

Aims

Objective: The investment strategy of the fund is to purchase units in the Blackrock Aquila Life Pacific Rim Equity Index Fund - the underlying fund.

Underlying Fund Objective: This fund invests in the shares of companies in the Pacific Rim and aims to achieve a return that is consistent with the return of the FTSE All-World Developed Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index.

Performance objective: To match the performance of the benchmark.

Benchmark

Benchmark	FTSE All World Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan Net of Tax GBP
ABI Sector	Asia Pacific excluding Japan Equities

Identification Codes

Sedol Code	3420133
Mex Code	PUCPI
Isin Code	GB0034201334
Citi Code	P561

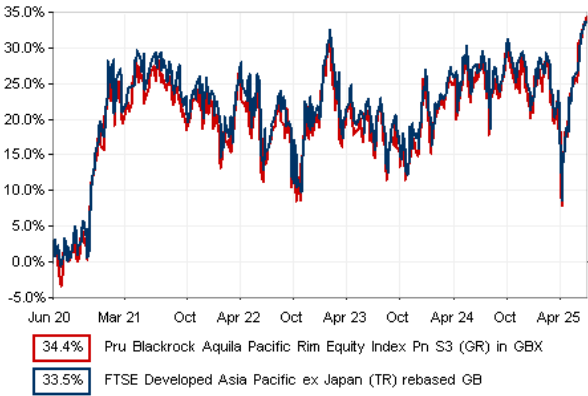
Fund Overview

Daily price (15/08/2025)	739.70
Fund size (30/06/2025)	£2.77m
Underlying Fund size	£748.73m
Number of holdings	370
Launch date	30/04/2004

Fund Charges

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



Discrete performance - to latest available quarter end

	30/06/20 to 30/06/21	30/06/21 to 30/06/22	30/06/22 to 30/06/23	30/06/23 to 30/06/24	30/06/24 to 30/06/25
Fund	27.4%	-10.6%	4.9%	5.2%	6.9%
Benchmark	29.8%	-11.1%	2.8%	8.0%	4.2%

Performance - to latest available quarter end

	Quarter 2 2025	3 Years to 30/06/25	5 Years to 30/06/25	10 Years to 30/06/25
Fund	11.7%	5.6%	6.1%	7.3%
Benchmark	11.8%	5.0%	5.9%	7.2%

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: BlackRock Team Managed

Manager of the underlying fund for: 29 years

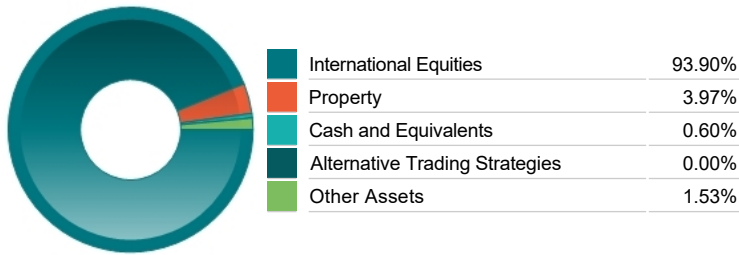
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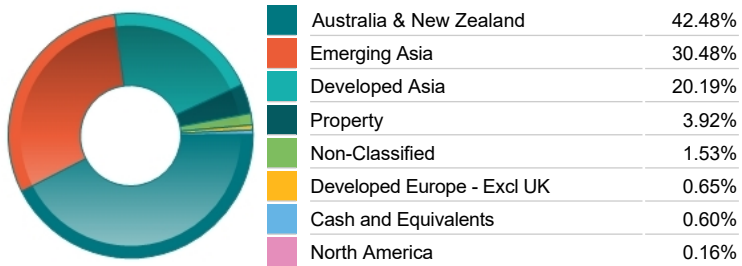
Top 10 Holdings

Name	% Weight	Sector	Country
1 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD	6.45%	Telecommunications Equipment	South Korea
2 COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	6.29%	Banks	Australia
3 BHP GROUP LIMITED	3.67%	Industrial Metals & Mining	Australia
4 SK HYNIX	3.64%	Technology Hardware & Equipment	South Korea
5 AIA GROUP LIMITED	2.98%	Life Insurance	Hong Kong
6 NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED	2.45%	Banks	Australia
7 CSL LTD	2.36%	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	Australia
8 WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION	2.36%	Banks	Australia
9 DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	2.21%	Banks	Singapore
10 HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING LIMITED	1.98%	Investment Banking & Brokerage Services	Hong Kong

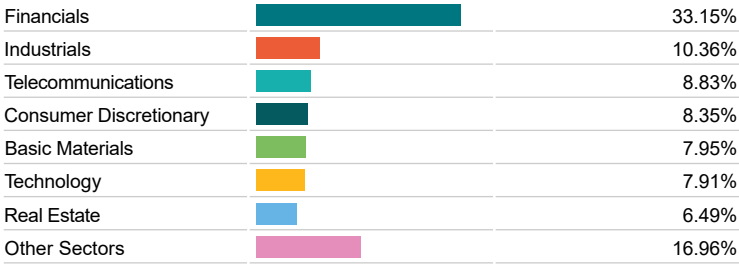
Asset Allocation



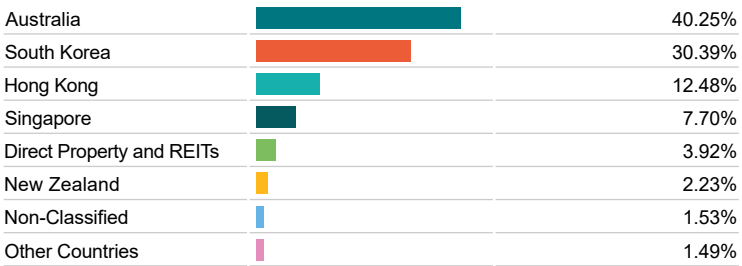
Regional Allocation



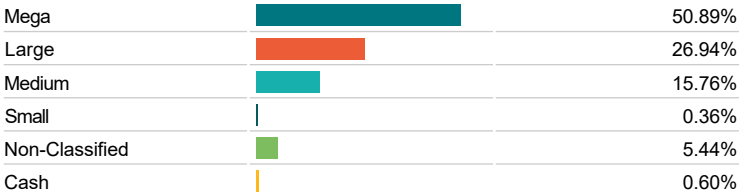
Equity Sector Breakdown



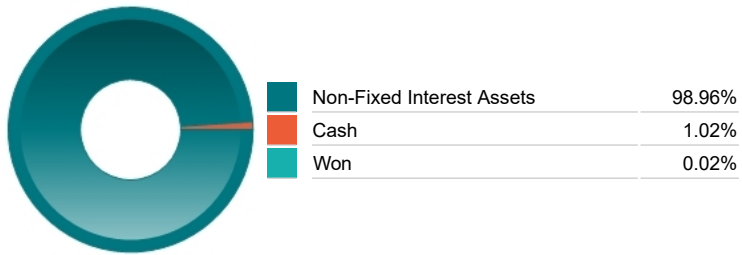
Top Country Breakdown



Breakdown By Market Cap (%)



Fixed Interest Currencies



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## Commentary

Performance as at Q2 2025 - The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index gained about 6.1% in June and achieved a 12.5% return for the quarter, with a year-to-date gain of 14.5%. June's rally was particularly notable given the intense volume of news flow and headline risk that investors had to absorb in the first half of 2025. Concerns mounted early in the quarter as an escalating trade war and new rounds of US tariffs—impacting both allies and rivals—sparked fears of a global recession and a potential sell-off in equities. Geopolitical risk was further amplified by US military strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities. Market participants also worried about inflationary pressures and the stability of the US dollar as a safe haven, with the currency moving lower through the month.

The uptrend culminated in a sharp rally within Information Technology, driven by powerful AI themes. Several leading AI-related companies delivered robust earnings and raised their forward guidance, which spurred substantial inflows and elevated market optimism, both globally and within the Asia Pacific region.

In Asia, this trend was reinforced as Korea lifted its short-selling ban, encouraging capital to return and supporting both Korean equities and regional IT shares as material outperformers over the quarter.

Korea, China, and Taiwan were the primary contributors to regional gains. Korea's outperformance was notably amplified by the removal of the short-selling ban, which helped drive renewed investment flows and bolstered the country's technology-heavy equity market.

Taiwan benefited from the global surge in demand for semiconductors and AI components, as its leading chipmakers captured further investor attention. In China, targeted stimulus measures and stabilization efforts provided additional support for equities, even as the broader policy environment remained challenging.

On the other hand, Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines detracted from index returns. Indonesia faced pressures from currency volatility and softer commodity exports, while Thailand was affected by political uncertainty following leadership transitions. The Philippines lagged amid subdued consumer demand and weak capital flows.

### Fund performance

The underlying fund outperformed the benchmark over the month of June, resulting in 14.46% YTD against the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index which delivered 14.50%. Risk factor positioning contributed the majority of gains, while stock selection was mildly detractive. Industry and country exposures delivered muted positive returns.

The machine-learned complex took the reigns this month, keeping the fund well positioned throughout the market volatility observed over the month. Following that, our Sentiment-based insights were most additive, across both momentum-focused measures and those capturing analyst revisions.

In particular, analysing broker reports using Large Language Models to extract investor sentiment in different countries have shown strong efficacy. Tapping into local alternative data sources also kept the fund afloat, such as analysing product export data in Korea and Taiwan to name a few.

The Fundamental complex also added value, with both valuation measures and various quality-focused insights (such as penalising companies diluting equity to maintain business operations) being top performers. On the negative side, the bulk of losses were concentrated amongst China-focused insights, albeit not enough to offset gains.

Source: BlackRock

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