

Questions relating to the suspension of LF Woodford Income Focus Fund (the “Fund”)

Questions and answers

What is a fund suspension?

When a fund is suspended, requests from investors to buy or sell shares in the fund will not be accepted. However, the fund manager can continue to actively manage the portfolio on behalf of investors as normal.

What is the effective date of the suspension?

The decision to suspend the Fund was taken after the valuation point (midday) on 15th October 2019. Deals placed prior to the valuation point will be processed and settled as normal. Any deal instructions received after that valuation point will not be placed.

Why have you decided to suspend the Fund?

Link Fund Solutions (“LFS”), as ACD for the Fund, has made the decision after being informed by Woodford Investment Management Limited (“Woodford”), after the valuation point (midday) on the 15th October 2019 that it will resign as investment manager to the Fund. As a result of this we expect that redemptions may reach a level whereby the Fund would no longer be able to continue to meet those requests without prejudicing the interests of both the remaining and redeeming investors.

Who will manage the Fund during the period of suspension?

Even though Woodford will be resigning as investment manager to the Fund, they will continue as investment manager and manage the Fund in accordance with its investment objective whilst LFS consider the options for the future of the Fund.

How long will the Fund be suspended for?

During the Fund’s suspension LFS will consider the options available to us including the appointment of an alternative investment manager, a scheme of arrangement or winding up the fund and propose a course of action that is in the best interests of all investors. The suspension will cease as soon as we have determined the course of action that is in the best interest of investors.

In accordance with the Fund’s Prospectus, LFS and the Depositary will formally review the suspension at least every 28 days and will inform the FCA of the review and any change to the information given to investors. However, we expect to write to investors with an update within the next 14 days.

Who are the alternative investment managers you are considering? (Added 30 October 2019)

We cannot disclose the parties involved at this time for confidentiality reasons, investors will be notified as soon as possible in accordance with relevant FCA rules

Who will be paying the costs of the investment research firm? (Added 30 October 2019)

LFS are paying the costs of the investment research firm, they are not being charged to the fund/investors.

If you decide to appoint an alternative investment manager will shareholders get a say in the decision? (Added 30 October 2019)

No, as Authorised Corporate Director, Link has authority to appoint the alternative investment manager.

Will I get my money back?

The Fund has been suspended temporarily. Investors will be able to access their investments once the suspension is lifted. When this happens your investment value will be dependent on the share prices of the portfolio's underlying holdings at that time.

Important note: In the event the share price of those stocks has risen, your investment will be worth more than it is today. If the value of those underlying assets has fallen, your investment will do too.

How will the Fund's dividend income be affected by the suspension?

The treatment of dividend income from the Fund will be unaffected by the suspension in investor trading.

Investors holding accumulation shares will continue to see distributable income added to the capital element of the share class and reflected in the net asset value.

Investors holding income shares will continue to receive their income according to the existing quarterly payment schedule. The reinvestment of this income for the purchase of additional shares, will not be possible during the suspension, however.

Will I still be able to purchase/sell shares if I have a regular payment/redemption set up?

No, investors who have a direct debit set up to automatically invest in the Fund every month will not have their investment processed during the suspension. Investors will be able to purchase or sell shares again once the temporary suspension is lifted.

Investors should check with their platform or IFA on their individual circumstances, but we understand that most investors will have their money collected as usual and held in cash.

Is the Fund still going to price daily?

We will be publishing price data for information purposes, during the period in which investor trading in the Fund is suspended.

The last price at which the Fund traded was as at midday Tuesday, 15th October 2019. This was the last valuation point before a decision was taken to suspend the Fund. Any orders placed after that dealing cut-off point have been rejected. All affected investors have been informed accordingly. When the suspension is lifted, investors will be required to resubmit their dealing instructions.

Will deals received prior to the dealing cut off point on Tuesday 15 October be settled as normal?

Yes.

Will any exceptions be considered for the placing of deals?

No exceptions are envisaged at this stage, but if the situation changes, we will let you know.

Are Transfers between platforms allowed?

Transfers in or out of the Fund are suspended. However, transfers that do not change the beneficial ownership of an existing holding are possible – for example, within a platform nominee account or a switch between platforms where the same underlying investor remains invested in the Fund.

Transfers between platforms across all share classes, but not share class conversions, will be allowed. This includes where the receiving platform does not currently have access to the share class being transferred. (They will be able to open a new account in that class to support the transfer) This is intended to facilitate cross platform transfers where there is no change to the beneficial owner. This supports investors by providing them with the freedom to move their investments between platforms.

Important note: The total cost of owning the Fund can vary between platforms, even where two platforms offer the same share class. You may wish to consider the different platform fees and any potential discounts on offer before deciding to transfer. Please contact your platform or your IFA for further details.

Will the Fund be a forced seller?

No. While investor trading in the Fund is suspended, the Fund will continue to be managed in line with its investment objective and will not be forced to sell any of its assets.

What future communications can investors expect to receive regarding the suspension and how frequently will this be issued?

We expect to write to investors with an update within the next 14 days. Following that we will provide investors with updates as regularly as possible and as soon as additional information is available. Copies of all investor communications, including the suspension letter dated 16th October 2019 will also be made available on the websites below:

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