



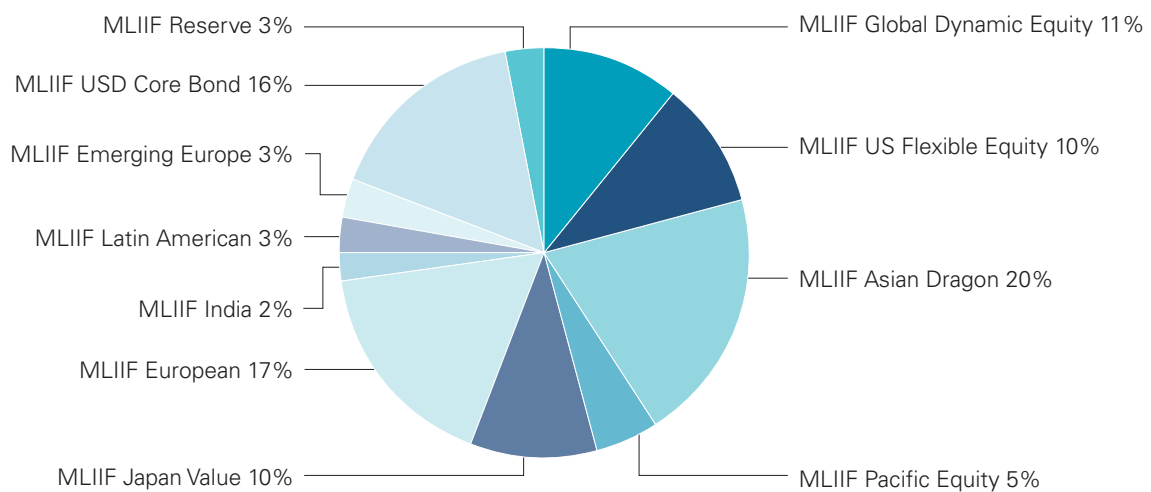
# The Global Growth Protector Fund

## Current Allocation

The Friends Provident International Limited (FPIL) Global Growth Protector Fund gives investors an opportunity to gain exposure to the best of BlackRock's fund range, filtered through the asset rotation skills of the firm's 'Multi Asset Portfolio Strategies' Group (MAPS). BlackRock is one of the world's largest asset managers with US\$1.3 trillion of assets under management across equities, fixed income and alternative investments. The firm received over 100 awards in 2007 and has the most AAA rated funds in the Standard & Poor's universe.

The Global Growth Protector Fund will invest in the underlying collective investment, the 80% Global Growth Protector Fund. At the launch of the 80% Global Growth Protector Fund, the fund will focus on a basket of funds with a bias towards sectors, asset classes and regions benefiting from the Asian growth story. The fund manager may select to alter the fund's current basket should changing market conditions dictate.

Current Allocation	S&P Rating	30/11/2007
MLIIF Global Dynamic Equity	AAA	11%
MLIIF US Flexible Equity	AA	10%
MLIIF Asian Dragon	A	20%
MLIIF Pacific Equity		5%
MLIIF Japan Value	A	10%
MLIIF European		17%
MLIIF India	A	2%
MLIIF Latin American	A	3%
MLIIF Emerging Europe	AAA	3%
MLIIF USD Core Bond	A	16%
MLIIF Reserve		3%



## Current Basket

### MLIIF Global Dynamic Equity

Fund Manager: Dennis Stattman



#### Objective

The **Global Dynamic Equity Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests globally, with no prescribed country or regional limits, at least 70% of its total net assets in equity securities. The Fund will generally seek to invest in securities that are, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, undervalued. The Fund may also invest in the equity securities of small and emerging growth companies. Currency exposure is flexibly managed.

#### 2 key sales messages

- Highly diversified global equity fund managed on a cautious, long-term, value oriented approach.
- Stattman has over 27 years' investment experience. His team of 14 collaborate closely with the Asia Pacific team in Princeton and the European teams in London.

### MLIIF US Flexible Equity

Fund Manager: Bob Doll



#### Objective

The **US Flexible Equity Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, the US. The Fund normally invests in securities that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, exhibit either growth or value investment characteristics, placing an emphasis as the market outlook warrants.

#### 2 key sales messages

- Historically, larger companies have provided solid returns while contributing lower levels of volatility than smaller companies, making them a vital part of any diversified portfolio.
- The management team uses an investment approach which combines both the science of a quantitative model with the art of fundamental research.

### MLIIF Asian Dragon

Fund Manager: Nick Scott



#### Objective

The **Asian Dragon Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Asia, excluding Japan.

#### 2 key sales messages

- The investment team is based in Hong Kong, thereby benefiting from an 'on-the-ground' presence that ensures that it is well placed to capture fresh opportunities.
- The region benefits from favourable growth themes driven by both a powerful demographic story and increased outsourcing to the region (manufacturing to China and IT and generic pharmaceuticals to India).

### MLIIF Pacific Equity

Fund Manager: Ben Moyer

#### Objective

The **Pacific Equity Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Pacific Basin and Australasian countries. Currency exposure is flexibly managed.

#### 2 key sales messages

- A "One-Stop-Shop" with diversification that benefits investors who require holdings in both Japan and developed Asia-Pacific stockmarkets.
- China's move away from a Communist economic system offers huge opportunities for investors. The rest of Asia is already seeing the benefits of increased intraregional trade following China's accession to the World Trade Organisation in 2001.

## MLIIF Japan Value

Fund Manager: Rob Weatherston



### Objective

The **Japan Value Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Japan. The Fund places particular emphasis on companies that are, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, undervalued and therefore represent intrinsic investment value.

### 2 key sales messages

- We believe that Japan is going through a period of long-term structural change and that Japanese equities are positioned for a strong re-rating over the medium term as corporate governance reforms allow outside investors to evaluate more accurately Japanese balance sheets.
- Based in Tokyo, the fund manager is able to leverage off the wider Japanese equity team, one of the largest of its type in Tokyo, and Blackrock's global research capabilities.

## MLIIF European

Fund Manager: James Macmillan

### Objective

The **European Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Europe.

### 2 key sales messages

- A 'best ideas portfolio' where the fund manager and his investment team are able to construct a portfolio of 50-60 holdings which reflect their best ideas. Holdings are not included just because they form part of the Fund's benchmark.
- While global growth rates appear to be softening, there have been only limited signs of a slowdown in continental Europe, even after a period long enough for the impact of a weaker US economy to filter through.

## MLIIF India

Fund Manager: Nick Scott



### Objective

The **India Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, India. (In normal market conditions the Fund will invest exclusively via the Subsidiary).

### 2 key sales messages

- As the second fastest growing economy in the world and the tenth largest in absolute GDP terms, India demonstrates much scope for growth in real terms, as well as corresponding increases in equity market capitalisation.
- The team supporting the MLIIF India Fund has deep local presence. Based in Mumbai, the team has a combined industry experience of over 80 years.

## MLIIF Latin American Fund Manager: Will Landers



### Objective

The **Latin American Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Latin America.

### 2 key sales messages

- Political and economic reforms have slightly reduced the overall high risk of investing in Latin America's key markets relative to other global markets, as evidenced by strong relative performance over the past five years. The region as a whole is posting high economic growth rates, despite a slowing global economy.
- A continuation of a weaker dollar and relatively high commodity prices (even if coming off peak levels) still bodes well for most economies in the region.

## MLIIF Emerging Europe Fund Manager: Alain Bourrier & Plamen Monovski



### Objective

The **Emerging Europe Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, developing European countries. It may also invest in companies domiciled in and around, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in and around, the Mediterranean region.

### 2 key sales messages

- This fund benefits from unique investment opportunities established by the collapse of communism and the region's subsequent shift towards market economies. This event opened the door to a multi-year bull run as emerging Europe's assets are re-rated to the level of their counterparts in more developed markets.
- The team has the experience vital to investing in these markets and enjoys unparalleled access to local company managements and decision makers. The team received 19 awards globally in 2007 in recognition of its consistent performance.

## MLIIF USD Core Bond Fund Manager: Scott Amero & Matthew Marra



### Objective

The **US Dollar Core Bond Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests **at least 80%** of its total net assets in investment grade fixed income transferable securities. At least 70% of the Fund's total net assets are invested in fixed income transferable securities denominated in US dollars. Currency exposure is flexibly managed.

### 2 key sales messages

- Following recent volatility and illiquidity and the sub-prime woes, we see tremendous buying opportunities in agency securities; prime mortgage pools that are, in many instances trading at spread levels comparable to high yield corporate credits of a couple of months ago.
- The Fund benefits from BlackRock's impressive risk management systems and the 'one BlackRock' fixed income philosophy which allows the fund to draw on the expertise and experience of BlackRock's many sector and country specialists.

### MLIIF Reserve

Fund Manager: Todd Kopstein & Dave Chesney

#### Objective

The Reserve Fund aims to balance growth with security of capital and high liquidity. The Fund invests at least 90% of its total net assets in investment grade fixed income transferable securities denominated in US dollars and US dollar cash. The Fund is managed so that the average remaining maturity of the Fund's assets will at no time exceed 12 months.

#### 2 key sales messages

- This Fund aims to balance growth with security of capital and high liquidity from a portfolio of traditional fixed income investments.
- Targets a return of LIBOR + 30 basis points gross of fees over a full market cycle.

## Potential Allocation

As part of the ongoing asset allocation there are several funds, not listed in the initial basket, that the fund manager may choose to invest in should market conditions dictate. Going forward, further BlackRock products, currently not listed in The Global Growth Protector Fund's potential basket, may be selected by the fund manager to ensure delivery of returns.

## ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FUND MANAGER

Fund	Manager	S&P Rating
MLIIF UK	N. Ridge	
MLIIF European Growth	J. Macmillan	
MLIIF Asian Tiger Bond	I. Hussein & A. Gordon	
MLIIF European Opportunities	C. Lee	
MLIIF Global Equity	R. Turnhill & A. Williamson-Jones	
MLIIF Japan Opportunities	H. Tateda	
MLIIF US Focused Value	B. Martorelli & K. Rendino	AA
MLIIF World Financials	J. Silady	
MLIIF World Mining	E. Hambro	AAA
MLIIF World Gold	G. Birch & E. Hambro	AAA
MLIIF World Energy	R. Batchelor & P. Allonby	AA
MLIIF New Energy	R. Batchelor & P. Allonby	AA
MLIIF US Basic Value	K. Rendino & B. Martorelli	AA
MLIIF Global Allocation	D. Stattman	AAA

## Potential Basket

### MLIIF UK

Fund Manager: Nigel Ridge

#### Objective

The **United Kingdom Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, the UK.

### MLIIF European Growth

Fund Manager: James Macmillan

#### Objective

The **European Growth Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activities in, Europe. The Fund places particular emphasis on companies that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, exhibit growth investment characteristics, such as above-average growth rates in earnings or sales and high or improving returns on capital.

### MLIIF Asian Tiger Bond

Fund Manager: Imran Hussein & Andrew Gordon

#### Objective

The **Asian Tiger Bond Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the fixed income transferable securities of issuers domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Asian Tiger Countries. The Fund may invest in the full spectrum of available securities, including non-investment grade. The currency exposure of the Fund is flexibly managed.

### MLIIF European Opps

Fund Manager: Carl Lee

#### Objective

The **European Opportunities Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of smaller capitalisation companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Europe. Smaller capitalisation companies are considered companies which, at the time of purchase, form the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of European stock markets.

### MLIIF Global Equity

Fund Manager: Richard Turnhill & Andrew Williamson-Jones

#### Objective

The **Global Equity Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, developed markets.

### MLIIF Japan Opportunities

Fund Manager: Hiroshi Tateda

#### Objective

The **Japan Opportunities Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of smaller capitalisation companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Japan. Smaller capitalisation companies are considered companies which, at the time of purchase, form the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of Japanese stock markets.

## MLIIF US Focused Value

Fund Manager: Bob Martorelli & Kevin Rendino



### Objective

The **US Focused Value Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, the US. The Fund places particular emphasis on companies that are, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, undervalued relative to its assessment of their current or prospective condition or relative to prevailing market ratios.

## MLIIF World Financials

Fund Manager: Jack Silady

### Objective

The **World Financials Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is financial services.

## MLIIF World Mining

Fund Manager: Evy Hambro



### Objective

The **World Mining Fund** seeks to maximise total return expressed in US dollars. The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of mining and metals companies whose predominant economic activity is the production of base metals and industrial minerals such as iron ore and coal. The Fund may also hold the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is in gold or other precious metal or mineral mining. The Fund does not hold physical gold or metal.

## MLIIF World Gold

Fund Manager: Graham Birch & Evy Hambro



### Objective

The **World Gold Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total net 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.

## MLIIF World Energy

Fund Manager: Robin Batchelor & Poppy Allonby



### Objective

The **World Energy Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is in the exploration, development, production and distribution of energy. Additionally, the fund may invest in companies seeking to develop and exploit new energy technologies.

## MLIIF New Energy

Fund Manager: Robin Batchelor & Poppy Allonby



### Objective

The **New Energy Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests globally at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is in the alternative energy and energy technology sectors. Emphasis may be given to renewable energy, automotive and on-site power generation, energy storage and enabling energy technologies.

## MLIIF US Basic Value

Fund Manager: Kevin Rendino & Bob Martorelli

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### Objective

The **US Basic Value Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total net assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, the US. The Fund places particular emphasis on companies that are, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, undervalued and therefore represent basic investment value.

## MLIIF Global Allocation

Fund Manager: Denis Stattman

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FUND MANAGEMENT RATINGS

### Objective

The **Global Allocation Fund** seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests globally in equity, debt and short term securities, of both corporate and governmental issuers, with no prescribed limits. In normal market conditions the Fund will invest at least 70% of its total net assets in the securities of corporate and governmental issuers. The Fund generally will seek to invest in securities that are, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, undervalued. The Fund may also invest in the equity securities of small and emerging growth companies. The Fund may also invest a portion of its debt portfolio in high yield fixed income transferable securities. Currency exposure is flexibly managed.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

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