

Our ref: 8927/AM

BlackRock Developed Markets Equity – fund closure

The BlackRock Developed Markets Equity fund that you invest in as part of a model portfolio set up by your financial adviser is due to be closed from **25 June 2026**.

We will be unable to accept new investments into the fund from 15 May 2026.

Your financial adviser will take any action that needs to be taken and, if necessary, help to address any questions you may have.

How the fund closing will affect your account

- **Phasing and Rebalancing** – Any **phased investment** or **rebalancing** instructions using the fund will automatically continue. These will either buy units in your other assets proportionally, or go into cash, depending on how your adviser set up the model portfolio. Alternatively, we will update the instruction if your financial adviser provides a revised asset choice.
- **Direct Debits** – If you are paying into the fund by Direct Debit future payments will either buy units in your other assets proportionally, or go into cash, depending on how your adviser set up the model portfolio. Alternatively, we will update the instruction if your financial adviser provides a revised asset choice.

Cash may not be suitable for your long-term investment needs. If you're happy for the amount to stay in cash, you don't need to do anything. Your financial adviser will take any action that needs to be taken and help to answer any questions you may have.

A note about cash in your account

We don't take any product or service charges on your cash balance (although the value is still included in the total value calculation for the charge). Instead, we pay you a rate of interest on cash in your account and we are paid by retaining a proportion of the interest we receive from our banking partners.

You can find more information, including the current interest rate payable and how much interest we retain, on our website at quilter.com/interest-on-cash.

Capital gains tax – Collective Investment Account only

When you sell or switch your holdings, this is a disposal for capital gains tax purposes. Please speak to your financial adviser to understand how this may affect you.

Life fund tax charge - Collective Investment Bond only

You may notice a life fund tax charge appear on your statements following the sale of units linked to your bond. This is calculated based on gains arising from the units sold. For further details on this charge please refer to your financial adviser or your terms and conditions.

Why the fund manager is closing the fund

BlackRock continually reviews its funds to ensure that the investment characteristics and positioning of their funds remain both relevant and consistent with the current investment environment and expectations of investors. As part of their annual assessment process, they have concluded that the fund has not consistently delivered value for investors and have decided to close the fund.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser who will be able to help you. Alternatively, you can call or email us using the details shown and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Earl." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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Head of Client Services