

# Countrywide Assured GLOBAL EQUITY PENSION FUND (S&P Series)

Factsheet data as of 30 September 2017

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide for long-term growth by investment in a spread of global equities.

## FUND REVIEW

Equities turned in a solid performance in the third quarter as markets rallied globally against a positive economic backdrop. Government bonds seesawed, rallying for most of the quarter before selling off in September. Positive inflation surprises, hawkish turns by major central banks and improved prospects for US tax reform drove yields higher.

Against this backdrop, the fund delivered a positive absolute return but underperformed its benchmark. Manager alpha in the US and Europe drove relative underperformance, as our funds in these regions underperformed their respective benchmarks and losses were not outweighed by the positive return posted by our Asia-Pacific ex Japan fund, JPM Asia-Pacific Equity Fund. Our asset allocation also contributed moderately to negative relative performance. We are currently underweight the UK and Canadian equity markets and overweight US, European, Japanese and emerging market equities. Growing expectations of a rate rise from the Bank of England and transitional Brexit deal supported the pound this quarter, explaining the relatively poor performance of UK equities vs. other equity markets in local currency terms.

## FUND OUTLOOK

We maintain a strong pro-risk and pro-equity stance, anchored in our assessment of robust and broad global growth. However, we are increasingly vigilant of a pickup in volatility amid higher bond yields, and are closely monitoring inflation data and its influence on central bank policy.

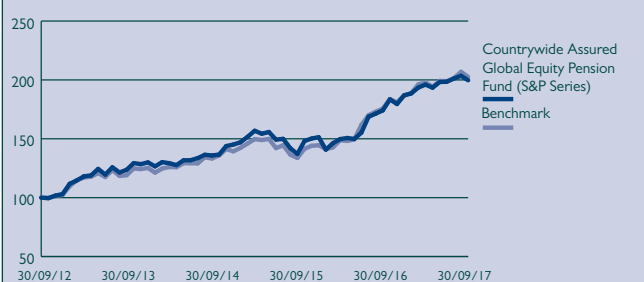
### FUND STATISTICS

Fund manager(s)	Katy Thorneycroft, Joe Cummings and David Chan
Fund launch date	02/83
Fund size (as at 30/09/17)	GBP 45.2m

### PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

As at 30/09/17	%
USA	55.2
Europe ex UK	17.6
EM (Emerging Markets)	12.0
Japan	8.7
Pacific ex Japan	3.9
United Kingdom	2.4
Cash	0.2

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (as at 30/09/17)

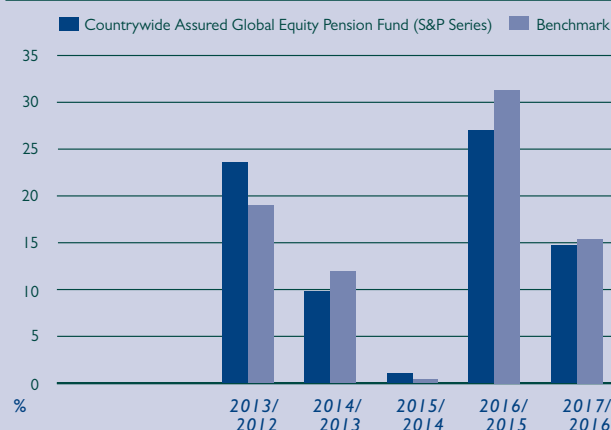


%	3M	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	10 Y
Countrywide Assured Global Equity Pension Fund (S&P Series)	0.6	14.7	47.0	99.6	111.8
Benchmark	1.8	15.4	52.0	102.6	138.3

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### ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (as at 30/09/17)



%	2013/2012	2014/2013	2015/2014	2016/2015	2017/2016
Countrywide Assured Global Equity Pension Fund (S&P Series)	23.6	9.8	1.0	27.0	14.7
Benchmark	19.0	11.9	0.4	31.3	15.4

Returns calculated on an offer to offer, pension fund tax basis.

Source: J.P. Morgan.



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