

**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 (11/08/2022) 229.10  
Fund size (30/06/2022) £2.39m  
Underlying Fund size £887.32m  
Number of holdings 27  
Launch date 15/07/2005

**Fund Charges**

Annual Management Charge (AMC) Please refer to the "Fund Guide" for your specific pension plan

**Performance**



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

	30/06/17 to 30/06/18	30/06/18 to 30/06/19	30/06/19 to 30/06/20	30/06/20 to 30/06/21	30/06/21 to 30/06/22
Fund	5.0%	9.2%	16.8%	-10.4%	-22.8%
Benchmark	4.2%	7.2%	19.8%	-10.9%	-22.9%

**Performance - to latest available quarter end**

	Quarter	Annualised		
	2 2022	3 Years to 30/06/22	5 Years to 30/06/22	10 Years to 30/06/22
Fund	-15.7%	-6.9%	-1.5%	2.9%
Benchmark	-14.2%	-6.3%	-1.7%	2.7%

**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: Team Managed  
Manager of the underlying fund for: 25 years, 11 months

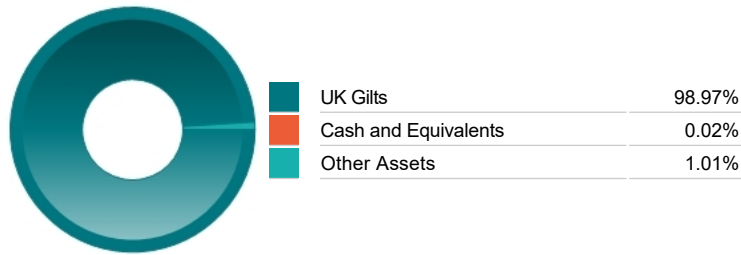
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Top 10 Holdings

Name	% Weight	Sector	Country
1 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2055	5.78%	Bonds	United Kingdom
2 4½% Treasury Gilt 2042	5.54%	Bonds	United Kingdom
3 4% Treasury Gilt 2060	5.32%	Bonds	United Kingdom
4 4¾% Treasury Stock 2038	5.31%	Bonds	United Kingdom
5 3½% Treasury Gilt 2045	5.18%	Bonds	United Kingdom
6 3¼% Treasury Gilt 2044	5.01%	Bonds	United Kingdom
7 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2040	4.94%	Bonds	United Kingdom
8 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2046	4.94%	Bonds	United Kingdom
9 3¾% Treasury Gilt 2052	4.92%	Bonds	United Kingdom
10 4¼% Treasury Gilt 2039	4.59%	Bonds	United Kingdom

Asset Allocation



Regional Allocation



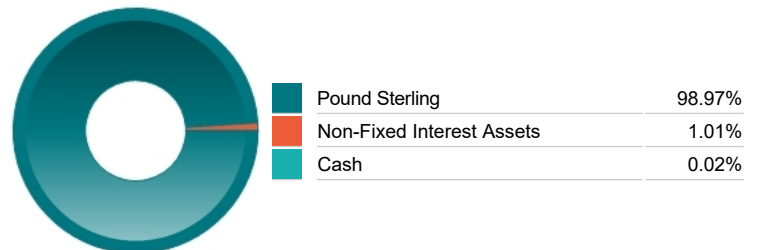
Equity Sector Breakdown



Top Country Breakdown



Fixed Interest Currencies



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## Commentary

Performance as at Q1 2022 - Inflation was the large global risk to monitor closely over the period. Commodity prices skyrocketed and whilst the UK is less energy dependent than many European nations, lacking energy and fuel supply from Russia has placed upward pressure on inflation. In this environment, UK Government bond yields continued to rise following another interest rate increase of 25 bps in March, but yield moves were less pronounced than its last base rate increase. Bank of England (BoE) officials noted that the impact from the war in Ukraine is potentially large and made a consistent policy direction difficult to determine in the near term as bifurcation between weaker economic growth and higher inflation expectations accelerated.

The geopolitical crises in Ukraine propelled the phenomena of supply driven inflation and has posed a dilemma to central banks to choose between economic growth or controlling inflation as the risk of de-anchored expectations looms. BoE Governor, Andrew Bailey, acknowledged growth risks from the war in Ukraine but has been wary on implications for monetary policy given elevated uncertainty. Yet, the BoE has so far placed inflation as a priority and has led the normalization path of developed market central banks, a trend it continued in March as it increased the base rate for the second time by 0.25% to 0.75%. UK government bond yields increased across the curve particularly at the shorter end as UK 2-year yields increased 31 bps, accompanied by a 20 bps rise in 10-year yields. However, whilst the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted 9-1 for the 25bps hike, a majority of the committee stating they raised rates to reduce the risk that recent upward trends in pay growth and inflation become embedded in expectations. Such comments likely reduce the necessity to hike aggressively in order to curtail inflation and caused volatility in intramonth bond yields.

Inflationary pressure continues to mount as UK Headline CPI increased from 5.5% to 6.2% in the 12 months to February 2022, remaining at a 30-year high. Key drivers of the mounting pressure were spurred by the war in Ukraine which has led to soaring commodity price increases, most pronounced in food and energy. The largest upward contributions came from housing and household services (+1.39%), derived principally from electricity, gas and other fuels in addition to and transport (+1.26%) percentage points. Most recently, the BoE forecasts inflation to peak this Spring at 8%, but implied inflation could overshoot as global inflationary pressures will likely strengthen considerably further over coming months while growth in economies that are net energy importers such as the UK, is likely to slow.

The release of UK Composite PMI reflected a marginal decline from 59.9 to 59.7, signaling strong economic growth. Despite persistence in high output, firms are currently faced with looming energy cost increases in conjunction with renewed disruptions to supply chains as non-energy imports from Ukraine and Russia are restricted. Against this backdrop, input cost have increased in addition the steepest price rise since the survey began. Further, escalating inflationary pressure related to the Russia/Ukraine conflict led to a sharp decrease in business optimism. The UK labour market further tightened as UK unemployment fell to 3.9% whilst average weekly earnings continued an upward trajectory. Despite wages increasing at a high rate, in light of increasing cost pressure on both household and businesses, decreasing consumer spending power remains a key trend to monitor over the coming months.

Source: BlackRock

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