



# Quarterly Report Q3 2021 Irish Life MAPS®

The Irish Life Multi Asset Portfolio Funds (MAPS) are available on a range of products provided by Irish Life Assurance, managed by Irish Life Investment Managers (ILIM).

#### **WELCOME**

At Irish Life Assurance, we understand that our customers' financial objectives and attitudes to risk are personal to their circumstances. We worked closely with Irish Life Investment Managers, our award-winning appointed investment managers, to create our Multi-Asset Portfolio Solutions (MAPS), which cater to different risk profiles. The funds are suitable for longer-term investors and are rebalanced every quarter to ensure alignment with risk preferences. MAPS can be accessed via our pension, investment and savings plans.

- > This update discusses key themes driving markets in the third quarter of 2021 and highlights how each of the funds performed.
- > We also explain the asset mix within each fund and outline how ILIM manages risk across the range.
- > Lastly, we explain ILIM's Responsible Investment 'Beliefs and Approach'. These are referenced throughout this report and are responsible for MAPS achieving the 'Article 8' status under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).

As a proud ambassador for the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI), ILIM is a leader in driving ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) investing in Ireland. Our goal is to create a more sustainable future for the world and its inhabitants, thereby protecting long-term investor returns.

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# Market and Irish Life MAPS® Overview

# MARKET SUMMARY AND IRISH LIFE MAPS® FUND PERFORMANCE

Equity markets were marginally down over the quarter.

- > After positive momentum was carried forward into the third quarter, a late September drawdown brought an end to a seven-month winning streak for global equities, pushing the return for the quarter marginally into negative territory.
- > This came as a culmination of multiple factors including increased concerns over global growth, the potential contagion from corporate failures in China, lingering global supply constraints, a slightly more hawkish US Fed, surging gas prices, power cuts in China and political uncertainty in the US.
- Negative news flow from China appeared unending through the quarter. The negative news flow began in earnest with a regulatory crackdown on the private education sector, followed by increased regulations on the technology sector.

- Markets then had to deal with fears over possible contagion from the expected collapse of Evergrande, a large player in the Chinese property market with liabilities in excess of \$300bn.
- Fears over a possible sustained rise in inflation due to the unprecedented levels of policy stimulus, strong growth and spikes in global inflation readings have increased pressure on policy makers in recent months. In Europe, we have seen surging gas prices year to date, particularly since August.
- Having remained relatively dovish at previous meetings, the Fed surprised investors in September when it indicated tapering of asset purchases will probably begin in November with purchases ending by the middle of 2022, which is earlier than expected.

## MAPS – AIMING TO DELIVER RISK MANAGEMENT AND SMOOTHER RETURNS OVER THE LONG TERM

Our MAPS funds are built on the belief that diversification offers investors a smoother investment journey and that risk management aims to reduce the impact of the various ups and downs in the underlying investments. Each of our five MAPS funds invests in a range of assets, reflective of its risk profile. These include shares, bonds, property, cash and external managers/alternatives. You'll find a full explanation of these asset classes on pages 13–20.

In the table below and on the following page, you can see the individual calendar-year returns of each of the five Irish Life MAPS funds, the annualised return over the last one, three, five and seven years, and performance since launch (17 May 2013) to the end of the third quarter of 2021. Irish Life MAPS is a long-term investment – we would always advise caution when looking at fund performances over time periods of less than five years.



 $Source: `Money mate'. Gross\ returns\ shown\ to\ 30\ September\ 2021\ (`Money mate),\ before\ any\ fund\ management\ charge.$ 

#### PERFORMANCE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

MA	AP2	MA	\P3	M <i>A</i>	\P4
<b>7.0</b> % 1 year	2.7% 3 year p.a.	<b>11.8%</b> 1 year	<b>4.2</b> % 3 year p.a.	<b>16.3%</b> 1 year	<b>5.1%</b> 3 year p.a.
2.8% 5 year p.a.	<b>3.4%</b> 7 year p.a.	<b>4.6</b> % 5 year p.a.	<b>5.2%</b> 7 year p.a.	<b>6.1</b> % 5 year p.a.	<b>6.7</b> % 7 year p.a.

MA	.P5	MA	NP6
<b>20.2</b> % 1 year	<b>6.3</b> % 3 year p.a.	22.0% 1 year	<b>7.6%</b> 3 year p.a.
<b>7.6</b> % 5 year p.a.	<b>8.2</b> % 7 year p.a.	8.7% 5 year p.a.	<b>8.6</b> % 7 year p.a.

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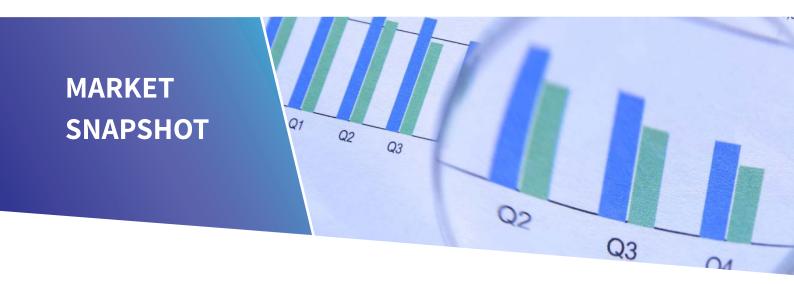
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#### **Shares**

- > The MSCI AC World equity benchmark fell -0.3% (+1.4% in euro terms).
- > The US rose 0.4% (2.7% in €), as a strong Q2 earnings season and planned infrastructure spending offset more hawkish Fed rhetoric at its September meeting.
- > Europe gained 0.2% (0.5% in €), as vaccine delivery and growth remained strong.
- > Japan outperformed, rising 5.3% (7.1% in €) on expectations of increased fiscal stimulus post the election of a new Prime Minister through the LDP leadership change.
- > Emerging-market equities underperformed, falling -6.6% (-5.8% in €) impacted by a regulatory crackdown in China as well as fears over contagion risk from a default by a large Chinese property developer, Evergrande.

#### **Bonds, Currencies And Commodities**

- The ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Eurozone > 5-year sovereign bond benchmark was flat over the quarter with the German 10 year yield rising 1bp to -0.20%.
- > European investment-grade corporate bonds rose 0.1% with global high yield credit rising 0.2%.
- > The euro fell to 1.1571 against the US dollar which benefited from the slightly more hawkish Fed, higher US yields and the more 'risk off' investment environment.
- > Commodities rose 5.2% despite deteriorating economic sentiment as energy prices moved higher. European gas prices have risen 4/5x in 2021 due to stronger demand and lower than normal supplies. Oil prices rose at a slower pace than in previous quarters with West Texas Intermediate increasing 2.1% as increased demand for oil reversed course in July on fears that the spread of the delta variant could slow the demand recovery just as more supply hit the market.
- Sold fell -0.8% as a strong US dollar, higher US Treasuries and strong hints of Fed tapering weighed on prices.

#### **IRISH LIFE MAPS® ASSET SPLIT**

There are five Irish Life MAPS funds to suit different attitudes to risk. The table below shows the strategic asset mix for each of the funds. As you can see, the lower-risk Multi Asset Portfolio 2 (MAP2) has a very high percentage in bonds and cash, which are traditionally less volatile assets. The higher-risk MAP6 is mainly invested in shares, which are traditionally more volatile than bonds or cash but have, in the past, given better long-term returns.

#### At 30 September 2021

Fund name	MAP2	MAP3	MAP4	MAP5	MAP6
Bonds	48.00%	31.50%	16.50%	4.50%	0.00%
External Managers/Alternatives	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	7.00%	3.50%
Property	7.00%	8.50%	8.50%	8.50%	6.50%
Emerging Market Shares	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%
Emerging Market Low Volatility Shares	0.50%	1.00%	1.50%	1.00%	1.00%
DSC Global Shares*	11.00%	20.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%
Global Shares	4.00%	10.00%	20.00%	34.00%	28.50%
Global Low Volatility Shares	4.50%	9.00%	13.50%	10.00%	5.50%
Cash	10.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

 $Source: ILIM, 30 \ September \ 2021. \ ^*DSC \ Global \ Shares \ use \ the \ Dynamic \ Share \ to \ Cash \ model - see \ page \ 11 \ for \ more \ details.$ 

The table above shows the strategic asset mix before any DSC or tactical movements (where applicable). ILIM rebalances the fund back to this mix on a quarterly basis. For the latest actual Irish Life MAPS fund mixes, which allow for any tactical or DSC changes, for example, see the relevant MAPS fund factsheet at www.irishlife.ie.

ILIM will continue to monitor and review these assets and may change them over time.

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# Irish Life MAPS<sup>®</sup> Risk Management Strategies

#### Irish Life MAPS® Diversification

As we've demonstrated, each of the Irish Life MAPS funds is diversified across a range of asset types – shares, bonds, property, cash and external managers/alternatives.

Within each of these different asset types, there is even more diversification. For example, within shares, there are allocations to Global Shares and Low Volatility Shares; within bonds, allocations to Corporate, Government, High Yield and Emerging Markets with comprehensive levels of diversification also seen within each of MAPS' other asset allocations.

The diversification contained in each asset class is shown in more detail on pages 13-20.

This level of diversification aims to ensure that the performance of the funds is not dependent on any one asset type, sector, geographical region, investment manager or investment style. Removing this dependence aims to produce a smoother investment journey over the longer term.

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#### **Regular Reviews**

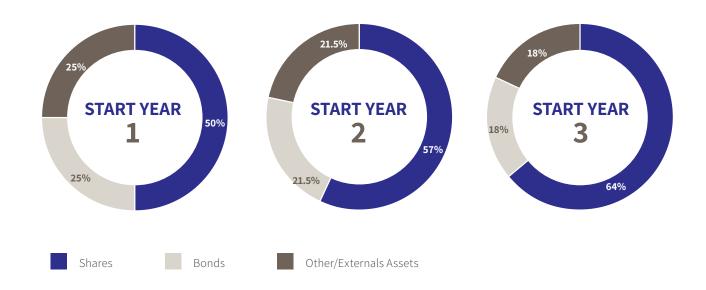
ILIM undertakes a regular review of Irish Life MAPS, evaluating the current asset and manager allocations to ensure they always represent 'ILIM's best thinking' and capabilities with respect to achieving long-term risk and performance objectives.

The process takes into account the short, medium and long-term expected outlook for investment markets, with a view to optimising the strategic asset allocation mix. Typically in these reviews, ILIM is looking for opportunities to either enhance risk management and/or increase the expected fund returns. This process involves reviewing investment opportunities such as new managers, asset classes, strategies, geographies, developments in quantitative research and simulating how best to incorporate any prospective changes into the existing funds allowing for the complexity, time, cost and benefit of doing so before then implementing the best solutions within MAPS.



#### Rebalancing

As investment managers, it's ILIM's job to ensure that the level of risk you are exposed to within MAPS is in line with the indicated risk profile for each MAP fund, over time.



We start with this pie chart, which shows a fund with 50% in shares, 25% in bonds and 25% in other assets/external managers.

If, over the course of a year, shares grew in value by 20%, while bonds and other assets/external managers both fell in value by 10%, then, without rebalancing, the second pie chart shows the new split of the fund. Here, 57% of the fund is now invested in shares.

If the same thing happened again, we would end up with nearly two-thirds of the fund invested in shares. This fund mix may no longer be suitable for someone who originally chose an allocation of 50% in shares, 25% in bonds and 25% in cash.

This change in asset split can be avoided by regularly rebalancing the fund to ensure that it stays in line with its intended split. ILIM rebalances each of the MAPS funds on a quarterly basis, which means that each fund will not drift over time. This means that you don't have to worry about a fund becoming a higher risk rating than the one originally invested in.

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#### **Dynamic Share to Cash Model**

Each Irish Life MAPS fund uses the innovative DSC (Dynamic Share to Cash) model on the DSC Global Shares portion of each fund. The DSC is a quantitative model that has been developed by ILIM and which uses a number of factors, across three broad categories, shown below.

The DSC signal ended on the level of 1.149 at the end of September (on a scale of +2 to -2) compared to 1.444 at the end of June. DSC is fully invested in shares above zero. Below zero, DSC moves progressively from shares to cash and is fully in cash at -2. The target equity allocation remained at 100% over the course of the quarter.

DSC aims to reduce the amount invested in shares and increase the amount in cash, when it identifies greater potential for stock market falls. It is important to note that the DSC looks at long-term movements and trends in the market. It is not designed to react to one-off or short-term jumps or shocks.

The factors include:



Based on how these factors move over time, DSC will decide how much of each Irish Life MAPS fund to invest in Global Shares and how much to invest in cash. ILIM will regularly monitor and review these factors.

#### **Currency hedging**

ILIM uses a systematic currency hedging process within the Irish Life MAPS range. The proprietary strategy aims to limit the negative impact foreign currency moves can have on investment returns.



#### **STRATEGY**

The strategy aims to reduce the risk of experiencing negative returns from foreign currency moves. This is achieved by hedging significant non-euro currency exposure when it is beneficial to do so.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**



ILIM uses a systematic approach to identify key factors (valuations, market momentum, etc) that, when combined, aim to indicate when it is beneficial to hedge foreign currency exposure.

#### **KEY BENEFITS**



This strategy contributes to MAPS smoother investment journey by mitigating the risk of loss which can occur from moves in foreign currency valuations.



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- ► FOR OPTION STRATEGY SEE PAGE 19





# What does Irish Life MAPS<sup>®</sup> invest in?

Asset Classes Explained

#### **ASSET CLASSES EXPLAINED**

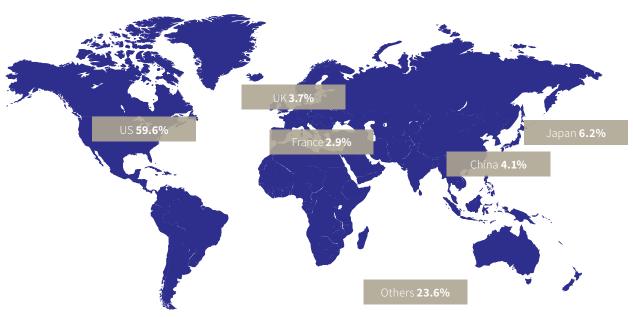
#### 1 SHARES

#### **DSC Global Shares/Global Shares\***

DSC Global Shares and Global Shares track the performance of a large, customised, global share index which has enhanced sustainability characteristics, a better alignment to the transition to a low-carbon economy, and is therefore completely aligned with ILIM's responsible investment 'beliefs and approach.' This index aims to have a more positive impact on the environment and society compared to a standard index and uses ESG factors in its composition. We use the DSC model (explained on page 11) in the DSC Global Shares allocation, while the Global Share allocation remains fully invested, providing the optimal mix for achieving the objectives of MAPS. Global Shares includes approximately 10% in emerging market shares.

For the percentage of Global Shares in each Irish Life MAPS fund, see the latest factsheet on www.irishlife.ie.

#### The geographic split of the index is illustrated below:



This information is correct as at 30 September 2021

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

#### **Global Low Volatility Shares\***

Using a detailed, quantitative strategy, ILIM chooses shares from a broad global share index. Not only has this shown lower volatility in the past, it is also screened for other indicators, such as value, momentum, etc. The c.200 shares that make up the Global Low Volatility Shares fund align with ILIM's responsible investing (or ESG) policies.

For the percentage of Low Volatility Shares in each Irish Life MAPS fund, see the latest factsheet on www.irishlife.ie.

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### Low Volatility Shares weight compared to the global share index

Sector	•	Global Low Volatility
盦	Financials	-4.9%
	Information Technology	-5.9%
	Industrials	-1.7%
	Consumer Discretionary	-3.3%
4	Materials	-0.8%
	Telecommunication Services	2.6%
<b></b>	Real Estate	0.4%
	Energy	-1.1%
<b>≋</b>	Utilities	1.5%
**	Consumer Staples	5.1%
<b>=</b>	Health Care	7.6%

\*Includes sustainable characteristics that help qualify MAPS as an Article 8 fund under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). For more on ILIM's responsible investing, please refer to the ILIM's Responsible Investing 'Beliefs and Approach' section on page 21 and/or to www.ilim.com/responsible-investing.

#### **EMERGING MARKET LOW VOLATILITY SHARES**

Using a detailed, quantitative strategy, ILIM chooses shares from a broad emerging markets share index which not only have shown lower volatility in the past, but which are also screened for other indicators, such as value, momentum etc. The c.200 shares that make up the emerging markets low volatility shares fund align with ILIM's responsible investing (or ESG) policies.

For more on ILIM's responsible investing please refer to the ILIM's Responsible Investing 'Beliefs and Approach' section on page 21 and/or to www.ilim.com/responsible-investing.

## Low Volatility Shares weight compared to the emerging market shares index:

Sector	•	Global Low Volatility
<u></u>	Financials	0.9%
	Information Technology	-4.7%
	Industrials	-0.5%
	Consumer Discretionary	-4.2%
4	Materials	-3.8%
	Telecommunication Services	4.8%
	Real Estate	-0.3%
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<b>*</b>	Utilities	-0.4%
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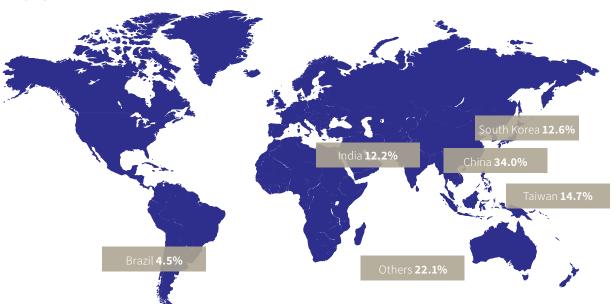


#### **Emerging Market Shares**

ILIM tracks the performance of a broad emerging markets share index. Emerging Market Shares includes over 1,400 individual companies, which operate in 26 different markets across the emerging markets.

For the percentage of Emerging Market Shares in each Irish Life MAPS fund, see the latest factsheet on www.irishlife.ie

#### The geographic split of the index is illustrated below:



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#### **ASSET CLASSES EXPLAINED**

#### 2 BONDS

#### **Government Bonds**

- > ILIM currently tracks the performance of a recognised and leading government bond index to provide exposure to shorter-dated government bonds.
- > Within the bond allocation, ILIM chooses the proportion to invest in government bonds and has discretion in relation to the index that is tracked.

#### The geographic split of the index is illustrated below:

Country	Weight
France	24.4%
Italy	24.0%
Germany	18.8%
Spain	14.4%
Belgium	3.9%
Netherlands	3.8%
Austria	3.4%
Portugal	2.6%
Ireland	1.8%
Other	3.0%

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#### **Corporate Bonds\***

- > ILIM currently tracks the performance of a recognised and leading corporate bond index to provide exposure to corporate bonds.
- Within the bond allocation, ILIM chooses the proportion to invest in corporate bonds and has discretion in relation to the index that is tracked.
- > ILIM's corporate bonds\* are managed to ILIM's responsible investing (ESG) policy.

#### The sector split of the index is illustrated below:

Sector	Weight
Automotive	6.3%
Banking	25.6%
Basic Industry	3.7%
Capital Goods	3.0%
Consumer Goods	6.5%
Energy	3.5%
Financial Services	7.0%
Healthcare	6.4%
Insurance	5.0%
Leisure	0.2%
Media	1.1%
Real Estate	7.2%
Retail	2.3%
Services	1.0%
Technology & Electronics	2.9%
Telecommunications	7.0%
Transportation	3.7%
Utility	7.6%

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#### **Emerging Market Low Volatility Shares**

- > ILIM currently tracks the performance of recognised and leading emerging-market bond indices, both local and hard currency (denominated in US dollars), to provide exposure to emerging-market bonds.
- > Within the bond allocation, ILIM chooses the proportion to invest in emerging-market bonds and has discretion in relation to the indices which are tracked.

#### The geographic split of the index is illustrated below:

Country	Weight
Brazil	8.3%
Chile	2.0%
China	10.0%
Colombia	4.6%
Czech Republic	4.5%
Hungary	3.8%
Indonesia	10.0%
Mexico	9.3%
Dominican Republic	0.2%
Malaysia	7.9%
Peru	1.9%
Philippines	0.1%

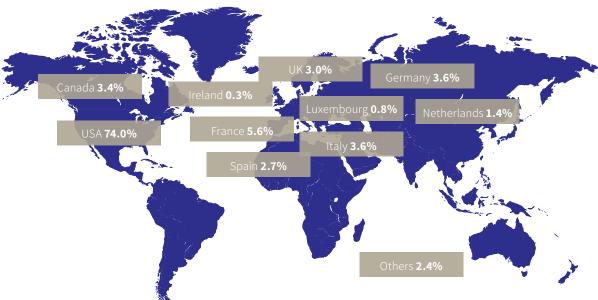
Country	Weight
Poland	7.8%
Romania	3.1%
Serbia	0.3%
Russia	7.7%
Thailand	8.6%
Turkey	1.8%
Uruguay	0.1%
South Africa	8.0%

\*Includes sustainable characteristics within the Emerging Market Bond (Hard Currency) allocation that helps qualify MAPS as an Article 8 fund under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). For more on ILIM's responsible investing, please refer to the ILIM's Responsible Investing 'Beliefs and Approach' section on page 21 and/or to www.ilim.com/responsible-investing.

#### **High Yield Bonds**

- > ILIM currently tracks the performance of a recognised and leading high-yield bond index to provide exposure to emerging-market bonds.
- > The high-yield bond allocation is currently sub-advised by an external manager.

#### The geographic split of the index is illustrated below:



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#### **ASSET CLASSES EXPLAINED**

#### **3 EXTERNAL MANAGERS/ALTERNATIVES**

ILIM recognises the need to incorporate alternative strategies within the Irish Life MAPS funds. ILIM complements its own alternative strategies with an active pipeline of external and alternative managers that bring diverse performance and at the right price. The external manager/alternative allocation is monitored and adapted on an ongoing basis, as ILIM's fund managers feel appropriate to best achieve MAPS' investment objectives. ILIM monitors performance and may choose to change the allocation to external managers or the target allocation within the external manager allocation, as deemed appropriate. ILIM may also choose to replace, add or remove external managers as opportunities arise and market conditions change.

ILIM's infrastructure shares and options strategy, along with strategies from eight leading managers, are currently held within each Irish Life MAPS fund. The percentage allocated to external managers/alternatives varies for each MAP and can be found in the Asset Split section of this update or on the latest factsheet, at www.irishlife.ie.

Responsible investment factors (ESG) are included as part of ILIM's initial and ongoing due diligence process.

For more on ILIM's responsible investing, please refer to the ILIM's Responsible Investing 'Beliefs and Approach' section on page 21 and/or to www.ilim.com/responsible-investing

Managers	Assets Managed	Fund Names
GMO Source: www.gmo.com	<b>\$60.6 billion</b> (30 November 2020)	GMO Real Return Fund
Putnam Source: www.putnam.com	<b>\$203 billion</b> (31 August 2021)	Putnam Securitised Credit Fund
AQR Source: www.aqr.com	<b>\$143 billion</b> (31 March 2021)	AQR Style Premia
<b>Dunn Capital Management</b> Source: www.montlakeucits.com	<b>\$1.1 billion</b> (31 August 2021)	Montlake Dunn WMA
MidOcean Source: www.midoceanpartners.com	<b>\$7.6 billion</b> (31 May 2021)	DB Platinum MidOcean Fund
RenaissanceRe Source: www.renre.com	<b>\$11.5 billion</b> (31 January 2021)	RenRe Medici Fund
LGT ILS Partners Source: www.lgtcp.com	<b>\$80 billion</b> (31 August 2021)	LGT ILS Cat Bonds Fund
<b>Greencoat Renewables Plc.</b> Source: Factset	\$834 billion* (11 October 2021)	Greencoat Renewables Plc.
Oceanwood Capital Management LLP Source: Oceanwood Capital Management LLP	<b>\$1.4 billion</b> (31 December 2020)	Oceanwood UCITS

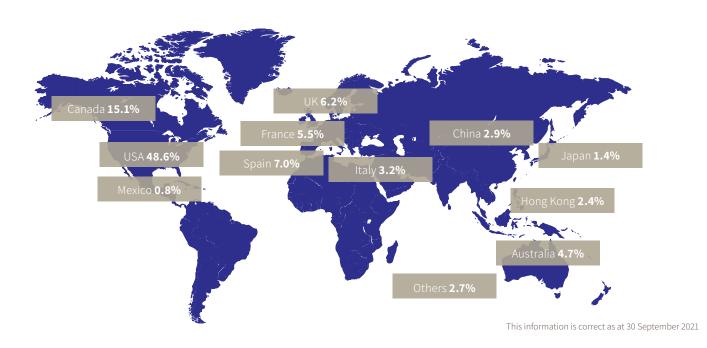
<sup>\*</sup>Market Capitalisation

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE SHARES**

- > ILIM tracks the performance of a large global infrastructure shares index.
- > There are 100 individual company shares represented, investing in sectors such as airports, toll roads, railways, ports, water, gas and many others.
- > These infrastructure shares come mainly from developed market economies, but also some emerging markets.

For the percentage of infrastructure shares in each Irish Life MAPS fund, see the latest factsheet on www.irishlife.ie.

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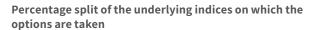


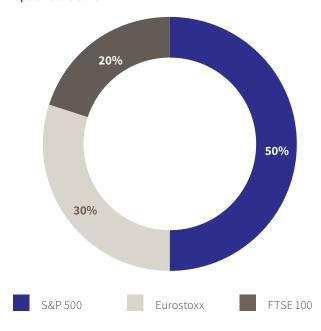
#### **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

#### **Option Strategy**

- > The option strategy provides an alternative source of share market returns. It has a low correlation with the performance of global shares and therefore provides a diversified source of share-market-derived returns.
- > The option strategy currently sells 'put' options on a monthly basis. This provides downside protection if markets fall (relative to direct global share market exposure), for which the funds are paid a fee.

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#### **ASSET CLASSES EXPLAINED**

#### **4 PROPERTY**

Each Irish Life MAPS fund currently invests in commercial property through an allocation to ILIM's Pension Property fund, in the form of offices, retail and industrial property. You can see the split between these areas and the funds' top five holdings below. More information on this part of the property allocation at the end of September 2021 is also shown below. ILIM also added extra property diversification through a small exposure to residential property via an investment in the private rented sector (PRS).

As part of ILIM's commitment to responsible investing and sustainability, we have also integrated ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) considerations into the MAPS property allocation. The industry standard is the GRESB (Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark), against which ILIM was awarded 4 out of 5 stars in 2020.

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- 2 1 Georges Quay, Dublin
- **3** 13-18 City Quay, Dublin
- 4 24-26 City Quay, Dublin
- 5 Stephen Court, St Stephens Green, Dublin

# €1.53 bn TOTAL VALUE OF PROPERTY FUND







BROAD MIX OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY – WITH EXPOSURE TO OFFICES, RETAIL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

The information is correct as at 30 September 2021. For the percentage of property invested in each MAP Fund, please see the factsheet on www.irishlife.ie.

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# ILIM's Responsible Investing 'Beliefs And Approach'

# ILIM'S RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT BELIEFS AND APPROACH

ESG stands for the Environmental, Social and Governance factors that companies are measured against. These factors facilitate ILIM's 'three pillar approach' to responsible investing.



As climate change poses a significant risk to all assets, we are actively reducing our investment exposure to carbon risk, as set out by the Paris Agreement which is a legally binding international treaty that aims to tackle climate change.



We also target companies that can demonstrate good corporate behaviour both internally and externally e.g., with employees, in communities and with suppliers and shareholders.

#### ILIM INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Our approach of exclusions, integration and engagement is making the difference today to deliver a better, more sustainable tomorrow.



#### WHAT IS THE ESG FRAMEWORK



- > Carbon Emissions
- > Use of Natural Resources
- > Energy Efficiency
- > Pollution & Waste Management
- > Biodiversity



**SOCIAL** 



- > Employee Satisfaction
- > Human Rights & Supply Chain
- > Global Health Policy
- > Stakeholder Commitments
- > Product Responsibility



**GOVERNANCE** 





- > Board Diversity & Independence
- > Sustainability Policy & Reporting
- > Bribery & Anti-Corruption
- > Lobby Group Policy
- > Management of Subsidiaries

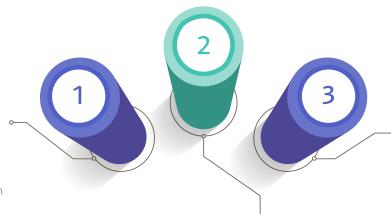
#### **OUR THREE-PILLAR APPROACH TO APPLYING ESG**

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

Exclude companies harmful to the environmental/social objectives of a sustainable society

Companies are excluded if their:

- products cause harm when used as intended
- production causes significant harm
- behaviour is shown to be harmful



#### **ESG INTEGRATION**

Incorporate ESG criteria as part of stock selection and the portfolio construction process

We enhance exposure if the company:

- has strong ESG credentials relative to competitors
- generates revenues from more sustainable business activities

#### RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

Encourage better standards and management processes around key ESG risks

#### This is done via:

- shareholder voting
- constructive engagement
- operating in a manner that emphasises the importance of ESG factors in industry
- regulatory forums







# **ILIM's Credentials**

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ILIM currently manages €97.4 billion of assets (as at 30 September 2021) from clients including private investors and leading Irish and international companies. By investing in one of these funds through an Irish Life Assurance pension, savings or investment plan, you will benefit from ILIM's experience and expertise.

ILIM is a multi-award winner, recognised internationally for its expertise, innovation and track record:











WINNER Property Manager of the Year





WINNER
Passive Manager of the Year



WINNER
Investment Manager of the Year

#### **IRISH LIFE MAPS®**

- Choice is offered across a range of funds
- Aims for smoother returns over the long term
- Risk management aims to keep returns on track
- Peace of mind through regular reviews
- Available across our pension, investment and savings plans



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