



# Investment Solutions

## Passive US Equity Fund Quarter 4 2011

### Fund Objective

This Fund aims to match returns of its benchmark on a consistent three-year rolling basis. The Fund will invest, as far as possible, in each index constituent to match its weight in the benchmark. The Fund aims to be wholly invested in equities issued in North America.

### Benchmark

The benchmark is the FTSE AW North America Index.

### Fund Information

**Provider:** Investment Solutions Limited

**Dealing Frequency:** Daily

**Launch Date\*:** 01/11/1999

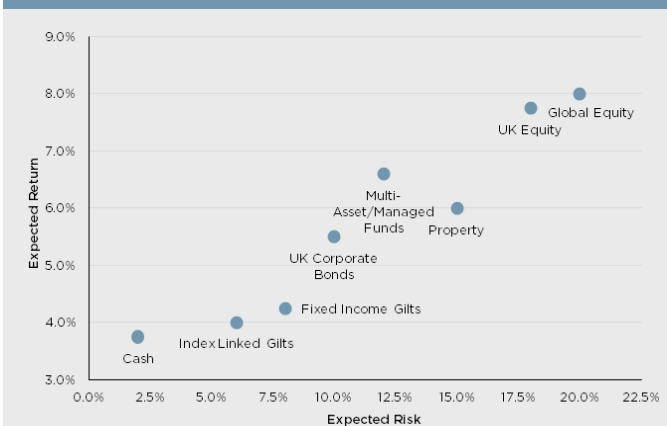
**Lower Threshold:** £330,000

**Availability:** Available through selected GPP, Stakeholder, Occupational Defined Contribution and Defined Benefit schemes.

**Charges:** In addition to the Annual Management Charge, periodic charges may also become payable to the underlying fund managers. As at 31/12/2011, these charges are estimated to be 0.00%

**Pricing Structure:** Single priced. In the event that the total value of units purchased on a particular day exceeds the value of requests to redeem units, the single price may be equal to the higher creation price. Conversely, this single price may be equal to the lower cancellation price.

### Asset Class - Risk Returns



Source: Investment Solutions

### Underlying Fund Allocation



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### Performance to Date

	3 months to Q4	One year to 31/12/2011	One year to 31/12/2010	One year to 31/12/2009	One year to 31/12/2008	One year to 31/12/2007	Inception* to 31/12/2011
<b>Fund</b>	11.3%	1.2%	19.1%	15.1%	-13.4%	5.6%	2.1%
<b>Benchmark</b>	11.3%	1.2%	19.1%	14.8%	-13.3%	5.6%	1.9%
<b>Relative</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.2%

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## Market Commentary

Global stockmarkets experienced a sharp rebound in the final quarter of 2011. This was a recovery from the setback of the third quarter when markets were very concerned that the US would not raise its debt ceiling and that various peripheral Eurozone countries may default and potentially leave the Euro.

The emerging economies have continued to see slowing growth, and China, in particular, has been using monetary policy actively to engineer a soft landing. The main concern in many global emerging economies is to balance inflationary pressures, with the need to ensure business cycle expansion for as long as possible, whilst encouraging internal demand.

Fixed Interest markets experienced yet another positive return this quarter, as gilts benefitted from the significant uncertainty in global sovereign bond markets. Corporate bonds lagged gilts over the quarter, however, the sector still is, in our view, relatively attractive versus cash or gilts.

The general lull in global growth experienced recently combined with broadly disappointing global macro news-flow leads us to be cautious on investment markets in the short-term. On a more positive note, companies appear to be in reasonable shape globally, and many have strong balance sheets and are maintaining a good dividend policy. Financially, companies appear to be in a better position to weather a market downturn than they were in 2008. However, the periodic setbacks and occasional weaker patches are expected to continue as market sentiment fluctuates and policy makers struggle to deliver appropriate solutions. In the long-term, it is our view that markets and the global economy will move forward and grow, albeit below trend.

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