

This Product Highlights Sheet is an important document.

- It highlights the key terms and risks of the ILP Sub-Fund and complements the Product Summary. It is important to read the Product Summary before deciding whether to purchase the ILP Sub-Fund.
- If you do not have a copy, please contact us to ask for one.
- You should not invest in the ILP Sub-Fund if you do not understand it or are not comfortable with the accompanying risks.

# R122 FPIL BlackRock World Gold (SGD HDG) (Invests in BlackRock Global Funds – World Gold A2 SGD Hedged)

Product Type (Specified Investment Product)	ILP Sub-Fund <sup>1</sup>	Launch Date	March 2012
Management Company	BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.	Custodian	HSBC Plc
Capital Guaranteed	No	Dealing Frequency	Every UK Business Day
Name of Guarantor	N/A	Expense Ratio for the underlying fund	2.07% (as at 09/02/2023)

# **SUB-FUND SUITABILITY**

### WHO IS THE SUB-FUND SUITABLE FOR?

- -The ILP Sub-Fund is only suitable for investors who seek to maximise total return; seek to invest in stocks of companies engaged in gold-mining worldwide; and are informed investors willing to adopt capital and income risk. Please note the ILP Sub-Fund does not distribute income and where applicable will re-invest any income received from the underlying fund.
- -It is important to remember that, as with most investments, the value of your investments are not guaranteed and can go down as well as up. Therefore we suggest that you only invest money that can be committed for the medium to long term. You should also bear in mind that securities held within a fund may not be denominated in the currency of that fund, so unit prices may fall purely on account of exchange rate fluctuations.
- -Please note that Friends Provident International Limited ("FPIL") investment products are intended for medium to long term investment and are not therefore designed for early surrender. If you do surrender early, a product surrender charge may be applied. Please note that the earlier you terminate your plan, the more you may lose.

### **Further Information**

- -Refer to the 'Fees and Charges' section in the relevant Product Summary.
- -Refer to the 'Investment Objective, Policy and Strategy' section of the underlying fund's Singapore prospectus for further information on the suitability of the Sub-Fund.

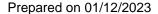
# **KEY FEATURES OF THE SUB-FUND**

# WHAT ARE YOU INVESTING IN?

- -You are investing in an ILP Sub-Fund that invests in the BlackRock Global Funds World Gold Fund\* ("the Fund" or "underlying fund"), apart from a proportionately small amount which may be held in cash to optimise dealing efficiencies in the underlying fund. We endeavour to maintain a cash balance limit of up to 0.75%.
- -The underlying fund of the ILP Sub-Fund is an accumulation fund, which means the fund will automatically reinvest any dividends.
- \*The underlying fund is a sub-fund of BlackRock Global Funds ("BGF"). BGF is an openended investment company incorporated in Luxembourg and its home regulator is the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF).

-Refer to 'The Company' and 'The Funds' sections of the underlying fund's Singapore prospectus for further information on the features of the Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For an ILP Sub-Fund that feeds 100% into an underlying fund, some information provided below could be similar to the underlying fund. In this instance this ILP Sub-Fund will be at minimum feed 99.25% into the underlying fund, BlackRock Global Funds – World Gold Fund.







# **Investment Strategy**

- -The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is gold-mining. It may also invest in the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is other precious metal or mineral and base metal or mineral mining.
- -The Fund does not hold physical gold or metal.
- -The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management or to hedge market, interest rate and currency risk.
- -The Fund may invest directly up to 20% of its total assets in the PRC by investing via the Stock Connects.

-Refer to the
'Investment Objective,
Policy and Strategy' and
'Use of Derivatives and
Securities Lending'
sections of the
underlying fund's
Singapore prospectus
for further information
on the investment
strategy of the Fund.

### **Parties Involved**

### WHO ARE YOU INVESTING WITH?

Management Company of the underlying fund: BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.

Investment Adviser of the underlying fund: BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited

**Depositary of the underlying fund:** The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch

Singapore Representative of the underlying fund: BlackRock (Singapore) Limited

The underlying fund's choice of counterparties for its derivative transactions is not restricted.

-Refer to 'The Company', 'Management and Administration' and 'Other Parties' sections of the underlying fund's Singapore prospectus for further information on the roles and responsibilities of these entities and what happens if they become insolvent.

### **KEY RISKS**

# WHAT ARE THE KEY RISKS OF THIS INVESTMENT?

- -The value of an investment is not guaranteed and can go up and down depending on performance. You could get back less than you have paid in. At times, the ILP Sub-Fund may, subject to the Appointed Actuary's agreement and provisions allowed for in the Policy Conditions, need to change the way its price is calculated, to ensure that those moving into and out of the ILP Sub-Fund are treated fairly. This can have a negative effect on the ILP Sub-Fund's price and performance.
- -Fund managers have the ability, in exceptional circumstances, to suspend trading in their funds for as long as necessary. When this occurs we will need to delay the 'cashing in' or switching of units in the relevant fund. You may not be able to access your money during this period.

These risk factors may cause you to lose some or all of your investment:

# **Further Information**

- -Refer to the 'Valuations and Pricing' section of your Policy Conditions for further information.
- -Refer to the 'Risk Factors' section of the underlying fund's Singapore prospectus and the 'Risk Considerations' and 'Specific Risk Considerations' sections of the Luxembourg prospectus for further information on the risks of the Fund.
- -Refer to the 'Risks' section of the relevant Product Summary for further information.

# **Market and Credit Risks**

**Currency risk:** Foreign currency exchange rate movements are likely to influence the returns to investors in Singapore, hence investors may be exposed to exchange rate risks.

-For Hedged Share Classes, while the Fund attempts to hedge currency risks, there can be no guarantee that it will be successful in doing so.



**Emerging Market risk:** The Fund may invest in one or more emerging markets and may be subject to a higher than average volatility than investing in more developed markets due to greater political, tax, economic, social, foreign exchange, custodial, liquidity, regulatory or other risks.

**Foreign Investment Restriction risk:** Some countries prohibit or restrict investment, or the repatriation of income, capital or the proceeds from sale of securities. The Fund may incur higher costs investing in these countries. Such restrictions may delay the investment or repatriation of capital of the Fund.

**Limited Market Sectors risk:** The Fund's investments are concentrated in the gold and precious metals sector, which may include investments in commodities-linked exchange traded funds. This may subject the Fund to greater volatility and more rapid cyclical changes than more broad-based investments.

# **Liquidity Risks**

**Liquidity risk:** There may be occasions when the manager is unable to sell some or all of the shares within the Fund, which could delay payment or redemption of proceeds.

-Redemptions in the Fund may be suspended in certain circumstances detailed in the Prospectus; this may in turn affect the ILP Sub-Fund.

# **Product-Specific Risks**

**Derivatives risk:** The use of derivatives may expose the Fund to a higher degree of risk. Derivative contracts can be highly volatile and a relatively small market movement may have a potentially larger impact on derivatives than on standard bonds or equities. Leveraged derivative positions can hence increase the Fund's volatility. The Fund may sustain loss as a result of the failure of derivatives counterparty to comply with the terms of the derivatives contract.

**Securities Lending risk:** The Fund may engage in securities lending. As such, the Fund will have a credit risk exposure to the counterparties to any securities lending contract. The Fund's investments can be lent to counterparties over a period of time. A default by the counterparty combined with a fall in the value of the collateral below that of the value of the securities lent may result in a reduction in the value of the Fund.

**Smaller Capitalisation Companies risk:** The Fund may invest in small capitalisation companies. Such investments may have higher than average volatility and liquidity risks.

### **FEES AND CHARGES**

### WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES OF THIS INVESTMENT?

-Charges are deducted by both FPIL and the underlying investment managers at each valuation point before calculating the unit price, as set out below.

### FPIL charges (payable directly by you)

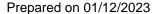
- -You will need to pay an ILP Sub-Fund administration charge of 1.2%.
- -There is currently no charge for switching funds although switching to a fund which differs from your plan currency may involve a cost associated with currency exchange. However, we reserve the right to charge for switches under certain conditions.
- -Any sales and/or redemption charges will be determined by the terms of your Policy Conditions.

Underlying investment managers' charges (these charges are as at 09/02/23 and are payable by the ILP Sub-Fund from invested proceeds)

Annual Management Charge (AMC)	1.75%
Additional Expenses	0.32%
Expense Ratio	2.07%
Performance Fee	Nil

-Refer to the 'Fees and Charges' section in the relevant Product Summary.

-Refer to the 'Charges' section of your Policy Conditions for further information.





### **VALUATIONS AND EXITING FROM THIS INVESTMENT**

### **HOW OFTEN ARE VALUATIONS AVAILABLE?**

- -Every UK Business Day.
- -Latest fund prices can be obtained from <a href="https://www.fpinternational.sg/fundcentre">https://www.fpinternational.sg/fundcentre</a>

# HOW CAN YOU EXIT FROM THIS INVESTMENT AND WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND COSTS IN DOING SO?

- -There is a Cooling off period of 30 days from when you receive your Policy Documents. If you decide to exit the policy during this time you should complete the cancellation form and send this back to the address provided, together with the original Policy Documents. We will refund any monies paid, less any shortfall (if any) which may result if the value of your investment falls by the time you tell us of your wish to cancel. If you elect to exit your policy after the Cooling off period has expired, penalties may be applied.
- -If you no longer wish to invest in this FPIL ILP Sub-Fund you have selected, you may switch all or part of your holdings into an alternative Fund(s) by sending us a completed Switch/Redirection Request form, signed. Switching from one Fund to another is done on a bid to bid basis, without charge (although we do reserve the right to charge). If you are switching between currencies, the relevant exchange rates will be applied and shown on your switch confirmation.
- -The sale proceeds that you will receive will be the realisation price multiplied by the number of units sold, less any charges. An example (assuming a redemption charge of 4%) is as follows:

Realisation price proceeds	Number of units sold	Gross Realisation
S\$0.93	x 100,000	= S\$93,000
Gross Realisation price proceeds	Realisation Fee	Net Realisation
S\$93,000	- S\$3,720	= S\$89,280

# Further Information

- -Refer to the 'Valuations and Pricing' section of your Policy Conditions for further information.
- -Refer to the 'Fees and Charges' section in the relevant Product Summary.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **HOW DO YOU CONTACT US?**

For enquiries in relation to the Fund or any FPIL ILP Sub-Fund contact the Singapore representative at Friends Provident International Limited (Singapore Branch), 182 Cecil Street, Level 17 Frasers Tower, Singapore 069547, telephone number: (65) 6320 1088, email <a href="mailto:singapore.enquiries@fpiom.com">singapore.enquiries@fpiom.com</a>

# APPENDIX : GLOSSARY OF TERMS

### **Bond/fixed Interest Security**

A bond is a type of investment that represents a written promise to repay a debt at an agreed time and to pay an agreed rate of interest on that debt. It provides periodic payments (which may be fixed or variable) and the return of capital at maturity. Generally, because these types of assets guarantee an income and are less risky than other types of assets they offer a lower return.

### **Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM)**

EPM is a set of standards for prudent management of investment funds. The standards call for economically appropriate transactions that reduce risk, reduce cost or generate additional capital or income. For example, a currency overlay strategy using derivative instruments could be used to reduce volatility in asset returns resulting from currency fluctuations or be used to take advantage of these fluctuations to gain extra return.

# **Equities**

Ownership positions in companies that can be traded in public markets. Often produce current income may be paid in the form of dividends. In the event of the company going bankrupt equity holders' claims are subordinate to the claims of preferred stockholders and bondholders.

# **Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)**

A security that tracks an index, a commodity or a basket of assets like an index fund, but trades like a stock on an exchange. ETFs experience price changes throughout the day as they are bought and sold.



### **Expense Ratio**

The Expense ratio provides customers with an indication of the overall costs of investing in a particular fund.

The expense ratio as calculated in accordance with the Investment Management Association of Singapore's guidelines on the disclosure of expense ratios. Different methods of calculation of Expense Ratio can be used, including Total Expense Ratio (TER) and Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) but these are broadly the same.

### **Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI)**

Also known as derivatives. Financial contracts whose value is tied to an underlying asset. Derivatives include futures and options.

### Hedge/Hedging

Any transaction with the objective of limiting exposure to risk such as changes in exchange rates or prices.

### Leverage

The use of financial instruments to increase the potential return of an investment.

### **Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)**

A type of expense ratio. The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the previous year and is a ratio of the total ongoing charges to the fund's average net asset value over its last reporting period. This figure may vary from year to year. The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of the underlying fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

For more information about charges, please consult the Prospectus for the underlying fund of the ILP Sub-Fund invested in, available from <a href="www.fpinternational.sg/phs">www.fpinternational.sg/phs</a> Details of the calculation methodology can be found in full at <a href="https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/2015/11/10">https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/2015/11/10</a> 674.pdf

### **Open-Ended Investment Company**

An open-ended collective investment vehicle, structured as an investment company, where new shares are created or redeemed, depending on demand from investors.

### **Securities Lending**

The act of loaning a stock, derivative, other security to an investor or firm. Securities lending requires the borrower to put up collateral, whether cash, security or a letter of credit. When a security is loaned, the title and the ownership is also transferred to the borrower.

### Specified Investment Product (SIP)

SIP is a class of investment products defined by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). Generally, (although not in all instances), financial advisers have to carry out more due diligence, including customer knowledge assessment, when advising about a SIP.

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