

# **Diageo Retirement Savings Plan**

Trustee's Annual Report Year ended: 30 June 2021

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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#### **General Plan Information**

Trustee & Administrator Diageo Retirement Savings Plan Pension Trustee DAC

Directors: Charles Coase (Chairman)

Darren Byrne

Stephen Delaney (resigned 20 October 2021)

Alan Donnelly Gavin Dunne

Emma Fowler (resigned 17 August 2021)

Edwina Maher

Timmy Quillinan (appointed 20 October 2021)

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#### **Trustee's Report**

#### Introduction

The Trustee is pleased to present our annual report of Diageo Retirement Savings Plan ("the Plan") together with the Plan's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The purpose of this report is to communicate with you on the operation of the Plan and its financial position. It covers the main areas of Plan activity, including financial statements, investment matters and membership movements.

The content of the report conforms to the requirements set out in the Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations, 2006 (as amended).

We hope that you find the information contained in this report both interesting and informative.

#### Legal Status of the Plan

The Plan is established under a trust and is constituted and governed by the Trust Deed and Rules. The Plan commenced on 1 January 2015. It is a defined contribution scheme with its own legal identity and is totally separate from the Principal Employer, Diageo Ireland. The Trustee has the responsibility of ensuring that the Plan is properly managed in accordance with the trust documents. The Plan is registered with the Pensions Authority, registration number 288112. It has been approved by the Revenue Commissioners under Section 774 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

#### Administering the Plan

Irish Life Assurance plc is the Registered Administrator for the purpose of carrying out the core administration functions associated with the Plan, including preparation of the annual report and member benefit statements.

#### **Financial Development**

The value of the Plan's net assets increased from €13,666,703 at the start of the year to €23,469,837 at the end of the year. This increase was accounted for by net additions from dealings with members of €6,181,981, combined with net returns on the Plan's investments of €3,621,153.

Contributions, transfers in and other income amounted to  $\le$ 6,359,773. Benefits paid or payable amounted to  $\le$ 7,489, payments to and on account of leavers amounted to  $\le$ 79,956 and other payments amounted to  $\le$ 90,347.

The above information has been extracted from the financial statements of the Plan which form part of this report.

#### **Membership**

The profile of Plan membership is as follows:

	30/06/2020	Joiners	Re- joined Plan	Risk to Pension	Leavers	Active to Deferred	30/06/2021
Active Members	364	66	1	8	(3)	(68)	368
Deferred Members	164	1	(1)	-	(4)	68	228
Risk Members*	78	44	ı	(8)	(48)	ı	66

<sup>\*</sup> Risk members are members who are included in the Plan only for death in service benefits

There are no members in receipt of benefits under the Rules of the Plan which are being paid from the resources of the Plan.

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#### **Member Information**

On joining the Plan, each new member is given a copy of the Explanatory Booklet outlining the benefits being provided for themselves and/or their dependants under the Plan.

Active members receive benefit statements each year with details of their contributions and details of the value of their individual holdings in their selected funds. Members can also, on request, receive a copy of the Trustee's report and financial statements every year.

#### Contributions

The contributions payable during the period covered have been received by the Trustee within 30 days of the end of the Plan year and have been paid in accordance with the Plan Rules.

#### **Basis of Investment Manager's Fees**

The Investment Manager levies a management charge which is taken from the unitlinked fund assets and reflected in the value of the unit-linked fund units.

#### Covid-19

During the period a viral Covid-19 pandemic has spread across the globe. It is causing significant financial market, economic and social dislocation globally and in Ireland, including significant disruption to business and economic activity and increased volatility in the values of very many financial assets. The values of investment assets (across all categories) have been impacted. The ultimate extent of the effect of this on the Plan is not possible to estimate at this time.

#### **IORP II Directive**

The provisions of Directive (EU) 2016/2341 ("The IORP II Directive") were transposed into Irish Law on 22 April 2021 through the European Union (Occupational Pension Schemes) Regulations, 2021. The Regulations introduce new requirements and changes to the Pensions Act, 1990, as amended. The Trustee, with its advisers, is reviewing the new requirements to ensure that the Trustee and the Plan will fully comply with the Regulations. The Trustee is monitoring developments and is awaiting the publication, by the Pensions Authority, of a code of practice setting out what the Pensions Authority expects of trustees to meet their obligations under the Regulations. The code of practice is expected to be published in November 2021.

#### **Subsequent Events**

Since the year end, there have been no significant events that would require disclosure in or amendment to the annual report.

#### Queries

Enquiries about the Plan generally, or about an individual's entitlement to benefit, should in the first instance be sent to the Plan contact person set out on page 1.

Signed by the Trustee

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Director	Director

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#### **Compliance Statement**

#### The Trustee hereby makes the following statements:

**Procedures for Ensuring Timely Receipt of Contributions** The Trustee has appropriate procedures in place to ensure that contributions payable have been paid in accordance with the Rules of the Plan, and have been received by the Trustee in accordance with Section 58A of the Pensions Act, 1990, where applicable to the contributions and otherwise within 30 days of the end of the Plan year. Section 58A sets out the following requirements:

- Member contributions must be remitted to the Trustee within 21 days from the end of the month in which they were deducted from pay; and
- Employer contributions must be remitted to the Trustee within 21 days from the end of the month to which they relate.

The Trustee regularly reviews procedures to ensure they remain appropriate.

**Self-Investment** There was no self-investment of contributions during the Plan year. This means that all money, which was due to the Plan, was paid by the Employer within 21 days after the end of the month in which it was deducted from members or became due from the Employer as appropriate.

**Selection of Trustees** The right of members to select or approve the selection of trustees to the Plan is set out in the Occupational Pension Schemes (Member Participation in the Selection of Persons for Appointment as Trustees) (No. 3) Regulations, 1996, S.I. No. 376 of 1996.

**Related Party Transactions** Details of material related party transactions are set out under note 20 to the financial statements.

**Liability for Pensions** There are no pensions or pension increases being paid by or at the request of the Trustee for which the Plan would not have a liability upon winding up.

**Benefit Increases** There were no increases made during the year to either pensions in payment or benefits payable following termination of a member's service in relevant employment.

**Trustee Handbook and Guidance Notes** The Trustee and administrator have access to the Trustee Handbook produced by the Pensions Authority and the Guidance Notes issued by the Pensions Authority from time to time in accordance with Section 10 of the Pensions Act, 1990.

**Trustee Training** The Trustee directors have received training, as required, in accordance with Section 59AA of the Pensions Act, 1990. There were no costs or expenses incurred in relation to trustee training in the Plan year which were met out of the resources of the Plan.

Changes to Basic Scheme Information There were no changes made to the basic scheme information, set out in Schedule C to the Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations, 2006 (as amended), during the year.

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Condition of the Plan Under law, the Trustee is required to describe the condition of the Plan and the risks associated with the Plan, and disclose these to members. The Trustee is satisfied that at the end of the year the Plan is in a good condition concerning the financial, technical and other risks associated with the Plan.

The Trustee's Statement of Risks is included in Appendix 3.

**Procedures for Internal Resolution of Disputes** The Trustee has put an Internal Disputes Resolution ("IDR") procedure in place. The IDR procedure is for certain types of complaints that may arise from actual or potential beneficiaries of the Plan.

Two types of complaints are eligible for consideration under the IDR procedure. These are where the actual or potential beneficiary:

- (1) Alleges that they have sustained a financial loss due to maladministration; or
- (2) Has a dispute of fact or law about an action taken by a person responsible for managing the Plan.

Having gone through the IDR process, if a complainant is not satisfied with the outcome then they can refer their complaint to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman.

The Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman requires two steps from the complainant before they will consider the case. A complainant needs to:

- Have gone through the IDR procedure
- Hold a final response letter issued by the Trustee or managers

The Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman may, at their discretion, decide to investigate a complaint without waiting for a final response letter.

#### The procedures for making a complaint

- (i) The complainant should make an application to the Trustee.
- (ii) The application should include:
  - > The name, address and date of birth of the complainant
  - > The address on which documents should be served in relation to the dispute
  - > A statement concerning the nature of the complaint or dispute
  - > Such other information which is reasonably required by the Trustee
- (iii) The application must be in writing and signed by the actual or potential beneficiary.

A determination in writing must be issued by the Trustee within 3 months of all the required details having been received. The determination shall not be binding unless the actual or potential beneficiary assents, in writing, to be bound by it.

Queries regarding the availability of these procedures should be addressed to the Trustee.

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**Report on the Valuation of Liabilities** The current and future liabilities, as set out in the financial statements, are shown in the following table:

	Designated to Members	Not Designated to Members	Total
	€	€	€
Current liabilities	3,870	190,965	194,835
Future liabilities	23,469,837	-	23,469,837
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Director		Director	
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#### **Investment Manager's Report**

#### **Market Review**

Global equities have generated strong returns over the last twelve months, rising 38.4% in local currency terms and 29.6% in Euro terms reflecting the recovery from the correction associated with the sell down caused by the emergence of Covid 19. The lower returns in Euros reflect the strengthening of the Euro against other global currencies and the US dollar over the past twelve months. The Euro has appreciated by 10.1% against the US dollar over the period.

Equity markets fell sharply in the first quarter of 2020 with the global spread of Covid 19. The restrictions put in place to contain the virus contributed to a sharp slowing in growth and the sudden onset of recession. Global equities experienced their fastest ever bear market with a fall of 32% over a five-week period, followed by an equally impressive rally where these losses were recouped on the back of unprecedented fiscal and monetary stimulus launched to support growth.

Following the rally, equity markets set new record highs in early September before experiencing a modest correction on the back of a slowing in growth momentum, a second wave of Covid 19 across both Europe and the US and concerns over the potential for a contested or delayed US Presidential election result. Global equities enjoyed a strong end to 2020 as the removal of uncertainty surrounding the US Presidential election and the successful conclusion of several Covid 19 vaccine trials spurred further market gains. December saw the beginning of Covid 19 vaccination programmes with equity markets reaching new highs on the back of a \$900bn US stimulus package and a Brexit Trade Agreement.

Year to date, equities have posted further gains as growth and earnings forecasts have been revised higher on stronger than expected economic news flow and the announcement of additional fiscal stimulus in the US following the Democrats success in the run-off Senate elections in Georgia in early January. Equities have experienced a number of modest corrections through the first few months of the year associated with retail investor induced volatility in January and higher bond yields since year end. Global equities have recovered from these setbacks to reach new all-time highs in late May.

Irish commercial property has generated a negative return over the last twelve months. The Covid 19 pandemic severely impacted the Irish property market in 2020, both as a disruptor of market activity and as an accelerator of structural change. The investment market stalled, with activity inhibited by travel restrictions and the physical constraint of not being able to inspect properties. There was also investor uncertainty about the future impact of the crisis on pricing and caution among debt-finance providers. However, pricing across all sectors of the market, other than the hard-hit retail segment, has been resilient, reflecting the continued attraction of yield to investors.

Yields compressed somewhat in early 2020, led by the office sector and were supported by the yield gap against bonds. Rents however have fallen slightly in the office sector over the last year due to pressure on demand although rental growth has improved in the industrial sector. The overall property sector is supported by an attractive income yield which is currently approx. 4.8%.

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Economic weakness associated with the outbreak of Covid 19 has given rise to some uncertainty over the outlook for property, particularly in the retail sector where physical retailing is being severely affected by the growing move to online shopping.

Core Eurozone bond yields have risen over the last twelve months as yields recovered from all-time lows set in March last year.

In March 2020, yields fell to new all-time lows with the sudden onset of recession. Since the lows in March 2020, core bond yields have risen as the global growth outlook improved and the supply of bonds increased on the back of large fiscal stimulus programmes. Over the last twelve months the low in the German 10 year bond yield was in November at -0.64% while the high was reached in mid-May at -0.10%. The rise in core European yields has been more modest than other regions as the ECB recently increased the size of its bond purchases to limit the rise in yields in an effort to prevent a tightening of financial conditions.

Over the last twelve months, UK 10 year yields bottomed in August at 0.08% with the peak being reached in May this year at 0.90%. In addition to global developments, UK yields have been sensitive to Brexit news flow and policy announcements from the Bank of England which last year suggested it was contemplating implementing negative interest rates. As a result, UK yields remained relatively low until the late summer but since then have moved higher. More recently UK yields have been pushed higher as UK growth has begun to recover following the relatively successful rollout of vaccines which is facilitating an early reopening of the economy. UK yields have also risen in 2021 on the back of more hawkish comments from the Bank of England as it recently appeared to back away from considering introducing negative interest rates and also forecast that inflation will be close to its target level of 2% over its two year forecast horizon. At the end of May, the UK 10 year yield was 0.80%.

US yields declined to a lower trading range in 2020 and hit new all-time lows in March with the onset of recession following the Covid 19 outbreak. Large scale asset purchases by the US Fed were a key factor in pushing the trading range for yields lower. Having remained in a lower trading range through the middle of last year, US yields began to grind higher in the latter part of 2020 as the growth outlook improved. Yields have continued to push higher this year as US growth forecasts for 2021 were revised up by over 3% to 6.5% on the back of further fiscal stimulus with Congress passing an additional \$1.9trn package early in the new year. President Biden has subsequently proposed an additional \$4trn infrastructure spending programme over the next 10 years. With the US fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP now forecast to exceed last year's level, the supply of bonds is expected to increase significantly, and this has also resulted in upward pressure on US bond yields. US 10 year yields reached a twelve month high of 1.74% towards the end of March compared to the twelve month low of 0.51% in August. By the end of May, the US 10 year yield had eased back to 1.59%.

Peripheral spreads against Germany have trended lower over the last twelve months. Spreads initially widened immediately after the emergence of Covid 19 as Italy and Spain became the epicentre of the outbreak across Europe. Peripheral spreads however have since narrowed, supported by the yield pickup available compared to core bond markets and by a significant increase in ECB asset purchases. The agreement in July to include grants within a European Recovery Fund also helped to narrow spreads as this involves fiscal transfers from core countries to peripheral regions. Spreads narrowed further when in December the ECB agreed to expand its €1.35tn bond-buying programme by a further €500bn.

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Italian spreads narrowed again this year as former ECB President Mario Draghi was appointed Italian Prime Minister which gave rise to hopes of greater political stability in Italy with the potential for beneficial policies and reforms to be implemented. At the end of May Italian and Spanish 10-year spreads against Germany were 110bps and 65bps respectively.

Commodity prices have risen 58.6% over the last twelve months and are up 44.8% in Euro terms. Commodity prices were initially extremely weak on the back of the Covid 19 outbreak with demand collapsing due to the sudden onset of recession. From the lows however commodity prices rallied sharply as an improving growth outlook has boosted demand and prices. Oil prices have been particularly strong with the price for West Texas Intermediate oil increasing by 86.9% over the last twelve months. Following a fall in the oil price in the immediate aftermath of Covid 19 to extreme lows, the price has rebounded strongly on OPEC discipline and an expected rise in demand as global growth continues to recover.

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#### **Investment Performance**

At the end of the Plan year contributions were invested in a combination of the following funds:

Fund Name	Value at 30/06/2021	12 month return to 30/06/2021	Benchmark	12 month return to 30/06/2020	% of Total Investments
	€	%	%	%	%
Corporate Bond Fund	29,139	2.98	3.52	-0.85	0.12
Indexed Euro Govt Bond Fund	62,885	-0.79	-0.18	3.66	0.27
EMPOWER Pension for Life Fund	81,269	-1.10	-0.62	3.24	0.34
Low Risk/Return Growth Strategy Fund	102,803	9.74	12.64	-1.44	0.44
EMPOWER Cash Fund	128,916	-0.91	-0.65	-0.93	0.55
Indexed Global Equity Fund – Partially Hedged	734,365	32.78	33.18	2.97	3.13
Medium Risk/Return Growth Strategy Fund	2,142,470	15.57	18.74	-2.41	9.13
High Risk/Return Growth Strategy Fund	20,191,860	23.26	26.97	-3.77	86.02
_	23,473,707			_	100.00

The above table shows the returns achieved on the specific versions of the fund the Plan invests in. Further details on the underlying funds are contained in Appendix 1. These details are provided for information purposes only. Returns may vary depending on management charges applicable to specific schemes. An annual management charge of 0.45% (reduced from 0.55% during the period) applies to the above funds held under the Diageo Retirement Savings Plan.

#### Strategic Asset Allocation

The Plan invests through policies of assurance with Irish Life Assurance plc. The underlying investments consist of a range of unit-linked pension funds managed by Irish Life Investment Managers Limited.

The underlying strategy and distribution of assets of any particular unit-linked fund is determined by Irish Life Investment Managers Limited in order to achieve the objectives of that particular fund.

Members select the fund(s) to invest in based on their particular circumstances and risk tolerance. The funds members are invested in, and the respective risk profiles of the funds, are set out below.

Funds Invested In	Risk Profile (High, Medium, Low)
EMPOWER Cash Fund	Low
Low Risk/Return Growth Strategy	Medium
Euro Government Bond Fund	Medium
Corporate Bond Fund	Medium
Medium Risk/Return Growth Strategy	Medium
EMPOWER Pension for Life Fund	Medium
Indexed Global Equity Fund - Partially Hedged	High
High Risk/Return Growth Strategy	High

The default investment option in the event of a member not specifying an individual choice is the Personal Lifestyle Investment Strategy.

Members' annual benefit statements contain details of the funds in which a member is invested.

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#### **Personal Lifestyle Investment Strategy**

The Trustee has nominated the Personal Lifestyle Investment Strategy as the default investment option in the event of a member not specifying an investment choice. The lifestyle strategy consists of three phases. The first phase relates to the early part of the member's career and invests in a High Risk/Return Growth Strategy up until 20 years before retirement. Over the next 14 years (from 20 years until 6 years before retirement) the member's Pension Account is switched gradually into the Medium Risk/Return Growth Strategy (Transition Phase). Finally, over the last 6 years, the member's Pension Account is gradually switched into funds to match the benefits they are likely to take at retirement i.e. cash, pension and/or ARF, depending on their individual circumstances.

Signed by the Trustee

#### **Trustee's Report to the Members**

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#### **Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**

The financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee. Irish pension legislation requires the Trustee to make the annual report of the Plan available for each Plan year, including audited financial statements and the report of the auditor to Plan members, beneficiaries and certain other parties. The financial statements are required to:

- show a true and fair view, in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
  ("FRS 102"), of the financial transactions of the Plan during the Plan year and of
  the amount and disposition at the end of the year of its assets and liabilities. For
  this purpose liabilities do not include liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after
  the end of the Plan year.
- contain the information specified in the Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations, 2006 (as amended), including a statement as to whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Financial Reports of Pension Schemes (Revised 2018) ("the SORP").

The Trustee has supervised the preparation of the financial statements and ensured that:

- suitable accounting policies are selected and then applied consistently;
- reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates are made;
- the SORP is followed, or particulars of any material departures have been disclosed and explained; and
- it has assessed the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it either intends to liquidate the Plan or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trustee is responsible for ensuring that proper membership and financial records are kept and contributions are made to the Plan in accordance with the Plan Rules and the requirements of legislation. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Plan and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities, including the maintenance of appropriate internal controls.

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Director	Director
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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF DIAGEO RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Diageo Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) for the year ended 30 June 2021, which comprise the Fund Account, Statement of Net Assets and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 3. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Plan during the year ended 30 June 2021 and of the amount and disposition of the assets and liabilities (other than liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits in the future) at that date; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Plan in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern.



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF DIAGEO RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

#### Other information

The trustee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2006

In our opinion, based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the financial statements include the information specified in Schedule A to the Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2006 which is applicable and material to the Plan;
- the contributions payable to the Plan during the year ended 30 June 2021 have been received by the trustee within thirty days of the end of the Plan year; and
- the contributions have been paid in accordance with the rules of the Plan.



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF DIAGEO RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

#### Respective responsibilities

#### Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement set on page 12, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that gives a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for ensuring that contributions are made to the Plan in accordance with the Plan's rules.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustee is responsible for assessing the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee either intends to wind up the Plan or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <a href="http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description">http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description</a> of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Plan's trustee, as a body, in accordance with section 56 of the Pension Act, 1990. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Plan's trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustee for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

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2 November 2021

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# Fund Account For the year ended 30 June 2021

		2021 €	2020 €
Contributions and benefits	Note	•	•
Employer contributions	77010	2,691,841	2,084,730
Employee contributions		1,837,258	1,387,279
Total contributions	6	4,529,099	3,472,009
Transfers in	7	1,830,600	25,663
Other income		74	144
		6,359,773	3,497,816
Benefits paid or payable	8	(7,489)	(14,550)
Payments to and on account of leavers	9	(79,956)	(296,334)
Other payments	10	(90,347)	(78,535)
		(177,792)	(389,419)
Net additions from dealings with members		6,181,981	3,108,397
Returns on investments			
Change in market value of investments	4	3,621,153	(460,821)
Net returns on investments	7	3,621,153	(460,821)
Net returns on investments		3,021,133	(400,021)
Net increase in the fund during the year		9,803,134	2,647,576
Net assets of the Plan at 1 July		13,666,703	11,019,127
Net assets of the Plan at 30 June		23,469,837	13,666,703

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# Statement of Net Assets (available for benefits) As at 30 June 2021

		2021 €	2020 €
Investment assets:	Note		
Pooled investment vehicles	4	23,473,707	13,666,703
Current assets	11	190,965	34,184
Current liabilities	12	(194,835)	(34,184)
		23,469,837	13,666,703
Net assets of the Plan at 30 June		23,469,837	13,666,703

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Plan and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustee. They do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the Plan year.

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by	the Trustee on 20.10.2021
Signed by the Trustee	
Chalan	Edwina Malur
Director	Director

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### 1. Status of Plan

The Plan is established in the Republic of Ireland under a trust and is governed by the Trust Deed and Rules. It is a defined contribution scheme which has its own legal identity and has the approval of the Revenue Commissioners. The Plan has been registered with the Pensions Authority. Ultimate benefits are determined by the contribution levels and by the investment returns achieved on the contributions made. The address for enquiries to the Plan is included in the Trustee's Report.

The Plan has been approved as an exempt approved scheme for the purposes of Section 774 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 and thus Plan income and gains are exempt from taxation.

#### 2. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations, 2006 (as amended), Financial Reporting Standard 102 – The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") issued by the Financial Reporting Council and the guidelines set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice – Financial Reports of Pension Schemes (Revised 2018) ("the SORP").

#### 3. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Trustee are as follows:

#### i. Contributions

- a. Employee contributions, including additional voluntary contributions, are accounted for when they are deducted from pay by the Employer.
- b. Employer normal contributions which are expressed as a rate of salary are accounted for on the same basis as employees' contributions, otherwise they are accounted for in the period they are due.

#### ii. Payments to members

- a. Benefits are accounted for in the period in which the member notifies the Trustee of their decision on the type or amount of benefit to be taken, or if there is no member choice, on the date of retiring or leaving.
- b. Individual transfers in or out of the Plan are accounted for when member liability is accepted or discharged which is normally when the transfer amount is received or paid.
- c. Group transfers are accounted for in accordance with the terms of the transfer agreement, or in the absence of a transfer agreement on a receipts basis.

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#### iii. Investments

Investments are included at fair value.

Pooled investment vehicles are valued at the latest available bid price or single price provided by the pooled investment manager.

Additional voluntary contribution investments are included within the Plan's assets.

#### iv. Change in market value of investments

The change in market value of investments during the year comprises all increases and decreases in the market value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses realised on sales of investments during the year.

#### v. Investment income

Investment income and interest on bank deposits is accounted for on an accruals basis. Income earned on investments in the pooled investment vehicles is not distributed but is accumulated with the capital of the funds and reflected in the value of the units.

#### vi. Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### vii. Annuities

Annuities purchased in the name of the Trustee, and which remain a liability of the Plan, to provide pension benefits for members of the Plan are included in the financial statements at the amount of the related obligation, as determined by a suitably qualified person. There were no such annuities held in the name of the Trustee at the end of the Plan year.

#### viii. Foreign exchange

The functional and presentation currency of the Plan is euro. Assets, including investments of the Plan denominated in foreign currencies, are translated into euro at the rate of exchange ruling at the end of the accounting year. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro at the rate of exchange on the date of the transactions. Differences arising on translation of investment balances are accounted for in the net returns on investments and reported within the change in market value during the year.

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#### 4. Reconciliation of investments

A reconciliation between the opening and closing value of investments is shown below:

Pooled Investment Vehicle	Value at 30/06/2020	Purchases at cost	Switches	Sales Proceeds	Change in Market Value	Value at 30/06/2021
	€	€	€	€	€	€
World Equity Fund (Partially Hedged)	396,840	46,179	(521,434)	-	78,415	-
Corporate Bond Fund	33,389	5,855	(11,228)	=	1,123	29,139
Indexed Euro Govt Bond Fund	53,876	11,689	(1,993)	=	(687)	62,885
EMPOWER Pension for Life Fund	45,218	16,788	21,290	-	(2,027)	81,269
Low Risk/Return Growth Strategy	54,255	3,821	37,128	-	7,599	102,803
EMPOWER Cash Fund	61,761	29,809	38,108	-	(762)	128,916
Indexed Global Equity Fund - Partially Hedged	-	53,531	596,692	-	84,142	734,365
Medium Risk/Return Growth Strategy	1,053,956	631,849	241,657	(5,490)	220,498	2,142,470
High Risk/Return Growth Strategy	11,967,408	5,469,832	(400,220)	(78,012)	3,232,852	20,191,860
_	13,666,703	6,269,353	-	(83,502)	3,621,153	23,473,707

The change in market value of investments during the year comprises all increases and decreases in the market value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses realised on the sale of investments during the year. Where the investments are held in a unitised fund, the change in market value also includes expenses both implicit and explicit for the year and any reinvested income, where the income is not distributed. Investments are held under a unit-linked insurance policy and are managed by Irish Life Investment Managers Limited on a pooled basis for the Trustee. Units are allocated to members by the Plan administrator. At the end of the Plan year all investments were designated to members. Irish Life Investment Managers Limited is registered in the Republic of Ireland.

#### 5. Transaction costs

Transaction costs are borne by the members in relation to transactions in pooled investment vehicles. In addition to the transaction costs, indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread on investments within pooled investment vehicles. The amount of indirect and transaction costs is not separately provided to the Plan.

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#### 6. Contributions

	2021 €	2020 €
Employer contributions	C	· ·
Normal	2,601,494	1,956,195
Life assurance premiums	90,347	78,535
Augmentation .	-	50,000
Employee contributions		
Normal	1,517,337	1,217,045
Additional voluntary contributions	319,921	170,234
	4,529,099	3,472,009
7. Transfers in		
	2021	2020
	€	€
Individual transfers in	1,830,600	25,663
	1,830,600	25,663
8. Benefits paid or payable		
	2021	2020
	€	€
Lump sum retirement benefits	7,489	14,550
	7,489	14,550
Payments to and on account of leavers		
	2021	2020
	€	€
Individual transfers to other arrangements	67,490	251,059
Refunds of contributions	12,466	45,275
	79,956	296,334
10. Other payments		
	0004	
	2021 €	2020
Life assurance premiums	€ 90,347	<b>€</b> 78,535
Life assurance premiums	90,347	78,535
	<del>30,341</del>	10,000

Life assurance premiums are paid directly by the Employer. Life assurance benefits are insured with Irish Life Assurance plc.

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#### 11. Current assets

	2021 €	2020 €
Not designated to members		
Balance at bank	190,965	34,184
	190,965	34,184
12. Current liabilities		
	2021	2020
	€	€
Designated to members		
Refunds due to members	3,870	-
Not designated to members		
Refunds due to Employer	39,341	34,184
Other creditors	151,624	
	194,835	34,184
13. Administrative expenses		
	2021	2020
	€	€
Pensions Authority fees	2,864	2,408
	2,864	2,408

Annual fees payable to the Pensions Authority are borne by the Employer.

#### 14. Investment fair value determination

The fair value of financial instruments has been estimated using the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1	The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
Level 2	Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3	Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

The Plan's investment assets have been fair valued using the above hierarchy categories as follows:

30 June 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	€	€	€	€
Pooled investment vehicles		23,473,707	-	23,473,707
		23,473,707	-	23,473,707

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30 June 2020	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	€	€	€	€
Pooled investment vehicles	-	13,666,703	-	13,666,703
	-	13,666,703	-	13,666,703

#### 15. Investment risks

FRS 102 requires the disclosure of information in relation to certain investment risks. These risks are set out by FRS 102 as follows:

<u>Credit risk:</u> this is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Market risk: this comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

- Currency risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates
- Interest rate risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.
- Other price risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The Plan has exposure to these risks arising from the investment strategy implemented by the Trustee.

#### Investment strategy

The investment objective of the Trustee is to provide for the proper investment, in accordance with the Trust Deed and Rules and relevant legislation, of the contributions they receive from or in respect of the members.

The Plan is a defined contribution scheme which means that the benefits available are determined by the amount of contributions paid by the members and the Employer, and the investment return achieved on those contributions. Investment objectives will vary from member to member based on their personal financial circumstances, risk tolerance and proximity to retirement.

The Trustee has made available a range of investment options likely to meet the needs of individual members. Members can invest in a fund or a combination of funds designed to provide growth over the long term, protect against capital losses or provide protection against fluctuating annuity prices.

The Trustee has nominated the Personal Lifestyle Strategy as the default investment option in the event of a member not specifying an investment choice.

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#### Risk exposure and mitigation

The range of funds the Plan is invested in at the end of the Plan year, and the risks that each fund is exposed to, is set out below:

Pooled Investment Vehicle	Type of Fund	Credit Risk	Currency Risk	Interest Rate Risk	Other Price Risk
Corporate Bond Fund	Bond	✓	✓	✓	✓
EMPOWER Pension for Life Fund	Bond	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indexed Euro Govt Bond Fund	Bond	✓		✓	✓
Low Risk/Return Growth Strategy	Multi Asset	✓	✓	✓	✓
EMPOWER Cash Fund	Cash	✓	✓	✓	
Indexed Global Equity Fund (Partially Hedged)	Equity		✓		✓
Medium Risk/Return Growth Strategy	Multi Asset	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Risk/Return Growth Strategy	Multi Asset	✓	✓	✓	✓

Pooled investment vehicles comprise a range of multi asset funds, as well as cash funds, bond funds and equity funds. Disclosure on the type of fund, and the underlying asset distribution of the pooled investment vehicles, is provided in Appendix 1.

Risk exposure arises indirectly from members investing in the underlying pooled investment vehicles and member level risk will depend on the funds invested in by members.

<u>Credit risk:</u> The Plan has a direct credit risk to Irish Life Assurance plc as the Plan's investments are held by way of a policy of assurance with Irish Life Assurance plc. Irish Life Assurance plc is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Credit risk also arises from investment in bonds and bank deposits within the pooled investment vehicles. Furthermore, there is credit risk in relation to Irish Life Investment Managers Limited as manager of the pooled investment vehicles.

<u>Currency risk:</u> Currency risk arises because some of the investments within the pooled investment vehicles are held in overseas markets.

<u>Interest rate risk:</u> Interest rate risk arises primarily from investment in bonds and bank deposits within the pooled investment vehicles.

<u>Other price risk:</u> Other price risk arises primarily from investment in equities, bonds and property within the pooled investment vehicles.

The Trustee has prepared a Statement of Investment Policy Principles, which is included in Appendix 2. This sets out the investment objectives of the Trustee, the asset allocation of the Plan and details of the risk management process.

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Management of the underlying pooled investment vehicles is delegated to a professional investment manager. The Trustee regularly reviews the appropriateness of the funds made available to members and monitors the performance of the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager invests predominantly in regulated markets and underlying investments which are normally investment grade. The underlying assets of the pooled arrangements are ring-fenced from the pooled manager.

#### 16. Self-investment

Under Section 58A of the Pensions Act, 1990, the Employer is required to remit contributions to the Plan within 21 days following the end of the month in which they were deducted from the member, or became due from the Employer. Any contribution received after this 21 day period constitutes "self-investment" under the Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations, 2006 (as amended). There was no self-investment of contributions during the Plan year.

#### 17. Contingent liabilities

As stated on page 17 of the Report, liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits in the future have not been taken into account in the financial statements. On that basis, in the opinion of the Trustee, the Plan has no contingent liabilities, or contractual liabilities, at the Plan year end.

#### 18. Concentration of investment

The Plan has no single investment holding, within the underlying managed funds, which accounted for more than 5% of the Plan's net assets at 30 June 2021, which has not been disclosed.

#### 19. Subsequent events

Since the year end, there have been no significant events that would require disclosure in or amendment to the financial statements.

#### 20. Related party transactions

#### i. The Trustee

The Trustee of the Plan is outlined on page 1 of the Report. The Trustee did not receive and is not due any remuneration from the Plan in connection with the management of the Plan.

#### ii. Members

Transactions in relation to the members are disclosed on the face of the fund account and in the notes to the financial statements.

Contributions and benefits are paid in accordance with the Plan Rules.

#### iii. The Principal Employer

Diageo Ireland is the Principal Employer.

Transactions in relation to the Employer are shown on the face of the fund account and in the notes to the financial statements.

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The Principal Employer provides administration services to the Plan, free of charge.

#### iv. Registered Administrator

The Trustee is the legal Administrator of the Plan. Irish Life Assurance plc is the Registered Administrator for the purpose of carrying out the core administration functions associated with the Plan, including preparation of the annual report and member benefit statements. The cost of preparation and audit of the financial statements is borne by the Principal Employer. Life assurance premiums paid by the Employer to Irish Life Assurance plc are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### v. The Investment Manager

Irish Life Investment Managers Limited was appointed by the Trustee to manage the Plan's assets. The Investment Manager is remunerated on a fee basis calculated as a percentage of assets under management. The fees are reflected in unit prices and borne by the members.

#### 21. Covid-19

During the period a viral Covid-19 pandemic has spread across the globe. It is causing significant financial market, economic and social dislocation globally and in Ireland, including significant disruption to business and economic activity and increased volatility in the values of very many financial assets. The values of investment assets (across all categories) have been impacted. The ultimate extent of the effect of this on the Plan is not possible to estimate at this time.

# **Appendix 1**

# **Investment Details**

PENSIONS INVESTMENTS LIFE INSURANCE



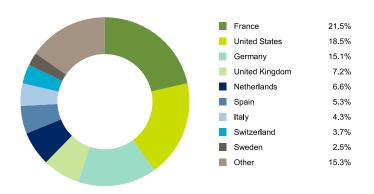
## **CORPORATE BOND FUND**

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RISK LI	EVEL					
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LOW	RISK	MEDIU	M RISK		HIGH RISK	

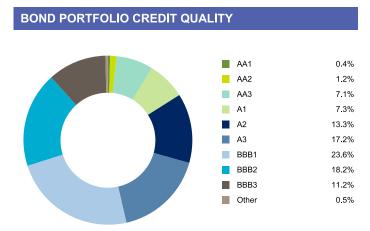
#### **BOND COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION**



#### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

This is a passively managed fixed interest fund that aims to track the performance of the Merrill Lynch EMU Large Cap Corporate Bond Index. The fund invests in a diversified range of corporate bond issuers. It aims to provide long term returns greater than can be achieved by investing in cash or government bonds. This is a medium risk fund which can have some level of volatility. The potential return from the fund will also be medium. It is suitable for investors who have some apppetite for risk. Investors may potentially experience material falls in the capital value of this fund. When yields on government bonds decrease, the market value of the same bonds rise. Likewise, when yields on government bonds increase, the market value of the same bonds fall. The value of the bonds held within this Fund will act in same manner.

Warning: If you invest in this product you may lose some or all of the money you invest.



The assets in this fund may be used for the purposes of securities lending in order to earn an additional return for the fund. While securities lending increases the level of risk within the fund it also provides an opportunity to increase the investment return.

This fund is provided by Irish Life Assurance plc and is managed by Irish Life Investment Managers Limited.

Warning: This fund may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

CALENDAR YEAR RETURN											
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD				
Fund	-1.12%	4.05%	1.79%	-1.76%	5.75%	2.13%	-0.86%				
Benchmark	-0.49%	4.78%	2.46%	-1.19%	6.34%	2.67%	-0.47%				

#### PERFORMANCE AS AT 30/06/2021

	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year p.a.	5 Year p.a.	10 Year p.a.	Since Launch p.a.
Fund	0.36%	0.07%	2.76%	2.01%	1.42%	3.03%	2.94%
Benchmark	0.43%	0.28%	3.52%	2.61%	2.05%	3.75%	3.64%

#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



Fund returns are quoted before taxes and after a standard annual management charge of 0.65%. Annual fund management charges are calculated and deducted based on the offer price of the fund. The unit price and value of the fund are always quoted after an allowance has been made for the fund management charge. There is no Bid/Offer spread.

Launch Date (for the series used in the above performance illustration) = 23 Jun 2010; YTD = year to date; p.a. = per annum Source: Irish Life Investment Managers

Benchmark: The standard against which the performance of the fund is measured. It typically includes market indices or weighted combinations of these as appropriate.

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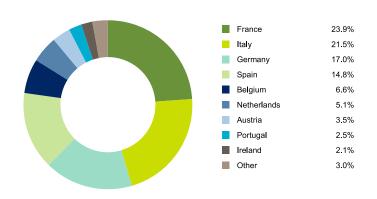
# **EURO GOVT BOND FUND**

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# FUND FACTS OBJECTIVE To broadly follow the long-term changes in annuity prices due to interest rates. INVESTMENT STYLE Indexed SIZE 153.3 million

RISK L	EVEL					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LOW	RISK	MEDIUM RISK			HIGH RISK	

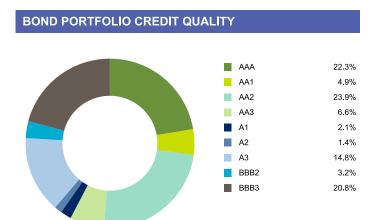
#### **BOND COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION**



#### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

The Euro Government Bond Fund is a passively managed fund, which invests entirely in medium-dated Eurozone securities. These securities are effectively loans to governments with repayment dates of five years or more. The fund's objective is to match the Merrill Lynch EMU Government Index, a 5 year index. The objective is to eliminate manager selection risk, which is the risk of being with an investment manager who under performs. This fund should broadly follow the long-term changes in annuity prices due to interest rates i.e. if long-term interest rates fall, the value of this fund will increase to roughly compensate for the rise in annuity prices. Long-term interest rates are just one of the main factors that determine the cost of an annuity. However, there will be times when the fund will not track annuity prices closely and no guarantee can be given in relation to such movements. This is a medium risk fund which can have some level of volatility. The potential return from the fund will also be medium. It is suitable for investors who are close to retirement and want to buy a pension or have some appetite for risk. Investors may potentially experience material falls in the capital value of this fund. When yields on government bonds decrease, the market value of the same bonds rise. Likewise, when yields on government bonds increase, the market value of the same bonds fall. The value of the bonds held within this Fund will act in same manner.

Warning: If you invest in this product you may lose some or all of the money you invest.



The assets in this fund may be used for the purposes of securities lending in order to earn an additional return for the fund. While securities lending increases the level of risk within the fund it also provides an opportunity to increase the investment return.

CALENDAR YEAR RETURN										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD				
Fund	4.29%	-0.20%	1.01%	9.85%	6.79%	-4.58%				
Benchmark	4.88%	0.32%	1.61%	10.40%	7.37%	-4.25%				

#### PERFORMANCE AS AT 30/06/2021

	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year p.a.	5 Year p.a.	Since Launch p.a.
Fund	0.63%	-1.14%	-0.79%	3.90%	1.62%	1.90%
Benchmark	0.70%	-0.94%	-0.18%	4.49%	2.20%	2.47%

#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



Fund returns are quoted before taxes and after a standard annual management charge of 0.55%. Annual fund management charges are calculated and deducted based on the offer price of the fund. The unit price and value of the fund are always quoted after an allowance has been made for the fund management charge. There is no Bid/Offer spread.

Launch Date (for the series used in the above performance illustration) = 26 Mar 2015; YTD = year to date; p.a. = per annum Source: Irish Life Investment Managers

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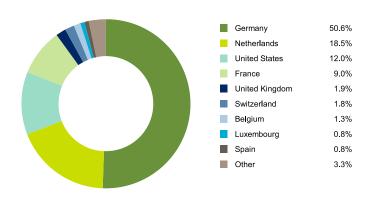
## **EMPOWER PENSION FOR LIFE FUND**

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RISK LI	RISK LEVEL										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
LOW	RISK	MEDIUM RISK		HIGH RISK							

#### **BOND COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION**



#### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

This fund invests in a blend of indexed bonds, including government and corporates, trying to match the movement in annuity prices. The bond mix is reviewed periodically and can be updated if a mix that better matches annuity prices can be achieved.

This fund aims to broadly follow the long-term changes in annuity prices due to interest rates which are just one of the main factors that determine annuity prices. However, there could be times when the fund will not track annuity prices closely and the fund is not guaranteed to track annuities prices.

Prior to 2018 the fund invested in indexed long dated AAA/AA Eurozone Government Bonds so the returns and performances reflect this.

Warning: If you invest in this product you may lose some or all of the money you invest.

#### **BONDS BY FUND**

FUND NAME	%
Indexed AAA > 15 Yr Eurozone Govt Bond Fund	60.0%
Indexed > 10 Yr Euro Large Corp Bond Fund	40.0%

#### **BOND PORTFOLIO CREDIT QUALITY** 60.3% 0.9% 3.5% Α1 2.6% A2 5.0% АЗ 7.5% BBB1 12.7% BBB2 5.6% BBB3 1.8% 0.1% Other

The assets in this fund may be used for the purposes of securities lending in order to earn an additional return for the fund. While securities lending increases the level of risk within the fund it also provides an opportunity to increase the investment return.

CALENDAR YEAR RETURN										
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD			
Fund	-0.95%	8.60%	-1.20%	3.53%	11.77%	8.59%	-6.13%			
Benchmark	-0.27%	9.28%	-0.57%	3.52%	12.29%	9.20%	-5.79%			

#### PERFORMANCE AS AT 30/06/2021

	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year p.a.	5 Year p.a.	10 Year p.a.	Since Launch p.a.
Fund	1.43%	-0.38%	-1.24%	4.70%	1.52%	6.41%	5.47%
Benchmark	1.46%	-0.19%	-0.62%	5.26%	2.12%	5.56%	4.80%

#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



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Launch Date (for the series used in the above performance illustration) = 14 Dec 2009; YTD = year to date; p.a. = per annum Source: Irish Life Investment Managers

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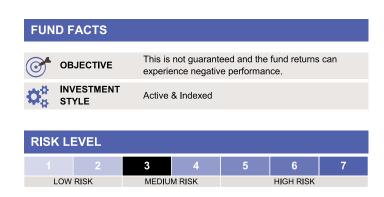
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## LOW RISK/RETURN GROWTH STRATEGY

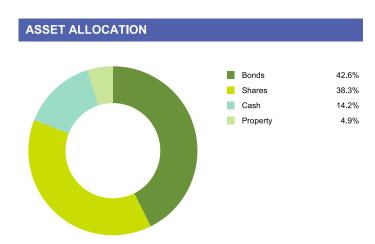
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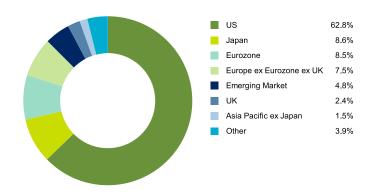
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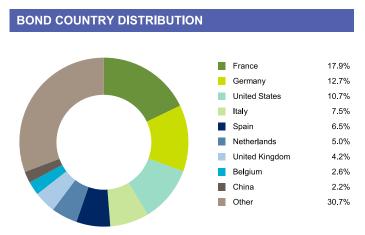
This fund is a mix of assets such as bonds, cash, shares and property. It features risk management strategies and may invest more in cash at times. This is a lower risk fund, aiming to have a mix of defensive assets and growth assets such as shares and property. The asset mix is reviewed periodically and can be updated. Over the long term the fund aims to deliver returns of the annual inflation rate plus 1% with approximately 40% of equity markets risk. This is not guaranteed and the fund returns can experience negative performance.

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CALENDAR YEAR RETURN								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD		
Fund	6.26%	3.68%	-2.13%	10.71%	0.25%	4.09%		
Benchmark	6.44%	4.22%	-2.51%	13.63%	4.31%	4.80%		

	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year p.a.	5 Year p.a.	Since Launch p.a.
Fund	1.52%	2.41%	9.74%	4.17%	3.40%	3.80%
Benchmark	1.60%	2.73%	12.64%	6.47%	4.97%	5.02%

#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



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## **EMPOWER CASH FUND**

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FUND FACTS	
OBJECTIVE	To achieve a reasonable rate of interest with a high degree of security.
INVESTMENT STYLE	Active
€ SIZE	1.9 billion

RISK LI	EVEL					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LOW	LOW RISK MEDIUM RISK		M RISK	HIGH RISK		

#### TOP TEN DEPOSITS HELD WITH

COUNTERPARTIES	COUNTRY
Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada
Basler Kantonalbank	Switzerland
BNP Paribas	France
Credit Industriel	France
Landeskreditbank	Germany
Mizuho Corporate Bank Ltd	UK
Natixis	France
Standard Chartered Bank	UK
Sumitomo Mitsu	Japan
Zuercher Kantonalbank	Switzerland

#### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

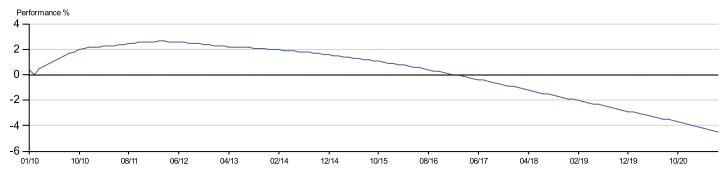
The EMPOWER Cash Fund invests 100% in cash and short-term deposits and aims to give investors a stable and predictable return. The EMPOWER Cash Fund can be used to protect the value of member's funds against market movements. For members who are close to retirement it is particularly useful for that element of the fund that will be taken as a tax-free lump sum. While these funds are intended to be low risk investments, investors should be aware that the funds could fall in value. This could happen if, for example, a bank the fund has a deposit with cannot repay that deposit, or if the fund charges are greater than the growth rate of the assets in the fund.

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CALENDAR YEAR RETURN									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD		
Fund	-0.69%	-0.79%	-1.00%	-1.01%	-1.02%	-1.03%	-0.62%		
Benchmark	-0.15%	-0.39%	-0.46%	-0.46%	-0.49%	-0.55%	-0.33%		

	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year p.a.	5 Year p.a.	10 Year p.a.	Since Launch p.a.
Fund	-0.11%	-0.31%	-1.14%	-1.06%	-1.04%	-0.70%	-0.40%
Benchmark	-0.06%	-0.17%	-0.65%	-0.53%	-0.50%	-0.15%	-0.02%

#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



Fund returns are quoted before taxes and after a standard annual management charge of 0.65%. Annual fund management charges are calculated and deducted based on the offer price of the fund. The unit price and value of the fund are always quoted after an allowance has been made for the fund management charge. There is no Bid/Offer spread.

Launch Date (for the series used in the above performance illustration) = 14 Dec 2009; YTD = year to date; p.a. = per annum Source: Irish Life Investment Managers

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## **INDEXED WORLD EQUITY FUND (PARTIALLY HEDGED)**

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# FUND FACTS OBJECTIVE To perform in line with the underlying equity market indices which the fund tracks INVESTMENT STYLE Indexed SIZE 126.3 million

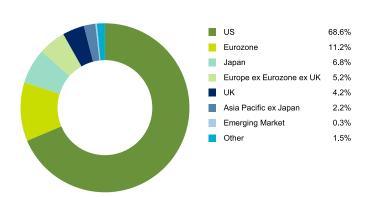
RISK LI	EVEL					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LOW	RISK	MEDIUM RISK		HIGH RISK		

#### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

The fund seeks to track the following equity market indices: 60% in MSCI World Equity Fund and 40% in MSCI World Equity (Euro Hedged) Fund. The stock selection is achieved by matching the relevant index, meaning we replicate the weighting each stock represents within the relevant market index. The aim is to eliminate the risk of investing with any one investment manager who underperforms the market. This is a very high risk fund which can have a very high level of volatility. Therefore it may not be suitable for investors who have less than 13 years to retirement.

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#### **SHARE REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION**



#### SHARE SECTOR DISTRIBUTION

SECTOR	% of FUND
Information Technology	22.3%
Financials	13.5%
Consumer Discretionary	13.4%
Health Care	12.3%
Industrials	10.2%
Communication Services	8.7%
Consumer Staples	6.0%
Materials	4.4%
Energy	3.4%
Other	5.8%

#### **TOP TEN SHARE HOLDINGS**

STOCK NAME	% of FUND
APPLE INC	4.0%
MICROSOFT CORP	3.4%
ALPHABET INC	2.6%
AMAZON.COM INC	2.5%
ILIM	1.9%
FACEBOOK INC	1.4%
TESLA INC	0.9%
NVIDIA CORPORATION	0.9%
JP MORGAN CHASE & COMPANY	0.8%
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	0.7%

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CALENDAR YEAR RETURN								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD		
Fund	10.30%	10.85%	-6.38%	27.55%	8.20%	15.35%		
Benchmark	10.43%	11.18%	-6.23%	27.83%	8.54%	15.52%		

	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year p.a.	5 Year p.a.	Since Launch p.a.
Fund	3.67%	6.90%	32.75%	13.44%	13.00%	9.38%
Benchmark	3.72%	7.02%	33.18%	13.75%	13.18%	10.27%

#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



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Launch Date (for the series used in the above performance illustration) = 26 Mar 2015; YTD = year to date; p.a. = per annum Source: Irish Life Investment Managers

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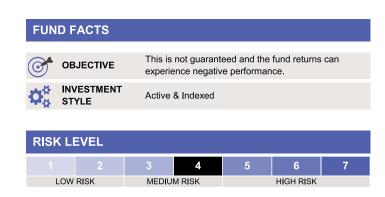
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## **MEDIUM RISK/RETURN GROWTH STRATEGY**

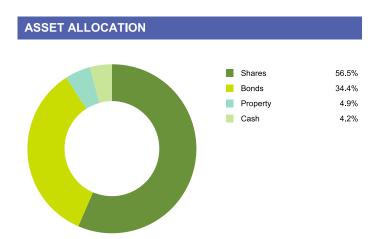
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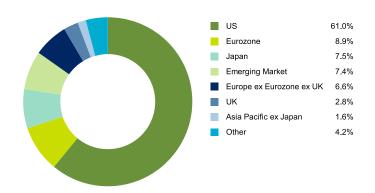
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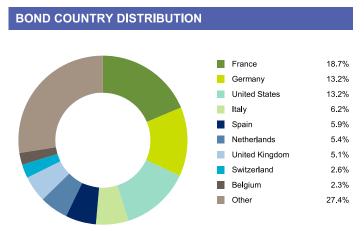
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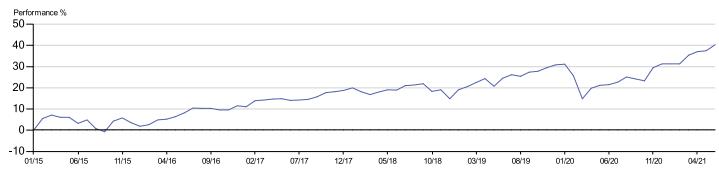
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CALENDAR YEAR RETURN						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD
Fund	7.83%	6.46%	-3.29%	13.94%	0.38%	6.86%
Benchmark	8.03%	6.95%	-3.83%	17.41%	5.83%	7.63%

	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year p.a.	5 Year p.a.	Since Launch p.a.
Fund	2.04%	3.62%	15.57%	5.67%	5.35%	5.37%
Benchmark	2.13%	3.88%	18.74%	8.55%	7.28%	6.86%

#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



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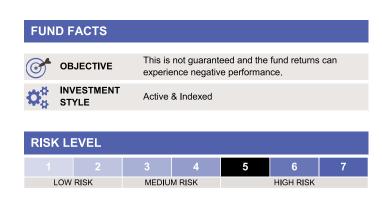
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### **HIGH RISK/RETURN GROWTH STRATEGY**

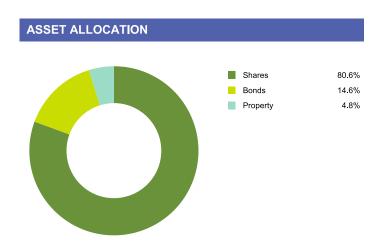
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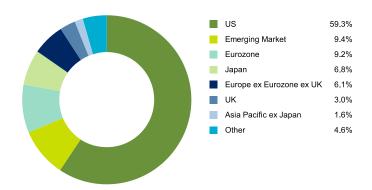
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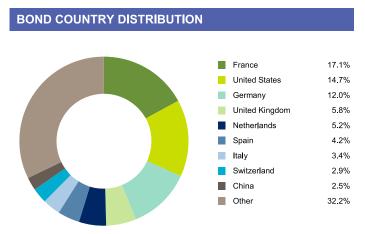
This fund is a mix of assets such as bonds, shares and property. It features several risk management strategies and may invest in cash at times. This is a high risk fund, which aims to have a high exposure to growth assets such as shares and property. The asset mix is reviewed periodically and can be updated. Over the long term the fund aims to deliver returns of the annual inflation rate plus 3% with approximately 80% of the equity market risk. This is not guaranteed and the fund returns can experience negative performance.

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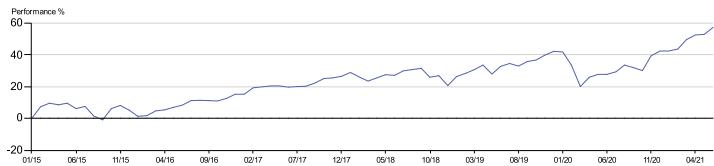
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CALENDAR YEAR RETURN						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD
Fund	9.61%	9.90%	-4.66%	17.81%	0.14%	10.53%
Benchmark	9.80%	10.88%	-5.59%	22.42%	7.48%	11.54%

	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year p.a.	5 Year p.a.	Since Launch p.a.
Fund	2.81%	5.14%	23.26%	7.38%	7.76%	7.26%
Benchmark	2.86%	5.45%	26.97%	11.19%	10.33%	9.26%

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# **Appendix 2**

**Statement of Investment Policy Principles** 

#### **Statement of Investment Policy Principles (SIPP)**

#### **Diageo Retirement Savings Plan (the Scheme)**

#### 1. Background

This statement summarises the Trustee's investment policy and how it is implemented.

This statement has been produced after consultation with our professional investment advisers and meets the requirements of Section 59 (1)(B) of the Pensions Act.

It will be reviewed every three years or whenever there is a change in the investment principles. The Trustee will monitor compliance with this statement.

A copy of this SIPP has been provided to the participating employers.

#### 2. Investment Objectives

The primary investment objectives of the Scheme are:

- To provide members with an appropriate range of funds for investment, having regard to the varying nature and duration of members' liabilities generally under the Scheme.
- To enable members to make appropriate investment choices through the provision of appropriate information on the funds available.
- To provide for proper investment of the resources of the Scheme in accordance with relevant legislation and the rules of the Scheme.

#### 3. Governance

The Trustee of the Scheme is responsible for the investment of the assets. They set the investment objectives and strategy. The Trustee takes advice from professional advisers when deciding on the appropriate strategy. The strategy and objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustee.

#### 4. Measuring Risk

As the Scheme is defined contribution in nature, the Trustee has determined a range of investment fund options to provide members with a sufficient range of investments to enable the members generally to invest taking account of the varying nature and duration of members' liabilities.

The Trustee has considered the following sources of risk:

- The risk of achieving insufficient capital growth over time leading to an overall return which is lower than inflation.
- The risk of a significant fall in the value of a member's retirement fund due to investment market volatility as a member approaches retirement.
- The risk that changes in interest rates result in a change in the cost of annuities that is not reflected in the change in the value of the member's retirement fund.

- The risk that the chosen investment managers do not meet their investment objectives, or deviate from their intended risk profile.
- The risk that members invest in inappropriate funds as a result of uninformed decisions or lack of understanding.
- The risk that Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors adversely affect the sustainability of the investment options and/or the risk-adjusted returns available to members.

These risks are assessed by regular review of the investment manager and of the funds offered by the Trustee having regard to the changing needs and profile of the Scheme's membership as a whole.

#### 5. Managing Risk

The Trustee has chosen investment options so that the risks identified in the previous section are kept to an acceptable level. Risk management measures include:

- A sufficient range of asset classes in order to allow members access to the main asset classes and enable them to select choices across the risk/return spectrum.
- Regular reviews of comparative fund performance information are carried out by the Trustee.
- Appropriate and sufficient information is offered to members by the Trustee so as to assist members to make informed decisions on investment choices.
- Investments are, for the most part, limited to marketable securities traded on regulated markets.
- The Trustee delegates the management of Environmental, Social and Governance factors within each fund to the investment manager. ESG factors will be reviewed and considered by the Trustee as part of each triennial investment review.

#### 6. Investment Options

Having regard to the varying nature and duration of the members' liabilities generally under the Scheme and the policies noted above, the Trustee offers the current investment options to members:

Fund	Objective	Description
High Risk/Return Growth Strategy	Aims to deliver long-term returns of inflation+3% p.a.	This fund invests in a mix of assets like bonds, shares and property. As a high risk growth strategy, the fund will have high exposure to equities.
Medium Risk/Return Growth Strategy	Aims to deliver long-term returns of inflation+2% p.a.	This fund invests in a mix of assets like bonds, shares and property. As a medium risk growth strategy, the fund will have a relatively high exposure to equities.

Empower Cash Fund	Aims to deliver a return in line with interest rates on short-term cash deposits.	This fund invests in a mix of Euro denominated cash deposits, short-dated bonds and other cash like instruments.
Indexed World Equity Fund (Partially Hedged)	To track the performance of a 60%/40% MSCI World Equity/MSCI World Equity (Euro Hedged) Index	The fund invests fully in global equities
Corporate Bond Fund	To track the performance of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch EMU Large Cap Corporate Index	The fund invests in Euro- denominated investment grade large cap corporate bonds
Euro Government Bond Fund	To track the performance of the Merrill Lynch EMU Government Index (> 5 Year)	The fund aims to broadly follow long- term changes in annuity prices by investing fully in medium-dated Eurozone securities

The default strategy invests fully in the High/Risk Return Growth Strategy until 20 years before retirement. At this point there is a gradual switch so that six years from retirement members are fully invested in the Medium Risk/Return Growth Strategy. Over the last six years, assets are gradually switched into funds that match the benefits that a member is likely to take at retirement i.e. cash, pension / ARF depending on a member's individual circumstances.

All funds are currently passively managed by Irish Life Investment Managers (ILIM).

#### 7. Sustainable investment

The Trustee recognises the importance of ESG related factors in determining investment policy for the Scheme. The Trustee delegates activities associated with the integration of ESG principles to the investment manager as part of their day-to-day fund management activities. It is the Trustee's intention to undertake the following actions in relation to ESG:

- Monitor the activities of its investment manager on a regular basis
- Take advice from the appointed investment consultant regarding industry best practice in terms of stewardship, namely exercising of voting rights and engagement, with a view to being suitably equipped to assess the activities of the Scheme's investment manager in this area.
- Take ESG factors into account when periodically reviewing investment strategy.

The Trustee is committed to ensuring that the Scheme is an active, long-term asset owner.

#### 8. Shareholders Rights Directive Policies

#### 8.1 Engagement Policy

The Trustee engages an asset manager through which they invest scheme assets. A range of funds managed by this asset manager are made available to members for investment. All funds made available to members are pooled/unitised funds managed by this external manager.

The fund manager exercises shareholder voting rights on behalf of investors in accordance with their own voting policies. When the Trustee engages a new manager, part of the procurement and assessment process involves enquiring how they exercise voting rights and stewardship obligations attached to the investments and considering the response in accordance with their own corporate governance policies.

The scheme investment manager monitors investee companies on relevant matters, including strategy, financial and non-financial performance and risk, capital structure, social and environmental impact and corporate governance on behalf of the Trustee. The investment manager reports on at least an annual basis to the Trustee on such matters. Due to the collective nature of the investments undertaken by the Trustee, the Trustee does not: enter into direct dialogue with investee companies or their relevant stakeholders; exercise voting or other rights attached to shares; or engage with other shareholders. Due to the nature of a pension scheme, shareholder engagement is integrated into the Trustee's investment strategy indirectly through the engagement with investment managers. The Trustee manages any actual or potential conflicts of interest in relation to its engagement responsibilities with its own and the relevant asset manager's conflict of interest policies.

#### 8.2 Annual update on engagement policy

In line with its engagement policy and this SIPP the Trustee does not directly exercise any voting rights during the year. The investment manager engaged by the Trustee exercises those votes in accordance with their own voting policies through proxy systems (and advisors where applicable) rather than directly on behalf of the Trustee. Such information as is publicly available in relation to how the investment manager casts votes can be found at the investment manager's website.

#### 8.3 Investment strategy and arrangements with asset managers

The overall investment objective of the Trustee is to provide members with a range of funds for investment, having regard to the varying nature and duration of members' liabilities and optimise the level of investment return appropriate to the Scheme's long term objectives achieved by the Scheme's assets subject to taking an acceptable level of risk, through adopting a prudent, carefully planned and well-executed investment policy. It is on this basis that the Trustee appoints investment managers. In turn, the Trustee expects the appointed investment manager to make investment decisions with the objective of preserving and enhancing long-term shareholder value.

In general, the Trustee's contractual relations with fund managers are open ended (subject to termination provisions which are negotiated as part of the appointment terms) in order to build long term partnerships with asset managers. The asset manager's report is usually considered by the Trustee on a quarterly basis. Through this assessment and as a result of the terms of the contractual arrangement with the asset manager, the asset manager is incentivised to

make investment decisions based on the medium to long-term financial and non-financial performance of their investee companies and engage with them, where appropriate, to improve their performance in the medium to long term. Any such engagement is subject to the asset manager's own internal corporate governance policies and best practice. The evaluation of the asset manager and in general, the remuneration for asset management services is in line with the long-term nature of pension scheme investments and takes into account the long-term performance of the asset manager.

The Trustee engages separate investment advisers to review the performance of the manager against benchmark expectations, including where available the extent of portfolio turnover, as part of its regular asset management monitoring and the impact on the overall performance of the assets under management during the reporting period. When selecting a new fund manager or new fund option the Trustee enquires as to the expected turnover for any given fund. Where relevant, for a particular fund option, as part of the regular manager review process, the Trustee monitors levels of turnover to ensure they remain in line with expectations for that particular mandate.

# 9. Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/2088) related disclosures

Asset managers are required to publish information on how they consider the principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors. To the extent that information is publicly available, such information as to how the asset manager considers sustainability risks when making investment decisions is available on their website.

A review of renumeration policies (for example the long-term nature of them and how they incentive key asset management personnel) is included in the appointed investment adviser's independent research and review of appointed investment managers.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee of the Diageo Retirement Saving Plan

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Last updated: September 2021

# **Appendix 3**

**Statement of Risks** 

## Trustee's Statement of Risk for the Diageo Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan")

The Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2006 to 2013 require pension trustees to make a statement describing the condition of their schemes and, in particular, the financial, technical and other risks associated with the schemes and the nature and distribution of those risks. The Pensions Authority DC Codes of Governance recommend that pension trustees establish a risk management framework to identify, evaluate and manage the risks that are critical to their schemes and which are likely to have a significant impact on the schemes' ability to provide member benefits.

The Plan operates on a "defined contribution" basis. In a defined contribution pension scheme, contribution levels are set down in the rules of the scheme but the ultimate benefits delivered from those contributions cannot be forecast with certainty. The level of benefits is dependent on the contributions paid, the period elapsed between the date of payment of contributions and the retirement date, investment returns, the cost of purchasing a pension on retirement or the manner in which benefits are taken and any charges borne by members. The very nature of a defined contribution pension scheme means that there are financial and operational risks borne by members and that, indeed, it may be appropriate for members to take some investment risk with the aim of enhancing their retirement benefits.

The principal risks, amongst others, associated with the Plan are:

- The benefits payable from members' retirement accounts may be less than members were expecting or differ materially from the projected benefits that have been communicated to members, as a result of inadequate contributions, lower investment returns or a higher cost of providing pension benefits at retirement. Members may fail to make adequate financial plans for their retirement income or may make poor decisions in relation to such plans whilst at work or at retirement.
- The investment strategy provided by the Trustee may underperform relative to alternative strategies, the funds in which members' contributions are invested may underperform relative to other funds or the managers made available for members' retirement accounts may underperform relative to other investment managers. The performance of investment strategies, funds or managers may vary from relevant benchmarks or could be adversely impacted by a failure to address environmental, social or governance ("ESG") risks.
- The Trustee, employer or professional advisers may not act in accordance with their duties and responsibilities. The administration of the Plan may fail to meet acceptable standards, including a failure to provide adequate security for members' personal data. The Plan could fall out of statutory compliance. The Plan could fall victim to fraud, including cyber-fraud.
- There may be legislative or regulatory changes that restrict the level or type of benefits that members may receive or how they are taxed.

To the extent that mitigation of these risks is within the control of the Trustee and recognising that it is not possible to guard against every eventuality, the Trustee is satisfied that it is taking all reasonable steps to protect members from the effects of these risks, including:

- Operating a risk management process, which considers and captures in a risk register the main risks, the likelihood and impact of their occurrence and the actions in place or required to limit or mitigate the risks, and periodically reviewing and updating the risk register and mitigation plans.
- Appointing professional investment advisors to support the Trustee in the development of a
  suitable default investment strategy for those members who do not make an explicit choice for
  their funds, in the selection of a diversified range of funds to be made available to members and
  in the appointment of suitable investment managers for those funds, and in monitoring regularly
  the performance of these funds and managers.
- Appointing professional administrators and advisors to assist with the proper running of the Plan.
- Making available to the Trustee Directors appropriate training in relation to their duties and responsibilities, together with the Trustee Handbook and Guidance Notes produced by the Pensions Authority from time to time.

This Statement of Risks was approved by the Trustee on 23 October 2020.