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Standard Life Active Plus IV Pension Fund

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Standard Life
Part of Phoenix Group

This document is intended for use by individuals who are familiar with investment terminology. Please contact your financial adviser if you need an explanation of the terms used.

The goal of this fund is to provide long term growth while being managed to a level of risk, rather than a level of return. The fund is part of the Active Plus range, which aims to offer five different combinations of investment risk and return levels. Simply choose the fund which most closely matches your attitude to risk and return and a team of experts will do the rest.

This fund is risk level IV, which aims to be the second highest risk fund in this range. This level has a high amount in higher risk investments such as equities and property, but can still invest in lower risk investments such as money market instruments and certain types of bonds. This may suit you if you are relatively comfortable with investment risk and accept there may be significant fluctuations in the fund value while aiming for higher long-term returns.

The fund aims to meet this goal by holding different types of investment funds, such as those investing in equities (shares), bonds (loans to a government or company) and non-residential property (such as offices, shopping centres and shares in property development companies). The investments in the fund can be from around the world, including emerging markets, which means that some of them will be in a foreign currency. The fund can also invest in absolute return funds that aim to provide positive investment returns, regardless of whether markets are going up or down, over the medium to long term. They do this by using a wide range of investment strategies including those using derivatives. Derivatives are financial instruments whose value comes from movement in other investments, such as equities and currencies.

Most of the investment funds used are actively managed funds which means that a team of experts will pick the investments to be held. These decisions are based on the opportunities they've identified through their analysis. An overall manager also decides on the amount to be held in each type of investment fund, aiming to maximise returns for its given level of risk.

The value of investments within the fund can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed - you may get back less than you pay in.
The fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, reduction of risk or to meet its investment objective if this is permitted and appropriate.
The sterling value of overseas assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

Pension Investment Fund

Multi-Asset Fund of Funds

Quarterly

Standard Life Launch Date	01/03/2012
Standard Life Fund Size (31/12/2023)	£15,641.6
Standard Life Fund Code	FFND
Volatility Rating (0-7)	5
Fund Manager(s)	Justin Jones

Fund Information *

Note: Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Composition by Fund Exposure

	Fund (%)		Fund (%)
SL UK Equity	24.6	SL Global Property Securities Asset Fund	4.1
SL European Equity	8.6	SL SLI Global High Yield Bond	3.5
SL US Equity Tracker Pension Fund	8.5	SL Vanguard UK Short-Term Investment Grade Bond	3.1
SL Pooled Property	8.4	SL Corporate Bond	2.8
SL North American Equity	7.7	SL Global Short Duration Corporate Bond Asset Fund	1.5
SL Japanese Equity	7.0	SL Money Market Pension	1.0
SL SLI Emerging Market Local Currency Debt	6.8	SL UK Smaller Companies	0.7
SL Emerging Markets Equity	6.0	SL Global Corporate Bond	0.4
SL Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity	5.3	**Total**	**100.0%**

Source: FE fundinfo 29/12/2023

Fund Performance *

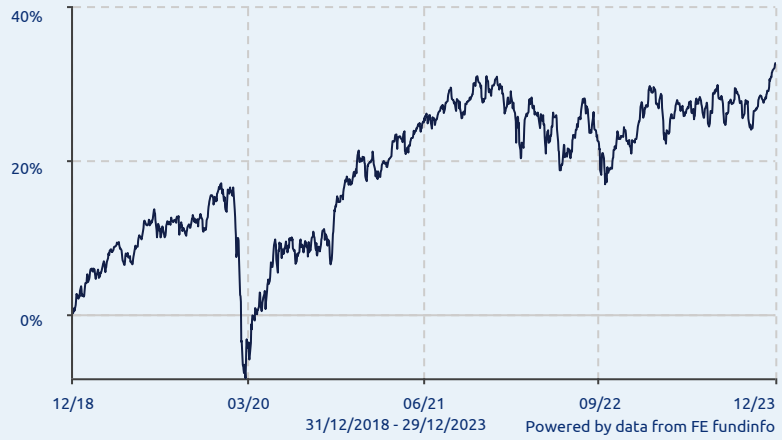
Year on Year

Source: FE fundinfo

	Year to 31/12/2023 (%)	Year to 31/12/2022 (%)	Year to 31/12/2021 (%)	Year to 31/12/2020 (%)	Year to 31/12/2019 (%)
Standard Life Active Plus IV Pension Fund	8.1	-5.9	10.8	3.2	14.2

Performance

Source: FE fundinfo



Figures quoted are calculated over the stated period on a bid to bid basis with gross income reinvested and are based on units which contain an Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.00% and Additional Expenses of 0.04%, i.e. a Total Fund Charge of 0.04%. For the relevant charges on your policy, including any rebates or discounts that may apply, please refer to your policy documentation.

Cumulative Performance

Source: FE fundinfo

	3 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
Standard Life Active Plus IV Pension Fund	4.1	8.1	12.6	32.8

Note(s): The information shown relates to the past. Past performance is not a guide to the future. The value of your investment can go down as well as up. For the relevant charges on your policy please refer to your policy documentation.

Where a fund holds overseas assets the Sterling value of these assets may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

Definition(s): Volatility Rating - The volatility rating of a fund indicates how much the fund price might move compared to other funds. The higher the volatility rating, the less stable the fund price is likely to be. You can use this to help you decide how much risk you're comfortable taking with your investments. Volatility ratings are calculated on a scale of 0-7.
Money Market - may include bank and building society deposits, other money market instruments such as Certificates of Deposits (CDs), Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) including Asset Backed Securities (ABSs), Money Market Funds and allowances for tax, dividends and interest due if appropriate.

Key Risks

The fund can invest in a wide variety of investment strategies and assets. Below we document the specific or heightened risks applicable to this fund rather than an exhaustive list.

Collective Investment Schemes - The fund can invest in collective investment schemes which can themselves invest in a diverse range of other assets. These underlying assets may vary from time to time but each category of asset (which may include equities, bonds or immoveable property) has individual risks associated with them. The fund may not have any control over the activities of any collective investment scheme invested in by the fund.
Equities Risk - This fund can invest in equities which are one of the more volatile asset classes and can therefore suffer sudden sharp falls or rises. Equities can offer good growth potential over the longer term but may have a higher volatility than other asset classes.
Bond Risk - This fund can invest in bonds, the value of a bond may fall if, for example, the company or government issuing the bond is unable to pay the loan amount or interest when they are supposed to. The value may also be affected by movements in interest rates which may result in the value of the bond rising or falling. This may (or will) result in the value of the fund falling.
Property Risk - This fund can invest in direct property. The value of properties held in any property fund is generally a matter of the valuer's opinion and not fact. Property can also be difficult to sell, so you might not be able to sell your investment when you want to.
Absolute Return - This fund invests in one or more absolute return funds. It is important not to confuse absolute return funds with guaranteed funds or products which guarantee a positive return over any period. Absolute return funds can lose money when markets rise and vice-versa. They aim to reduce overall volatility by using more sophisticated investment techniques and instruments such as derivatives. Derivatives are financial instruments which derive their value from an underlying asset, such as a share or bond, and are used routinely in global financial markets. Used carefully, derivatives offer an effective and cost-efficient way of investing in markets. However, derivatives can lead to increased volatility of returns in a fund, thus requiring a robust and extensive risk management process. While the fund will not borrow cash for investment purposes, the total value of exposures to markets will routinely exceed the fund's net asset value. Derivatives may be Exchange Traded or Over the Counter (OTC).
However, the success of the fund is heavily dependent on the skill of the fund managers and the investment strategies they employ. As such, the performance of an absolute return fund is heavily dependent on the skill of the fund managers and the investment strategies they decide to employ, rather than the direction of the market.

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