

Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.



M&G Optimal Income Fund

USD Class C-H – Income shares ISIN no. GB00BK6MCP86

Managed by M&G Securities Limited, which is part of the Prudential Group

Objective and investment policy

The fund aims to provide income and capital growth.

Core investment: The fund is a flexible fund, where at least 50% will be invested in bonds. The fund manager has the freedom to invest across a broad range of bonds (government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, and high yield bonds), wherever the greatest opportunities can be found. These bonds can be denominated in any currency. Typically, the fund invests in bonds issued by governments or companies in developed markets, although it can also invest in bonds from emerging markets. The fund holds these assets directly and indirectly through derivatives.

Other investments: The fund may invest a portion (up to 20%) in company shares when the fund manager believes that a company's shares offer a better return than its bonds. The fund may also hold money market instruments (for example, debt due to be repaid within a year) and cash.

Use of derivatives: Derivatives may be used to gain exposure to the fund's core and other investments, to reduce risks and costs and to manage the impact of changes in currency exchange rates on the fund's investments. Derivatives may also be used to generate market leverage (in other words, gain exposure to investment exceeding the value of the fund).

Strategy in brief: The fund manager selects investments based on an assessment of a combination of macroeconomic, asset, sector and stock-level factors. Spreading investments across issuers and industries is an essential element of the fund's strategy and the manager is assisted in the selection of individual bonds by an in-house team of analysts.

Glossary terms

Bonds: Loans to governments and companies that pay interest.

Derivatives: Financial contracts whose value is derived from other assets.

High yield bonds: Bonds issued by companies considered to be riskier and therefore generally paying a higher level of interest.

Investment grade corporate bonds: Bonds issued by a company with a medium or high credit rating from a recognised credit rating agency. They are considered to be at lower risk from default than those issued by companies with lower credit ratings.

Other information

The fund may invest more than 35% in securities issued or guaranteed by a member state of the European Economic Area or other countries listed in the fund's Prospectus. This investment may be combined with the use of derivatives in pursuit of the fund's investment objective.

The fund manager has the freedom to decide which investments should be held in the fund.

You can buy and sell shares in the fund on any business day. Provided we receive your instructions before 12 noon, shares will be bought at that day's price.

Any income from the fund may be paid out to you semi-annually.

In addition to the charges set out in the charges section, the fund will incur portfolio transaction costs which are paid from the assets of the fund. These can be higher when investing outside Europe.

Risk and reward profile



- The above risk number is based on simulated historical data and may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- The risk number shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest risk number does not mean risk free.

The main risks that could affect performance are set out below:

- The value of investments and the income from them will rise and fall. This will cause the fund price, as well as any income paid by the fund, to fall as well as rise. There is no guarantee the fund will achieve its objective, and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.
- When interest rates rise, the value of the fund is likely to fall.
- The value of the fund may fall if the issuer of a fixed income security held is unable to pay income payments or repay its debt (known as a default).
- The fund may use derivatives to gain exposure to investments exceeding the value of the fund (leverage). This may cause greater changes in the fund's price and increase the risk of loss.
- The fund may use derivatives with the aim of profiting from a rise or a fall in the value of an asset (for example, a company's bonds). However, if the asset's value varies in a different manner, the fund may incur a loss.
- Changes in currency exchange rates will affect the value of your investment.
- Hedged share classes aim to mirror the performance of another share class. We cannot guarantee that the hedging objective will be achieved. The hedging strategy will limit holders of the hedged share class from benefiting if the hedged share class currency falls against sterling.
- Where market conditions make it hard to sell the fund's investments at a fair price to meet customers' sale requests, we may temporarily suspend dealing in the fund's shares.
- Some transactions the fund makes, such as placing cash on deposit, require the use of other financial institutions (for example, banks). If one of these institutions defaults on their obligations or becomes insolvent, the fund may incur a loss.

A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the fund can be found in the fund's Prospectus.

Charges

The charges shown in the table are used to pay the costs of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	1.25%
Exit charge	0.00%
The entry charge is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.	
Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing charge	0.93%
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

The entry and exit charges shown are the maximum figures and, in some cases, you may pay less. You can find out the exact charges which apply to your investment by contacting your financial adviser or distributor or, if you have invested directly with us, you can contact us using the details given in the practical information section.

The ongoing charge is based on expenses for the year ending 31 March 2018. This figure may change from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

For Income shares, the ongoing charge is taken from investments held in the fund's portfolio and not from the income these investments produce. The deduction of this charge will reduce the potential growth of your investment.

For more information on charges, please see the relevant sections of the Prospectus at www.mandg.co.uk/literature

Past performance



- Past performance is not a guide to future performance.
- The past performance calculation excludes UK taxes. It does not take into account the entry and exit charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the charges section.
- The Fund launched on 08 December 2006 and the USD Class C-H Income share class launched on 08 August 2014.
- Past performance is calculated using USD Class C-H Income shares.

Practical information

The depositary is National Westminster Bank plc.

For more information about this fund, please visit www.mandg.co.uk/literature where you will find a copy of the Prospectus, Instrument of Incorporation and the latest annual or interim Investment Report and Financial Statements. These documents are in English and are available free of charge. Our website also provides other information such as share prices.

UK tax laws apply to the fund, and this may affect your personal tax position. Please speak to an adviser for more information.

M&G Securities Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for the fund.

Other share classes may exist for the fund as set out in the relevant Prospectus.

For up-to-date details of the staff remuneration policy that applies to M&G Securities Limited, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the make-up of the remuneration committee, and the identities of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, please visit www.mandg.co.uk/remuneration. We will provide a paper copy of this information, free of charge, if you require one.

This Fund is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. M&G Securities Limited is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

This key investor information is accurate as at 03 August 2018.