

## Fund Suspension

On 25 March 2020 the ZCashBuilder **Property Fund** was suspended from trading. If you are directly affected by this we will be writing to you.

### Why has the fund been suspended?

The current restrictions mean that property assessors are not able to accurately value the fund's assets and calculate a daily price. The Zurich fund is not alone in taking this action and we are aware that other property funds have also temporarily closed.

At this time we do not know how long the fund will be closed.

### What this means for you if you have chosen to invest in the Property Fund

If you have investments in the Property fund, as trading has been temporarily suspended, you should note the following:

- **New Contributions:** This announcement came the day before the payment of the March contributions so we were not able to give you advance notice of this closure. As the closure of the Property Fund meant that the Trustees were unable to follow your current investment instructions, in order to invest the contributions promptly it was decided that any due to be invested in the Property Fund would instead be invested in the Sterling Liquidity Fund.

If you wish to redirect future contributions to an alternative investment fund or funds, you can do this by logging into your account and select 'Change Future Contribution Investments'. This will allow you to select one or more of the other investment funds available to you.

**If you do not make any changes to how your future contributions are invested, we will continue to invest your contributions into the Sterling Liquidity Fund until the Property Fund reopens.**

- **Existing investments:** It will not be possible for you to switch out of or take benefits from the portion of your Account that is invested in the suspended fund. You will, however, be able to switch out of or take benefits from any other investment fund you have in your account.

### What is the Sterling Liquidity Fund?

The Sterling Liquidity Fund is low risk and its objective is:

*The fund aims to achieve an investment that is in line with wholesale money market short-term interest rates. Specifically, the fund will aim to better the return of Seven Day London Interbank Bid Rate (LIBID).*

You should be aware that the Sterling Liquidity Fund has annual charges of 0.275% and as at 31 December 2019 was giving positive returns in excess of the charges. This was before the recent reduction in the Bank of England interest rate.

You can find out more information about the Sterling Liquidity Fund and the ZCashBuilder investment range at [www.zpen.info](http://www.zpen.info) and under the library section, click on 'ZCashBuilder Investment Choices'.

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### What happens when the Property fund reopens?

- We will notify you that the fund has re-opened.
- We will continue to invest your contributions in line with your most recent instructions, so:
  - If you have not made any changes, then your future contributions will again be invested in the Property Fund as they were before 25th March.
  - If you have made changes to how your contributions are invested we will continue to follow these.
- Any contributions that have been invested in the Sterling Liquidity Fund during this period will NOT be automatically switched to the Property Fund. If you do not want to remain invested in the Sterling Liquidity Fund you will need to make this change online.

### What this means for you if you are invested in a default strategy

If you haven't chosen where to invest then you are probably invested in one of the 2 default investment options. If, in addition, you are more than 4 years from retirement then you will probably have some, or all, of your investments in ZFundBuilder.

ZFundBuilder consists of a number of different investment funds, including the Zurich Property Fund, and this fund is regularly rebalanced to keep all these funds in the proportions agreed by the Trustees.

The other funds within ZFundBuilder are still operating normally, so the suspension of the Zurich Property Fund will not affect the investment of your contributions, any investment switches or disinvestments. The only change is that the regular rebalancing in ZFundBuilder will not take place until the Property Fund reopens.

### What this means for you if you have chosen to invest in ZFundBuilder.

If you have chosen to invest in ZFundBuilder there will be no impact on the investment of your contributions, any investment switches or disinvestments, because the other funds within ZFundBuilder are operating normally.

The only change is that the regular rebalancing in ZFundBuilder will not take place until the Property Fund reopens.

### Any questions?

If you have any questions please email the ZCashBuilder team at [zcashbuilderteam@rpmico.uk](mailto:zcashbuilderteam@rpmico.uk)

Note that you can check your fund value and how much is invested in the Sterling Liquidity Fund by logging into your account and clicking on Account details and then ZCashBuilder Investments.

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