## Prudential North America Equity Index S3

part of M\&G plc

## Aims

Objective: The investment strategy of the fund is to purchase units in the M\&G PP North America Equity Index Fund - the underlying fund.

Underlying fund objective: The fund aims to have similar risk-return characteristics as the FTSE North America Index. The fund gains its exposure via the M\&G (ACS) BlackRock US Equity Fund and the M\&G (ACS) BlackRock Canada Equity Fund. The underlying funds aim to be fully invested in the equity securities and equity related securities of companies that are constituents of the S\&P 500 Index and the FTSE Canada Index respectively.

Within the index-relative limits, the Investment Manager uses a structured and systematic, bottom up stock selection process to build a portfolio with similar risk-return characteristics as the index in order to meet the fund's investment objectives. In addition to the fund's objective, the Investment Manager aims to maximise the fund's ESG characteristics by overweighting its investments in securities which score well against the Investment Manager's ESG research framework and underweighting the securities which score less well.
Performance Objective: The funds aim to provide a total return (i.e. capital growth plus income), gross of the Ongoing Charges Figure, over any three year period.

## Benchmark

| Benchmark | FTSE World North America Index |
| :--- | ---: |
| ABI Sector | North America Equities |
| Identification Codes |  |
| Sedol Code | 3424812 |
| Mex Code | PUYOU |
| Isin Code | GB0034248129 |
| Citi Code | P546 |
| Fund Overview |  |
| Daily price (24/04/2024) | 961.70 |
| Fund size (31/03/2024) | $£ 44.44 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| Underlying Fund size | $£ 44.44 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| Number of holdings | 223 |
| Launch date | $31 / 03 / 2004$ |

Fund Charges
Annual Management Charge (AMC)

Please refer to the "Fund
Guide"
for your specific pension

Performance


Discrete performance - to latest available quarter end

|  | $\begin{gathered} 31 / 03 / 19 \\ \text { to } \\ 31 / 03 / 20 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31 / 03 / 20 \\ \text { to } \\ 31 / 03 / 21 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31 / 03 / 21 \\ \text { to } \\ 31 / 03 / 22 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31 / 03 / 22 \\ \text { to } \\ 31 / 03 / 23 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31 / 03 / 23 \\ \text { to } \\ 31 / 03 / 24 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fund | -3.9\% | 42.1\% | 19.9\% | -2.3\% | 25.4\% |
| Benchmark | -2.8\% | 42.8\% | 19.7\% | -2.5\% | 26.8\% |

Performance - to latest available quarter end

|  | Quarter | Annualised |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 2024 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3 \text { Years to } \\ 31 / 03 / 24 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 \text { Years to } \\ 31 / 03 / 24 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \text { Years to } \\ 31 / 03 / 24 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Fund | 11.0\% | 13.7\% | 14.9\% | 15.4\% |
| Benchmark | 11.1\% | 13.9\% | 15.5\% | 15.6\% |

## Prudential Risk Rating

## Higher Risk

These are specialist equity funds that focus on set geographical regions or a particular type of share e.g. shares of smaller companies or those that conform to certain criteria.

These risk ratings have been developed by Prudential to help provide an indication of a fund's potential level of risk and reward based on the type of assets which may be held by the fund. Other companies may use different descriptions and as such these risk ratings should not be considered as generic across the fund management industry.

We regularly review our fund risk ratings, so they may change in the future. If, in our view, there is a material change in the fund's level of risk, for example due to a significant change to the assets held by the fund or in the way the fund is managed, we will provide information on the new risk rating. We recommend that you make sure you understand the risk rating of any fund before you invest.

Fund Managers


Name: Richard O'Connor
Manager of the underlying fund for: 18 years, 9 months

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## Top 10 Holdings

| Name | \% Weight | Sector | Country |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 CME S\&P EMI FUT Jun24 | 26.62\% | Non-Classified | Non-Classified |
| 2 MICROSOFT CORPORATION | 7.09\% | Software \& Computer Services | United States |
| 3 APPLE | 5.66\% | Technology Hardware \& Equipment | United States |
| 4 NVIDIA CORP | 5.27\% | Technology Hardware \& Equipment | United States |
| 5 AMAZON.COM | 3.28\% | Retailers | United States |
| 6 ALPHABET INC | 2.51\% | Software \& Computer Services | United States |
| 7 META PLATFORMS | 2.31\% | Software \& Computer Services | United States |
| 8 MASTERCARD INCORPORATED | 1.78\% | Industrial Support Services | United States |
| 9 JOHNSON \& JOHNSON | 1.73\% | Pharmaceuticals \& Biotechnology | United States |
| 10 ALPHABET INC | 1.63\% | Software \& Computer Services | United States |

## Asset Allocation



Equity Sector Breakdown

| Technology |  | $32.59 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Consumer Discretionary |  | $13.22 \%$ |
| Industrials |  | $12.92 \%$ |
| Health Care | $11.26 \%$ |  |
| Financials | $11.17 \%$ |  |
| Energy | $4.42 \%$ |  |
| Consumer Staples | $4.06 \%$ |  |
| Other Sectors |  | $10.36 \%$ |

## Breakdown By Market Cap (\%)

| Mega |  | $78.23 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Large |  | $13.98 \%$ |
| Medium |  | $1.77 \%$ |
| Small |  | $0.10 \%$ |
| Non-Classified |  | $5.04 \%$ |
| Cash |  | $0.89 \%$ |

## Regional Allocation



## Top Country Breakdown

| United States |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Canada |  |
| Ireland |  |
| Direct Property and REITs |  |
| Cash and Equivalents |  |
| Non-Classified | $3.90 \%$ |
| Netherlands | $1.26 \%$ |
| Other Countries | $0.89 \%$ |

## Fixed Interest Currencies



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## Commentary

Performance as at Q4 2023 - US equities rounded off the year with a powerful rally in the fourth quarter of 2023. After declines in October, share prices then soared as investors become increasingly optimistic that the Federal Reserve had ended its interest rate hiking cycle. With annual inflation falling to $3.1 \%$ in November and the economy remaining resilient, hopes of rate cuts in 2024 helped the S\&P 500 Index climb towards all-time highs. Information technology was one of the best-performing sectors, adding to its gains in previous quarters. Real estate, a sector that is perceived as being sensitive to interest rates, rallied, along with financials and industrials. In contrast, energy stocks fell heavily, while more defensive areas, notably consumer staples and healthcare, lagged the broader market.
Source: M\&G

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