

Our ref: 8483

Fund merger for Ninety One UK Alpha

I am writing to you because you are invested in the Ninety One UK Alpha fund, provided by Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited.

Ninety One has informed us that the Ninety One UK Alpha fund will merge into the Ninety One UK Franchise fund* on **23 January 2026**. You'll see the new fund on your valuations and statements after that date.

*The receiving fund name is currently Ninety One UK Equity Income and it is being renamed Ninety One UK Franchise on 23 January 2026.

The last date we can sell from the fund before the merger will be 11:00 on 22 January 2026.

You may want to speak to your financial adviser about the impact of the merger. Please speak to them before making any investment decisions, or if you have any questions about this change.

If you don't have a financial adviser, we recommend that you consider the benefits of receiving professional financial advice, which can be especially important when you need to make investment decisions. If you would like to search for an adviser in your area you can start by visiting quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser.

How the merger will affect your account

- **The value of your fund holding** – The merger may affect the value of your fund holding, as explained below under the heading "Will the merger cost me anything?"
- **Direct Debits** – If you are paying into the fund by Direct Debit:
 - 1) payments up to and including 22 January 2026 will be allocated to the Ninety One UK Alpha fund.
 - 2) any payments which are due to be collected whilst the merger is taking place will buy units proportionally across the other assets in your Direct Debit instruction. If the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction, those payments will be allocated to cash. They will stay in cash unless you choose to switch them to another asset in future.
 - 3) payments after the merger will be allocated to the Ninety One UK Franchise fund.
- **Phased investment** – Instructions using the fund will automatically continue after the merger. Unless you give us an alternative choice, future transactions will be reapportioned across the other assets in your instruction, or cash if the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction.
- **Treasured assets** – if you have treasured the fund to be excluded when deducting units to meet certain scheduled payments from your account (for example charges and ongoing adviser fees), this arrangement will stop. You can arrange to treasure different assets by providing us with a new treasured asset request form.

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. Alternatively, you can switch the cash into an alternative asset(s) from our extensive range. Your financial adviser can give us your switch instruction, or you can switch by logging into our online Customer Centre at quilter.com/login or by sending us a switch form in the post.

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.

- The merger **may change the fund's risk profile**. You can see more information about the new fund in its Key Investor Information document, available online at quilter.com/Ninety-One-Fund-Managers-UK-Limited3. Please note, it may not reflect the charges applicable when accessing the fund through us.
- **Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) / Total Expense Ratio (TER)** - The OCF/TER will not change with the merger.

Fund managers apply an Annual Management Charge (AMC) for the investment management they provide. This is reflected within the daily price of the fund and not taken directly from your holdings.

The OCF/TER represents the ongoing charges for the fund, expressed as a percentage. It is the sum of the AMC and all other running costs of the fund. OCF is increasingly replacing the TER.

We receive a rebate from the fund manager in respect of this fund. This is effectively a discount on the fund manager's AMC, that we negotiate for you. We reinvest the whole rebate as a 'reimbursed rebate' into your account. You can see more details of this in the 'Customer Account Credit' section of your quarterly statements.

The table below shows the current and new AMC, OCF/TER and reimbursed rebate of the fund. The Effective OCF/TER is the OCF/TER less the reimbursed rebate.

	AMC %	OCF/TER %	Reimbursed rebate %	Effective OCF/TER %
Current	0.75	0.89	0.10	0.79
New	0.75	0.89	0.10	0.79

Please note that none of the changes detailed in this letter affect any charges made by Quilter.

Will the merger cost me anything?

The costs in relation to realigning the assets of the discontinuing fund will be borne by the fund and are estimated to be approximately 0.07% of the fund value.

Why the funds are merging

Over the last few years, the fund has significantly reduced in size (in terms of assets under management), and Ninety One expect future demand to remain low. A decreasing fund size typically means increased operating expenses, as fixed costs are divided between fewer investors and assets.

Ninety One explored several options for the future of the fund, prioritising the interests of investors. Instead of closing the fund and returning capital to investors - which could trigger capital gains taxes - they believe merging it is in the interests of investors as it enables investors to continue to pursue their investment objectives by investing in quality UK companies i.e. UK companies which are well-managed and have strong financial foundations.

You can find more information about the old and new funds overleaf.

The next steps and avoiding the merger

You do not need to take any action unless you would like to choose a new asset from our extensive range. You can switch your holding in the Ninety One UK Alpha fund at any time up until **11:00 on 22 January 2026**. If you decide to switch into a new asset(s), please note that you will also need to update your asset choice for Direct Debit payments, if applicable.

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



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Fund objectives

Current fund Ninety One UK Alpha	New fund Ninety One UK Franchise
Fund objective: To provide capital growth (to grow the value of your investment) and income over at least 5 years. The fund invests primarily (at least two-thirds) in the shares of UK companies (those incorporated in, domiciled in, or that have significant economic exposure to, the UK). The term “alpha” in the fund’s name means above average opportunities for capital growth and income. Investment opportunities are identified using in-depth analysis and research on individual companies. The companies may be of any size and in any industry sector. The fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash or near cash, deposits, up to 10% in units or shares in other funds (which may be managed by a Ninety One group company, or a third party) and derivatives. Derivatives may be used for managing the fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost, generating income or growth with a low level of risk and, occasionally, investment purposes.	Fund objective: The fund aims to provide capital growth (to grow the value of your investment) and income over at least 5 years. The fund invests primarily (at least two-thirds and typically substantially more) in the shares of UK companies (those incorporated in, domiciled in, or that have significant economic exposure to, the UK), which are believed to have quality characteristics typically associated with strong brands, franchises or lasting competitive advantages such as: - unique know-how (e.g. valuable patents) that competitors cannot copy easily; or - operating more efficiently as they grow. Investment opportunities are identified using in-depth analysis and research on individual companies. The fund may at times invest in a relatively small number of companies. The companies may be of any size and in any industry sector. The fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash or near cash, deposits, up to 10% in units or shares in other funds (which may be managed by a Ninety One group company, or a third party) and derivatives. Derivatives may be used for managing the fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost, generating income or growth with a low level of risk and, occasionally, investment purposes.