# Prudential BlackRock Aquila Over 15 Years UK Gilt Index S3



#### **Aims**

Objective: The investment strategy of the fund is to purchase units in the BlackRock Aquila Life Over 15 Years UK Gilt Index Fund - the underlying fund.

Underlying Fund Objective: The fund invests in UK government fixed income securities (gilts) that have a maturity period of 15 years or longer. The fund aims to achieve a return consistent with the FTSE UK Gilts Over 15 Years Index, which is widely regarded as the benchmark for UK pension fund investment in the longer dated end of the UK gilt market.

#### **Benchmark**

Benchmark	FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts Over 15 Years Index
Sector	ABI Sterling Long Bond

#### **Identification Codes**

Sedol Code	B08ZTR6
Mex Code	PUPRB
Isin Code	GB00B08ZTR60
Citi Code	UO40

#### **Fund Overview**

Daily price (15/04/2024)	165.90
Fund size (29/02/2024)	£1.60m
Underlying Fund size	£1014.73m
Number of holdings	28
Launch date	15/07/2005

## **Fund Charges**

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Annual Management Charge	Guide"
(AMC)	for your specific pension
	plan

#### **Performance**



#### Discrete performance - to latest available quarter end

	31/03/19 to 31/03/20	31/03/20 to 31/03/21	31/03/21 to 31/03/22	31/03/22 to 31/03/23	31/03/23 to 31/03/24
Fund	18.3%	-10.0%	-6.4%	-29.7%	-8.9%
Benchmark	17.6%	-10.4%	-7.2%	-29.7%	-4.6%

#### Performance - to latest available quarter end

	Quarter	Annualised		
	1 2024	3 Years to 31/03/24	5 Years to 31/03/24	10 Years to 31/03/24
Fund	-3.1%	-15.7%	-8.6%	0.3%
Benchmark	-3.6%	-14.6%	-8.1%	0.4%

#### **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.

You should also consider discussing your decision and the appropriateness of a fund's risk rating with an adviser.

# **Fund Managers**

#### **BLACKROCK**

Name: BlackRock Team Managed
Manager of the underlying fund for: 27 years, 7 months

#### Important Information

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Portfolio data accurate as at: 31/01/24

## **Top 10 Holdings**

Name	% Weight	Sector	Country
1 4½% Treasury Gilt 2042	5.97%	Bonds	United Kingdom
2 41/4% Treasury Gilt 2040	5.62%	Bonds	United Kingdom
3 41/4% Treasury Gilt 2055	5.61%	Bonds	United Kingdom
4 33/4% Treasury Gilt 2053	5.17%	Bonds	United Kingdom
5 31/2% Treasury Gilt 2045	5.17%	Bonds	United Kingdom
6 31/4% Treasury Gilt 2044	5.16%	Bonds	United Kingdom
7 41/4% Treasury Gilt 2046	5.13%	Bonds	United Kingdom
8 41/4% Treasury Gilt 2039	4.97%	Bonds	United Kingdom
9 4% Treasury Gilt 2060	4.82%	Bonds	United Kingdom
10 33/4% Treasury Gilt 2052	4.73%	Bonds	United Kingdom

# Asset Allocation UK Gilts 99.99% Cash and Equivalents 0.01%

# **Equity Sector Breakdown**

Bonds	99.99%
Cash and Equivalents	0.01%

## **Regional Allocation**



## **Top Country Breakdown**

United Kingdom	99.99%
Cash and Equivalents	0.01%

#### **Fixed Interest Currencies**



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#### Commentary

Performance as at Q4 2023 - The final month for 2023 delivered a mix of positive data alongside less positive forecasting by the Bank of England (BoE) all-the-while their Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) maintained their bank rate steady at 5.25%. UK Economic data showed strong retail sales and PMI's while economic and employment growth slowed alongside the continued cooling of inflation. The BoE marginally reduced their expectations for economic growth to one of stagnation, while business survey indicators of future growth remain more positive. It was a strong month for bonds as global government bond yields fell materially with gilt yields across the curve lower by circa 60 basis points (bps). The start of the month saw PMI's back above 50, indicating expansion in construction and services. We witnessed the first slowdown in wages since the start of 2023 with average earning ex-bonus growing at 7.3% down from 7.8%. The unemployment rate remained at 4.2% for the third consecutive month while inflation expectations over the next twelve months dropped to 3.3%. GDP month-on-month (MoM) showed a detraction of -0.3%, year-onyear (YoY) was also lower than expected at 0.3% versus (vs) expectations (exp) of 0.6% and previous of 1.3%. Gilt yields up until this point of the month we're relatively unchanged to marginally lower ahead of the BoE's interest rate decision. In a 6-3 vote the MPC left their bank rate unchanged at 5.25% for the third consecutive meeting, in line with expectations. The BoE indicated that the current level of interest rates are sufficiently restrictive and further hikes seem unlikely. This led to a strong rally in UK rates as the market pricing of interest rate cuts moved significantly forward to May 2024, with over 200bps priced in. Finally, inflation showed continued signs of slowing with headline YoY at 3.9% vs exp 4.3% and MoM -0.2% vs exp of 0.2%. Core inflation also slowed, YoY 5.1% vs exp 5.5% and MoM -0.3% vs exp 0.2%.

Source: BlackRock

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