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# LF PRUDENTIAL INVESTMENT FUNDS (1) ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

# AUTHORISED STATUS

LF Prudential Investment Funds (1) ('the Company') is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC508 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 8 February 2007. The Company has an unlimited duration.

The Company is a Non-UCITS Retail Scheme and the base currency of the Company and each sub-fund is pounds sterling.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. Shareholders are not liable to make any further payment to the Company after they have paid the price on purchase of the shares.

The Alternative Investment Fund Manager ('AIFM') is the legal person appointed on behalf of the Company and which (through this appointment) is responsible for managing the Company in accordance with the AIFM Directive and The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013. This role is performed by the ACD and references to the ACD in this Interim Unaudited Report and Financial Statements include the AIFM as applicable.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As a result of the completion of the acquisition of Capita Financial Managers Limited by Link Administration Holdings Limited on 3 November 2017, the name of the ACD has changed to Link Fund Solutions Limited. Additionally, the Registrar of the Company has changed its name from Capita Financial Administrators Limited to Link Fund Administrators Limited and the trading name for the ACD and Administrator has also changed from Capita Asset Services to Link Asset Services.

With effect from 18 December 2017, the new name of the ACD is reflected in the name of the Company and its sub-funds as follows:

- CF Prudential Investment Funds (1) changed to LF Prudential Investment Funds (1);
- CF Prudential Dynamic 0-30 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic 0-30 Portfolio;
- CF Prudential Dynamic 10-40 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic 10-40 Portfolio;
- CF Prudential Dynamic 20-55 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic 20-55 Portfolio;
- CF Prudential Dynamic 40-80 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic 40-80 Portfolio;
- CF Prudential Dynamic 60-100 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic 60-100 Portfolio;
- CF Prudential Dynamic Focused 0-30 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 0-30 Portfolio;
- CF Prudential Dynamic Focused 10-40 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 10-40 Portfolio;
- CF Prudential Dynamic Focused 20-55 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 20-55 Portfolio;
- CF Prudential Dynamic Focused 40-80 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 40-80 Portfolio, and
- CF Prudential Dynamic Focused 60-100 Portfolio changed to LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 60-100 Portfolio.

# LF PRUDENTIAL INVESTMENT FUNDS (1) ACD'S Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION (continued)

On 17 April 2018, a new share class 'C' Income was launched in the LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 10-40 Portfolio, LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 40-80 Portfolio and the LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 60-100 Portfolio.

# **CROSS HOLDINGS**

No sub-funds had holdings in any other sub-fund of the Company at the end of the period.

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

The Company has the ability to utilise Securities Financing Transactions (being transactions such as lending or borrowing of securities, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions, buy-sell back or sell-buy back transactions, or margin lending transactions). No such transactions have been undertaken in the period covered by this report.

# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Investment Funds Sourcebook, as applicable, as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority together with the relevant provisions of the Alternative Investment Fund Manager's Directive and modified by a direction given by the Financial Conduct Authority where the ACD has opted to provide a NURS KII Document, a Key Investor Information Document for Non-UCITS Retail Schemes.

N. BOYLING

LINK FUND SOLUTIONS LIMITED ACD of LF Prudential Investment Funds (1) 27 June 2018

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 0-30 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic 0-30 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. No more than 30% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio investing mainly in collective investment schemes in order to provide a well diversified exposure to global fixed income and variable rate assets, cash, near cash, equities and/or immovable property. Typically the Fund will have a high exposure to lower risk assets such as fixed income assets, cash and near cash. Scheme selection is made on the basis of in depth initial and ongoing qualitative assessment of the fund managers and quantitative analysis of the collective investment schemes.

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets including transferable securities, other collective investment schemes, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be held directly for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

LINK FUND SOLUTIONS LIMITED ACD of LF Prudential Dynamic 0-30 Portfolio 27 June 2018

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 0-30 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued)

For the half year ended 30 April 2018

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes, R (Accumulation) 0.28%<sup>1</sup>, P (Accumulation) 0.40%<sup>1</sup> and A (Accumulation) 0.03%<sup>1</sup> produced returns ahead of the -0.41%<sup>1</sup> sector average for IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares.

## ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

# MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

# UK

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

The Artemis Income Fund produced returns ahead of the FTSE All-Share Index from 1 November 2017 to 30 April 2018. The AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Fund and Investec UK Alpha Fund lagged the index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Threadneedle American Fund were marginally behind the S&P 500 Index over the period in review.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

# EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

The Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund produced a negative return and was behind the index over the period in review.

# JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

The Schroder Tokyo Fund marginally underperformed the index comparator between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018.

# ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

The Fidelity Asia Fund produced a return ahead of the index comparator over the period in review.

# UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The Royal London Corporate Bond and Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Fund finished slightly ahead of the sector average with small positive returns. The Kames Investment Grade Bond Fund, Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income Fund and M&G Strategic Corporate Bond Fund were negative and slightly behind.

In high yield, the Kames High Yield Bond Fund and M&G Global High Yield Bond Fund produced small negative returns. The BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond Fund was flat over the period in review.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 0-30 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

# UK PROPERTY

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The M&G Property Portfolio and Legal & General UK Property Fund were two of the stronger performers across portfolios during the period in review.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The M&G Global Emerging Markets Fund produced a small positive return which was ahead of the index comparator.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was mixed over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund which was down over 11%.

## POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

# OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 15 May 2018

### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typically	y lower rewa	rds		Тур	ically higher	rewards
Lower ri	sk				Hi	gher risk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 3 because its volatility has been measured as medium to average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

# COMPARATIVE TABLES

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an *ex post* basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)			
'A' Income shares	'A' Income shares						
Change in net assets per share							
Opening net asset value per share	135.63	130.33	122.73	120.93			
Return before operating charges*	1.45	10.13	12.36	6.70			
Operating charges	(1.48)	(2.85)	(2.79)	(2.74)			
Return after operating charges	(0.03)	7.28	9.57	3.96			
Distributions <sup>1</sup>		(1.98)	(1.97)	(2.16)			
Closing net asset value per share	135.60	135.63	130.33	122.73			
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-			
Performance							
Return after charges	(0.02)%	5.59%	7.80%	3.27%			
Other Information							
Closing net asset value (£'000)	603	660	603	2,020			
Closing number of shares	444,911	486,875	462,457	1,645,494			
Operating charges	2.20%	2.12%	2.26%	2.17%			
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-	-			
Prices							
Highest share price	137.65	138.15	133.87	129.67			
Lowest share price	133.81	128.19	118.28	121.44			

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)	
'A' Accumulation shares					
Change in net assets per share					
Opening net asset value per share	149.98	142.05	132.15	128.42	
Return before operating charges*	1.61	11.02	13.34	7.10	
Operating charges	(1.64)	(3.09)	(3.02)	(2.92)	
Return after operating charges	(0.03)	7.93	10.32	4.18	
Distributions <sup>1</sup>	-	(2.16)	(2.11)	(2.27)	
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2.16	1.69	1.82	
Closing net asset value per share	149.95	149.98	142.05	132.15	
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-	
Performance					
Return after charges	(0.02)%	5.58%	7.81%	3.25%	
Other Information					
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,990	6,088	7,534	19,592	
Closing number of shares	3,994,335	4,059,087	5,303,624	14,825,877	
Operating charges	2.20%	2.12%	2.26%	2.17%	
Direct transaction costs	_	-	-	-	
Prices					
Highest share price	152.16	150.53	144.14	137.62	
Lowest share price	147.96	139.70	127.37	128.98	
<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.					

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# COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (Continued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)	
'C' Income shares					
Change in net assets per share					
Opening net asset value per share	136.07	130.72	123.04	121.20	
Return before operating charges*	1.45	10.20	12.55	6.76	
Operating charges	(0.66)	(1.22)	(1.31)	(1.22)	
Return after operating charges	0.79	8.98	11.24	5.54	
Distributions <sup>1</sup>		(3.63)	(3.56)	(3.70)	
Closing net asset value per share	136.86	136.07	130.72	123.04	
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-	
Performance					
Return after charges	0.58%	6.87%	9.14%	4.57%	
Other Information					
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	24,216 17,694,558 0.98% –	25,236 18,546,597 0.90% –	23,159 17,716,895 1.04% –	19,920 16,189,837 0.95% –	
Prices					
Highest share price Lowest share price	138.39 134.89	139.93 128.70	135.45 118.93	130.38 121.75	

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	114.88	110.37	103.89	102.35
Return before operating charges*	1.23	8.60	10.59	5.67
Operating charges	(0.83)	(1.56)	(1.61)	(1.52)
Return after operating charges	0.40	7.04	8.98	4.15
Distributions <sup>1</sup>		(2.53)	(2.50)	(2.61)
Closing net asset value per share	115.28	114.88	110.37	103.89
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.35%	6.38%	8.64%	4.05%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	4,263 3,697,937 1.45% –	4,295 3,738,665 1.37% –	4,065 3,683,074 1.51% –	2,740 2,637,442 1.42% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	116.82 113.67	117.78 108.62	114.11 100.31	109.77 102.75

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

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'P' Accumulation shares							
Change in net assets per share							
Opening net asset value per share	124.35	116.91	108.09	104.46			
Return before operating charges*	1.34	9.10	11.01	5.74			
Operating charges	(0.90)	(1.66)	(1.67)	(1.57)			
Return after operating charges	0.44	7.44	9.34	4.17			
Distributions <sup>1</sup>	-	(2.68)	(2.59)	(2.67)			
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2.68	2.07	2.13			
Closing net asset value per share	124.79	124.35	116.91	108.09			
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	_	-			
Performance							
Return after charges	0.35%	6.36%	8.64%	3.99%			
Other Information							
Closing net asset value (£'000)	48,708	47,247	43,808	33,997			
Closing number of shares	39,032,869	37,993,906	37,473,464	31,451,447			
Operating charges	1.45%	1.37%	1.51%	1.42%			
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-	-			
Prices							
Highest share price	126.44	124.73	118.70	112.05			
Lowest share price	123.06	115.08	104.37	104.86			

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	136.19	128.36	118.93	115.13
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.46 (1.15)	9.98 (2.15)	12.07 (2.14)	6.34 (2.02)
Return after operating charges	0.31	7.83	9.93	4.32
Distributions <sup>1</sup>	_	(2.60)	(2.53)	(2.61)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2.60	2.03	2.09
Closing net asset value per share	136.50	136.19	128.36	118.93
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.23%	6.10%	8.35%	3.75%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	7,242 5,305,262 1.70% –	6,995 5,136,127 1.62% –	5,639 4,393,306 1.76% –	4,493 3,778,163 1.67% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	138.34 134.64	136.60 126.29	130.24 114.77	123.48 115.63

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

# FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
LF Prudential Dynamic 0-30 Portfolio	0.03	2.23	10.73	22.05

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 18.71% (31.10.17 – 19.77%)		
166,045	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 3.00% (31.10.17 – 3.41%) Henderson European Selected Opportunities	2,733	3.00
	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	2,733	3.00
409,905 37,566 2,720,566	UNITED KINGDOM – 7.41% (31.10.17 – 7.46%) Artemis Income AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Investec UK Alpha	1,794 1,337 3,615	1.97 1.47 <u>3.97</u>
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	6,746	7.41
199,985	ASIA EX JAPAN – 3.03% (31.10.17 – 3.30%) Fidelity Asia	2,756	3.03
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	2,756	3.03
308,998	JAPAN – 1.25% (31.10.17 – 1.58%) Schroder Tokyo	1,134	1.25
	TOTAL JAPAN	1,134	1.25
987,123	UNITED STATES – 3.06% (31.10.17 – 3.07%) Threadneedle American	2,782	3.06
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	2,782	3.06
280,171	EMERGING MARKETS – 0.96% (31.10.17 – 0.95%) M&G Global Emerging Markets†	872	0.96
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	872	0.96
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	17,023	18.71
355,934 177,656 147,535 150,437 54,296 14,160	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 2.40% (31.10.17 – 2.46%) BBGI BioPharma Credit Blue Capital Alternative Income DP Aircraft I HarbourVest Global Private Equity HgCapital	471 133 67 115 683 270	0.52 0.14 0.07 0.13 0.75 0.30

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 0-30 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued)

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 30 April 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 2.40% (31.10.17 – 2.46%) (continued)		
123,888	NB Distressed Debt Investment	82	0.09
147,782	NextEnergy Solar	162	0.18
191,033	Renewables Infrastructure	202	0.22
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	2,185	2.40
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 8.82% (31.10.17 – 8.39%)		
3,203,450	Legal & General UK Property	2,809	3.09
444,479	M&G Property Portfolio†	5,221	5.73
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	8,030	8.82
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 68.69% (31.10.17 – 69.81%)		
758,052	BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond	7,891	8.67
4,861,841	Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income	8,761	9.63
4,459,900	Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond	9,006	9.89
2,069,075	Kames High Yield Bond	2,607	2.86
4,984,237	Kames Investment Grade Bond	8,908	9.79
1,702,130	M&G Global High Yield Bond†	2,237	2.46
20,259,863	M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond†	5,219	5.73
7,675,808	M&G Strategic Corporate Bond†	8,962	9.84
4,525	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	560	0.61
8,058,002	Royal London Corporate Bond	8,381	9.21
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	62,532	68.69
	Portfolio of investments	89,770	98.62
	Net other assets	1,252	1.38
	Net assets	91,022	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

# SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	7,248
Purchases	Cost £'000
M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Property Portfolio Kames Investment Grade Bond Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income Investec UK Alpha Schroder Tokyo Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value HarbourVest Global Private Equity Renewables Infrastructure BioPharma Credit BBGI NB Distressed Debt Investment DP Aircraft I NextEnergy Solar	1,370 1,357 1,330 1,322 460 409 361 323 194 37 24 19 19 19 16 5 2

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

Total sales for the half year £'000	8,582
Sales	Proceeds £'000
M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 Legal & General UK Property Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Schroder Tokyo Fidelity Asia Henderson European Selected Opportunities Artemis Income Kames Investment Grade Bond Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income Investec UK Alpha CATco Reinsurance Opportunities NB Distressed Debt Investment	1,508 1,422 1,403 1,159 750 620 300 275 270 270 270 270 230 103 2

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the purchases and sales during the half year.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 0-30 PORTFOLIO INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital (losses)/gains		(530)		1,796
Revenue	1,214		1,458	
Expenses	(343)		(321)	
Net revenue before taxation	871		1,137	
Taxation	(22)		(12)	
Net revenue after taxation		849	-	1,125
Total return before distributions		319		2,921
Distributions*		-		(2)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment			-	
activities		319	-	2,919

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		90,521		84,808
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	6,541		5,675	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(6,359)		(6,658)	
		182		(983)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment		210		2 0 1 0
activities		319		2,919
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	91,022	_	86,744

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 <i>£</i> '000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	89,770	90,914
Current assets		
Debtors	841	411
Cash and bank balances	647	342
Total assets	91,258	91,667
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(8)	(3)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	-	(778)
Other creditors	(228)	(365)
Total liabilities	(236)	(1,146)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	91,022	90,521

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# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 0-30 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic 10-40 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. Between 10% and 40% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio investing mainly in collective investment schemes in order to provide a well diversified exposure to global fixed income and variable rate assets, cash, near cash, equities and/or immovable property. Typically the Fund will have a bias towards lower risk assets such as fixed income assets and cash, but will always have some exposure to equities. Scheme selection is made on the basis of in depth initial and ongoing qualitative assessment of the fund managers and quantitative analysis of the collective investment schemes.

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets including transferable securities, other collective investment schemes, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be held directly for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

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# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes, R (Accumulation) 0.18%<sup>1</sup>, P (Accumulation) 0.28%<sup>1</sup> and A (Accumulation) -0.01%<sup>1</sup> produced returns ahead of the -0.18%<sup>1</sup> sector average for IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares.

## ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

# MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

# UK

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

The Artemis Income Fund produced returns ahead of the FTSE All-Share Index from 1 November 2017 to 30 April 2018. The AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Fund and Investec UK Alpha Fund lagged the index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Threadneedle American Fund were marginally behind the S&P 500 Index over the period in review. The Schroder US Mid Cap Fund was also negative and behind the index.

# EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

The Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund produced a negative return and was behind the index over the period in review. The Jupiter European Special Situations Fund was also negative but slightly ahead of the index.

# JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Schroder Tokyo Fund marginally underperformed the index comparator between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 while the Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Fund outperformed.

# ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Both the Fidelity Asia Fund and Investec Asian Equity Fund produced returns ahead of the index comparator over the period in review.

# UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The Royal London Corporate Bond Fund and Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Fund finished slightly ahead of the sector average with small positive returns. The Kames Investment Grade Bond Fund, Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income Fund and M&G Strategic Corporate Bond Fund were negative and slightly behind.

In high yield, the Kames High Yield Bond Fund and M&G Global High Yield Bond Fund produced small negative returns. The BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond Fund was flat over the period in review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

# UK PROPERTY

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The M&G Property Portfolio and Legal & General UK Property Fund were two of the stronger performers across portfolios during the period in review.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The M&G Global Emerging Markets Fund produced a small positive return which was ahead of the index comparator.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was mixed over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund which was down over 11%.

## POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

# OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 15 May 2018

### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typically	y lower rewa	rds		Тур	ically higher	rewards
Lower ri	ver risk Higher ris			gher risk		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 3 because its volatility has been measured as medium to average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

# COMPARATIVE TABLES

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an *ex post* basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	145.92	138.53	129.29	125.87
Return before operating charges*	1.84	12.15	13.84	7.88
Operating charges	(1.62)	(3.10)	(2.94)	(2.90)
Return after operating charges	0.22	9.05	10.90	4.98
Distributions		(1.66)	(1.66)	(1.56)
Closing net asset value per share	146.14	145.92	138.53	129.29
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.15%	6.53%	8.43%	3.96%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	1,668 1,141,627 2.24% –	1,800 1,233,396 2.16% –	1,722 1,243,120 2.26% –	4,569 3,534,078 2.21% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	148.53 143.29	147.94 135.81	141.74 122.56	137.09 126.64

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	159.53	149.76	138.10	132.87
Return before operating charges*	2.00	13.12	14.81	8.30
Operating charges	(1.77)	(3.35)	(3.15)	(3.07)
Return after operating charges	0.23	9.77	11.66	5.23
Distributions	-	(1.79)	(1.78)	(1.64)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.79	1.78	1.64
Closing net asset value per share	159.76	159.53	149.76	138.10
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.14%	6.52%	8.44%	3.94%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	13,757	14,129	15,009	35,338
Closing number of shares	8,610,737	8,856,794	10,021,903	25,588,642
Operating charges	2.24%	2.16%	2.26%	2.21%
Direct transaction costs	_	_	-	-
Prices				
Highest share price	162.36	159.90	151.40	144.78
Lowest share price	156.66	146.81	130.92	133.68

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

# COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (Continued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'C' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	146.57	139.11	129.77	126.32
Return before operating charges*	1.66	11.86	13.71	7.62
Operating charges	(0.74)	(1.36)	(1.37)	(1.31)
Return after operating charges	0.92	10.50	12.34	6.31
Distributions		(3.04)	(3.00)	(2.86)
Closing net asset value per share	147.49	146.57	139.11	129.77
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.63%	7.55%	9.51%	5.00%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	53,888 36,535,556 1.02% –	53,899 36,772,617 0.94% –	52,952 38,063,463 1.04% –	54,691 42,143,690 0.99% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	149.47 144.50	149.95 136.51	143.65 123.37	138.17 127.12

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	118.75	112.71	105.16	102.37
Return before operating charges*	1.40	9.72	11.19	6.25
Operating charges	(0.88)	(1.65)	(1.62)	(1.56)
Return after operating charges	0.52	8.07	9.57	4.69
Distributions		(2.03)	(2.02)	(1.90)
Closing net asset value per share	119.27	118.75	112.71	105.16
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.44%	7.16%	9.10%	4.58%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,715	5,555	5,760	3,515
Closing number of shares Operating charges	4,791,491 1.49%	4,678,096 1.41%	5,110,040 1.51%	3,342,599 1,46%
Direct transaction costs	1.49%	1.41%	1.51%	1.40%
Prices				
Highest share price	121.13	121.18	116.10	111.74
Lowest share price	116.89	110.56	99.86	103.01

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

# COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (conunued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)	
'P' Accumulation shares					
Change in net assets per share					
Opening net asset value per share	127.54	119.02	109.08	104.39	
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.51 (0.94)	10.26 (1.74)	11.62 (1.68)	6.29 (1.60)	
Return after operating charges	0.57	8.52	9.94	4.69	
Distributions Retained distributions on	-	(2.15)	(2.09)	(1.94)	
accumulation shares		2.15	2.09	1.94	
Closing net asset value per share	128.11	127.54	119.02	109.08	
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-	
Performance					
Return after charges	0.45%	7.16%	9.11%	4.49%	
Other Information					
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	94,813 74,011,760 1.49% –	96,346 75,541,300 1.41% –	92,165 77,434,344 1.51% –	76,443 70,078,654 1.46% –	
Prices					
Highest share price Lowest share price	130.05 125.55	127.92 116.75	120.42 103.60	113.87 105.02	

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	142.76	133.49	122.60	117.52
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.72 (1.23)	11.57 (2.30)	13.09 (2.20)	7.18 (2.10)
Return after operating charges	0.49	9.27	10.89	5.08
Distributions	_	(2.14)	(2.09)	(1.93)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2.14	2.09	1.93
Closing net asset value per share	143.25	142.76	133.49	122.60
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.34%	6.94%	8.88%	4.32%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	15,785 11,018,963 1.74% –	15,619 10,940,272 1.66% –	14,965 11,210,526 1.76% –	11,355 9,261,919 1.71% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	145.44 140.42	143.12 130.92	134.99 116.36	128.15 118.25

# FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
LF Prudential Dynamic 10-40 Portfolio	(0.01)	2.52	12.12	26.04

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 29.31% (31.10.17 – 29.32%)		
	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 4.70% (31.10.17 – 4.77%)		
271,749	Henderson European Selected Opportunities	4,473	2.41
1,013,576	Jupiter European Special Situations	4,244	2.29
	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	8,717	4.70
	UNITED KINGDOM – 11.63% (31.10.17 – 11.68%)		
1,184,863	Artemis Income	5,187	2.78
202,193	AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities	7,194	3.88
6,329,904	Investec UK Alpha	8,411	4.53
243,544	M&G Recovery†	818	0.44
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	21,610	11.63
	ASIA EX JAPAN – 4.74% (31.10.17 – 4.59%)		
311,530	Fidelity Asia	4,293	2.31
209,850	Investec Asian Equity	4,507	2.43
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	8,800	4.74
	APAN – 2.07% (31.10.17 – 2.17%)		
1,162,571	MAN GLG Japan CoreAlpha	1,966	1.06
508,725	Schroder Tokyo	1,867	1.01
	TOTAL JAPAN	3,833	2.07
	UNITED STATES – 4.59% (31.10.17 – 4.57%)		
1,684,492	Schroder US Mid Cap	2,308	1.24
2,204,397	Threadneedle American	6,212	3.35
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	8,520	4.59
942,947	EMERGING MARKETS – 1.58% (31.10.17 – 1.54%) M&G Global Emerging Markets†	2,935	1.58
576,571			
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	2,935	1.58
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	54,415	29.31

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 30 April 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 3.62%		
4 004 440	(31.10.17 – 3.73%)	4.446	0.70
1,091,410 548,256	BBGI BioPharma Credit	1,446 410	0.78 0.22
474,050	Blue Capital Alternative Income	217	0.22
466,885	DP Aircraft I	356	0.12
162,251	HarbourVest Global Private Equity	2,041	1.10
46,081	HgCapital	878	0.47
379,130	NB Distressed Debt Investment	252	0.14
466,259	NextEnergy Solar	511	0.27
585,748	Renewables Infrastructure	618	0.33
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	6,729	3.62
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 12.20% (31.10.17 – 12.07%)		
8,695,812	Legal & General UK Property	7,625	4.11
1,278,403	M&G Property Portfolio†	15,016	8.09
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	22,641	12.20
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 54.47% (31.10.17 – 54.86%)		
1,201,736	BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond	12,510	6.74
7,691,985	Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income	13,861	7.47
7,005,613	Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond	14,147	7.62
4,070,183	Kames High Yield Bond	5,129	2.76
7,409,758	Kames Investment Grade Bond	13,243	7.13
3,782,038	M&G Global High Yield Bond†	4,971	2.68
0,813,627	M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond†	7,937	4.28
2,426,129	M&G Strategic Corporate Bond†	14,507	7.82
14,095	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	1,745	0.94
2,552,878	Royal London Corporate Bond	13,055	7.03
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	101,105	54.47
	Portfolio of investments	184,890	99.60
	Net other assets	736	0.40
	Net assets	185,626	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

## SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	10,803
Purchases	Cost £'000
M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Property Portfolio Investec UK Alpha Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value BBGI NB Distressed Debt Investment BioPharma Credit Renewables Infrastructure DP Aircraft I NextEnergy Solar	2,951 2,803 2,755 875 662 557 46 44 43 42 17 8

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

Total sales for the half year £'000	13,919
Sales	Proceeds £'000
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Legal & General UK Property Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond M&G Strategic Corporate Bond AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Artemis Income Kames High Yield Bond Schroder Tokyo CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities NB Distressed Debt Investment	2,937 2,907 1,952 1,569 1,201 940 746 555 552 300 254 6

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the purchases and sales during the half year.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital (losses)/gains		(595)		5,029
Revenue	2,341		2,837	
Expenses	(700)		(681)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,640		2,155	
Taxation	(235)		(373)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,405	-	1,782
Total return before distributions		810		6,811
Distributions*		(9)		(33)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		801	-	6,778
			-	.,

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		187,348		182,573
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	8,557		7,018	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(11,080)		(11,562)	
		(2,523)		(4,544)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		801		6,778
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	185,626	-	184,807

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 <i>£</i> ′000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	184,890	187,315
Current assets		
Debtors	709	1,618
Cash and bank balances	1,277	790
Total assets	186,876	189,723
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(23)	(65)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	-	(1,234)
Other creditors	(1,227)	(1,076)
Total liabilities	(1,250)	(2,375)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	185,626	187,348

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 10-40 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic 20-55 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. Between 20% and 55% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio investing mainly in collective investment schemes in order to provide a well diversified exposure to global fixed income and variable rate assets, cash, near cash, equities and/or immovable property. From time to time, however, the Fund may have a high exposure to equities and/or fixed income assets. Scheme selection is made on the basis of in depth initial and ongoing qualitative assessment of the fund managers and quantitative analysis of the collective investment schemes.

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets including transferable securities, other collective investment schemes, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be held directly for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

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#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued)

For the half year ended 30 April 2018

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes, R (Accumulation) 0.26%<sup>1</sup>, P (Accumulation) 0.36%<sup>1</sup> and A (Accumulation) 0.06%<sup>1</sup> produced returns ahead of the -0.18%<sup>1</sup> sector average for IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares.

## ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

# MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

# UK

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

The Artemis Income Fund produced returns ahead of the FTSE All-Share Index from 1 November 2017 to 30 April 2018. The AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Fund and Investec UK Alpha Fund lagged the index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Threadneedle American Fund were marginally behind the S&P 500 Index over the period in review. The Schroder US Mid Cap Fund was also negative and behind the index.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

# EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

The Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund produced a negative return and was behind the index over the period in review. The Jupiter European Special Situations Fund was also negative but slightly ahead of the index.

# JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Schroder Tokyo Fund marginally underperformed the index comparator between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 while the MAN GLG Japan CoreAlpha Fund outperformed.

#### ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Both the Fidelity Asia Fund and Investec Asian Equity Fund produced returns ahead of the index comparator over the period in review.

# UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Fund finished slightly ahead of the sector average with small positive returns. The Kames Investment Grade Bond Fund and Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income Fund were negative and slightly behind.

In high yield, Kames High Yield Bond Fund produced a small negative return. The BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond Fund was flat over the period in review.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

# UK PROPERTY

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The M&G Property Portfolio and Legal & General UK Property Fund were two of the stronger performers across portfolios during the period in review.

## EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The M&G Global Emerging Markets Fund produced a small positive return which was ahead of the index comparator. Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Fund produced a negative return that lagged the index comparator.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was mixed over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund which was down over 11%.

# POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

#### OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic

performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 15 May 2018

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) FUND INFORMATION

**RISK AND REWARD PROFILE** 

Typicall	y lower rewa	rds		Ту	pically higher	rewards
Lower r	isk				Hig	gher risk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 4 because its volatility has been measured as average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

## **COMPARATIVE TABLES**

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an expost basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	155.47	145.57	134.20	129.94
Return before operating charges*	2.27	14.73	16.04	8.71
Operating charges	(1.80)	(3.42)	(3.12)	(3.07)
Return after operating charges	0.47	11.31	12.92	5.64
Distributions		(1.41)	(1.55)	(1.38)
Closing net asset value per share	155.94	155.47	145.57	134.20
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.04	-	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.30%	7.77%	9.63%	4.34%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	2,437 1,562,723 2.33% –	3,568 2,294,898 2.26% 0.03%	4,203 2,887,058 2.30% –	6,733 5,016,795 2.26% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	158.65 151.95	157.26 142.42	148.74 125.60	143.71 130.43

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

# COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (continues)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	167.97	155.87	142.18	136.26
Return before operating charges*	2.43	15.77	16.98	9.14
Operating charges	(1.94)	(3.67)	(3.29)	(3.22)
Return after operating charges	0.49	12.10	13.69	5.92
Distributions	-	(1.51)	(1.64)	(1.44)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.51	1.64	1.44
Closing net asset value per share	168.46	167.97	155.87	142.18
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.04	_	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.29%	7.76%	9.63%	4.34%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	13,458	15,226	17,277	44,867
Closing number of shares	7,988,590	9,064,829	11,084,492	31,556,180
Operating charges	2.33%	2.26%	2.30%	2.26%
Direct transaction costs	-	0.03%	-	-
Prices				
Highest share price	171.34	168.33	157.54	150.66
Lowest share price	164.17	152.50	133.07	136.78

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'C' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	156.09	146.10	134.61	130.32
Return before operating charges*	2.06	14.49	15.89	8.43
Operating charges	(0.86)	(1.59)	(1.48)	(1.41)
Return after operating charges	1.20	12.90	14.41	7.02
Distributions		(2.91)	(2.92)	(2.73)
Closing net asset value per share	157.29	156.09	146.10	134.61
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.04	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.77%	8.83%	10.70%	5.39%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	82,973	83,905	82,545	83,423
Closing number of shares	52,750,318	53,755,204	56,499,465	61,973,907
Operating charges	1.11%	1.04%	1.08%	1.04%
Direct transaction costs	-	0.03%	_	_
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	159.58 153.19	159.37 143.08	150.62 126.34	144.77 131.15

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

# COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	121.99	114.20	105.24	102.02
Return before operating charges*	1.68	11.41	12.49	6.57
Operating charges	(0.96)	(1.80)	(1.66)	(1.61)
Return after operating charges	0.72	9.61	10.83	4.96
Distributions		(1.82)	(1.87)	(1.74)
Closing net asset value per share	122.71	121.99	114.20	105.24
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.03	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.59%	8.42%	10.29%	4.86%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,207	7,521	6,784	4,320
Closing number of shares	5,873,050	6,165,273	5,940,687	4,105,497
Operating charges	1.58%	1.51%	1.55%	1.51%
Direct transaction costs	_	0.03%	_	-
Prices				
Highest share price	124.80	124.27	117.49	113.10
Lowest share price	119.54	111.79	98.65	102.60

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	130.14	120.03	108.83	103.84
Return before operating charges*	1.78	12.00	12.92	6.63
Operating charges	(1.02)	(1.89)	(1.72)	(1.64)
Return after operating charges	0.76	10.11	11.20	4.99
Distributions	-	(1.92)	(1.92)	(1.76)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.92	1.92	1.76
Closing net asset value per share	130.90	130.14	120.03	108.83
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.03	-	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.58%	8.42%	10.29%	4.81%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	122,472 93,558,561 1.58% –	124,066 95,333,063 1.51% 0.03%	115,684 96,377,902 1.55% –	92,995 85,447,076 1.51% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	133.09 127.52	130.58 117.50	121.48 102.03	115.07 104.41

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued)

Fund Information (continued)

# COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	148.72	137.45	124.86	119.30
Return before operating charges*	2.07	13.79	14.89	7.76
Operating charges	(1.35)	(2.52)	(2.30)	(2.20)
Return after operating charges	0.72	11.27	12.59	5.56
Distributions	-	(1.90)	(1.95)	(1.76)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.90	1.95	1.76
Closing net asset value per share	149.44	148.72	137.45	124.86
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.04	-	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.48%	8.20%	10.08%	4.66%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	11,824 7,912,249 1.83% -	11,318 7,609,979 1.76% 0.03%	25,992 18,910,457 1.80% –	13,218 10,586,236 1.76% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	151.89 145.60	149.09 134.52	138.98 116.98	132.17 119.94

## FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
LF Prudential Dynamic 20-55 Portfolio	0.06	3.94	13.70	29.69

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 40.00% (31.10.17 – 40.90%)		
	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 6.19% (31.10.17 – 6.22%)		
687,687 849,868	Henderson European Selected Opportunities Jupiter European Special Situations	11,319 3,558	4.71 1.48
049,000	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	14,877	6.19
		14,077	
1 002 200	UNITED KINGDOM – 15.80% (31.10.17 – 15.94%)	7 00 4	2 20
1,803,298	Artemis Income	7,894	3.29
402,209 11,873,998	AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Investec UK Alpha	14,311 15,778	5.95 6.56
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	37,983	15.80
500 200	ASIA EX JAPAN – 6.56% (31.10.17 – 7.14%)	0.404	2.20
590,280 354,809	Fidelity Asia Investec Asian Equity	8,134 7,621	3.38 3.18
557,005		<u>,</u>	
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	15,755	6.56
	JAPAN – 3.04% (31.10.17 – 2.93%)		
1,564,486	Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	2,646	1.10
1,271,546	Schroder Tokyo	4,667	1.94
	TOTAL JAPAN	7,313	3.04
	UNITED STATES – 6.24% (31.10.17 – 6.54%)		
2,873,258	Schroder US Mid Cap	3,936	1.64
3,926,429	Threadneedle American	11,065	4.60
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	15,001	6.24
	EMERGING MARKETS – 2.19% (31.10.17 – 2.13%)		
151,572	Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity	1,080	0.45
1,346,189	M&G Global Emerging Markets†	4,190	1.74
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	5,270	2.19
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	96,199	40.00

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 4.85% (31.10.17 – 4.96%)		
1,884,633	BBGI	2,497	1.04
962,997	BioPharma Credit	720	0.30
819,485	Blue Capital Alternative Income	375	0.16
817,083	DP Aircraft I	623	0.26
284,385	HarbourVest Global Private Equity	3,578	1.49
77,120	HgCapital	1,469	0.61
661,174	NB Distressed Debt Investment	439 894	0.18 0.38
816,441 986,097	NextEnergy Solar Renewables Infrastructure	094 1,041	0.58
900,097	Renewables initiastructure	1,041	
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	11,636	4.85
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 14.86%		
	(31.10.17 – 14.83%)		
13,436,801	Legal & General UK Property	11,783	4.90
2,038,870	M&G Property Portfolio†	23,948	9.96
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	35,731	14.86
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 39.19% (31.10.17 – 38.92%)		
1,023,000	BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond	10,649	4.43
11,569,226	Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income	20,848	8.67
10,479,232	Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond	21,162	8.81
9,411,649	Kames High Yield Bond	11,860	4.93
11,536,529 23,324,963	Kames Investment Grade Bond M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond†	20,618 6,009	8.58 2.50
24,676	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	3,054	1.27
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	94,200	39.19
	Portfolio of investments	237,766	98.92
	Net other assets	2,605	1.08
	Net assets	240,371	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'00013,152
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Purchases	Cost £'000
M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond	3,696
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018	3,658
S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018	3,610
Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	961
Investec UK Alpha	953
BBGI	79
NB Distressed Debt Investment	78
BioPharma Credit	43
Renewables Infrastructure	31
DP Aircraft I	31
NextEnergy Solar	12

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

Total sales for the half year £'000	21,363
Sales	Proceeds £'000
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond M&G Property Portfolio Fidelity Asia Artemis Income Threadneedle American Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income Investec Asian Equity AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Kames Investment Grade Bond BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond Investec UK Alpha CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Legal & General UK Property NB Distressed Debt Investment	3,834 3,809 1,783 1,351 1,240 1,000 983 976 972 970 956 953 950 713 444 419 10

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the purchases and sales during the half year.

# INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital (losses)/gains		(257)		8,596
Revenue	2,779		3,282	
Expenses	(860)		(929)	
Interest payable and similar charges			(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,919		2,352	
Taxation	(245)		(367)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,674	_	1,985
Total return before distributions		1,417		10,581
Distributions*		(25)		(59)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment			-	
activities		1,392	_	10,522

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		245,604		252,485
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	10,466		9,360	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(17,091)		(19,078)	
		(6,625)		(9,718)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		1,392		10,522
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		240,371		253,289

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 20-55 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.17 £'000	31.10.16 <i>£</i> '000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets Investments	237,766	244,648
Current assets Debtors Cash and bank balances Total assets	2,390 1,276  241,432	3,170 711 248,529
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(37)	(105)
<b>Creditors</b> Distribution payable Other creditors	_ (1,024)	(1,709) (1,111)
Total liabilities	(1,061)	(2,925)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	240,371	245,604

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic 40-80 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. Between 40% and 80% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio investing mainly in collective investment schemes in order to provide a well diversified exposure to global equities, fixed income and variable rate assets, immovable property, cash and/or near cash. Typically the Fund will have a bias towards assets providing potential for growth, such as equities. Scheme selection is made on the basis of in depth initial and ongoing qualitative assessment of the fund managers and quantitative analysis of the collective investment schemes.

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets including transferable securities, other collective investment schemes, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be directly held for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes, R (Accumulation) 0.06%<sup>1</sup>, A (Accumulation) -0.08%<sup>1</sup> and P (Accumulation) 0.07%<sup>1</sup> produced returns ahead of the -0.13%<sup>1</sup> sector average for IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares.

#### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

#### UK

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

The Artemis Income Fund produced returns ahead of the FTSE All-Share Index from 1 November 2017 to 30 April 2018. The AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Fund, M&G Recovery Fund and Investec UK Alpha Fund lagged the index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Threadneedle American Fund were marginally behind the S&P 500 Index over the period in review. The Schroder US Mid Cap Fund was also negative and behind the index.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

The Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund produced a negative return and was behind the index over the period in review. The Jupiter European Special Situations Fund was also negative but slightly ahead of the index.

#### JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Schroder Tokyo Fund marginally underperformed the index comparator between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 while the Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Fund outperformed.

#### ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Both the Fidelity Asia Fund and Investec Asian Equity Fund produced returns ahead of the index comparator over the period in review.

#### UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Fund finished slightly ahead of the sector average with small positive returns. The Kames Investment Grade Bond Fund and Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income Fund were negative and slightly behind.

In high yield, Kames High Yield Bond Fund produced a small negative return. The BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond Fund was flat over the period in review.

#### **UK PROPERTY**

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The M&G Property Portfolio and Legal & General UK Property Fund were two of the stronger performers across portfolios during the period in review.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The M&G Global Emerging Markets Fund produced a small positive return which was ahead of the index comparator. Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Fund produced a negative return that lagged the index comparator.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was mixed over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund which was down over 11%.

#### POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

#### OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

### OUTLOOK (continued)

performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 15 May 2018

#### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typicall	y lower rewa	rds		Тур	pically higher	rewards
Lower ri	isk				Hi	gher risk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 4 because its volatility has been measured as average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an *ex post* basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	168.05	155.54	141.40	135.42
Return before operating charges*	2.77	17.54	18.88	10.37
Operating charges	(1.96)	(3.73)	(3.33)	(3.33)
Return after operating charges	0.81	13.81	15.55	7.04
Distributions		(1.30)	(1.41)	(1.06)
Closing net asset value per share	168.86	168.05	155.54	141.40
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.48%	8.88%	11.00%	5.20%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	1,035 612,874 2.35% –	1,053 626,738 2.30% –	1,732 1,113,714 2.33% –	3,741 2,645,698 2.33% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	172.20 163.44	170.18 151.66	158.67 130.89	153.07 135.12

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	177.44	162.97	146.82	139.54
Return before operating charges*	2.93	18.39	19.60	10.71
Operating charges	(2.07)	(3.92)	(3.45)	(3.43)
Return after operating charges	0.86	14.47	16.15	7.28
Distributions	-	(1.36)	(1.46)	(1.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.36	1.46	1.09
Closing net asset value per share	178.30	177.44	162.97	146.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.48%	8.88%	11.00%	5.22%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,304	22,222	28,649	55,711
Closing number of shares	11,387,689	12,523,549	17,579,578	37,944,258
Operating charges	2.35%	2.30%	2.33%	2.33%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-	-
Prices				
Highest share price	181.77	178.27	164.73	157.65
Lowest share price	172.57	158.90	135.92	139.24

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

## COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'C' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	168.69	156.06	141.78	135.74
Return before operating charges*	2.68	17.31	18.72	10.09
Operating charges	(0.95)	(1.77)	(1.60)	(1.58)
Return after operating charges	1.73	15.54	17.12	8.51
Distributions		(2.91)	(2.84)	(2.47)
Closing net asset value per share	170.42	168.69	156.06	141.78
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	_	_	-
Performance				
Return after charges	1.03%	9.96%	12.08%	6.27%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	91,877 53,912,861	92,352 54,746,557	92,117 59,024,741	92,487 65,234,803
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	1.13% -	1.08% -	1.11% -	1.11% -
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	173.20 164.74	172.35 152.32	160.61 131.60	154.06 135.64

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	127.59	118.05	107.26	102.85
Return before operating charges*	2.08	13.19	14.25	7.57
Operating charges	(1.01)	(1.92)	(1.73)	(1.71)
Return after operating charges	1.07	11.27	12.52	5.86
Distributions		(1.73)	(1.73)	(1.45)
Closing net asset value per share	128.66	127.59	118.05	107.26
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.84%	9.55%	11.67%	5.70%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,201	6,567	5,384	3,528
Closing number of shares	4,819,788	5,146,294	4,560,767	3,289,126
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	1.60%	1.55%	1.58%	1.58%
	_	_	-	_
Prices				
Highest share price	131.09	130.11	121.27	116.38
Lowest share price	124.40	115.18	99.45	102.68

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

## COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	134.70	122.97	110.10	104.21
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	2.20 (1.07)	13.73 (2.00)	14.64 (1.77)	7.64 (1.75)
Return after operating charges	1.13	11.73	12.87	5.89
Distributions	-	(1.81)	(1.77)	(1.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.81	1.77	1.47
Closing net asset value per share	135.83	134.70	122.97	110.10
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.84%	9.54%	11.69%	5.65%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	125,767 92,593,788 1.60% –	122,155 90,684,203 1.55% –	11,535 90,703,292 1.58% –	80,887 73,464,533 1.58% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	138.36 131.34	135.49 119.97	124.48 102.10	117.98 104.05

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	157.23	143.83	129.05	122.26
Return before operating charges*	2.59	16.12	17.19	9.15
Operating charges	(1.44)	(2.72)	(2.41)	(2.36)
Return after operating charges	1.15	13.40	14.78	6.79
Distributions	-	(1.81)	(1.81)	(1.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.81	1.81	1.47
Closing net asset value per share	158.38	157.23	143.83	129.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	_	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.73%	9.32%	11.45%	5.55%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	13,176 8,319,225 1.85% –	13,257 8,431,010 1.80% –	11,664 8,110,069 1.83% –	9,961 7,718,599 1.83% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	161.29 153.18	158.02 140.29	145.46 119.60	138.38 122.06

#### FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
LF Prudential Dynamic 40-80 Portfolio	(0.08)	4.37	15.92	35.22

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 51.88% (31.10.17 – 52.74%)		
	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 8.35% (31.10.17 – 8.16%)		
730,205 2,282,997	Henderson European Selected Opportunities Jupiter European Special Situations	12,019 9,558	4.65 3.70
	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	21,577	8.35
2 242 072	UNITED KINGDOM – 20.63% (31.10.17 – 20.44%) Artemis Income	0.915	3.80
2,242,073 387,216	AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities	9,815 13,777	5.80
12,196,391	Investec UK Alpha	16,207	6.27
4,027,288	M&G Recovery†	13,522	5.23
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	53,321	20.63
	ASIA EX JAPAN – 8.29% (31.10.17 – 8.77%)		
749,944	Fidelity Asia	10,334	4.00
515,969	Investec Asian Equity	11,083	4.29
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	21,417	8.29
	JAPAN – 3.71% (31.10.17 – 3.99%)		
2,672,932	Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	4,520	1.75
1,376,933	Schroder Tokyo	5,053	1.96
	TOTAL JAPAN	9,573	3.71
	UNITED STATES – 8.28% (31.10.17 – 8.37%)		
4,554,033	Schroder US Mid Cap	6,239	2.41
5,378,767	Threadneedle American	15,158	5.87
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	21,397	8.28
559,595	EMERGING MARKETS – 2.62% (31.10.17 – 3.01%) Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity	3,986	1.54
559,595 893,737	M&G Global Emerging Markets†	2,782	1.54
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	6,768	2.62
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	134,053	51.88

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 30 April 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 5.94%		
2 477 200	(31.10.17 – 6.20%) BBGI	2 202	1.27
2,477,206 1,249,520	BioPharma Credit	3,282 934	0.36
1,093,355	Blue Capital Alternative Income	500	0.19
1,064,459	DP Aircraft I	812	0.31
371,604	HarbourVest Global Private Equity	4,675	1.82
105,097	HgCapital	2,002	0.77
868,624	NB Distressed Debt Investment	577	0.22
1,063,050	NextEnergy Solar	1,164	0.45
1,340,675	Renewables Infrastructure	1,416	0.55
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	15,362	5.94
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 16.59% (31.10.17 – 16.41%)		
15,190,314	Legal & General UK Property	13,320	5.16
2,515,218	M&G Property Portfolio†	29,543	11.43
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	42,863	16.59
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 25.25%		
	(31.10.17 – 24.86%)		
633,719	BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond	6,597	2.55
7,850,815	Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income	14,147	5.48
6,461,179	Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond	13,048	5.05
7,613,964	Kames High Yield Bond	9,594	3.71
7,936,101	Kames Investment Grade Bond	14,184	5.49
14,365,794	M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond†	3,701	1.43
32,191	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	3,984	1.54
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	65,255	25.25
	Portfolio of investments	257,533	99.68
	Net other assets	827	0.32
	Net assets	258,360	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

#### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	21,673
Purchases	Cost £'000
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Investec UK Alpha Legal & General UK Property Kames Investment Grade Bond Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value Henderson European Selected Opportunities Threadneedle American Investec Asian Equity NB Distressed Debt Investment Renewables Infrastructure BioPharma Credit BBGI DP Aircraft I NextEnergy Solar	3,835 3,800 2,848 2,045 1,726 1,548 1,548 1,548 1,277 1,000 828 768 106 103 96 92 36 17

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the purchases during the half year.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Summary of Material Portfolio Changes (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

## Total sales for the half year £'00024,064

Sales	Proceeds £'000
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018	4,020
S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018	4,009
M&G Property Portfolio	2,330
Artemis Income	2,324
Kames Investment Grade Bond	1,533
Investec Asian Equity	1,470
Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income	1,278
Fidelity Asia	1,040
Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond	1,018
M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond	1,000
Threadneedle American	900
Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	893
Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity	893
BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond	762
CATco Reinsurance Opportunities	581
NB Distressed Debt Investment	13

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the sales during the half year.

#### INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital gains		509		9,958
Revenue	2,691		2,909	
Expenses	(914)		(913)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(4)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,773		1,994	
Taxation	(152)		(272)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,621	-	1,722
Total return before distributions		2,130		11,680
Distributions*		(6)		(40)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment			_	
activities		2,124	_	11,640

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		257,606		251,081
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	12,752		9,883	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(14,122)		(19,690)	
		(1,370)		(9,807)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		2,124		11,640
Closing net assets attributable	-		-	
to shareholders	-	258,360	_	252,914

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 40-80 PORTFOLIO

Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets Investments	257,533	258,169
<b>Current assets</b> Debtors Cash and bank balances	1,186 516	995 1,007
Total assets	259,235	260,171
LIABILITIES Provisions for liabilities		(142)
	(45)	(143)
<b>Creditors</b> Distribution payable Other creditors	(830)	(1,690) (732)
Total liabilities	(875)	(2,565)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	258,360	257,606

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 60-100 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic 60-100 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. Between 60% and 100% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio investing in collective investment schemes in order to provide a well diversified exposure to global equities, fixed interest and variable rate assets, immovable property, cash and/or near cash. Typically the Fund will have a high exposure to assets providing potential for growth, such as equities. Scheme selection is made on the basis of in depth initial and ongoing qualitative assessment of the fund managers and quantitative analysis of the collective investment schemes.

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets including transferable securities, other collective investment schemes, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be held directly for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes, R (Accumulation) 0.76%<sup>1</sup>, P (Accumulation) 0.96%<sup>1</sup> and A (Accumulation) 0.53%<sup>1</sup> produced returns ahead of the -0.09%<sup>1</sup> sector average for IA Flexible Investment sector.

#### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

#### UK

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

The Artemis Income Fund produced returns ahead of the FTSE All-Share Index from 1 November 2017 to 30 April 2018. The AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities Fund, M&G Recovery Fund and Investec UK Alpha Fund lagged the index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Threadneedle American Fund were marginally behind the S&P 500 Index over the period in review. The Schroder US Mid Cap Fund was also negative and behind the index.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Flexible Investment sector for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 60-100 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund and Henderson European Growth Fund produced negative returns and were behind the index over the period in review. The Jupiter European Special Situations Fund was also negative but slightly ahead of the index.

#### JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Schroder Tokyo Fund marginally underperformed the index comparator between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 while the Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Fund outperformed.

#### ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Both the Fidelity Asia Fund and Investec Asian Equity Fund produced returns ahead of the index comparator over the period in review.

#### UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Fund finished slightly ahead of the sector average with small positive return.

In high yield, Kames High Yield Bond Fund produced a small negative return. The BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond Fund was flat over the period in review.

#### **UK PROPERTY**

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The M&G Property Portfolio and Legal & General UK Property Fund were two of the stronger performers across portfolios during the period in review.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The M&G Global Emerging Markets Fund produced a small positive return which was ahead of the index comparator. Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Fund produced a negative return that lagged the index comparator.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was mixed over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund which was down over 11%.

#### POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the Fund took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

#### OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 60-100 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

### OUTLOOK (continued)

performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 15 May 2018

#### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typicall	y lower rewa	rds	Typically higher rewards				
Lower risk Higher risk					gher risk		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 4 because its volatility has been measured as average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an *ex post* basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	183.43	167.14	149.84	141.35
Return before operating charges*	3.31	21.68	21.92	12.73
Operating charges	(2.18)	(4.14)	(3.57)	(3.55)
Return after operating charges	1.13	17.54	18.35	9.18
Distributions		(1.25)	(1.05)	(0.69)
Closing net asset value per share	184.56	183.43	167.14	149.84
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	_	0.01	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.62%	10.49%	12.25%	6.49%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	232 125,766 2.40% –	276 150,778 2.36% –	398 238,426 2.36% 0.01%	872 581,674 2.39% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	188.76 177.19	185.41 162.51	170.45 136.66	162.88 141.53

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	189.47	171.48	152.76	143.44
Return before operating charges*	3.42	22.25	22.36	12.92
Operating charges	(2.25)	(4.26)	(3.64)	(3.60)
Return after operating charges	1.17	17.99	18.72	9.32
Distributions	-	(1.28)	(1.07)	(0.70)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.28	1.07	0.70
Closing net asset value per share	190.64	189.47	171.48	152.76
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.62%	10.49%	12.25%	6.50%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,534	8,218	10,753	20,075
Closing number of shares	3,951,826	4,337,284	6,270,764	13,140,980
Operating charges	2.40%	2.36%	2.36%	2.39%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	0.01%	-
Prices				
Highest share price	195.02	190.26	173.82	165.27
Lowest share price	183.04	166.73	139.33	143.68

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## COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'C' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	184.27	167.83	150.33	141.79
Return before operating charges*	3.12	21.45	21.83	12.45
Operating charges	(1.08)	(2.03)	(1.75)	(1.71)
Return after operating charges	2.04	19.42	20.08	10.74
Distributions		(2.98)	(2.58)	(2.20)
Closing net asset value per share	186.31	184.27	167.83	150.33
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	-
Performance				
Return after charges	1.11%	11.57%	13.36%	7.57%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35,342	36,443	38,033	35,106
Closing number of shares	18,969,540	19,776,735	22,622,022	23,352,953
Operating charges	1.18%	1.14%	1.14%	1.17%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	0.01%	-
Prices				
Highest share price	190.02	188.00	172.61	164.13
Lowest share price	178.75	163.34	137.50	142.18

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	132.23	120.44	107.90	102.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	2.30 (1.08)	15.50 (2.05)	15.73 (1.76)	8.81 (1.74)
Return after operating charges	1.22	13.45	13.97	7.07
Distributions		(1.66)	(1.43)	(1.17)
Closing net asset value per share	133.45	132.23	120.44	107.90
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.92%	11.17%	12.95%	6.93%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	1,860 1,394,141 1.65% –	2,022 1,529,334 1.61% –	1,793 1,488,306 1.61% 0.01%	1,470 1,362,232 1.64% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	136.50 128.06	134.68 117.18	123.73 98.58	117.86 102.20

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 60-100 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

## COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	138.29	124.40	110.14	103.03
Return before operating charges*	2.40	16.01	16.07	8.87
Operating charges	(1.13)	(2.12)	(1.81)	(1.76)
Return after operating charges	1.27	13.89	14.26	7.11
Distributions	-	(1.72)	(1.46)	(1.18)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.72	1.46	1.18
Closing net asset value per share	139.56	138.29	124.40	110.14
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	0.01	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.92%	11.17%	12.95%	6.90%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	56,124	51,915	39,528	27,148
Closing number of shares	40,215,985	37,541,468	31,775,418	24,649,483
Operating charges	1.65%	1.61%	1.61%	1.64%
Direct transaction costs	_	_	0.01%	-
Prices				
Highest share price	142.70	139.05	126.26	119.01
Lowest share price	133.93	121.02	100.62	103.24

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	166.06	149.69	132.80	124.31
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	2.92 (1.56)	19.31 (2.94)	19.41 (2.52)	10.94 (2.45)
Return after operating charges	1.36	16.37	16.89	8.49
Distributions Retained distributions on		(1.75)	(1.48)	(1.15)
accumulation shares		1.75	1.48	1.15
Closing net asset value per share	167.42	166.06	149.69	132.80
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.82%	10.94%	12.72%	6.83%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	6,565 3,921,144 1.90% –	6,164 3,711,896 1.86% –	4,921 3,287,548 1.86% 0.01%	4,355 3,279,098 1.89% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	171.11 160.69	166.80 145.61	151.76 121.27	143.46 124.55

#### FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
LF Prudential Dynamic 60-100 Portfolio	0.53	5.31	17.92	40.68

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 64.00% (31.10.17 – 65.53 %)		
	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 10.18% (31.10.17 – 10.39%)		
1,137,933	Henderson European Growth	2,674	2.48
345,116	Henderson European Selected Opportunities	5,680	5.28
619,281	Jupiter European Special Situations	2,593	2.42
	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	10,947	10.18
	UNITED KINGDOM – 25.43% (31.10.17 – 25.74%)		
1,261,399	Artemis Income	5,522	5.13
202,670	AXA Framlington UK Select Opportunities	7,211	6.70
5,626,452	Investec UK Alpha	7,476	6.94
2,135,400	M&G Recovery†	7,170	6.66
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	27,379	25.43
	ASIA EX JAPAN – 10.17% (31.10.17 – 10.85%)		
391,244	Fidelity Asia	5,392	5.01
258,667	Investec Asian Equity	5,556	5.16
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	10,948	10.17
	JAPAN – 4.69% (31.10.17 – 4.68%)		
1,620,753	Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	2,741	2.55
629,324	Schroder Tokyo	2,309	2.14
	TOTAL JAPAN	5,050	4.69
	UNITED STATES – 10.32% (31.10.17 – 10.52%)		
2,526,185	Schroder US Mid Cap	3,461	3.21
2,716,482	Threadneedle American	7,655	7.11
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	11,116	10.32
	EMERGING MARKETS – 3.21% (31.10.17 – 3.35%)		
367,678	Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity	2,619	2.43
268,210	M&G Global Emerging Markets†	835	0.78
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	3,454	3.21
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	68,894	64.00

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 60-100 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Statement (continued)

## As at 30 April 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 7.05%		
1,224,506	(31.10.17 – 7.42%) BBGI	1 6 2 2	1.51
618,450	BioPharma Credit	1,622 463	0.43
512,705	Blue Capital Alternative Income	235	0.22
539,890	DP Aircraft I	412	0.39
187,073	HarbourVest Global Private Equity	2,353	2.19
49,150	HgCapital	936	0.87
425,294	NB Distressed Debt Investment	283	0.26
518,092	NextEnergy Solar	567	0.53
658,376	Renewables Infrastructure	695	0.65
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	7,566	7.05
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 17.52% (31.10.17 – 17.20%)		
6,539,028	Legal & General UK Property	5,734	5.33
1,117,552	M&G Property Portfolio†	13,126	12.19
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	18,860	17.52
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 10.26% (31.10.17 – 10.28%)		
112,151	BlackRock Euro Corporate Bond	1,168	1.08
3,072,553	Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond	6,205	5.76
1,358,170	Kames High Yield Bond	1,711	1.59
15,919	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	1,970	1.83
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	11,054	10.26
	Portfolio of investments	106,374	98.81
	Net other assets	1,283	1.19
	Net assets	107,657	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

^ Restated.

#### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	11,663
Purchases	Cost £'000
Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E-Mini Index Futures March 2018 Legal & General UK Property Investec UK Alpha Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value Schroder US Mid Cap Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Investec Asian Equity Henderson European Selected Opportunities M&G Recovery Henderson European Growth HarbourVest Global Private Equity Renewables Infrastructure BioPharma Credit NB Distressed Debt Investment BBGI NextEnergy Solar	2,906 1,564 1,520 1,421 1,366 695 522 441 338 212 212 212 127 87 80 67 53 44

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

Total sales for the half year £'000	11,543
Sales	Proceeds £'000
Invesco Perpetual Corporate Bond Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E-Mini Index Futures March 2018 M&G Property Portfolio Investec UK Alpha Artemis Income Investec Asian Equity Fidelity Asia Threadneedle American Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond NB Distressed Debt Investment	2,913 1,639 1,604 1,120 987 735 572 474 425 419 348 301 6

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the purchases and sales during the half year.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 60-100 PORTFOLIO INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital gains		500		4,541
Revenue	889		948	
Expenses	(379)		(348)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(2)			
Net revenue before taxation	508		600	
Taxation	(4)		(62)	
Net revenue after taxation	-	504	-	538
Total return before distributions		1,004		5,079
Distributions*		6		(2)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment	-		-	
activities		1,010	-	5,077

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		105,038		95,426
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	9,123		7,401	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(7,514)		(7,974)	
		1,609		(573)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		1,010		5,077
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	·	107,657	-	99,930

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	106,374	105,494
Current assets		
Debtors	615	560
Cash and bank balances	1,562	113
Total assets	108,551	106,167
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(20)	(68)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	-	(617)
Other creditors	(874)	(444)
Total liabilities	(894)	(1,129)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	107,657	105,038

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC 60-100 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 0-30 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve a long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. No more than 30% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund invests in other funds which use active and passive management approaches in order to provide a well-diversified, indirect exposure to global fixed income and variable rate assets, cash, near cash, equities and/or immovable property. Typically, the Fund will have a higher exposure to lower risk assets such as fixed income assets, cash and near cash. The Fund will concentrate on delivering returns from the Portfolio Manager's asset allocation decisions and the selection of a focused range of funds and fund management groups (which may include other funds managed by the Portfolio Manager).

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets such as transferable securities, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be used for efficient portfolio management only.

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#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes R (Accumulation)  $-0.11\%^1$ , P (Accumulation)  $-0.03\%^1$  and A (Accumulation)  $-0.27\%^1$  produced negative returns, albeit ahead of the  $-0.41\%^1$  sector average for IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares.

#### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

#### **UK EQUITIES**

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

Returns from the Legal & General UK Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE All-Share Index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Legal & General US Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE USA Index.

#### EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

Returns from the Legal & General European Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index.

#### JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Returns from the Legal & General Japan Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE Japan Index.

#### ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Returns from the Legal & General Pacific Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

#### UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The M&G Strategic Corporate Bond, M&G Corporate Bond, M&G Global High Yield Bond, M&G European Corporate Bond and M&G Global Convertibles funds all produced small negative returns over the period in review. The M&G European Loan Fund was marginally positive.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### UK PROPERTY

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The performance of the M&G Property Portfolio continues to be positive.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Returns from the Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index Fund were in line with the performance of the FTSE All World Emerging Index.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was mixed over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund which was down over 11%.

#### POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

#### OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 16 May 2018

#### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typically	y lower rewa	rds	Typically higher rewards			rewards
Lower ri	sk				Hi	gher risk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 3 because it volatility has been measured as medium to average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an *ex post* basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	139.33	134.77	122.49	123.74
Return before operating charges*	1.04	9.42	16.53	3.35
Operating charges	(1.10)	(2.21)	(1.96)	(1.96)
Return after operating charges	(0.06)	7.21	14.57	1.39
Distributions <sup>1</sup>		(2.65)	(2.29)	(2.64)
Closing net asset value per share	139.27	139.33	134.77	122.49
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	(0.04)%	5.35%	11.89%	1.12%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	322	314	310	1,907
Closing number of shares	231,580	225,437	230,163	1,556,959
Operating charges	1.60%	1.60%	1.58%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-	-
Prices				
Highest share price	141.28	142.17	137.34	129.83
Lowest share price	137.00	131.68	119.61	121.90

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	171.53	162.81	145.99	144.99
Return before operating charges*	1.28	11.39	19.74	3.91
Operating charges	(1.36)	(2.67)	(2.37)	(2.30)
Return after operating charges	(0.08)	8.72	17.37	1.61
Distributions <sup>1</sup>	_	(3.21)	(2.76)	(3.08)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		3.21	2.21	2.47
Closing net asset value per share	171.45	171.53	162.81	145.99
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	(0.05)%	5.36%	11.90%	1.11%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,578	8,881	10,150	22,374
Closing number of shares	5,003,081	5,177,861	6,233,932	15,325,078
Operating charges	1.60%	1.60%	1.58%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	_	_	_	-
Prices				
Highest share price	173.83	171.75	163.70	152.08
Lowest share price	168.56	159.06	142.59	142.83
<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after	6 April 2017 wi	ill be paid gross.		

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

## COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'C' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	139.53	134.93	122.61	123.88
Return before operating charges*	1.04	9.50	16.70	3.34
Operating charges	(0.17)	(0.35)	(0.29)	(0.26)
Return after operating charges	0.87	9.15	16.41	3.08
Distributions <sup>1</sup>		(4.55)	(4.09)	(4.35)
Closing net asset value per share	140.40	139.53	134.93	122.61
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.62%	6.78%	13.38%	2.49%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	170,127 121,170,632 0.25% –	171,075 122,612,020 0.25% –	176,753 130,997,628 0.23% –	187,326 152,781,499 0.21% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	141.85 137.93	144.21 132.01	138.90 120.10	130.56 123.25

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	113.13	109.43	99.45	100.47
Return before operating charges*	0.85	7.66	13.54	2.71
Operating charges	(0.48)	(0.96)	(0.86)	(0.83)
Return after operating charges	0.37	6.70	12.68	1.88
Distributions <sup>1</sup>		(3.00)	(2.70)	(2.90)
Closing net asset value per share	113.50	113.13	109.43	99.45
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.33%	6.12%	12.75%	1.87%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	6,317 5,565,862 0.85% –	5,370 4,746,330 0.85% –	3,956 3,615,077 0.83% –	3,014 3,030,903 0.81% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	115.01 111.57	116.40 107.00	112.31 97.29	105.67 99.52

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

## COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (conunued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	123.99	116.81	104.11	102.84
Return before operating charges*	0.93	8.20	14.16	2.71
Operating charges	(0.52)	(1.02)	(0.90)	(0.85)
Return after operating charges	0.41	7.18	13.26	1.86
Distributions <sup>1</sup>	-	(3.21)	(2.81)	(2.97)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		3.21	2.25	2.38
Closing net asset value per share	124.40	123.99	116.81	104.11
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	_	_	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.33%	6.15%	12.74%	1.81%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	86,440	69,303	65,203	59,047
Closing number of shares	69,484,171	55,893,928	55,817,853	56,718,628
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.83%	0.81%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-	-
Prices				
Highest share price	126.00	124.22	117.52	108.08
Lowest share price	122.28	114.21	101.85	101.80

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	136.68	129.10	115.29	114.05
Return before operating charges*	1.04	9.04	15.67	3.08
Operating charges	(0.75)	(1.46)	(1.29)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges	0.29	7.58	14.38	1.85
Distributions <sup>1</sup>	-	(3.21)	(2.81)	(3.02)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		3.21	2.24	2.41
Closing net asset value per share	136.97	136.68	129.10	115.29
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.21%	5.87%	12.47%	1.62%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	18,660 13,623,671 1.10% –	17,793 13,017,368 1.10% –	14,931 11,565,725 1.08% –	12,462 10,809,455 1.06% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	138.76 134.67	136.88 126.18	129.81 112.73	119.90 112.75

<sup>1</sup> All interest distributions payable after 6 April 2017 will be paid gross.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 0-30 Portfolio	(0.27)	2.68	14.63	22.16

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 18.83% (31.10.17 – 19.23%)		
	UNITED KINGDOM – 7.30% (31.10.17 – 7.39%)		
12,817,978	Legal & General UK Index	21,214	7.30
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	21,214	7.30
	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 3.04% (31.10.17 – 3.31%)		
3,084,847	Legal & General European Index	8,841	3.04
	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	8,841	3.04
	ASIA EX JAPAN – 3.02% (31.10.17 – 3.23%)		
8,038,169	Legal & General Pacific Index	8,778	3.02
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	8,778	3.02
	JAPAN – 1.31% (31.10.17 – 1.38%)		
6,945,287	Legal & General Japan Index	3,802	1.31
	TOTAL JAPAN	3,802	1.31
	UNITED STATES – 3.19% (31.10.17 – 2.98%)		
2,352,414	Legal & General US Index	9,261	3.19
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	9,261	3.19
	EMERGING MARKETS – 0.97% (31.10.17 – 0.94%)		
4,792,423	Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index	2,805	0.97
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	2,805	0.97
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	54,701	18.83
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 2.38%		
1,127,477	(31.10.17 – 2.53%) BBGI	1,494	0.51
547,460	BioPharma Credit	409	0.14
460,040	Blue Capital Alternative Income DP Aircraft I	211 362	0.07
474,648 171,969	HarbourVest Global Private Equity	2,163	0.13 0.75

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 30 April 2018

Holding Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – (31.10.17 – 2.53%) (continued)	2.38%	
45,797 HgCapital	873	0.30
388,620 NB Distressed Debt Investment	258	0.09
464,050 NextEnergy Solar	508	0.17
605,168 Renewables Infrastructure	639	0.22
TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUM	ENTS 6,917	2.38
PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 8.67% (31.10.17 – 9.03%)		
2,143,035 M&G Property Portfolio†	25,171	8.67
TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	25,171	8.67
BOND PORTFOLIOS – 68.52% (31.10.1)	7 – 69.99%)	
114,725,945 M&G Corporate Bond†	46,705	16.08
20,859,963 M&G European Corporate Bond†	23,435	8.07
97,913 M&G European Loan†	8,629	2.97
2,165,029 M&G Global Convertibles†	4,582	1.58
6,572,477 M&G Global High Yield Bond†	8,638	2.97
68,384,183 M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond†	17,616	6.07
75,086,931 M&G Strategic Corporate Bond†	87,664	30.18
14,026 Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	1,736	0.60
TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	199,005	68.52
Portfolio of investments	285,794	98.40
Net other assets	4,650	1.60
Net assets	290,444	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

#### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	24,126
Purchases	Cost £'000
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Strategic Corporate Bond M&G Corporate Bond Legal & General US Index M&G European Corporate Bond Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index Legal & General UK Index M&G European Loan M&G Global High Yield Bond Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value HarbourVest Global Private Equity BBGI Renewables Infrastructure NB Distressed Debt Investment BioPharma Credit NextEnergy Solar DP Aircraft I	4,278 4,180 3,992 3,107 2,550 1,073 1,014 941 864 576 575 517 149 107 65 56 46 24 12

In addition to above, purchases totalling  $\pm$ 463,546,000 were made in short term investments during the half year.

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

Total sales for the half year £'000	12,068
Sales	Proceeds £'000
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Strategic Corporate Bond Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities NB Distressed Debt Investment	4,483 4,410 2,200 719 250 6

In addition to above, sales totalling  $\pm$ 463,449,000 were made in short term investments during the half year.

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the purchases and sales during the half year.

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital (losses)/gains		(2,424)		3,428
Revenue	4,466		4,685	
Expenses	(613)		(552)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,853		4,133	
Taxation	(75)		(76)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,778	_	4,057
Total return before distributions		1,354		7,485
Distributions*		63		(21)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment	-		-	
activities		1,417	-	7,464

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

TOK THE HALL TEAK ENDED SO AFKI	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		272,736		271,303
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	27,637		14,831	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(11,347)		(17,286)	
		16,290		(2,455)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		1,417		7,464
Unclaimed distributions		1		-
Closing net assets attributable			-	
to shareholders		290,444	_	276,312

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 <i>£</i> '000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	285,794	274,867
Current assets		
Debtors	2,876	2,040
Cash and bank balances	2,480	2,264
Total assets	291,150	279,171
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(38)	(25)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	-	(5,733)
Other creditors	(668)	(677)
Total liabilities	(706)	(6,435)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	290,444	272,736

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 0-30 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 10-40 Portfolio('the Fund') aims to achieve a long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. Between 10% and 40% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund invests in other funds which use active and passive management approaches in order to provide a well-diversified, indirect exposure to global fixed income and variable rate assets, cash, near cash, equities and/or immovable property. Typically, the Fund will have a bias towards lower risk assets such as fixed income assets and cash but will always have some exposure to equities. The Fund will concentrate on delivering returns from the Portfolio Manager's asset allocation decisions and the selection of a focused range of funds and fund management groups (which may include other funds managed by the Portfolio Manager).

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets such as transferable securities, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be used for efficient portfolio management only.

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#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes R (Accumulation)  $0.01\%^1$  and P (Accumulation)  $0.10\%^1$  produced returns ahead of the  $-0.18\%^1$  sector average for the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares. The A (Accumulation) share class was the same as the sector average at  $-0.18\%^1$ .

#### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

#### **UK EQUITIES**

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

Returns from the Legal & General UK Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE All-Share Index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Legal & General US Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE USA Index.

#### EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

Returns from the Legal & General European Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index.

#### JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Returns from the Legal & General Japan Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE Japan Index.

#### ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Returns from the Legal & General Pacific Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

#### UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The M&G Strategic Corporate Bond, M&G Corporate Bond, M&G Global High Yield Bond, M&G European Corporate Bond and M&G Global Convertibles funds all produced small negative returns over the period in review. The M&G European Loan Fund was marginally positive.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### UK PROPERTY

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The performance of the M&G Property Portfolio continues to be positive.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Returns from the Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE All World Emerging Index.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was broadly flat over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income which was down over 11%.

#### POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

#### OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 16 May 2018

#### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typically lower rewards Typically higher rew					rewards	
Lower risk					Hi	gher risk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

During the period the indicator changed from 3 to 4. The Fund has been classed as 4 because its volatility has been measured as average.

As this Fund has less than 5 years' price history, this calculation incorporates the volatility of an appropriate benchmark index.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### **COMPARATIVE TABLES**

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an *ex post* basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	115.31	110.19	100.11	100.00
Return before operating charges*	1.30	9.13	13.03	0.75
Operating charges	(0.94)	(1.84)	(1.64)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges	0.36	7.29	11.39	0.51
Distributions		(2.17)	(1.31)	(0.40)
Closing net asset value per share	115.67	115.31	110.19	100.11
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.31%	6.62%	11.38%	0.51%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	_	_	_	_
Closing number of shares	250	250	250	250
Operating charges	1.65%	1.62%	1.59%	1.56% <sup>2</sup>
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-	-
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	117.48 113.07	117.86 107.65	112.34 96.21	100.73 98.16

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	119.57	112.38	100.62	100.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.11 (0.98)	9.09 (1.90)	13.41 (1.65)	0.86
Return after operating charges	0.13	7.19	11.76	0.62
Distributions Retained distributions on	-	(1.91)	(1.60)	(0.52)
accumulation shares		1.91	1.60	0.52
Closing net asset value per share	119.70	119.57	112.38	100.62
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
erformance				
Return after charges	0.11%	6.40%	11.69%	0.62%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	5 4.361	5 4.361	- 250	- 250

#### 250 Closing number of shares 4,361 4,361 250 1.65% 1.62% 1.59% 1.56%<sup>2</sup> Operating charges Direct transaction costs Prices Highest share price 121.68 119.94 113.22 100.82 Lowest share price 117.04 109.82 96.89 98.17

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)	30.04.18 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'C' Income shares	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.58 0.00
Return after operating charges	1.58
Distributions	
Closing net asset value per share	101.58
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	1.58%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	_ 250 0.30% <sup>2</sup> _
Prices	
Highest share price	101.25

<sup>1</sup> From 17 April 2018.

Lowest share price

<sup>2</sup>Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15¹ (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	115.50	110.26	100.11	100.00
Return before operating charges*	0.97	8.58	13.12	0.77
Operating charges	(0.52)	(0.99)	(0.87)	(0.12)
Return after operating charges	0.45	7.59	12.25	0.65
Distributions		(2.35)	(2.10)	(0.54)
Closing net asset value per share	115.95	115.50	110.26	100.11
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.39%	6.88%	12.24%	0.65%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	6,551 5,649,590 0.90% –	6,280 5,437,561 0.87% –	5,681 5,151,817 0.84% –	5,006 5,000,255 0.81% <sup>2</sup> –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	117.58 113.31	118.10 107.75	113.19 96.50	100.86 98.21

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

100.00

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

## COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15¹ (p/share)
'P' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	120.79	113.01	100.66	100.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.02 (0.54)	8.80 (1.02)	13.24 (0.89)	0.76 (0.10)
Return after operating charges	0.48	7.78	12.35	0.66
Distributions Retained distributions on		(2.41)	(2.12)	(0.55)
accumulation shares Closing net asset value per share		2.41	2.12	0.55
* after direct transaction costs of:				
Performance				
Return after charges	0.40%	6.88%	12.27%	0.66%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	11,189 9,226,372 0.90% –	7,408 6,132,407 0.87% –	648 573,785 0.84% –	3 3,092 0.81% <sup>2</sup> –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	122.97 118.51	121.05 110.45	113.84 97.04	100.88 98.22

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	120.24	112.72	100.62	100.00
Return before operating charges*	1.03	8.82	13.25	0.76
Operating charges	(0.68)	(1.30)	(1.15)	(0.14)
Return after operating charges	0.35	7.52	12.10	0.62
Distributions	_	(2.17)	(1.91)	(0.52)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2.17	1.91	0.52
Closing net asset value per share	120.59	120.24	112.72	100.62
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.29%	6.67%	12.03%	0.62%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	15,945 13,222,564 1.15% –	14,120 11,743,112 1.12% –	5,912 5,244,239 1.09% –	750 745,172 1.06% <sup>2</sup> –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	122.36 117.87	120.51 110.15	113.56 96.94	100.84 98.20

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	Since launch*
LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 10-40 Portfolio	(0.18)	3.25	19.31

\* The Fund launched on 9 September 2015.

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 33.30% (31.10.17 – 33.05%)		
2,421,925	UNITED KINGDOM – 11.90% (31.10.17 – 11.30%) Legal & General UK Index	4,008	11.90
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	4,008	11.90
582,283	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 4.95% (31.10.17 – 4.46%) Legal & General European Index	1,669	4.95
	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	1,669	4.95
1,411,192	ASIA EX JAPAN – 4.57% (31.10.17 – 4.83%) Legal & General Pacific Index	1,541	4.57
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	1,541	4.57
1,241,255	JAPAN – 2.02% (31.10.17 – 2.41%) Legal & General Japan Index TOTAL JAPAN	680	2.02
370,563	UNITED STATES – 4.33% (31.10.17 – 4.53%) Legal & General US Index	1,459	4.33
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	1,459	4.33
938,393	EMERGING MARKETS – 1.63% (31.10.17 – 1.65%) Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index	549	1.63
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	549	1.63
224,862 96,111 58,845 83,002 34,098	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 3.90% (31.10.17 – 3.87%) BBGI BioPharma Credit Blue Capital Alternative Income DP Aircraft I HarbourVest Global Private Equity	298 72 27 63 429	0.89 0.21 0.08 0.19 1.27
34,098 7,633	Harbourvest Global Private Equity HgCapital	429 146	0.43

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 30 April 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 3.90% (31.10.17 – 3.87%) (continued)		
84,333	NB Distressed Debt Investment	56	0.17
94,437	NextEnergy Solar	103	0.31
112,620	Renewables Infrastructure	119	0.35
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	1,313	3.90
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	11,219	33.30
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 12.09% (31.10.17 – 11.62%)		
346,843	M&G Property Portfolio†	4,074	12.09
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	4,074	12.09
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 53.61% (31.10.17 – 53.20%)		
4,522,335	M&G Corporate Bond†	1,841	5.47
1,849,375	M&G European Corporate Bond†	2,078	6.17
9,056	M&G European Loan†	798	2.37
179,921	M&G Global Convertibles†	381	1.13
895,885	M&G Global High Yield Bond†	1,177	3.49
5,340,012	M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond†	1,376	4.08
8,651,359	M&G Strategic Corporate Bond†	10,100	29.99
2,489	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	308	0.91
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	18,059	53.61
	Portfolio of investments	33,352	99.00
	Net other assets	338	1.00
	Net assets	33,690	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

#### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	7,291
Major purchases	Cost £'000
M&G Strategic Corporate Bond Legal & General UK Index M&G Property Portfolio S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 Legal & General European Index M&G European Corporate Bond M&G Corporate Bond M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond M&G European Loan Legal & General Pacific Index Legal & General Pacific Index Legal & General US Index M&G Global High Yield Bond HarbourVest Global Private Equity Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index M&G Global Convertibles BBGI NextEnergy Solar BioPharma Credit	1,995 827 769 475 472 448 404 326 240 208 203 197 169 105 102 85 71 70 30 27

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

Total sales for the half year £'000	1,129
Sales	Proceeds £'000
S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities NB Distressed Debt Investment	501 495 99 32 2

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents the 20 largest purchases and all of the sales during the half year.

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital (losses)/gains		(136)		291
Revenue	432		223	
Expenses	(136)		(63)	
Net revenue before taxation	296		160	
Taxation	(41)		(21)	
Net revenue after taxation		255	-	139
Total return before distributions		119		430
Distributions*		14		25
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		133	-	455

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		27,813		12,241
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	7,037		6,275	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(1,293)		(773)	
		5,744		5,502
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		133		455
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	33,690	-	18,198

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets	22.252	27.224
Investments	33,352	27,221
Current assets		
Debtors	299	508
Cash and bank balances	277	551
Total assets	33,928	28,280
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(6)	(3)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	-	(128)
Other creditors	(232)	(336)
Total liabilities	(238)	(467)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	33,690	27,813

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 10-40 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 20-55 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve a long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. Between 20% and 55% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund invests in other funds which use active and passive management approaches in order to provide a well-diversified, indirect exposure to global fixed income and variable rate assets, cash, near cash, equities and/or immovable property. From time to time, however, the Fund may have a high exposure to equities and/or fixed income assets. The Fund will concentrate on delivering returns from the Portfolio Manager's asset allocation decisions and the selection of a focused range of funds and fund management groups (which may include other funds managed by the Portfolio Manager).

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets such as transferable securities, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be used for efficient portfolio management only.

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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes R (Accumulation) -0.06%<sup>1</sup> and P (Accumulation) -0.04%<sup>1</sup> produced returns ahead of the -0.18%<sup>1</sup> sector average for IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares. A (Accumulation) -0.21% was slightly behind.

#### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

#### **UK EQUITIES**

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

Returns from the Legal & General UK Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE All-Share Index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Legal & General US Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE USA Index.

#### EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

Returns from the Legal & General European Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index.

#### JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Returns from the Legal & General Japan Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE Japan Index.

#### ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Returns from the Legal & General Pacific Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

#### UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The M&G Strategic Corporate Bond, M&G Global High Yield Bond, M&G European Corporate Bond and M&G Global Convertibles funds all produced small negative returns over the period in review. The M&G European Loan Fund was marginally positive.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### UK PROPERTY

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The performance of the M&G Property Portfolio continues to be positive.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Returns from the Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index Fund were in line with the performance of the FTSE All World Emerging Index.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was broadly flat over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund which was down over 11%.

#### POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

#### OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 16 May 2018

#### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typicall	y lower rewa	rds	Typically higher rewards			
Lower r	isk				Hi	gher risk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 4 because its volatility has been measured as average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an *ex post* basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	141.31	133.58	120.01	119.18
Return before operating charges*	1.53	12.31	17.05	5.37
Operating charges	(1.15)	(2.27)	(1.94)	(1.97)
Return after operating charges	0.38	10.04	15.11	3.40
Distributions		(2.31)	(1.54)	(2.57)
Closing net asset value per share	141.69	141.31	133.58	120.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.27%	7.52%	12.59%	2.85%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	361 254,984 1.65% –	332 235,096 1.64% –	301 225,489 1.59% –	1,066 888,074 1.59% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	144.10 137.67	144.06 130.41	136.28 115.24	130.22 117.85

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	170.67	158.74	140.95	137.01
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.85 (1.39)	14.63 (2.70)	20.09 (2.30)	6.19 (2.25)
Return after operating charges	0.46	11.93	17.79	3.94
Distributions	_	(2.75)	(2.14)	(3.00)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2.75	2.14	3.00
Closing net asset value per share	171.13	170.67	158.74	140.95
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.27%	7.52%	12.62%	2.88%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	10,333 6,038,174 1.65% –	10,601 6,211,459 1.64% –	11,285 7,109,287 1.59% –	15,039 10,669,696 1.59% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	173.90 166.27	171.06 154.98	159.98 135.26	149.46 135.52

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# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

### COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (Continued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'C' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	140.98	133.22	119.91	119.16
Return before operating charges*	1.34	11.98	16.85	5.02
Operating charges	(0.21)	(0.40)	(0.30)	(0.30)
Return after operating charges	1.13	11.58	16.55	4.72
Distributions		(3.82)	(3.24)	(3.97)
Closing net asset value per share	142.11	140.98	133.22	119.91
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.80%	8.69%	13.80%	3.96%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	70,988 49,951,319 0.30% –	68,019 48,248,285 0.29% –	63,776 47,871,491 0.24% –	59,226 49,393,175 0.24% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	144.13 137.94	145.23 130.19	137.64 115.50	130.60 118.99

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	119.23	112.69	101.44	100.89
Return before operating charges*	1.21	10.24	14.36	4.30
Operating charges	(0.53)	(1.04)	(0.88)	(0.89)
Return after operating charges	0.68	9.20	13.48	3.41
Distributions		(2.66)	(2.23)	(2.86)
Closing net asset value per share	119.91	119.23	112.69	101.44
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	-	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.57%	8.16%	13.29%	3.38%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	5,212 4,346,848 0.90% –	4,681 3,925,710 0.89% –	3,595 3,190,657 0.84% –	2,950 2,907,923 0.84% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	121.86 116.44	122.37 110.07	116.01 97.70	110.29 100.23

## LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'P' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	130.73	120.86	106.66	103.20
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.33 (0.58)	10.99 (1.12)	15.12 (0.92)	4.36 (0.90)
Return after operating charges	0.75	9.87	14.20	3.46
Distributions Retained distributions on		(2.86)	(2.34)	(2.92)
accumulation shares		2.86	2.34	2.92
Closing net asset value per share	131.48	130.73	120.86	106.66
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.57%	8.17%	13.31%	3.35%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	69,124 52,574,106 0.90% –	53,898 41,227,361 0.89% –	41,522 34,354,208 0.84% –	42,800 40,126,665 0.84% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	133.55 127.68	131.17 118.06	121.96 102.71	112.83 102.49

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	151.28	140.14	123.93	120.01
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.57 (0.86)	12.80 (1.66)	17.61 (1.40)	5.25 (1.33)
Return after operating charges	0.71	11.14	16.21	3.92
Distributions Retained distributions on	-	(3.02)	(2.49)	(3.16)
accumulation shares		3.02	2.49	3.16
Closing net asset value per share	151.99	151.28	140.14	123.93
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.47%	7.95%	13.08%	3.27%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	22,754 14,971,147 1.15% –	19,926 13,171,964 1.14% –	13,119 9,361,120 1.09% –	8,507 6,864,399 1.09% –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	154.35 147.62	151.68 136.87	141.30 119.15	131.13 119.10

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 20-55 Portfolio	(0.21)	3.92	16.45	30.12

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 40.22% (31.10.17 – 40.56%)		
3,937,250	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 6.31% (31.10.17 – 6.56%) Legal & General European Index	11,284	6.31
	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	11,284	6.31
17,532,130	UNITED KINGDOM – 16.23% (31.10.17 – 15.83%) Legal & General UK Index	29,016	16.23
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	29,016	16.23
10,180,040	ASIA EX JAPAN – 6.22% (31.10.17 – 6.60%) Legal & General Pacific Index	11,117	6.22
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	11,117	6.22
9,472,443	JAPAN – 2.90% (31.10.17 – 2.95%) Legal & General Japan Index	5,185	2.90
	TOTAL JAPAN	5,185	2.90
2,959,335	UNITED STATES – 6.52% (31.10.17 – 6.32%) Legal & General US Index	11,651	6.52
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	11,651	6.52
6,248,700	EMERGING MARKETS – 2.04% (31.10.17 – 2.30%) Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index	3,658	2.04
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	3,658	2.04
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	71,911	40.22
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 4.64% (31.10.17 – 4.87%)		
1,369,515 654,399 546,860 563,054 208,852 51,301	BBGI BioPharma Credit Blue Capital Alternative Income DP Aircraft I HarbourVest Global Private Equity HgCapital	1,815 490 250 429 2,627 977	1.02 0.27 0.14 0.24 1.47 0.55

### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 30 April 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 4.64% (31.10.17 – 4.87%) (continued)		
464,563	NB Distressed Debt Investment	309	0.17
563,658	65	617	0.35
735,183	Renewables Infrastructure	776	0.43
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	8,290	4.64
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 14.40% (31.10.17 – 14.23%)		
2,191,512		25,741	14.40
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	25,741	14.40
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 39.13% (31.10.17 – 40.10%)		
6,846,168	M&G European Corporate Bond†	7,691	4.30
34,326	M&G European Loan†	3,025	1.69
630,492	M&G Global Convertibles†	1,334	0.75
4,730,429	M&G Global High Yield Bond†	6,217	3.48
21,770,228	M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond†	5,608	3.14
37,696,833	M&G Strategic Corporate Bond†	44,011	24.62
16,667	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	2,063	1.15
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	69,949	39.13
	Portfolio of investments	175,891	98.39
	Net other assets	2,881	1.61
	Net assets	178,772	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

#### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	28,973
Major purchases	Cost £'000
M&G Strategic Corporate Bond Legal & General UK Index M&G Property Portfolio Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Legal & General US Index Legal & General US Index Legal & General European Index M&G Global High Yield Bond Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value M&G European Corporate Bond M&G European Loan Legal & General Japan Index HarbourVest Global Private Equity BBGI Renewables Infrastructure BioPharma Credit NB Distressed Debt Investment NextEnergy Solar	5,866 4,477 2,842 2,567 2,565 1,749 1,666 1,477 1,172 830 773 712 655 480 404 246 130 103 80 68

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

Total sales for the half year £'000	10,162
Sales	Proceeds £'000
S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 M&G Strategic Corporate Bond M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond Legal & General Pacific Index Legal & General UK Index CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities NB Distressed Debt Investment	2,706 2,690 1,700 1,490 696 582 291 7

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents the 20 largest purchases and all of the sales during the half year.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital (losses)/gains		(594)		3,450
Revenue	2,363		2,095	
Expenses	(501)		(387)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,862		1,708	
Taxation	(212)		(206)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,650	-	1,502
Total return before distributions		1,056		4,952
Distributions*		60		29
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment			-	
activities		1,116	-	4,981

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		157,457		133,598
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	28,255		18,224	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(8,056)		(11,218)	
		20,199		7,006
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		1,116		4,981
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		178,772	-	145,585

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	175,891	157,077
Current assets		
Debtors	1,982	1,763
Cash and bank balances	1,921	1,221
Total assets	179,794	160,061
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(38)	(22)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	-	(1,955)
Other creditors	(984)	(627)
Total liabilities	(1,022)	(2,604)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	178,772	157,457

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 20-55 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 40-80 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve a long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. Between 40% and 80% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund invests in other funds which use active and passive management approaches in order to provide a well-diversified, indirect exposure to global fixed income and variable rate assets, cash, near cash, equities and/or immovable property. Typically the Fund will have a bias towards assets providing potential for growth, such as equities. The Fund will concentrate on delivering returns from the Portfolio Manager's asset allocation decisions and the selection of a focused range of funds and fund management groups (which may include other funds managed by the Portfolio Manager).

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets such as transferable securities, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be used for efficient portfolio management only.

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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes R (Accumulation) -0.05%<sup>1</sup> and P (Accumulation) 0.07%<sup>1</sup> produced returns ahead of the -0.13%<sup>1</sup> sector average for IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares. The A (Accumulation) share class was behind the sector average returning -0.26%<sup>1</sup>.

#### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

#### **UK EQUITIES**

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

Returns from the Legal & General UK Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE All-Share Index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Legal & General US Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE USA Index.

#### EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

Returns from the Legal & General European Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index.

#### JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Returns from the Legal & General Japan Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE Japan Index.

#### ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Returns from the Legal & General Pacific Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

#### UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Federal Reserve raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The M&G Strategic Corporate Bond, M&G Global High Yield Bond, M&G European Corporate Bond and M&G Global Convertibles funds all produced small negative returns over the period in review. The M&G European Loan Fund was marginally positive.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### UK PROPERTY

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The performance of the M&G Property Portfolio continues to be positive.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Returns from the Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE All World Emerging Index.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was broadly flat over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income which was down over 11%.

#### POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

#### OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 16 May 2018

#### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards					rewards	
Lower risk Higher ris				gher risk		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 4 because its volatility has been measured as average.

As this Fund has less than 5 years' price history, this calculation incorporates the volatility of an appropriate benchmark index.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an expost basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18	31.10.17	31.10.16	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup>
	(p/share)	(p/share)	(p/share)	(p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	120.41	112.55	100.65	100.00
Return before operating charges*	1.60	11.53	14.88	1.54
Operating charges	(1.00)	(1.97)	(1.64)	(0.22)
Return after operating charges	0.60	9.56	13.24	1.32
Distributions		(1.70)	(1.34)	(0.67)
Closing net asset value per share	121.01	120.41	112.55	100.65
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.50%	8.49%	13.15%	1.32%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4	4	_	-
Closing number of shares	3,656	3,656	250	250
Operating charges	1.68%	1.65%	1.59%	1.58% <sup>2</sup>
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-	-
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	123.41 117.09	122.69 109.40	117.52 101.85	101.62 97.32

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	124.58	114.82	101.32	100.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.64 (1.03)	11.72 (1.96)	15.16 (1.66)	1.56 (0.24)
Return after operating charges	0.61	9.76	13.50	1.32
Distributions Retained distributions on	_	(1.75)	(1.44)	(0.69)
accumulation shares		1.75	1.44	0.69
Closing net asset value per share	125.19	124.58	114.82	101.32
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.49%	8.50%	13.32%	1.32%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	11 8,720	2 1,463	- 250	- 250

# ıg Operating charges 1.68% 1.65% Direct transaction costs

#### Prices Highest share price 127.64 125.14 115.92 Lowest share price 121.10 111.61 95.11

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

1.59%

1.58%<sup>2</sup>

101.62

97.31

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

	30.04.18 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'C' Income shares	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	2.49 (0.01)
Return after operating charges	2.48
Closing net asset value per share	102.48
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	2.48%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	- 250 0.33% <sup>2</sup> -
Prices	
Highest share price	101.99

<sup>1</sup> From 17 April 2018.

Lowest share price

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	120.62	112.68	100.65	100.00
Return before operating charges*	1.51	11.41	14.97	1.55
Operating charges	(0.56)	(1.06)	(0.87)	(0.12)
Return after operating charges	0.95	10.35	14.10	1.43
Distributions		(2.41)	(2.07)	(0.78)
Closing net asset value per share	121.57	120.62	112.68	100.65
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.79%	9.19%	14.01%	1.43%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	6,514 5,357,918 0.93% –	6,401 5,306,724 0.90% –	5,756 5,108,021 0.84% –	5,033 5,000,255 0.83% <sup>2</sup> –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	123.73 117.54	123.55 109.60	115.82 94.60	101.73 97.37

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

100.00

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

### COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15¹ (p/share)
'P' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	126.31	115.69	101.45	100.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	1.58 (0.58)	11.71 (1.09)	15.15 (0.91)	1.57 (0.12)
Return after operating charges	1.00	10.62	14.24	1.45
Distributions Retained distributions	_	(2.47)	(2.10)	(0.80)
on accumulation shares		2.47	2.10	0.80
Closing net asset value per share	127.31	126.31	115.69	101.45
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.79%	9.18%	14.04%	1.45%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	19,155 15,045,286 0.93% –	12,491 9,888,775 0.90% –	2,673 2,310,195 0.84% –	4 3,874 0.83% <sup>2</sup> -
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	129.53 123.05	126.82 112.52	116.75 95.36	101.75 97.39

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15¹ (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	125.73	115.39	101.39	100.00
Return before operating charges*	1.60	11.73	15.16	1.54
Operating charges	(0.73)	(1.39)	(1.16)	(0.15)
Return after operating charges	0.87	10.34	14.00	1.39
Distributions	-	(2.22)	(1.86)	(0.76)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2.22	1.86	0.76
Closing net asset value per share	126.60	125.73	115.39	101.39
* after direct transaction costs of:		_	_	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.69%	8.96%	13.81%	1.39%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	5,919 4,675,455 1.18% –	4,360 3,467,456 1.15% –	1,709 1,481,209 1.09% –	254 250,416 1.08% <sup>2</sup> –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	128.90 122.40	126.26 112.21	116.47 95.25	101.70 97.36

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	Since launch*
LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 40-80 Portfolio	(0.26)	4.25	24.60

\* The Fund launched on 9 September 2015.

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY PORTFOLIOS – 51.65% (31.10.17 – 51.63%)		
911,406	CONTINENTAL EUROPE – 8.27% (31.10.17 – 7.99%) Legal & General European Index	2,612	8.27
	TOTAL CONTINENTAL EUROPE	2,612	8.27
3,920,974	UNITED KINGDOM – 20.53% (31.10.17 – 19.98%) Legal & General UK Index	6,489	20.53
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	6,489	20.53
2,441,355	ASIA EX JAPAN – 8.44% (31.10.17 – 8.66%) Legal & General Pacific Index	2,666	8.44
	TOTAL ASIA EX JAPAN	2,666	8.44
2,074,357	JAPAN – 3.59% (31.10.17 – 4.02%) Legal & General Japan Index	1,136	3.59
	TOTAL JAPAN	1,136	3.59
660,972	UNITED STATES – 8.23% (31.10.17 – 7.86%) Legal & General US Index	2,602	8.23
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	2,602	8.23
1,399,260	EMERGING MARKETS – 2.59% (31.10.17 – 3.12%) Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index	819	2.59
	TOTAL EMERGING MARKETS	819	2.59
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	16,324	51.65
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 6.24% (31.10.17 – 6.46%)		
340,177 136,682	BBGI BioPharma Credit	451 102	1.43 0.32
84,660	Blue Capital Alternative Income	39	0.12
121,115 51,613 11,459	DP Aircraft I HarbourVest Global Private Equity HgCapital	92 649 218	0.29 2.05 0.69

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued)

Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 30 April 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 6.24% (31.10.17 – 6.46%) (continued)		
127,659	NB Distressed Debt Investment	85	0.27
142,914	NextEnergy Solar	156	0.50
170,464	Renewables Infrastructure	180	0.57
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	1,972	6.24
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 16.48% (31.10.17 – 16.15%)		
443,388	M&G Property Portfolio†	5,208	16.48
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	5,208	16.48
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 24.49% (31.10.17 – 25.20%)		
726,659	M&G European Corporate Bond†	816	2.58
3,835	M&G European Loan†	338	1.07
64,358	M&G Global Convertibles†	136	0.43
610,481	M&G Global High Yield Bond†	803	2.54
1,991,224	M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond†	513	1.62
4,029,578	M&G Strategic Corporate Bond†	4,705	14.89
3,462	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	429	1.36
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	7,740	24.49
	Portfolio of investments	31,244	98.86
	Net other assets	359	1.14
	Net assets	31,603	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

#### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	26,304
Major purchases	Cost £'000
Legal & General UK Index M&G Property Portfolio M&G Strategic Corporate Bond Legal & General European Index Legal & General US Index Legal & General US Index Legal & General Pacific Index Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G European Corporate Bond M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond HarbourVest Global Private Equity Legal & General Japan Index M&G Global High Yield Bond Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value BBGI M&G European Loan Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index NextEnergy Solar Renewables Infrastructure HgCapital	1,789 1,361 1,241 791 769 660 413 380 267 240 200 187 164 143 137 98 90 51 49 46

In addition to above, purchases totalling  $\pm$ 17,151,000 were made in short term investments during the half year.

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

Total sales for the half year $\pounds$ '000	18,233
Sales	Proceeds £'000
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond	433 401 200
CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities	46
NB Distressed Debt Investment	2

In addition to above, sales totalling  $\pounds$ 17,151,000 were made in short term investments during the half year.

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents the 20 largest purchases and all of the sales during the half year.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income: Net capital gains		17		363
Revenue	343		179	
Expenses	(110)		(50)	
Net revenue before taxation	233		129	
Taxation	(17)		(9)	
Net revenue after taxation		216	-	120
Total return before distributions		233		483
Distributions*		13		15
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment			-	
activities		246	-	498

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		23,258		10,138
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	8,866		5,462	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(767)		(201)	
		8,099		5,261
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		246		498
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	31,603	-	15,897

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 <i>£</i> ′000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	31,244	23,127
Current assets		
Debtors	260	365
Cash and bank balances	217	269
Total assets	31,721	23,761
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(7)	(4)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	-	(128)
Other creditors	(111)	(371)
Total liabilities	(118)	(503)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	31,603	23,258

LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 40-80 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO ACD'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 11 and 12.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 60-100 Portfolio ('the Fund') aims to achieve a long-term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) by investing mainly in collective investment schemes. Between 60% and 100% of the Fund will be invested in schemes whose predominant exposure is to equities.

The Fund invests in other funds which use active and passive management approaches in order to provide a well-diversified, indirect exposure to global fixed income and variable rate assets, cash, near cash, equities and/or immovable property. Typically the Fund will have a high exposure towards assets providing potential for growth, such as equities. The Fund will concentrate on delivering returns from the Portfolio Manager's asset allocation decisions and the selection of a focused range of funds and fund management groups (which may include other funds managed by the Portfolio Manager).

The Fund may also invest directly in other assets such as transferable securities, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and money market instruments. Derivative instruments may be used for efficient portfolio management only.

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#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued)

For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Between 1 November 2017 and 30 April 2018 (the period in review) share classes R (Accumulation) 0.38%<sup>1</sup>, P (Accumulation) 0.48%<sup>1</sup> and A (Accumulation) 0.19%<sup>1</sup> produced returns ahead of the -0.09%<sup>1</sup> sector average for IA Flexible Investment.

#### ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Late in the first quarter of 2018, a potential global trade war dominated the headlines. President Trump imposed tariffs on various imports into the US, and China, the main target, vowed to retaliate. Economic data was generally positive, with measures of activity revised upwards in the US, Japan and the eurozone. The UK proved an exception as growth was revised downwards, albeit remaining positive. Corporate earnings showed healthy growth and, on the whole, inflation remains muted. However, a jump in wage growth in the US triggered concerns that more interest rate increases will follow. The US Federal Reserve ('Fed') raised interest rates in late March by a quarter point to 1.75%, but signalled that further increases would be gradual.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

2018 began strongly for most stockmarkets; many reached record highs before falling sharply, seemingly on concern about US inflation. Investors were then buffeted by unsettling factors, including potential interest rate increases, political uncertainty in the US, growing trade tensions and possible regulatory changes for leading technology companies.

#### **UK EQUITIES**

UK shares were among the weakest during the first quarter of 2018. Investors had to contend with continued uncertainty over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, a potential reduction in the levels of economic activity and a possible trade war. The stronger pound was also seen as negative for the multinational companies that make up a large proportion of the FTSE 100 Index. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index declined as well, with several high street retailers reporting lower profits.

Returns from the Legal & General UK Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE All-Share Index.

#### NORTH AMERICA

US stockmarkets reached record highs in late January as technology companies continued their remarkable rally. But things changed rapidly when investors decided that an increase in wage growth could signal higher inflation, prompting faster Fed interest rate hikes. Investors were further unsettled by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on imports, which threaten to unleash a global trade war. Later, the prospect of greater regulation on the largest technology groups weighed on their share prices. However, the US economy continues to grow and company profits remain robust.

Returns from the Legal & General US Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE USA Index.

#### EUROPE

Share prices started 2018 strongly before succumbing to fears about higher US interest rates, a potential trade war and sharp falls in the share prices of technology groups. There was also some softening perceived in the economic data released later in the period. The persistent rise of the euro against other currencies led some investors to question whether exports may come under pressure.

Returns from the Legal & General European Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index.

#### JAPAN

Having reached its highest level for 26 years in January 2018, the Japanese stockmarket fell back very sharply during the rest of the first quarter of 2018 and ended with a significant decline, in yen terms. To UK investors, the losses were reduced by the strength of the Japanese currency, which benefited from being seen as a safe haven. However, a stronger yen usually weighs on the country's stockmarket, as it reduced the attraction of exports, on which many companies are reliant. Exporting companies were also adversely affected by the possibility of a trade war.

Returns from the Legal & General Japan Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE Japan Index.

#### ASIA EX JAPAN

The first few months of 2018 were negative for the Asia Pacific region as a whole, with investors preferring to focus on the ramifications of a trade war between the US and China rather than an easing of tension between North Korea and the US. The South Korean market did, however, outperform in March as the prospect of talks between Presidents Trump and Kim arose. China was adversely affected by trade tensions and potential regulations of financial groups.

Returns from the Legal & General Pacific Index Trust were in line with the performance of the FTSE World Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

#### UK AND GLOBAL BONDS

The prospect of higher interest rates weighed in particular on the prices of government bonds due to be redeemed in 5-10 years, which underperformed those with a longer time before repayment, making the returns from UK government bonds (gilts) almost flat over the first few months of 2018.

The Fed raised US interest rates again after the new Fed chairman signalled his optimism about the US economy. This was taken to indicate further hikes in US borrowing costs. Earlier, higher US wage growth had raised concerns about increased inflationary pressures, which caused a sharp sell-off in US Treasuries. As risk aversion built up later in Q1, government bonds benefited from their safe haven status, meaning that the yields on bonds issued by Japan and Germany returned to remarkably low, or even negative, levels. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds.

The M&G Strategic Corporate Bond, M&G Global High Yield Bond, M&G European Corporate Bond and M&G Global Convertibles funds all produced small negative returns over the period in review. The M&G European Loan Fund was marginally positive.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FE Analytics. The Portfolio Manager uses the IA Flexible Investment for comparison. No benchmark is to be disclosed per the Prospectus.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Manager's Report (continued) For the half year ended 30 April 2018

#### UK PROPERTY

UK commercial property made a steady start to 2018, although the pace of expansion was somewhat slower than in the final quarter of 2017. Capital value growth was strongest in Industrials, which was also the only sector to see a meaningful increase in rental values. Meanwhile, Retail capital value growth lagged the broader market.

The performance of the M&G Property Portfolio continues to be positive.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

There was a wide disparity of returns in the first months of 2018. Africa, Asia and the Middle East declined, while Latin America rallied. Brazil led the way, helped by the economy recovering from recession. Elsewhere, the Russian stockmarket was supported by higher prices for oil and other natural resources. Indian shares were hit by a new capital gains tax, while China is at the centre of a possible trade war with the US. The Mexican stockmarket is seen at risk from President Trump's attempts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Returns from the Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index Fund were in line with the performance of the FTSE All World Emerging Index.

#### ALTERNATIVES

Overall performance of the alternatives holdings was broadly flat over the period in review with two notable outliers being HgCapital Trust which was up over 11% and Blue Capital Alternative Income which was down over 11%.

#### POSITIONING

Aside from day to day portfolio management activities there were no significant changes to the underlying portfolios, although following the market falls in early February the funds took a small overweight position in US and European equities (via futures) on the basis that fundamentals were still strong and the move down had been episodic. This proved profitable and the positions were closed towards the end of February.

#### OUTLOOK

Global growth in 2018 is expected to be broadly similar to the post-crisis highs of 2017 and is likely to be accompanied by rising inflation (albeit from low levels), as output gaps close, as well as by a gradual tightening of monetary policy on average in advanced economies.

Solid global economic performance should be supported by an expected acceleration in US growth, related to fiscal stimulus, and a continued strengthening of growth in some emerging markets, such as India and Indonesia. We judge the eurozone to be at the mid-cycle peak of its expansion, which suggests that the scope for a further acceleration of its economic growth is limited beyond the near term. In our view, overall growth will be restrained by a moderate slowdown in China, where extremely high leverage is expected to weigh on economic performance, as will some structural reform implementation. Furthermore, rising US rates should eventually prompt many emerging market central banks into tightening policy (most major emerging market central banks have held policy rates steady, with some exceptions such as South Korea and Mexico, or are loosening policy).

M&G INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED Portfolio Manager 16 May 2018

#### FUND INFORMATION

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

Typicall	y lower rewa	rds	Typically higher rewards			
Lower r	isk				Hi	gher risk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

The Fund has been classed as 4 because the volatility has been measured as average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be reliable indication of the future risk profile of this fund.

As this Fund has less than 5 years' price history, this calculation incorporates the volatility of an appropriate benchmark index.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

Currency Risk: As the Fund invests indirectly in overseas securities, exchange rates movements may, when not hedged, cause the value of your investment to increase or decrease.

Fixed interest securities are affected by trends in interest rates and inflation. If interest rates go up the value of capital may fall and vice versa. Inflation will also decrease the real value of capital. The value of a fixed interest security is also affected by its credit rating. Fixed interest securities with a higher average yield tend to be less liquid and have a lower credit rating. Investment in fixed interest securities with a higher yield also generally brings an increased risk of default on repayment by the issuer which could affect the income and capital of the Fund.

The Fund may also invest indirectly in property. Property investments may be harder to buy and sell than other asset types.

Non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS): The Fund can be less diversified than UCITS schemes as it has higher investment limits for certain types of assets. It can also invest in assets which are not available to UCITS schemes. This can increase the potential rewards but can also increase risk.

The value of 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 what you originally invested.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES

Information for 30 April 2018 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 April 2018, with the exception of the operating charges in the 'Other Information' section. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an *ex post* basis over the 12 month period ending 30 April 2018, expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the same period.

Where the Fund has significant investment in collective investment schemes, the operating charges take account of the ongoing charges incurred in the underlying schemes, calculated as the expense value of such holdings at the period end weighted against the net asset value of the share class at that date.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'A' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	124.60	114.90	101.00	100.00
Return before operating charges*	2.04	13.53	16.66	2.21
Operating charges	(1.04)	(1.99)	(1.71)	(0.41)
Return after operating charges	1.00	11.54	14.95	1.80
Distributions		(1.84)	(1.05)	(0.80)
Closing net asset value per share	125.60	124.60	114.90	101.00
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	_
Performance				
Return after charges	0.80%	10.04%	14.80%	1.80%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	_	_	_
Closing number of shares	1,256	250	250	250
Operating charges	1.70%	1.65%	1.64%	1.59% <sup>2</sup>
Direct transaction costs	-	0.01%	-	-
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	128.26 120.69	127.11 111.98	117.35 93.77	102.23 96.83

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
A' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	128.72	117.03	101.85	100.00
Return before operating charges*	2.09	13.73	16.90	2.26
Operating charges	(1.08)	(2.04)	(1.72)	(0.41)
Return after operating charges	1.01	11.69	15.18	1.85
Distributions	-	(1.73)	(1.30)	(0.84)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.73	1.30	0.84
Closing net asset value per share	129.73	128.72	117.03	101.85
* after direct transaction costs of:		_	_	_
erformance				
Return after charges	0.78%	9.99%	14.90%	1.85%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3	3	_	_
Closing number of shares	2,457	1,770	250	250
Operating charges	1.70%	1.65%	1.64%	1.59% <sup>2</sup>
Direct transaction costs	-	0.01%	-	-

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# Prices

Highest share price	132.58	129.52	118.52	102.24
Lowest share price	124.74	114.13	94.60	96.82

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

### COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

	30.04.18 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'C' Income shares	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	3.03 (0.01)
Return after operating charges	3.02
Distributions	
Closing net asset value per share	103.02
* after direct transaction costs of:	_
Performance	
Return after charges	3.02%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	_ 250 0.35% <sup>2</sup> _
Prices	
Highest share price	102.49

<sup>1</sup> From 17 April 2018.

Lowest share price

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15¹ (p/share)
'P' Income shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	124.80	114.98	101.01	100.00
Return before operating charges*	1.92	13.32	16.81	2.05
Operating charges	(0.59)	(1.09)	(0.93)	(0.12)
Return after operating charges	1.33	12.23	15.88	1.93
Distributions		(2.41)	(1.91)	(0.92)
Closing net asset value per share	126.13	124.80	114.98	101.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	1.07%	10.64%	15.72%	1.93%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,732	6,538	5,754	5,051
Closing number of shares	5,337,069	5,238,915	5,003,210	5,000,255
Operating charges	0.95%	0.90%	0.89%	0.84% <sup>2</sup>
Direct transaction costs	-	0.01%	-	_
Prices				
Highest share price	128.65	127.91	118.23	102.33
Lowest share price	121.18	112.13	93.97	96.87

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

99.98

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15 <sup>1</sup> (p/share)
'P' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	130.65	118.10	101.95	100.00
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	2.01 (0.61)	13.68 (1.13)	17.14 (0.99)	1.96 (0.01)
Return after operating charges	1.40	12.55	16.15	1.95
Distributions Retained distributions on	_	(2.48)	(2.01)	(0.94)
accumulation shares		2.48	2.01	0.94
Closing net asset value per share	132.05	130.65	118.10	101.95
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	1.07%	10.63%	15.84%	1.95%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	13,938 10,555,490 0.95% –	11,668 8,930,803 0.90% 0.01%	493 417,726 0.89% –	- 255 0.84% <sup>2</sup> -
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	134.62 126.81	131.32 115.17	119.42 94.91	102.35 96.88

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

	30.04.18 (p/share)	31.10.17 (p/share)	31.10.16 (p/share)	31.10.15¹ (p/share)
'R' Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	129.94	117.69	101.89	100.00
Return before operating charges*	2.03	13.68	17.01	2.04
Operating charges	(0.77)	(1.43)	(1.21)	(0.15)
Return after operating charges	1.26	12.25	15.80	1.89
Distributions	-	(2.22)	(1.72)	(0.90)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2.22	1.72	0.90
Closing net asset value per share	131.20	129.94	117.69	101.89
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges	0.97%	10.41%	15.51%	1.89%
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	3,303 2,517,308 1.20% –	2,104 1,619,288 1.15% 0.01%	688 584,531 1.14% –	126 123,731 1.09%² –
Prices				
Highest share price Lowest share price	133.85 126.03	130.63 114.75	119.03 94.74	102.30 96.86

<sup>1</sup> From 9 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class being launched less than 1 year.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO ACD's Report (continued) Fund Information (continued)

#### FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 APRIL 2018 (%)

	6 months	1 year	Since launch*
LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 60-100 Portfolio	0.19	5.19	29.48

\* The Fund launched on 9 September 2015.

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'A' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

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# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 30 April 2018

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.04.18 %
	EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS – 7.10% (31.10.17 – 7.05%) (continued)		
114,946	NB Distressed Debt Investment	76	0.32
119,598 153,612	NextEnergy Solar Renewables Infrastructure	131 162	0.55 0.68
135,012	Renewables initiastructure		
	TOTAL EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	1,703	7.10
	TOTAL EQUITY PORTFOLIOS	17,061	71.15
	PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS – 17.76% (31.10.17 – 17.10%)		
362,549	M&G Property Portfolio†	4,258	17.76
	TOTAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIOS	4,258	17.76
	BOND PORTFOLIOS – 10.00% (31.10.17 – 10.88%)		
218,077	M&G European Corporate Bond†	245	1.02
1,366	M&G European Loan†	120	0.50
24,902	M&G Global Convertibles†	53 261	0.22 1.09
198,684 1,112,622	M&G Global High Yield Bond† M&G Strategic Corporate Bond†	1,299	1.09 5.42
3,381	Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value	419	1.75
	TOTAL BOND PORTFOLIOS	2,397	10.00
	Portfolio of investments	23,716	98.91
	Net other assets	262	1.09
	Net assets	23,978	100.00

The investments are collective investment schemes unless stated otherwise.

† Related party holding.

#### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Total purchases for the half year £'000	5,958
Purchases	Cost £'000
Legal & General UK Index M&G Strategic Corporate Bond M&G Property Portfolio Legal & General US Index Legal & General European Index Legal & General Pacific Index Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018 S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018 Legal & General Japan Index Legal & General Japan Index Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index Merrill Lynch AQR Global Relative Value HarbourVest Global Private Equity BBGI M&G European Loan Renewables Infrastructure M&G European Corporate Bond BioPharma Credit HgCapital NextEnergy Solar	1,268 835 707 523 509 502 325 285 272 158 145 123 62 37 37 37 35 34 33

In addition to above, purchases totalling  $\pm$ 7,701,000 were made in short term investments during the half year.

Purchases of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the purchases during the half year.

# LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO

ACD's Report (continued) Summary of Material Portfolio Changes (continued) As at 30 April 2018

Total sales for the half year £'000	2,559

Sales	Proceeds £'000
M&G Strategic Corporate Bond	733
Legal & General UK Index	365
Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures March 2018	340
S&P 500 E Mini Futures March 2018	301
Legal & General Pacific Index	169
Legal & General European Index	158
Legal & General Japan Index	130
Legal & General US Index	118
Legal & General Global Emerging Markets Index	110
M&G Short Dated Corporate Bond	89
CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities	44
NB Distressed Debt Investment	2

In addition to above, sales totalling £7,701,000 were made in short term investments during the half year.

Sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the sales during the half year.

#### INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN 18

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		96		317
Revenue	238		118	
Expenses	(83)		(35)	
Net revenue before taxation	155		83	
Taxation	(5)		(3)	
Net revenue after taxation		150	-	80
Total return before distributions		246		397
Distributions*		5		11
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment			-	
activities		251	-	408

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018 20.04.10

	£'000	30.04.18 £'000	£'000	30.04.17 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		20,313		6,935
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	5,371		5,512	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	(1,957)		(307)	
		3,414		5,205
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment				
activities		251		408
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		23,978	-	12,548

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 April 2017 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 November 2017.

\* The Fund distributes annually, therefore 'Distributions' consists of equalisation only.

#### LF PRUDENTIAL DYNAMIC FOCUSED 60-100 PORTFOLIO Interim Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued) BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

	30.04.18 £'000	31.10.17 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets Investments	23,716	20,239
Current assets Debtors Cash and bank balances Total assets	829 175  24,720	326 234  20,799
LIABILITIES		
Provisions for liabilities	(6)	(2)
<b>Creditors</b> Distribution payable Other creditors	(736)	(126) (358)
Total liabilities	(742)	(486)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	23,978	20,313

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, as amended.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY

The Company is structured as an umbrella company, in that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority and the agreement of the Depositary. On the introduction of any new sub-fund or class, a revised Prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each sub-fund or class.

The assets of each sub-fund will be treated as separate from those of every other sub-fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that sub-fund. The sub-funds which are currently available are:

LF Prudential Dynamic 0-30 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic 10-40 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic 20-55 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic 40-80 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic 60-100 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 0-30 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 10-40 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 20-55 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 40-80 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 40-80 Portfolio LF Prudential Dynamic Focused 60-100 Portfolio

In the future there may be other sub-funds of the Company.

#### VALUATION POINT

The valuation point of each sub-fund is 12.00 noon (London time) on each business day. Valuations may be made at other times under the terms contained within the Prospectus.

#### **BUYING AND SELLING SHARES**

The ACD will accept orders to deal in the shares on normal business days between 8.30am and 5.30pm (London time) and transactions will be effected at prices determined by the following valuation. Instructions to buy or sell shares may be either in writing to: PO Box 384, Darlington DL1 9RZ or by telephone on 0344 335 8936.

#### PRICES

The prices of all shares are published on the website of the ACD: www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk. The prices of shares may also be obtained by calling 0344 335 8936 during the ACD's normal business hours.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the ACD which is also the Head Office. Copies of these may be obtained upon application and, excepting the Instrument of Incorporation, can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk, by following the link 'Fund Information'.

Shareholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Company should contact the ACD or the Depositary in the first instance. In the event that a shareholder finds the response unsatisfactory they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR.

#### DATA PROTECTION ACT

Shareholders' names will be added to a mailing list which may be used by the ACD, its associates or third parties to inform investors of other products by sending details of such products. Shareholders who do not want to receive such details should write to the ACD requesting their removal from any such mailing list.

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