

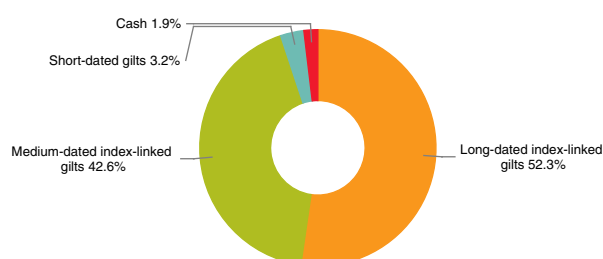
# Prudential Index-Linked fund (Series 3)



## Fund description

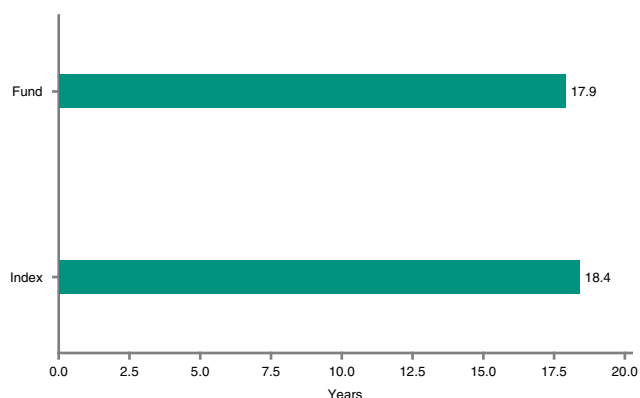
The investment strategy of the fund is to purchase units in the M&G PP Index-Linked Fund. This fund invests mainly in British Government index-linked gilts, typically with over five years to maturity. The fund is actively managed against its benchmark of the FTSE British Government Over 5 Years Index-Linked Index. The fund can also invest in index-linked corporate bonds and overseas index-linked government bonds. The values of any overseas holdings are protected from short-term exchange rate movements by hedging.

## Fund breakdown



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## Duration



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Source: M&G

All figures are as at 30 September 2011, unless otherwise stated.

## Performance

### Past performance of the fund over each of the last 5 years to the end of September

	30/09/06 - 30/09/07	30/09/07 - 30/09/08	30/09/08 - 30/09/09	30/09/09 - 30/09/10	30/09/10 - 30/09/11
Index-Linked fund	2.3	9.7	3.0	13.0	14.6
Benchmark	2.7	10.0	3.5	9.5	13.6

## Key facts

Underlying fund size	£221m
Number of holdings	10
Underlying fund launch date	20/04/1983
Portfolio Manager	David Lloyd
Benchmark	FTSE British Government Over 5 Years Index-Linked Index
Investment Style	Active
Sedol code	3168604
Performance Objective	To outperform the benchmark by 0.75% per year (before charges) over rolling 3-year periods.

## Commentary

Gilt yields declined sharply during the quarter as worries over the sovereign debt crisis in the eurozone and slowing economic growth globally drove investors towards 'safer' assets. The fund's performance was helped by the fund manager's strategy of exploiting relative value opportunities within the yield curve. For example, he increased the fund's exposure to long dated index-linked gilts to prepare for benchmark extension in July when some of the index constituents fell out of the index. This was beneficial to performance. The portfolio's underweight in inflation-linked gilts maturing in 20 years was also advantageous as the Debt Management Office increased supply within this area of the market in order to satisfy demand, thereby depressing prices.

The fund manager intends to maintain the fund's short duration due to record-low government bond yields. What is more, there is a large supply of index-linked gilts in the market and, in contrast to conventional gilts, inflation-linked bonds will not be included in the Bank of England's asset-purchase programme which was launched in October 2011. At the same time, the portfolio's overweight position in ultra-long index-linked gilts maturing in 50 years is also likely to remain in place. The fund manager considers their valuations to be more attractive than those offered by bonds maturing in 20 to 30 years, where the fund has an underweight position.

### Past performance of the fund to 30 September 2011

	Quarter	1 Year*	3 Years*	5 Years*
Index-Linked fund	8.2	14.6	10.1	8.4
Benchmark	7.8	13.6	8.8	7.8

Source: Prudential. \* annualised

Based on percentage change in unit price. It is important to remember that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The value of your investment may go down as well as up and the fund value at retirement may be less than the payments you have made.

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## Prudential risk rating

### Lower

#### What type of funds are in this risk category?

These funds may invest in fixed interest securities including gilts, index-linked gilts and an element of corporate bonds. These types of investment are generally recognised as low risk.

## What is the risk rating?

- › These risk ratings have been developed by Prudential to help provide an indication of a fund's potential level of risk and reward based on the type of assets which may be held by the fund. Other companies may use different descriptions and as such these risk ratings should not be considered as generic across the fund management industry.
- › We regularly review our fund risk ratings, so they may change in the future. If, in our view, there is a material change in the fund's level of risk, for example due to a significant change to the assets held by the fund or in the way the fund is managed, we will provide information on the new risk rating. We recommend that you make sure you understand the risk rating of any fund before you invest. You will find this information at [www.pru.co.uk/factsheets](http://www.pru.co.uk/factsheets)
- › You should also consider discussing your decision and the appropriateness of a fund's risk rating with an adviser.

## Important information

### Who is this factsheet for and what does it do?

This factsheet is intended for the trustees, sponsors, advisers and members of occupational pension schemes using Prudential group pension contracts and Prudential grouped personal pensions and Stakeholder pension contracts.

Its purpose is to provide an insight into how investment markets and funds have performed over the period and is provided for information only.

If you are not familiar with any of the investment terminology included on this factsheet, then please contact an adviser.

### Can I get advice?

This factsheet should not be considered as financial advice and any changes to investment arrangements should be discussed with an adviser. It is not our intention to give an indication of how any particular funds will perform in the future. The commentary in this factsheet reflects the general views of the individual fund manager and should not be taken as a recommendation or advice as to how a specific market or fund is likely to perform.

### Who manages the funds?

This fund is managed by M&G Investments.

### How are the performance figures calculated?

The performance shown overleaf is measured on the fluctuation of the daily published price. This published price is adjusted to accommodate the fund's dealing cycle where appropriate.

To obtain current unit price and performance information for all funds in the Prudential Fund range, simply log on to [www.pru.co.uk/funds](http://www.pru.co.uk/funds) and choose 'Prudential Corporate Pension Fund Prices' then filter on (Series 3).

### How are the fund prices calculated?

This fund operates on a single swinging price basis, based on the valuation of the underlying assets and cash flows into and out of the fund. This valuation price will be the published price.

### What is the dealing cycle?

This fund is forward priced which means that the member receives the next available unit price after their instruction has been received.

This fund has a dealing cycle of T+0. This means that money received on day T buys units at the valuation date price applicable at close of business on the same day.

### Other important information

Exchange Rate fluctuations may cause the Sterling values of overseas investments to rise or fall.

Please note the performance figures shown do not take into account the effect of charges, which can be found in your 'A Guide to Fund Options'.

Asset allocations are regularly reviewed and may vary from time to time, but will always be consistent with the fund objective.

