

Investments

Transaction costs

Changes in legislation have led to increased interest in the charges incurred by asset managers as a result of trading. MiFID II, PRIIPs and FCA regulation has resulted in fund managers having to disclose these costs as part of their reporting on the funds they manage.

Funds incur transaction costs when the fund managers buy and sell investments in order to achieve the investment objective. Fund managers make trades when money flows into or out of funds, when investment decisions are made and when portfolios need to be rebalanced. Transaction costs are calculated as a percentage of the value of the fund and are paid from the value of the fund.

If you compare transaction costs for different funds then you may not get a clear picture of the relative costs of investing in them, for several reasons:

- Transaction costs don't necessarily reduce returns – the net impact is the combination of the effectiveness of the manager's investment decisions in improving returns, and the associated costs of investment.
- Historic transaction costs are not an effective indicator of the future impact on performance – they depend on the manager's investment decisions and so are not predictable.
- Transaction costs vary from country to country and depend on the types of investments in which a fund invests.

Transaction costs include both explicit (direct) and implicit (indirect) costs.

Explicit costs

Explicit costs are directly measurable and are therefore simple to quantify. Examples of explicit costs include:

Broker Commissions – Intermediaries charge fees for buying and selling securities. Broker commissions include exchange fees, settlement fees and clearing fees.

Transaction Taxes – Taxes are charged by regulatory bodies and exchanges. For example, when UK shares are bought, 0.5% stamp duty reserve tax (SDRT) is paid.

Legal Fees – Relates to fees paid to lawyers for property sales/purchases.

Implicit costs

Unlike explicit costs where the fee paid is clearly visible, implicit costs are more difficult to measure. These are the effects of changes in market prices in the time between when an order is received to buy or sell an investment and when the transaction is carried out. Measuring this can be difficult for certain assets such as bonds and property, as it can be difficult to get reliable market prices for these assets.

Slippage Costs – The FCA's Policy Statement PS17/20 – Transaction Cost Disclosure in Workplace Pensions – proposes the slippage cost approach for calculating implicit costs. The slippage cost methodology calculates transaction costs as the difference between the price at which a transaction was executed, and the price when the order to transact was transmitted to a third-party.

Other costs

Anti-dilution Levy – When money flows into or out of a portfolio, the manager will need to undertake transactions to meet those flows. Funds use mechanisms called 'anti-dilution' to pass the transaction costs associated with these flows to the investor putting money in or taking it out. This prevents the fund's assets from becoming diluted.

*All of the following figures cover the 12-month period up to 31.12.2025.

Governed Portfolio transaction costs

Governed Portfolios	Total Transaction Costs
Governed Portfolio Defensive	0.032%
Governed Portfolio Conservative	0.054%
Governed Portfolio Moderate	0.074%
Governed Portfolio Growth	0.087%
Governed Portfolio Enhanced	0.091%
Governed Portfolio Dynamic	0.085%
Governed Portfolio Total Equity	0.014%

Governed Retirement Income Portfolio transaction costs

GRIPs	Total Transaction Costs
GRIP 1	0.024%
GRIP 2	0.034%
GRIP 3	0.047%
GRIP 4	0.059%
GRIP 5	0.072%

Fund Range Transaction Costs

Fund	Manager	Total Transaction Costs
RLL American Tilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLL Defensive Managed	RLAM	0.054%
RLL Deposit	RLAM	0.001%
RLL European	RLAM	0.027%
RLL Fixed Interest	RLAM	0.004%
RLL Global Managed	RLAM	0.014%
RLL Managed	RLAM	0.087%
RLL Pacific Tilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLL Property	RLAM	0.719%
RLL UK Equity	RLAM	0.070%
RLL UK Index Linked	RLAM	0.000%
RLL Worldwide	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Absolute Return Government Bond	RLAM	0.023%
RLP Adventurous Managed	RLAM	0.091%
RLP American Tilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Annuity	RLAM	0.085%
RLS Commodity	RLAM	0.008%
RLS Corporate Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLP Defensive Managed	RLAM	0.054%
RLS Deposit	RLAM	0.001%
RLS Emerging Markets Equity Tilt	RLAM	0.003%

Fund	Manager	Total Transaction Costs
RLS Equity Income	RLAM	0.076%
RLS Ethical Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLS European	RLAM	0.027%
RLS Far East (Ex Japan) Tilt	RLAM	0.054%
RLS Fixed Interest	RLAM	0.004%
RLS Global Blend Core Plus (RLS Global Growth)	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Global Corporate Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLP Global Equity	RLAM	0.002%
RLS Global Equity Blend	RLAM	0.295%
RLS Global Equity Diversified	RLAM	0.160%
RLS Global Equity Diversified (Redirected)	RLAM	0.160%
RLS Global Equity Select	RLAM	0.295%
RLS Global Equity Transitions	RLAM	0.287%
RLS Global Sustainable Credit	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Global Government Bond	RLAM	0.021%
RLS Global High Yield Bond	RLAM	0.058%
RLS Global Index Linked	RLAM	0.003%
RLP Global Managed	RLAM	0.014%
RLS Global Mezzanine ABS	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Global Senior ABS	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Global Sustainable Equity	RLAM	0.101%
RLP Governed Portfolio Conservative	RLAM	0.054%
RLP Governed Portfolio Defensive	RLAM	0.032%
RLP Governed Portfolio Dynamic	RLAM	0.085%
RLP Governed Portfolio Enhanced	RLAM	0.091%
RLP Governed Portfolio Growth	RLAM	0.087%
RLP Governed Portfolio Moderate	RLAM	0.074%
RLP Governed Portfolio Total Equity	RLAM	0.014%
RLP GRIP 1	RLAM	0.024%
RLP GRIP 2	RLAM	0.034%
RLP GRIP 3	RLAM	0.047%
RLP GRIP 4	RLAM	0.059%
RLP GRIP 5	RLAM	0.072%
RLP Japan Tilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Long (15yr) Corporate Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Long (15yr) Gilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Long (15yr) Index Linked	RLAM	0.000%
RLP Managed	RLAM	0.087%
RLS Medium (10yr) Corporate Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Medium (10yr) Gilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Medium (10yr) Index Linked	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Multi Asset Strategies	RLAM	0.083%
RLP Pacific Tilt	RLAM	0.000%

Fund	Manager	Total Transaction Costs
RLP Property	RLAM	0.719%
RLS Short (5yr) Corporate Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Short (5yr) Gilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Short (5yr) Index Linked	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Short Duration Global High Yield	RLAM	0.094%
RLS Short Duration Global Index Linked	RLAM	0.021%
RLS Short Duration UK Corporate Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Short Duration UK Government Bond	RLAM	0.028%
RLS Short Term Fixed Income	RLAM	0.002%
RLS Short Term Fixed Income Enhanced	RLAM	0.032%
RLS Sterling Extra Yield Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Sustainable Corporate Bond Trust	RLAM	0.000%
RLS Sustainable Diversified Trust	RLAM	0.064%
RLS Sustainable Growth	RLAM	0.109%
RLS Sustainable Leaders	RLAM	0.141%
RLS Sustainable Managed Growth Trust	RLAM	0.053%
RLS Sustainable World Trust	RLAM	0.127%
RLS Sustainable Short Duration Corporate Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLS UK Corporate Bond	RLAM	0.000%
RLS UK Equity	RLAM	0.070%
RLS UK Government Bond	RLAM	0.017%
RLS UK Index Linked	RLAM	0.000%
RLS UK Mid Cap	RLAM	0.097%
RLS UK Smaller Companies	RLAM	0.095%
RLP Worldwide	RLAM	0.000%
Royal London Unitised With Profits 3	RLAM	0.090%
With Profits 1	RLAM	0.090%
With Profits 2	RLAM	0.090%
With Profits Unitised 1	RLAM	0.090%
With Profits Unitised 2	RLAM	0.090%
Late Vesting Account	RLAM	0.000%
Secure Account	RLAM	0.016%
RLI American Tilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLI Japan Tilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLI Pacific Tilt	RLAM	0.000%
RLI Global Managed	RLAM	0.014%
RLI Global Equity	RLAM	0.002%
RLI Worldwide	RLAM	0.000%
RLI Property	RLAM	0.719%
RLI Adventurous Managed	RLAM	0.091%
RLI Defensive Managed	RLAM	0.054%
RLI Managed	RLAM	0.087%
RLI Governed Portfolio Defensive	RLAM	0.032%

Fund	Manager	Total Transaction Costs
RLI Governed Portfolio Conservative	RLAM	0.054%
RLI Governed Portfolio Moderate	RLAM	0.074%
RLI Governed Portfolio Growth	RLAM	0.087%
RLI Governed Portfolio Enhanced	RLAM	0.091%
RLI Governed Portfolio Dynamic	RLAM	0.085%
RLI Governed Portfolio Total Equity	RLAM	0.014%
RLI GRIP 1	RLAM	0.024%
RLI GRIP 2	RLAM	0.034%
RLI GRIP 3	RLAM	0.047%
RLI GRIP 4	RLAM	0.059%
RLI GRIP 5	RLAM	0.072%
RLI/BlackRock European Equity Index	BlackRock	0.040%
RLI/BlackRock Global Blend	BlackRock	0.046%
RLI/BlackRock Japanese Equity Index	BlackRock	0.000%
RLI/BlackRock UK Equity Index	BlackRock	0.010%
RLI/BlackRock US Equity Index	BlackRock	0.010%
RLI/BlackRock World (ex UK) Equity Index	BlackRock	0.034%
RLS UK Equity Specialist (Baillie Gifford UK Equity Alpha)	Baillie Gifford	0.070%
RLS UK Income Core Plus (Artemis Income)	Artemis	0.105%
RLS/Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond	Baillie Gifford	0.321%
RLS/Baillie Gifford UK Equity	Baillie Gifford	0.107%
RLP/Baillie Gifford UK Equity 'A'	Baillie Gifford	0.107%
RLS/Baillie Gifford UK & Worldwide Equity	Baillie Gifford	0.088%
RLP/Baillie Gifford UK & Worldwide Equity 'A'	Baillie Gifford	0.088%
RLS/BlackRock Emerging Markets Tracker	BlackRock	0.000%
RLS/BlackRock Gold and General	BlackRock	0.463%
RLS/BlackRock UK Equity	BlackRock	0.342%
RLP/BlackRock UK Equity 'A'	BlackRock	0.342%
RLS/BlackRock Consensus 85	Blackrock	0.013%
RLP/BlackRock ACS European Equity Index	Blackrock	0.032%
RLP/BlackRock ACS Global Blend	Blackrock	0.046%
RLP/BlackRock ACS Global Equity Index (50:50)	Blackrock	0.038%
RLP/BlackRock ACS Global Equity Index (60:40)	Blackrock	0.099%
RLP/BlackRock ACS Japanese Equity Index	Blackrock	0.053%
RLS/BlackRock Long Gilt Index	Blackrock	0.002%
RLS/BlackRock Over 5 years Index linked Gilt Index	Blackrock	0.000%
RLS/BlackRock Pacific Rim Equity Index	Blackrock	0.023%
RLS/BlackRock UK All Stocks Corporate Bond Index	Blackrock	0.005%
RLP/BlackRock ACS UK Equity Index	Blackrock	0.100%
RLP/BlackRock ACS US Equity Index	Blackrock	0.000%
RLP/BlackRock ACS World (ex UK) Equity Index	Blackrock	0.034%
RLS UK Equity Core Plus (JPM UK Dynamic)	JPMorgan	0.430%
RLS/Columbia Threadneedle Latin America	Columbia Threadneedle	0.214%

Fund	Manager	Total Transaction Costs
RLS/Dimensional Emerging Markets Core Equity	Dimensional Fund Advisors	0.060%
RLS/Dimensional Global Core Equity	Dimensional Fund Advisors	0.030%
RLS/Dimensional Global Targeted Value	Dimensional Fund Advisors	0.010%
RLS/Dimensional UK Core Equity	Dimensional Fund Advisors	0.030%
RLS Europe Core Plus (Fidelity European Blended)	Fidelity	0.225%
RLS UK Income Core Plus (Fidelity UK Equity Income)	Fidelity	0.138%
RLS US Core Plus (Jupiter North American Equity)	Jupiter	0.117%
RLS/Fidelity Responsible Emerging Markets Equity	Fidelity	0.480%
RLS/Fidelity Moneybuilder Corporate Bond	Fidelity	0.213%
RLS/Fidelity Asia	Fidelity	0.152%
RLS/Fidelity Special Situations Blended	Fidelity	0.239%
RLS/Fidelity Strategic Bond	Fidelity	0.165%
RLS/Fidelity UK Select	Fidelity	0.374%
RLS/First Sentier Global Listed Infrastructure	First Sentier/Stewart Investors	0.446%
RLS Asia Pacific Specialist (Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders)	First Sentier/Stewart Investors	0.301%
RLS Emerging Markets Specialist (First Sentier FSSA Global Emerging Markets Focus)	First Sentier	0.250%
RLS UK Mid Cap Specialist (FTF Martin Currie UK Midcap)	Franklin Templeton	0.362%
RLS/Henderson China Opportunities	Hendersons Global Investors	0.801%
RLS/HSBC Islamic Global Equity Index	HSBC	0.000%
RLP/HSBC Islamic Global Equity Index 'A'	HSBC	0.000%
RLS Asia Pacific Core Plus (Invesco Asian)	Invesco	0.320%
RLS Global Managed Equity Specialist (Invesco Global Equity)	Invesco	0.210%
RLS Japan Specialist (Baillie Gifford Japanese)	Baillie Gifford	0.090%
RLS UK Equity Specialist (Fidelity UK Opportunities)	Fidelity	0.630%
RLS/Invesco Corporate Bond	Invesco	0.150%
RLS/Invesco Distribution	Invesco	0.100%
RLS/Invesco Global Bond	Invesco	0.080%
RLS/Invesco UK Equity High Income	Invesco	0.120%
RLS/Invesco Monthly Income Plus	Invesco	0.120%
RLS Global Managed Equity Specialist (Ninety One Global Strategic Equity)	Ninety One	0.430%
RLS UK Small Cap Specialist (Artemis UK Smaller Companies)	Artemis	0.010%
RLS/Ninety One Global Income Opportunities	Ninety One	0.150%
RLS/Ninety One Emerging Markets Blended Debt	Ninety One	0.370%
RLS/Ninety One Global Environment	Ninety One	0.290%
RLS/Ninety One UK Special Situations	Ninety One	0.360%
RLS Emerging Markets Core Plus (Artemis SmartGARP Emerging Markets Equity)	JPMorgan	0.480%
RLS/JPMorgan Global Macro ESG	JPMorgan	0.970%
RLS/JPMorgan Natural Resources	JPMorgan	0.570%
RLS/JPMorgan Emerging Europe Equity	JPMorgan	0.330%
RLS/Jupiter European Special Situations	Jupiter	0.093%
RLS/Jupiter Ecology	Jupiter	0.025%
RLS/Jupiter Financial Opportunities	Jupiter	0.323%
RLS/Jupiter India	Jupiter	0.044%

Fund	Manager	Total Transaction Costs
RLS/Jupiter Merlin Balanced Portfolio	Jupiter	0.175%
RLS/Jupiter Merlin Growth Portfolio	Jupiter	0.159%
RLS/Jupiter Merlin Income Portfolio	Jupiter	0.214%
RLS/Jupiter Merlin Worldwide Portfolio	Jupiter	0.116%
RLS/FTF Royce US Smaller Companies	Franklin Templeton	0.000%
RLS/M&G Corporate Bond	M&G	0.095%
RLS/M&G Global Themes	M&G	0.228%
RLS/M&G Global Dividend	M&G	0.133%
RLS/M&G Optimal Income	M&G	0.182%
RLS/M&G Recovery	M&G	0.168%
RLS/M&G Strategic Corporate Bond	M&G	0.100%
RLS Europe Specialist (Columbia Threadneedle European Select)	Columbia Threadneedle	0.703%
RLS/Liontrust Balanced	Liontrust	0.353%
RLS/Liontrust Global Alpha	Liontrust	0.429%
RLS/Liontrust Global Innovation	Liontrust	0.588%
RLS/Liontrust US Opportunities	Liontrust	1.460%
RLS/BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Balanced	BNY Mellon	0.028%
RLP/BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Balanced 'A'	BNY Mellon	0.028%
RLS/BNY Mellon Global Income	BNY Mellon	0.356%
RLS/BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Growth	BNY Mellon	0.045%
RLP/BNY Mellon Multi-Asset Growth 'A'	BNY Mellon	0.045%
RLS/BNY Mellon Real Return	BNY Mellon	0.077%
RLS/Cirilium Balanced	Quilter Investors	0.193%
RLS/Cirilium Conservative	Quilter Investors	0.172%
RLS/Cirilium Dynamic	Quilter Investors	0.158%
RLS/Cirilium Moderate	Quilter Investors	0.167%
RLS/Rathbone Enhanced Growth	Rathbones	0.058%
RLS/Rathbone Strategic Growth	Rathbones	0.070%
RLS/Rathbone Total Return	Rathbones	0.060%
RLS/Sarasin Food & Agriculture Opportunities	Sarasin	0.050%
RLS Japan Core Plus (Baillie Gifford Japanese Income Growth)	Baillie Gifford	0.080%
RLS UK Equity Core Plus (Artemis Income)	Artemis	0.105%
RLS/Schroder European Recovery	Schroder	0.168%
RLS/Schroder Global Cities Real Estate	Schroder	0.130%
RLS/Schroder Income Maximiser	Schroder	0.144%
RLS/Schroder Managed Balanced	Schroder	0.339%
RLS/Schroder UK Multi-Cap Income	Schroder	0.204%
RLS/Schroder US Mid Cap	Schroder	0.511%
RLS/abrdn Diversified Growth and Income	abrdn	0.200%

* All figures cover the 12-month period up to 31.12.2025.



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