## **Key Information Document**



## **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

# Global Short-Term Investment Grade Fixed Income Fund EUR Accumulation Shares (IE00BFG1R338)

a sub-fund of Dimensional Funds plc

Manufacturer: Dimensional Ireland Limited

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The Central Bank of Ireland is responsible for supervising Dimensional Ireland Limited in relation to this Key Information Document.

The Global Short-Term Investment Grade Fixed Income Fund ("Fund") is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

This Fund is managed by Dimensional Ireland Limited.

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## What is this product?

#### Type:

This product is a UCITS Fund.

#### Term:

This Fund is open-ended.

#### **Objectives:**

The aim is to maximise total returns from the universe of debt instruments in which the Fund invests. Total return seeks to generate both income and capital appreciation.

The Fund is actively managed which means that the Investment Manager is actively making investment decisions for the Fund. The Fund is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The Fund invests in investment grade debt instruments such as, without limitation, bonds, commercial paper, bank and corporate debt.

A security will be considered by the Fund to be "investment grade" if it, or its issuer or guarantor, has a rating of BBB- or higher by Standard & Poor's, Baa3 or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., BBB- or higher by Fitch, Inc., or has the equivalent or higher rating from another recognised credit rating agency.

The Fund will generally maintain an average duration of its investments to three years or less. This debt is issued by governments, other public bodies and companies from developed countries. In addition to investment grade instruments, the Fund may invest in unrated instruments which are deemed to be of similar quality. If the investments are downgraded below this level, they may be sold if in the best interests of the Fund.

The Fund will purchase debt in various currencies. The Fund will use financial contracts or instruments (derivatives) to manage its exposure to these currencies.

The Fund will use derivatives in an attempt to protect your returns against exchange rate fluctuations between the currency of your share class and the base currency of the Fund (hedging).

The Fund may use financial contracts or instruments (derivatives) to manage risk, reduce costs or improve returns.

Fund returns are primarily determined by the returns of the securities the Fund invests in, after fees. The performance of an investment in the Fund will be driven by the performance of the bond markets which the Fund focuses on, by the characteristics that the Fund emphasizes—such as exposure to the credit and term premiums—as well as by implementation costs.

Income is not distributed and is rolled up (accumulated) into the value of your investment.

You may sell your investment in the Fund on demand on a daily basis.

**Additional Information:** We are required to provide you with further documentation and copies of the prospectus (which includes additional information relating to your investment), the latest annual reports and subsequent half-yearly reports (all in English). This and other information (including the latest share prices) are available free of charge at <a href="https://www.dimensional.com">www.dimensional.com</a>.

**Depositary:** State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.

#### Intended retail investor:

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking to maximise total returns from the universe of debt obligations in which the Fund invests. It is recommended the Fund should be purchased with advice, but it is also suitable for retail investors with a basic knowledge of financial investments who can purchase the Fund on an execution only basis. As the Fund's investment return is not guaranteed, investors must be able to bear loss of capital.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

## **Risk Indicator**



The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 2 out of 7, which is a low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a low level and poor market conditions are very unlikely to impact the value of your investment.

Additional risks may include loss of principal and fluctuating value. For more detail about the risks related to this product, please see the prospectus available at <a href="https://www.dimensional.com">www.dimensional.com</a>.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

### Performance scenarios

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the Global Short-Term Investment Grade Fixed Income Fund supplemented by a suitable benchmark or proxy where the Fund had insufficient history over the last 10 years.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

Recommended Holding Period: 3 years Investment: EUR 10,000					
Stress	What you might get back after costs  Average return each year	<b>9,040 EUR</b> -9.63%	<b>9,060 EUR</b> -3.25%		
Unfavourable <sup>1</sup>	What you might get back after costs Average return each year	<b>9,090 EUR</b> -9.14%	<b>9,060 EUR</b> -3.25%		
Moderate <sup>2</sup>	What you might get back after costs Average return each year	<b>10,040 EUR</b> 0.40%	<b>10,000 EUR</b> 0.00%		
Favourable <sup>3</sup>	What you might get back after costs Average return each year	<b>10,330 EUR</b> 3.32%	<b>10,590 EUR</b> 1.93%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This type of scenario occurred for an investment between October 2019 and October 2022.

# What happens if Dimensional Ireland Limited is unable to pay out?

The assets of the Fund are held in safekeeping by its depositary, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. In the event of the insolvency of Dimensional Ireland Limited, the Fund's assets in the safekeeping of the depositary will not be affected. However, in the event of the depositary's insolvency, or someone acting on its behalf, the Fund may suffer a financial loss. The risk is mitigated to a certain extent by the fact the depositary is required by law and regulation to segregate its own assets from the assets of the Fund. The depositary will also be liable to the Fund and the investors for any loss arising from, among other things, its negligence, fraud, or intentional failure to properly fulfill its obligations (subject to certain limitations). There is no compensation or guarantee scheme protecting you from a default of the Fund's depositary.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### Costs over time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

We have assumed, in the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0 % annual return). For the other holding period, we have assumed the fund performs as shown in the moderate scenario and the investment is EUR 10,000.

Investment: EUR 10,000	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 3 years
Total costs	27 EUR	81 EUR
Annual cost impact (*)	0.3%	0.3%

(\*) This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 0.3% before costs and 0.0% after costs.

The illustration is produced using a required methodology (which includes using data from an appropriate proxy where there is insufficient historical data available for the Fund) and provides only a projection, such that it may not accurately predict what the actual annual costs and returns of the Fund will be.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This type of scenario occurred for an investment between August 2015 and August 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This type of scenario occurred for an investment between June 2013 and June 2016.

#### Composition of costs

One-off costs upon entry or ex	If you exit after 1 year	
Entry costs	We do not charge an entry fee.	0 EUR
Exit costs	We do not charge an exit fee for this product, but the person selling you the product may do so.	0 EUR
Ongoing costs taken each year	If you exit after 1 year	
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.3% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	25 EUR
Transaction costs	0.0% of the value of your investment per year.  This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	2 EUR
Incidental costs taken under sp	If you exit after 1 year	
Performance fees	There is no performance fee for this product.	0 EUR

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

#### Recommended holding period: 3 years

As the Fund is intended for long-term investors, we recommend that you hold this investment for at least 3 years based on the investment policy of the Fund.

You can request to take out some or all of your money at any time. You can typically request to buy or sell shares in the Fund on any Business Day (as set out in the Fund's prospectus).

If you cash in at an early stage this will increase the risk of lower investment returns or a loss.

# How can I complain?

If you have any complaints, please contact the Compliance Officer. Complaints can be lodged via the following methods:

i. Phone: +353 (0)1 669 8500

ii. E-mail: complaints@dimensional.com

iii. Mail: Dimensional Ireland Limited. 3 Dublin Landings, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland

iv. Online: https://www.dimensional.com/legal-document-centre-for-investors

#### Other relevant information

Past Performance & Performance Scenarios: Please visit <a href="https://www.dimensional.com/PRIIPS-Performance">https://www.dimensional.com/PRIIPS-Performance</a> to view the fund's historical performance and previous performance scenarios. Any past performance data presented will be for up to 10 calendar years from the date of the launch of a share class. No performance data will be presented for a share class that does not yet have performance data for one complete calendar year as there would be insufficient data to provide a useful indication of past performance to retail investors.