

## Background to externally managed funds

### CCLA – The Local Authorities Property Fund

The fund's objective is to generate long-term growth in capital and a high and rising income over time.

The aim is to have high quality, well-diversified commercial and industrial property portfolio, in the UK, focussing on delivering attractive income and is actively managed to add value.

The fund will maintain a suitable spread between different types of property and geographical location. Importance will be attached to location, standard of construction and quality of covenant with lease terms preferably embodying upwards only rent reviews at intervals of not more than five years.

### M&G Global Dividend Fund

The fund aims to deliver a dividend yield above the market average, by investing mainly in a range of global equities. It aims to grow distributions over the long-term whilst maximising total return (a combination of income and growth of capital).

Exposure to global equities may be gained by using derivatives. The fund may invest across a wide range of geographies, sectors and market capitalisations. It may also invest in other assets including collective investment schemes, other transferrable securities, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants, money market instruments and derivatives.

The fund employs a bottom-up stockpicking approach, driven by the fundamental analysis of individual companies. The fund seeks to invest in companies that understand capital discipline, have the potential to increase dividends over the long-term and are undervalued by the stock market. Dividend yield is not the primary consideration for stock selection.

The fund manager aims to create a diversified portfolio with exposure to a broad range of countries and sectors designed to perform well in a variety of market conditions. It usually holds around 50 stocks with a long-term investment view and a typical holding period of 3-5 years.

#### Risk and reward profile

Low risk						High risk
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Typically lower reward				Typically higher reward		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The fund's risk factor based on historical data and may not be the same moving forward. It is rated a 5 because of the investments the fund makes:

- Value of investments, and income from them, will fluctuate and will cause the fund price to rise or fall
- Currency exchange rate fluctuations will impact the value of the investment

- There is a risk that a counterparty may default on its obligations or become insolvent, which may have a negative impact on the fund
- Investments in Emerging markets tend to have larger price fluctuations than more developed countries.
- There is a risk that one or more countries will exit the Euro and re-establish their own currencies. There is an increased risk of asset prices fluctuating or losing value. It may also be difficult to buy and sell securities and issuers may be unable to repay the debt. In addition, there is a risk that disruption in Eurozone markets could give rise to difficulties in valuing the assets of the fund.

### **Schroder Income Maximiser Fund**

The fund's objective is to provide income with potential capital growth primarily through investment in equity and equity related securities of UK companies. The fund will also use derivative instruments to generate income.

The manager may selectively sell short dated call options over securities or portfolios of securities held by the fund or indices, in order to generate additional income by setting target 'strike' prices at which those securities may be sold in the future. The manager may also, for the purpose of efficient management, use derivative instruments which replicate the performance of a basket of short dated call options or a combination of equity securities and short dated call options. Investment will be in directly held transferable securities. The fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, derivatives, cash, deposits, warrants and money market transactions.

The fund aims to deliver a target yield of 7% per year, although this is an estimate and is not guaranteed. There are four quarterly distributions in a year, each calculated by dividing the quarterly distribution amount by the unit price at the start of that quarter.

### **UBS Multi-Asset Income Fund**

The fund seeks to provide income, through a diversified portfolio of investments. Capital growth will not be a primary consideration, although opportunities for growth may occur if market conditions are favourable.

The fund will invest in a mix of transferrable securities including domestic and international equities and bonds, units in collective investment schemes, warrants, money market instruments, deposits, and cash or near cash, as the Investment Manager deems appropriate. There are no geographical restrictions on the countries of investment.

The Fund may use a range of derivative instruments which include foreign exchange, forward and futures contracts, swaps and options and other derivatives for investment purposes and / or to manage interest rate and currency exposures.

Index futures and other derivatives are used to manage market exposure inherent in an invested portfolio. Increasing or reducing market and currency exposure will entail the use of long or net short positions in some derivative instruments.

### Risk profile

The main risks arising from the fund's instruments are market price risk and foreign currency risk. Market price risk is the uncertainty about future price movements of the financial instruments the fund is invested in. Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value in the fund's investments will fluctuate as a result of foreign exchange rates. Where the fund invests in overseas securities, the balance sheet can be affected by these funds due to movements in foreign exchange rates.

Investments in less developed markets may be more volatile than investments in more established markets. Less developed markets may have additional risks due to less established market practices. Poor liquidity may result in a holding being sold at a less favourable price, or another holding having to be sold instead.

Bonds carry varying levels of underlying risk, including default risk, dependent upon their type. These range from gilts, which carry limited levels, to speculative/non-investment grade corporate bonds, that carry higher levels of risk but with the potential for greater capital growth.

Over 35% of the fund may be invested in securities issued by any one body.

The fund will use derivatives as part of its investment capabilities. This allows it to take 'short positions' in some investments and it can sell a holding they do not own, on the anticipation that its value will fall. These instruments carry a material level of risk and the fund could potentially experience higher levels of volatility should the market move against them.

In order to trade in derivative instruments they enter into an agreement with various counterparties. Whilst they assess the credit worthiness of each counterparty, the fund is at risk that it may not fulfil its obligations under the agreement.

In aiming to reduce the volatility of the fund they utilise a risk management process to monitor the level of risk taken in managing the portfolio, however there is no guarantee that this process will work in all instances