

# Summary Funding Statement - Open Fund DB Section

## The ITB Pension Funds (Open Fund DB Section): Summary Funding Statement for period ending 31 March 2014.

The ITB Pension Funds' Trustees who look after the Scheme will provide an update of the Scheme's funding position each year in a statement similar to that shown below. This statement is based on the latest annual actuarial report, which sets out how the Scheme's funding position has changed since the last full actuarial valuation. It is essentially a snapshot of the financial position of the Fund that is based on the actuarial values of the Fund's assets and liabilities as at the date of the report.

### The last ongoing funding valuation:

The most recent funding valuation of the Open Fund showed that on 31 March 2013 the funding position was as follows:

<b>Assets</b>	<b>£808.7 million</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>£832.5 million</b>
<b>Funding level</b>	<b>97%</b>

The estimated amount as at 31 March 2013 needed to ensure that all members' benefits could have been paid in full if the Scheme had started winding up (full solvency) was £1,165.4 million. Therefore, the Scheme was 69% funded on a full solvency basis as at 31 March 2013. Inclusion of this information is a standard requirement and is not related to any consideration of the Trustees to wind up the scheme.

### Change in funding position:

The Scheme Actuary carried out an interim review of the Open Fund as at 31 March 2014. The purpose of that review was to assess how the Scheme's funding position had changed over the previous year.

The interim review showed that the funding level increased from 97% to 99% between 31 March 2013 and 31 March 2014. This increase in funding level was principally due to a decrease in the value placed on the liabilities due to changes in market conditions (net of the Fund's actual investment returns), deficit contributions paid by Employers and lower than expected salary increases awarded by Employers.

### **Actions to return the Scheme to full funding:**

The Participating Employers have agreed to pay additional contributions to the Scheme to restore the Scheme to full funding. Generally Employers will pay additional contributions for between 1 and 8 years from January 2014. Where such contributions extend beyond 5 years, Employers have agreed to provide additional security to the Scheme.

### **Payment to the Participating Employers:**

There has not been any payment to the Participating Employers out of Scheme funds in the last twelve months.

### **How the Scheme operates:**

#### **How is my pension paid for?**

The Participating Employers pay contributions to the Pension Scheme so that the Scheme can pay pensions to its members when they retire. Active members also pay contributions to the Scheme, and these are deducted from gross pay.

The money to pay for members' pensions is held in a common fund. It is not held in separate funds for each individual.

#### **How is the amount the Scheme needs worked out?**

The Trustees obtain regular valuations of the benefits earned by members. Using this information, the Trustees come to an agreement with the Participating Employers on future contributions.

#### **The importance of the Participating Employers' support:**

The Trustees' objective is to have enough money in the Scheme to pay pensions now and in the future. However, success of the Scheme relies on the Participating Employers continuing to support the Scheme because:

- the Participating Employers meet the administrative expenses of running the Scheme
- the funding level can fluctuate, and when there is a funding shortfall, the Participating Employers will usually need to put in more money
- the target funding level may turn out not to be enough so that the Participating Employers will need to put in more money.

## **What is the Scheme invested in?**

The Trustees' strategic target (which will be subject to periodic variation) is to invest in a broad range of assets subject to asset class targets as follows:

<b>Global equities</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Bonds/LDI mandate</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Alternative Investments</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>2%</b>

## **Where can I get more information?**

If you have any other questions, or would like any more information, please contact the ITB Funds' Office at Watford. A list of more detailed documents which provide further information is shown below. Most of the documents are available on the Funds' information website 'ITB Online' ([www.itb-online.co.uk](http://www.itb-online.co.uk)).

- Additional documents available on request or in some cases on the Funds' website [www.itb-online.co.uk](http://www.itb-online.co.uk)
- The Statement of Investment Principles: This explains how the Trustees invest the money paid into the Scheme.

- The Schedule of Contributions: This shows how much money is being paid into the Scheme.
- The Recovery Plan: This shows the agreed actions to restore the Scheme to full funding.
- The Annual Report and Accounts of the ITB Pension Fund, which shows the Scheme's income and expenditure in the year up to 31 March 2015.
- The full Actuarial Valuation report follows the Actuary's check of the Scheme's situation as at 31 March 2013.
- The report on the interim Actuarial Review of the Scheme as at 31 March 2014.
- The ITB Open Fund '2007 Section', 'New Section' and 'Old Section' Member Booklets (members should have been provided with a copy of the booklet relevant to their Scheme Section when they joined the Scheme, but a further copy can be requested).
- An Annual Benefit Statement: If you are not getting a pension from the Scheme (and have not received a benefit statement in the previous 12 months) you can ask for a statement that provides an illustration of your likely pension.

**Important:** If you are thinking of leaving the Scheme for any reason, you should consult a professional adviser, such as an independent financial adviser, before taking any action.