILT SR REGS 4.5% 07 DEC 2042	5.8%
TREASURY 4.25% 07 DEC 2055	5.3%
UK TREASURY 1.25% 31 JUL 2051	5.2%
UK TREASURY 3.5% 22 JAN 2045	5.1%
UK TREASURY 3.75% 22 OCT 2053	4.9%
TREASURY 4.25% 07 DEC 2046	4.8%
UK TREASURY GILT SR REGS 3.25% 22 JAN 2044	4.7%
UK TREASURY GILT SR REGS 4.25% 07 DEC 2040	4.7%
UK TREASURY 2.5% 22 JUL 2065	4.4%
UK TREASURY 1.25% 22 OCT 2041	4.2%
TOTAL	**49.1%**

Past Performance



Clerical Medical Retirement Protection Pension

ABI Sterling Long Bond

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment value and income from it may fall as well as rise, as a result of market and currency movements. You may not get back the amount originally invested.

Discrete Performance

	31/03/2023 - 31/03/2024	31/03/2022 - 31/03/2023	31/03/2021 - 31/03/2022	31/03/2020 - 31/03/2021	31/03/2019 - 31/03/2020
Clerical Medical Retirement Protection	-5.8%	-31.1%	-9.6%	-10.9%	17.6%
ABI Sterling Long Bond	-1.3%	-25.6%	-7.9%	-3.8%	11.4%

Information is shown as unavailable if prior to the launch of fund.

Cumulative Performance

	30/04/2024 - 31/05/2024	29/02/2024 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2023 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2021 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2019 - 31/05/2024
Clerical Medical Retirement Protection	-0.7%	-1.3%	-1.4%	-44.9%	-43.3%
ABI Sterling Long Bond	-0.3%	-1.1%	2.4%	-36.0%	-31.8%
Quartile	3	3	4	4	4

Source: FE fundinfo as at 31/05/2024

Performance figures are in £ Sterling on a single pricing basis, with income (where applicable) reinvested net of UK tax and net of total annual fund charges. These figures do not include any initial charge or other product charge(s) that may be applicable.

Fund Rating Information

Overall Morningstar Rating	-
Morningstar Medalist Rating	-
FE fundinfo Crown Rating	

The FE fundinfo Crown Rating relates to this fund. However, the Morningstar ratings are based on the underlying fund. These are supplied by the respective independent ratings agencies and are the latest available at the time this factsheet was issued. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Other Information

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Quarterly Fund Manager Review

The first quarter of 2024 saw a significant shift in the landscape of inflation and interest rate expectations. Initially, the market anticipated faster central bank action to lower interest rates. However, expectations were scaled back, with notable exceptions including the Bank of Japan (BoJ), which increased interest rates from -0.1% to 0.1% for the first time in 17 years, signalling an end to negative rates. Meanwhile, the Swiss National Bank surprised the markets with a 25 basis point cut to 1.5%. The European Central Bank, the Bank of England, and the Federal Reserve (Fed) all proceeded with caution, avoiding premature declarations of victory over inflation. Global economic activity was on the upswing. The US economy continued to outperform, buoyed by sustained consumer spending, thanks to rising real wages amidst easing inflation. Although the eurozone's progress was slower, there was reason for optimism with a rebound in the service sector and manufacturing showing signs of revival. China's recovery also continued, although the property sector continued to struggle. Inflation remained a central concern for markets. Despite indications of diminishing inflationary pressures, unexpected high inflation readings tempered enthusiasm for imminent rate cuts. Both the US and eurozone reported inflation rates exceeding forecasts, raising alarms about the enduring nature of service sector inflation. As the quarter progressed, governmental bond yields adjusted in response to shifting market sentiments and economic indicators. 10-year government bond yields increased across the board (meaning prices fell). The US 10-year Treasury jumped from 3.87% at the end of Q4 2023 to 4.21% at the end of Q1 2024. The UK 10-year gilt yield rose from 3.54% to 3.94%, while the German 10-year Bund yield steadied at 2.03% - a 26 basis point increase from the end of Q4. Corporate bonds surpassed government bonds in performance with UK high yield as a notable outperformer. Investment grade bonds are the highest quality bonds as determined by a credit rating agency; high yield bonds are more speculative, with a credit rating below investment grade.

Julien Houdain 31/03/2024

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