

Prudential Cautious Managed Growth Fund

A sub-fund of Prudential Investment Funds (1)

Interim short report for the six months ended 30 April 2013

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment objective of the Prudential Cautious Managed Growth Fund

The Fund's objective is to deliver long term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital).

Policy for achieving the objective of the Prudential Cautious Managed Growth Fund

The Fund aims to achieve its objective through asset allocation unconstrained by any benchmark. The Fund may invest globally either directly or via other collective investment schemes in assets including transferable securities, debt instruments, money market instruments, cash, near cash, deposits, derivatives, and indirectly in property. Derivative instruments may be used for both investment purposes and efficient portfolio management. The Fund will invest no more than 60% of the portfolio in equities.

Risk and reward profile*



- › The above risk number is based on the rate at which the value of the Fund has moved up and down in the past.
- › This risk number is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- › The risk number shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- › The lowest risk number does not mean risk free.

The Fund has the above risk number because of the effect of the following risks:

- › The value of stockmarket investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the Fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.
- › Any investment in international companies means that currency exchange rate fluctuations will have an impact on the Fund.

- › **Derivatives** - The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of meeting the Fund's objective, and protecting the capital value from risk. We anticipate that the use of derivatives will not materially alter the risk profile of the Fund or increase price fluctuations.
 - › Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a 'counterparty'). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.
 - › **Fixed income securities** - Changes in the interest rate will affect the value and the interest earned from the fixed income securities held by the Fund. When interest rates rise, the capital value of the Fund is likely to fall and vice versa.
 - › The value of the Fund will fall if the issuer of a fixed income security held is unable to pay income payments or repay its debt (known as a default). A default, expected default, or downgrading will make a fixed income security harder to sell as its value and income are likely to fall. Fixed income securities that pay a higher level of income usually have a lower credit rating because of the increased risk of default. The higher the rating the less likely it is that the issuer will default, but ratings are subject to change.
 - › **Property** - Property investments can be harder to buy and sell when compared to investments in fixed income securities and shares.
 - › There is a risk that a property held in the Fund's portfolio could default on its rental payments.
 - › Property valuations are provided by an independent valuer and are therefore subjective.
 - › There is a risk that one or more countries will exit the Euro and re-establish their own currencies. In light of this uncertainty or in the event that this does occur, there is an increased risk of asset prices fluctuating or losing value. It may also be difficult to buy and sell securities and issuers may be unable to repay the debt. In addition, there is a risk that disruption in Eurozone markets could give rise to difficulties in valuing the assets of the Fund. In the event that it is not possible to carry out an accurate valuation of the Fund, dealing may be temporarily suspended.
- * Please note that this 'Risk and reward profile' section is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares, the nominated share class.

Investment activities over the report period

During the six month review period ended 30 April 2013, the Prudential Cautious Managed Growth Fund's total return (capital performance with net income reinvested) was 10.3%*. This

compares with the average total return of 8.5%* in the fund's peer group, the IMA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares Sector. Past performance is no guide to potential returns in the future.

Investor sentiment continued to be affected by political developments, a series of policy moves and mixed economic data releases around the world. Concern over the eurozone's ongoing debt problems, especially in Greece and more recently Cyprus, also remained a significant factor over the period under review. Taken as a whole, however, investors' appetite for risk was fairly strong over the six months, albeit with periods of risk aversion.

The fund has a significant emphasis on risk management and for this reason the fund manager ensures that the portfolio contains a broad range of different asset classes. He is mindful that investment risks exist and, in his opinion, diversification is the best way of minimising the effects of unexpected disappointments in any one area. In the fund manager's view, the fund has delivered favourable returns, while adhering to an appropriate level of risk, as set out in the fund's mandate.

Contributors to the fund's performance came from the portfolio of equities, or company shares, held indirectly through collective investment schemes. They included holdings in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, the M&G American Fund, the Prudential Pacific Markets Trust and the M&G Pan European Fund. Other equity holdings in the portfolio, such as the Prudential UK Growth QIS Fund and the M&G Dividend Fund, also generated modestly positive returns over the period under review.

The fund manager continues to believe that equities are underpinned by solid valuations, despite the strong rally they have experienced in recent months. Although he feels they are likely to deliver positive returns over the longer term, he thinks they are vulnerable to short-term weakness. Consequently, he decreased the presence in equities with the aim of managing volatility in the fund. This entailed cutting back holdings in the UK, European and Japanese equity portions of the fund, most notably through closing positions in the M&G Recovery Fund and the M&G Smaller Companies Fund and reducing the holdings in the M&G Pan European Fund and the M&G Japan Fund.

The fund manager is currently aiming for an equity position of just over 40%, targeting around 10% each in the UK and Europe, 6% each in the US and Asia, 5% in Japan and 4% in emerging markets.

The portfolio also has exposure to corporate bonds, which are interest-bearing loans issued by companies. These assets generated a reasonably good return over the six-month period. Following a review of the risk/reward profile of the portfolio, the fund manager decided to enhance the balance of the fund by increasing the exposure to high

yield corporate bonds. These are interest-bearing loans issued by lower quality companies, which typically pay a greater level of income than their higher quality counterparts. More specifically, the fund manager increased the holding in the M&G High Yield Corporate Bond Fund. The fund manager also established a new position in the M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund, which typically invests in low-risk debt instruments such as variable rate securities and corporate bonds with a short time until their maturity date.

The fund manager is aiming for a 15% presence in high yield corporate bonds and 24% in the investment grade, or higher rated, end of the market, where holdings include the M&G Corporate Bond Fund and the M&G European Corporate Bond Fund.

For the present, the fund manager is comfortable not holding government bonds, or interest-bearing loans issued by governments, as he feels they offer insufficient rates of return.

Meanwhile, activity in commercial property was muted over the six months under review. The fund's presence in this asset class, with a target level of approximately 9%, is achieved through the M&G Property Portfolio.

Despite increasingly positive economic data from the US, significant challenges continue to trouble the global economy, with growth either slowing or lacklustre in many developed countries. Furthermore, the pressing need to recapitalise banks and balance government finances remains an issue in a number of key economies. Some progress appears to have been made in the eurozone, with measures taken by the European Central Bank to support the single currency and rules for supervising the region's banks, although plenty of difficulties still have to be overcome. Moreover, after a period of broadly stable consumer prices, commentators are increasingly raising the topic of higher inflation over the medium term, in view of the extended period of money printing from the central banks.

Given these uncertainties, the fund manager believes that investors will be particularly mindful of risk management and markets may well be unpredictable in the short term. Nevertheless, he believes that many asset classes continue to represent favourable value and longer term prospects for performance are more encouraging.

* Source: Morningstar, Inc. Basis: Bid to bid, capital performance with net income reinvested between 31 October 2012 and 30 April 2013.

Please note that the views expressed in this report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice on how the fund or any holding mentioned in the report is likely to perform. If you wish to obtain financial advice as to whether an investment is suitable for your needs, you should consult a financial adviser.

Fund summary

Sterling Class 'C' shares are not generally available to all investors.

Distribution dates and fund facts

Distribution type	xd	payment
Final	01.11.13	31.12.13

	Ongoing Charges Figure ^[a]	
	30.04.13	31.10.12
Sterling	%	%
Class 'A'	1.72	1.69
Class 'C'	0.37	0.34
Class 'R'	1.25	1.27 ^[b]

[a] The Ongoing Charges Figure is the ratio of the relevant annualised total disclosable costs of each share class from the most recent reporting period to the average net asset value for that share class over the same period.

[b] The comparative Ongoing Charges Figure is an estimate of the charges, as the share class has not been in existence for a full financial year.

The Prudential Cautious Managed Growth Fund distributes annually, therefore there is no interim distribution.

Fund performance

Performance of share classes

	Net asset value per share as at 30.04.13		Net asset value per share as at 31.10.12		Net asset value % change	
	Inc	Acc	Inc	Acc	Inc	Acc
Sterling	p	p	p	p	%	%
Class 'A'	117.16	130.34	106.14	118.09	+10.38	+10.37
Class 'C'	117.68	n/a	106.05	n/a	+10.97	n/a
Class 'R'	n/a	113.36	n/a	102.59	n/a	+10.50

Fund summary

Prices

Calendar year		Income shares		Accumulation shares	
		Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest
Sterling Class 'A'	2008	p 102.46	p 73.16	p 103.28	p 74.28
	2009	98.94	72.56	102.78	74.97
	2010	106.39	95.47	113.88	100.74
	2011	110.23	96.92	118.18	104.98
	2012	109.96	100.95	122.36	110.61
	2013 ^[a]	118.29	110.39	131.61	122.84
Class 'C'	2008	102.75	73.05	n/a	n/a
	2009	99.74	72.68	n/a	n/a
	2010	107.44	96.06	n/a	n/a
	2011	111.00	96.92	n/a	n/a
	2012	110.62	101.07	n/a	n/a
	2013 ^[a]	118.65	110.54	n/a	n/a
Class 'R'	2012 ^[b]	n/a	n/a	106.35	100.00
	2013 ^[a]	n/a	n/a	114.53	106.77

[a] To 1 May 2013.

[b] From 3 August 2012 (the launch date of the share class).

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Fund summary

Income

Dividend income per share			
	Calendar year	Distributed	Reinvested
Sterling (net)		p	p
Class 'A'	2008	1.9430	1.9585
	2009	2.0040	2.0705
	2010	1.6420	1.7327
	2011	2.1310	2.2829
	2012	1.7240	1.8863
	2013 ^[a]	-	-
Class 'C'	2008	2.9650	n/a
	2009	2.9190	n/a
	2010	2.7220	n/a
	2011	3.2790	n/a
	2012	2.9000	n/a
	2013 ^[a]	-	n/a
Class 'R'	2012	n/a	0.5750
	2013 ^[a]	n/a	-

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Fund summary

Major holdings

The top ten holdings at the end of this period and the previous year end are shown below. ^[a]

	% of sub-fund as at 30.04.13		% of sub-fund as at 31.10.12
M&G European Corporate Bond Fund Sterling Class 'A'	12.55	M&G Pan European Fund Sterling Class 'A' (Income)	14.63
M&G Corporate Bond Fund Sterling Class 'I' (Income)	12.47	M&G European Corporate Bond Fund Sterling Class 'A'	12.63
M&G High Yield Corporate Bond Fund Sterling Class 'X'	10.98	M&G Corporate Bond Fund Sterling Class 'I' (Income)	12.32
M&G Pan European Fund Sterling Class 'A' (Income)	9.93	M&G Property Portfolio Sterling Class 'S' (Income)	8.63
M&G Property Portfolio Sterling Class 'I' (Income)	8.55	Prudential UK Growth QIS Sterling Class 'C' (Income)	7.50
Prudential UK Growth QIS Sterling Class 'C'	8.44	M&G High Yield Corporate Bond Fund Sterling Class 'X'	6.30
M&G American Fund Sterling Class 'A' (Income)	6.30	Prudential Pacific Markets Trust Sterling Class 'C' (Income)	6.15
Prudential Pacific Markets Trust Sterling Class 'C' (Income)	6.19	M&G American Fund Sterling Class 'A' (Income)	5.99
M&G Japan Fund Sterling Class 'A' (Income)	5.35	M&G Japan Fund Sterling Class 'A' (Income)	5.84
M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund (formerly M&G High Interest Fund) Sterling Class 'A' (Income)	5.10	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	3.93

^[a] All holdings are in Accumulation shares / units unless otherwise stated.

Fund summary

Classification of investments

The table below shows the percentage holding per sector.

	% of sub-fund as at	
	30.04.13	31.10.12 ^[a]
Equity portfolios		
Continental Europe	9.93	14.63
United Kingdom	10.11	14.56
Far East	6.19	6.15
Japan	5.35	5.84
United States	6.30	5.99
Emerging markets	3.88	3.93
Equity investment instruments	3.39	4.12
Property portfolios	8.55	8.63
Bond portfolios	45.36	35.17

^[a] The comparative sector weightings have been re-analysed to reflect changes to the sector classifications.

Short reports

This Short Report is issued in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued (and amended) by the Financial Conduct Authority. This Short Report does not contain the Financial Statements of the Prudential Cautious Managed Growth Fund, and it is unaudited.

Report and accounts

A copy of the Authorised Corporate Director's (ACD) Interim Report (which incorporates the unaudited financial statements) for the Prudential Cautious Managed Growth Fund are available free of charge on request from the ACD. Copies of the ACD's Annual Report (which incorporates the audited financial statements) for the Prudential Investment Fund (1) are also available free of charge on request from the ACD. Alternatively please visit our website at www.pru.co.uk/managersreports or by calling Customer Relations on 0845 783 5500. All literature provided will be in English.

Other information

The information in this report is designed to enable shareholders to make an informed judgement on the activities of the fund during the period it covers and the results of those activities at the end of the period. For more information about the activities and performance of the fund during this and the previous period, please contact the Authorised Corporate Director.

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