### Aims

The fund aims to deliver long term growth through investing in a diversified range of assets both in the UK and globally. At any time, the fund will invest at least 40% of its assets in equities but not more than 80%. Investments are managed across asset classes and across world markets with a focus on long run investment potential as forecast on a rolling 10 years basis. The fund may invest in a range of permitted assets which include equities, bonds, property and cash accessed directly or indirectly via appropriate fund vehicles. The fund may include other assets as deemed appropriate by both the manager and current regulations.

# **Benchmark**

| Benchmark | Internal composite benchmark, asset<br>allocation set by the M&G Treasury &<br>Investment Office (T&IO). |
|-----------|--|
| Sector    | ABI Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares   |

# **Identification Codes**

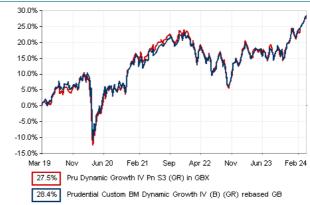
| Sedol Code | BSPBVB1      |
|------------|--------------|
| Mex Code   | VNAAAF       |
| Isin Code  | GB00BSPBVB10 |
| Citi Code  | M41T         |

## **Fund Overview**

| Daily price (24/04/2024) | 170.40     |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Fund size (31/03/2024)   | £2072.59m  |
| Number of holdings       | 11382      |
| Launch date              | 27/02/2015 |

## **Fund Charges**

| Annual Management Charge | Please refer to the "Fund<br>Guide" |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (AMC)                    | for your specific pension           |
|                          | plan                                |



### Discrete performance - to latest available quarter end

|           | 31/03/19<br>to<br>31/03/20 | 31/03/20<br>to<br>31/03/21 | 31/03/21<br>to<br>31/03/22 | 31/03/22<br>to<br>31/03/23 | 31/03/23<br>to<br>31/03/24 |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Fund      | -9.3%                      | 27.8%                      | 2.8%                       | -1.7%                      | 8.7%                       |
| Benchmark | -6.1%                      | 21.6%                      | 3.7%                       | -1.4%                      | 10.0%                      |

### Performance - to latest available guarter end

|           | Quarter   | Annualised             |                        |                         |
|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|           | 1<br>2024 | 3 Years to<br>31/03/24 | 5 Years to<br>31/03/24 | 10 Years to<br>31/03/24 |
| Fund      | 3.0%      | 3.2%                   | 5.0%                   | n/a                     |
| Benchmark | 3.2%      | 4.0%                   | 5.1%                   | n/a                     |

### **Prudential Risk Rating**

### Medium Risk

These funds may invest in multi-asset strategies with a higher weighting in equities (or with significant derivative use), while funds investing mainly in property, high yield or government bonds (such as UK Gilts) are also in this category

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<sup>.</sup> M&G Manager for: 9 years, 2 months 9 years, 2 months

BlackRock



M&G Treasury & Investment Office 9 years, 2 months

### Important Information

- Because of changes in exchange rates the value of your investment, as well as any money you take from it, can go down as well as up.
- Some funds may invest in 'underlying' funds or other investment vehicles. The performance of our fund, compared to what it's invested in won't be exactly the same. That can be due to additional charges, cash management (needed to help people to enter and leave our fund when they want), tax and the timing of investments (this is known as a fund's dealing cycle, it varies between managers and can be several days)
- Source of portfolio data: Broadridge. Source of performance data: FE fundinfo. We can't predict the future. Past performance isn't a guide to future performance. The figures shown are intended only to demonstrate performance history of the fund, after allowing for the impact of fund charges and further costs, but take no account of any Annual Management Charge paid for by the deduction of units. Charges and further costs may vary in the future and may be higher than they are now. Fund performance is based upon the movement of the daily price and is shown as total return in GBP with gross income reinvested. The value of your client's investment can go down as well as up and the amount your client gets back may be less than they put in.
- This factsheet is intended for the advisers of occupational pension schemes using Prudential group pension contracts and Prudential grouped personal pensions and Stakeholder pension contracts. Its purpose is to provide an insight into how investment markets and funds have performed over the period and is provided for information only. You should refer to your client's scheme documentation (e.g. Fund Guide) for fund availability, investment strategy, any scheme information and charges. Every care has been taken in populating this output, however it must be appreciated that neither Broadridge, Prudential nor their sources guarantee the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of this infomation or make any warranties regarding results from its usage.



Portfolio data accurate as at: 31/03/24

## **Top 10 Fund Holdings**

| Name   | % Weight |
|--|----------|
| 1 BlackRock Aquila UK Equity Index S2 (HP)           | 16.76%   |
| 2 M&G PP All Stocks Corporate Bond Institutional Acc | 9.62%    |
| 3 BlackRock Aquila US Equity S2 (HP)                 | 8.55%    |
| 4 BlackRock Aquila Pacific Rim Equity S2 (HP)        | 8.17%    |
| 5 BlackRock Aquila European Equity Index S2 (HP)     | 7.29%    |
| 6 Eastspring US Corporate Bond Class EG (hedged)     | 5.84%    |
| 7 M&G PP Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund              | 4.04%    |
| 8 BlackRock Aquila Japanese Equity S2 (HP)           | 4.00%    |
| 9 M&G PP High Yield Corporate Bond                   | 3.98%    |
| 10 M&G Total Return Credit Investment Class PP GBP   | 3.98%    |

## **Top 10 Holdings**

| Name   | % Weight |
|--|----------|
| 1 USD/GBP GBP  | 2.50%    |
| 2 SHELL  | 1.20%    |
| 3 ASTRAZENECA  | 1.16%    |
| 4 EUR/GBP GBP  | 1.06%    |
| 5 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD                                      | 0.90%    |
| 6 HSBC HOLDINGS  | 0.90%    |
| 7 UNILEVER   | 0.72%    |
| 8 MICROSOFT CORPORATION  | 0.60%    |
| 9 BP   | 0.58%    |
| 10 iShares iShares II plc Asia Property Yield UCITS ETF USD (Dist) | 0.57%    |

**Regional Allocation** 

| UK                         | 24.33% |
|----------------------------|--------|
| North America              | 19.79% |
| Developed Europe - Excl UK | 15.10% |
| Cash and Equivalents       | 12.41% |
| Non-Classified             | 8.28%  |
| Emerging Asia              | 5.15%  |
| Japan                      | 4.15%  |
| Australia & New Zealand    | 3.78%  |
| Property                   | 3.08%  |
| Other Regions              | 3.93%  |

## **Top Country Breakdown**

| United Kingdom       | 24.34% |
|----------------------|--------|
| United States        | 19.02% |
| Cash and Equivalents | 12.41% |
| Non-Classified       | 8.28%  |
| Japan                | 4.15%  |
| Australia            | 3.59%  |
| France               | 3.32%  |
| Other Countries      | 24.89% |

## **Fixed Interest Currencies**



## **Fixed Interest Maturity Profile**

| < 5Yr Maturity       |   | 10.29% |
|----------------------|---|--------|
| 5Yr - 10Yr Maturity  |   | 7.28%  |
| 10Yr - 15Yr Maturity | 1 | 2.13%  |
| > 15Yr Maturity      |   | 7.91%  |
| Cash And Equivalents |   | 12.41% |
| Unknown Maturity     |   | 3.26%  |
| Other Asset Types    |   | 56.71% |

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## Asset Allocation



| International Equities | 34.25% |
|------------------------|--------|
| International Bonds    | 19.18% |
| UK Equities            | 15.87% |
| Cash and Equivalents   | 12.26% |
| UK Corporate Bonds     | 5.74%  |
| Property               | 3.11%  |
| UK Gilts               | 2.70%  |
| Investment Trusts      | 1.00%  |
| Money Market           | 0.15%  |
| Other Assets           | 5.72%  |

### Sector Breakdown

| Bonds                  | 27.62% |
|------------------------|--------|
| Cash and Equivalents   | 12.41% |
| Financials             | 9.98%  |
| Non-Classified         | 8.55%  |
| Industrials            | 7.10%  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 6.26%  |
| Technology             | 5.58%  |
| Other Sectors          | 22.49% |

## Breakdown By Market Cap (%)

| Mega           |   | 30.17% |
|----------------|---|--------|
| Large          |   | 11.91% |
| Medium         |   | 5.97%  |
| Small          | l | 1.01%  |
| Micro          |   | 0.17%  |
| Non-Classified |   | 10.73% |
| Bonds          |   | 27.62% |
| Cash           |   | 12.41% |

## **Fixed Interest Quality Profile**

| AAA                  | 1.36%  |
|----------------------|--------|
| AA                   | 4.29%  |
| A                    | 5.49%  |
| BBB                  | 7.95%  |
| Sub-Investment Grade | 3.07%  |
| Unknown Quality      | 5.46%  |
| Cash and Equivalents | 12.41% |
| Other Asset Types    | 59.96% |



# Commentary

Performance as at Q4 2023 - The PPDG range of funds had a good quarter both in absolute terms and versus the peer group. The range outperformed with robust single digit returns across most asset classes. During the quarter, we also implemented changes to the portfolio with the inclusion of new investments to the portfolio. These included Infrastructure, Private equity, European, Asian property, US and UK sovereign bond investments, which will help diversify the portfolio further. The robust quarterly returns were in the main helped by the increasing speculation that the Federal Reserve had ended its' interest rate hiking cycle as inflation had seemingly peaked. Expectations for interest rate cuts led to both global government and corporate bonds performing well, in particular, UK gilts outperformed both US and German government bonds. However Chinese stock markets continued underperforming due to the underwhelming response by authorities to grapple with the economic slowdown, led by the property downturn. Tactically, performance detracted over the quarter slightly as our overweight to US equities wasn't enough to offset the underperformance of our underweight to fixed income and overweight to China.

Source: M&G

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