# **FACTSHEET**

30 April 2025

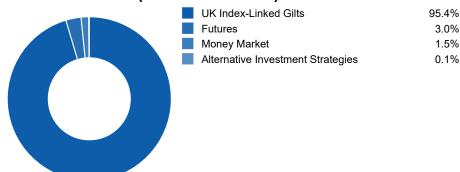
# HALIFAX

# Life Fund

#### **Fund Aim**

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth by investing in UK government Index-Linked bonds (gilts). The benchmark index for the Fund is the FTSE Actuaries Government Securities UK Index Linked TR All Stocks (the "Index"). The Fund is actively managed. The Fund Manager aims to outperform the Index by 0.35% per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees. At least 80% of the Fund will invest in UK government Index-Linked bonds. It may also invest in other types of index-linked securities, including bonds from other governments and investment grade corporate bonds. Investment in the asset classes will be direct and indirect using derivatives to seek to meet the Fund's aim. The use of derivatives depends on market conditions and is limited as the intention is this should not change the Fund's risk profile. In addition the Fund may invest in other funds, cash and cash like investments. Derivatives and stock lending may be used in a way that is designed to reduce risk, or cost and/or generate extra income or growth (often referred to as efficient portfolio management).

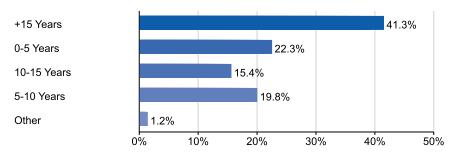
### Asset Allocation (as at 31/03/2025)



#### Credit Rating Breakdown (as at 31/03/2025)



#### Maturity Breakdown (as at 31/03/2025)



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

# Halifax Index Linked Gilt

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#### Information Statement

Halifax Index-Linked Gilt single priced. The fund invests via the Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers Limited (SWUTM) UK Index Linked Gilt OEIC Fund. A shortened version of the OEIC Fund aim is detailed under the heading Fund Aim. The Fund Manager is limited in the extent to which positions can vary to those of the Index: to help provide a balance between the spread of assets within the Fund and risk management; to provide a balance between the amount the Fund can vary from the Index and provide flexibility to seek to outperform the Index. Fund performance may differ from the Index. Please note: the Scottish Widows unitlinked funds aim to provide long-term growth in the price of units. Any income generated will not be distributed, but added to the fund value.

#### **Basic Fund Information**

95.4%

4.6%

Fund Launch Date	29/11/1983
Fund Size	£74.0m
Sector	ABI UK Index - Linked Gilts
ISIN	GB0031018814
MEX ID	H9ILSP
SEDOL	3101881
Manager Name	Julien Houdain
Manager Since	01/07/2023

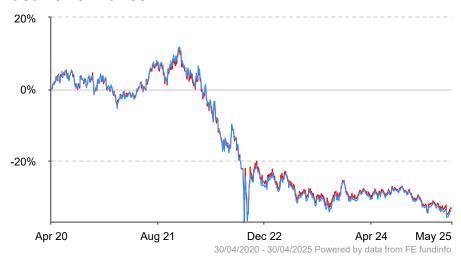
#### Top Ten Holdings (as at 31/03/2025

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TREASURY IL REGS .75% 22 N 2033	10V	7.8%
TREASURY IL REGS .125% 10 2028	AUG	4.8%
TREASURY IL REGS .125% 22 2029	MAR	4.6%
TREASURY IL REGS .125% 22 2044	MAR	4.5%
TSY 1 1/8% 2037 I/L GILT SR R 1.125% 22 NOV 2037	EGS	4.4%
TREASURY IL REGS .125% 22 2026	MAR	4.1%
TREASURY IL REGS .625% 22 2040	MAR	4.0%
TSY 2% 2035 I/L STOCK SR RE 26 JAN 2035	EGS 2%	4.0%
TREASURY IL REGS .125% 10 2041	AUG	3.7%
TSY GILT SR REGS .125% 22 N 2036	VOV	3.4%

**TOTAL** 

45.3%

#### **Past Performance**



Halifax Index Linked Gilt

ABI UK Index - Linked Gilts

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**

	31/03/2024 - 31/03/2025				31/03/2020 - 31/03/2021
Halifax Index Linked Gilt	-6.9%	-6.2%	-22.0%	0.8%	-1.7%
ABI UK Index - Linked Gilts	-7.8%	-5.8%	-23.3%	1.9%	-1.8%

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

#### **Cumulative Performance**

		31/01/2025 - 30/04/2025	30/04/2024 - 30/04/2025	30/04/2022 - 30/04/2025	30/04/2020 - 30/04/2025
Halifax Index Linked Gilt	-0.2%	-2.0%	-5.0%	-29.7%	-33.2%
ABI UK Index - Linked Gilts	0.1%	-2.3%	-5.2%	-30.6%	-33.9%
Quartile	4	1	2	2	2

Source: FE fundinfo as at 30/04/2025

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

The views, opinions and forecasts expressed in this document are those of the fund manager. Investment markets and conditions can change rapidly and as such the views expressed should not be taken as statement of fact, nor should reliance be placed on these views when making investment decisions.

For further information Please contact: OEIC/Life/Pension - 0345 366 1513 or visit our website: www.halifax.co.uk/investments.

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## **Quarterly Fund Manager Review**

There was a notable shift in the global macroeconomic landscape during the first quarter of 2025. US exceptionalism was challenged as heightened policy uncertainty led to a sharp fall in sentiment and raised recession concerns. In comparison, Germany's fiscal regime change prompted a significantly improved outlook across Europe, catalysing a marked divergence in fixed income markets. In March, Germany's parliament approved plans by incoming Chancellor Friedrich Merz to loosen borrowing limits, exempting spending on defence and security from the country's strict debt rules. This also facilitated the creation of a €500 billion infrastructure fund to run over the next 12 years. Consequently, German Bunds bore the brunt of the ensuing sell-off across the eurozone, with yields recording their largest daily jump since reunification in 1990 following the announcement (yields move inversely to price). There was a partial reversal of the market weakness towards the end of the quarter as focus turned to the impact from tariffs ahead of US "Liberation Day". US Treasuries outperformed this quarter, with yields falling (and prices rising) in response to weaker economic activity data. Canada also faced tariff uncertainties, leading to falling yields, although its performance lagged behind the US. Divergence was evident in corporate bond markets. US dollar denominated bonds outperformed euro bonds on both investment grade and high yield markets. 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. In the UK, a stagflationary outlook and a vulnerable fiscal position, underscored by the government's Spring Statement, influenced asset performance. Gilt yields ended slightly higher. In Asia, Japanese government bonds underperformed all major markets, with rising yields amid strong Q4 GDP growth of 2.2% and rising inflation, signalling potential rate hikes by the Bank of Japan. Conversely, in China, a large

#### Julien Houdain 31/03/2025

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