

Key Information Document

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

THE INVESTMENT COMPANY PLC

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ISIN: GB0004658257.

The Company is not regulated or authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority but is subject to the Listing Rules, the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, the Market Abuse Regulation and the Prospectus Rules as applicable to closed-ended investment companies. The Company is subject to the oversight of the Financial Conduct Authority in relation to the content and preparation of this document.

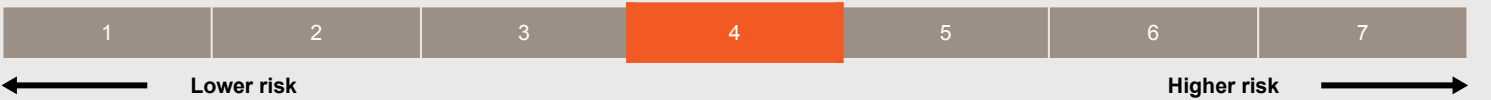
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What is this Product?


The information contained in this document and the methodologies for calculating risks, costs and potential returns are prescribed by EU rules. The Company is a closed-ended investment company whose shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange and an alternative investment fund under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ("AIFMD"). The Company's shares are therefore available to the general public. The Company's investment objective is to protect the purchasing power of its capital in real terms, and to participate in enduring economic activities which lend themselves to genuine capital accumulation and wealth creation. The Company will seek to acquire and hold, with no predetermined investment time horizon, a collection of assets which, in the Directors' judgment, are well-suited to the avoidance of a permanent loss of capital. These assets will be comprised of minority participations in the equity, debt or convertible securities of quoted businesses which the Directors believe are led by responsible and like-minded managers and suitable for the long-term compounding of earnings. In addition, to protect its capital as well as to maintain liquidity for future investments, the Company will keep reserves in (a) liquid debt instruments such as cash in banks or securities issued by governments and/or (b) liquid, non-debt, tangible assets such as gold bullion, whether held indirectly or in physical form. The Company has no predetermined maximum or minimum levels of exposure to asset classes, currencies or geographies, and has the ability to invest globally. These exposures will be monitored by the Board in order to ensure an adequate spreading of risks. No holding in an individual company or debt instrument will represent more than 15 per cent. by value of the Company's total assets at the time of acquisition (such restriction does not, however, apply to gold bullion or cash balances). The Company's holdings of gold bullion may be as high as 35 per cent. of total assets at the time of investment. Given the Company's investment objective, asset mix and time horizon, the portfolio will not seek to track any benchmark or index. The Company will not invest more than 10 per cent. of its total assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds. The Company will not use derivative instruments for speculative purposes, nor will it use currency hedges to manage returns in any currency. The Company's gearing will not exceed 20 per cent. of net assets at the time of drawdown. The target investors are institutions and individual retail investors. There is no fixed maturity date. There is no ability for the Company to terminate shareholdings of investors in the Company unilaterally or automatically. Shareholders can next vote on the continuation of the Company as an investment trust in 2025. If shareholders vote in a simple majority against continuation, the Board would have to put forward a proposal for the future of the Company, which could include liquidation. The shares of the Company are bought and sold via markets. Typically, at any given time on any given day, the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price at which you could sell it.

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less and you may have to sell at a price that significantly impacts on how much you get back. This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

 We have classified this product as 4, which is a medium risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could impact the amount you could get back.

The risk indicator is calculated in accordance with a prescribed equation set by EU rules.

What are the risks and what could I get in return? (continued)

This table shows the money you could get back over the next 5 years, under different scenarios, assuming that you invest GBP10,000. The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past on how the value of this investment varies and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the investment. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

Investment GBP10,000				
Scenarios		1 year	3 years	5 years (Recommended holding period)
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	GBP3,136	GBP4,824	GBP3,795
	Average return each year	-68.64%	-21.57%	-17.62%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	GBP8,138	GBP6,841	GBP6,004
	Average return each year	-18.62%	-11.89%	-9.70%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	GBP9,842	GBP9,499	GBP9,168
	Average return each year	-1.58%	-1.70%	-1.72%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	GBP11,833	GBP13,114	GBP13,918
	Average return each year	18.33%	9.46%	6.84%

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, where applicable, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What happens if the Company is unable to pay out?

As a shareholder of a listed company you would not be able to make a claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme about the Company in the event the Company becomes insolvent. A default by the Company or any of the underlying holdings could affect the value of your investment.

What are the costs?

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the Company itself, for three different holding periods. They include potential early exit penalties. The figures assume you invest GBP10,000. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

Investment GBP10,000			
Scenarios	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 3 years	If you cash in at 5 years
Total costs	GBP168	GBP487	GBP784
Impact on return (RIY) per year	1.71%	1.71%	1.71%

Costs over time

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

Composition of costs

The table below shows the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period and the meaning of the different cost categories.

This table shows the impact on return per year			
One-off costs	Entry costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment.
	Exit costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment when it matures.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.15%	The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	1.56%	The impact of the costs that are incurred each year for managing your investments and running the Company.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	The impact of performance fees on your investment.
	Carried interests	0.00%	The impact of carried interests on your investment.

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

The recommended minimum holding period of 5 years has been selected for illustrative purposes only and reflects the long-term nature of the Company's investment objectives, but investors may elect to sell their shares on the market at any time without penalty by the Company. The value of shares and the income derived from them (if any) may go down as well as up, and investors may not get back the full value of their investments. Whilst the shares are traded on the main market, it is possible that there may not be a liquid market in the shares and investors may have difficulty selling them.

How can I complain?

If you have a complaint this should be directed to the Company Secretary, Maitland Administration Services Limited, Hamilton Centre, Rodney Way, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 3BY, tel: 01245 398950, email: cosec@maitlandgroup.com.

Other relevant information

The cost, performance and risk calculations included in this document follow the methodology prescribed by EU rules. Depending on how you buy these shares you may incur other costs, including broker commission, platform fees and stamp duty.