

Key Information Document

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F&C Private Equity Trust PLC

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You are about to purchase a product that is not simple and may be difficult to understand

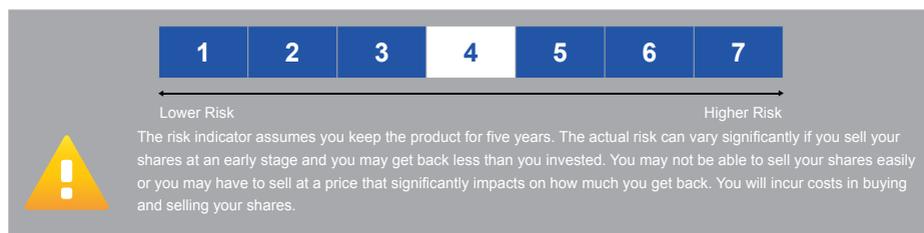
What is this Product?

This company is an investment trust, incorporated as a public limited liability company in Scotland, and its ordinary shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange. The Company's investment objective is to achieve long-term capital growth through investment in private equity assets, whilst providing shareholders with a predictable and above average level of dividend funded from a combination of the Company's revenue and realised capital profits. The Company may make private equity investments by taking stakes in private equity focused limited partnerships, offshore funds, investment companies and investment trusts. In addition to investing in newly-formed private equity funds, the Company may also purchase secondary private equity fund interests (that is, portfolios of investments in existing private equity funds). The private equity funds in which the Company invests comprise buy-out funds, venture capital funds and mezzanine funds. The Company may also make direct private equity investments, mainly through co-investment with the funds in which the Company is invested. Both the funds and the direct investments are selected in order to create an underlying portfolio which is well-diversified by geography, sector, size of company, stage of development, transaction type and management style. The Company may use gearing of up to 30% of its total assets at the point of drawdown.

The Company may invest the following as a per cent of total assets: A maximum of 15% in UK-listed investment companies; 15% in non-UK listed investment companies; 50% in direct private equity co-investments; 5% in any one direct investment or co-investment; 10% outside the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. The company aims to pay quarterly dividends with an annual yield equivalent to not less than 4% of the average of the published net asset values per ordinary share as at the end of each of its last four quarters prior to the announcement of the relevant quarterly dividend or, if higher, equal (in terms of pence per share) to the highest quarterly dividend previously paid. Investors should take a formal assessment of their attitude to risk to confirm the suitability of this product for their purposes.

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets.



We have classified this product as 4, which is a medium risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level. In periods when market conditions are poor, the value of your investment may fall and may impact the amount you get back in the long term.

An investment in this Company is subject to market, currency, interest rate, liquidity and funding risk. The value of your investment can go down as well as up and you may lose some or all of your investment. There can be no assurances that the objective of the Company will be achieved or that dividend distributions will continue to be made. The use of gearing can enhance returns to investors in a rising market, but if the market falls the losses may be greater.

What are the risks and what could I get in return? (continued)

Assuming you invest £10,000, this table shows how your investment could perform and what you could get back over the next 5 years under different scenarios. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past but are not an exact indicator. What you get will depend on how the market performs and how long you keep the investment.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, where applicable, but do not include all the costs that you may pay to your advisor or plan manager, or local transaction taxes.

Investment £10,000				
Scenarios		1 year	3 years	5 years (Recommended holding period)
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	£4,742	£5,176	£4,170
	Average return each year	-52.58%	-19.71%	-16.05%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	£9,405	£10,695	£12,727
	Average return each year	-5.95%	2.27%	4.94%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	£11,467	£15,084	£19,841
	Average return each year	14.67%	14.68%	14.69%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	£13,989	£21,284	£30,947
	Average return each year	39.89%	28.63%	25.35%

What happens if the Company is unable to pay out?

The Company's shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. Should the Company be liquidated, the amount you receive for your holding will be based on the value of assets available for distribution after all other liabilities, but before shareholders, have been paid. Shareholders in this company do not have the right to make a claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme in the event that the Company is unable to pay out.

What are the costs?

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs. The amounts shown below are the cumulative costs of the product itself depending on how long you remain invested. The figures assume you invest £10,000. The figures are estimates and may change in the future. The person selling or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, that person will provide you with information about those costs and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

Investment £10,000			
Scenarios	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 3 years	If you cash in at 5 years
Total costs	£448	£1,487	£2,749
Impact on return (RIY) per year	3.93%	3.93%	3.93%

What are the costs? (continued)

The table below shows the impact of the different types of costs on the return you might get, and the meaning of the different cost categories.

This table shows the impact on return per year			
One-off costs	Entry costs	N/A	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. There is 0.5% UK government stamp duty to pay on purchases
	Exit costs	N/A	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.08%	The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	3.18%	The impact of the costs that are incurred each year in managing your investments including those incurred by any underlying investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.67%	The Company's fee arrangements contain a hurdle rate, calculated over rolling three year periods, of an internal rate of return (IRR) of 8% per annum. The annual IRR of the NAV for the three year period ending 2016 was 13.5% and, consequently, a performance fee of £2.0 million was payable to the Manager, F&C Investment Business Limited.
	Carried interests	N/A	

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

F&C Private Equity Trust plc has an unlimited life. The Company's objective is designed for investment over longer periods. You should be prepared to invest for at least five years. You may, however, sell your shares at any time without penalty through a broker, private investor plan administrator or adviser. The price at which you sell your shares will be determined at arms' length based on trading prices at the time on the London Stock Exchange and will not necessarily be equal to the net asset value per share of F&C Private Equity Trust plc. The share price is updated regularly on the website www.fcpet.co.uk

How can I complain?

F&C Plans: If you have concerns about this product or service and have purchased it through an F&C plan, you can contact us by writing to Investor Relations Manager, F&C Investment Business Limited, Quartermile 4, 7a Nightingale Way, Edinburgh, EH3 9EG, via email at investorrelations@fandc.com, or by phone: 0345 601 3313 (9am - 5pm weekdays).

Direct Shareholders: If you have concerns about this product and have purchased it through another provider, then please contact the Company Secretary by writing to them at F&C Private Equity Trust PLC, Quartermile 4, 7a Nightingale Way, Edinburgh, EH3 9EG, or by phone 0131 718 1000. Should you have a complaint about any transaction through your broker, plan administrator or adviser, you should contact that person or organisation directly.

As a shareholder of F&C Private Equity Trust plc, you do not have a right to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) in the UK about the management of the company.

Other relevant information

You may obtain further information about F&C Private Equity Trust PLC from the website www.fcpet.co.uk including this document; the last five years' annual and interim reports; the Investor Disclosure Document; and the latest share price. Alternatively, you may write to the Company Secretary, F&C Private Equity Trust PLC, at: Quartermile 4, 7a Nightingale Way, Edinburgh, EH3 9EG, UK.



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As well as looking at the potential rewards that investing in investment trusts can bring, it's important that you are aware of the potential risks involved so that you can make an informed decision.

The value of shares and the income from them is not guaranteed and can fall as well as rise due to stock market and currency movements. When you sell your shares, you may get back less than you originally invested. Our range of investment trusts invest in the stock market and some of them also invest in unlisted companies and funds and property. If they invest in emerging markets, unquoted securities or smaller companies, their potential volatility may increase the risk to the value of, and the income from, the investment. Investment trusts can also borrow money (gearing), which can then be used to make further investments and if markets fall, gearing can magnify the negative impact on performance. Tax benefits depend on your individual circumstances and tax allowances and rules may change. Please read our Key Features Document before investing. For more information about investment risks, visit our website [fandc.co.uk](https://www.fandc.co.uk).

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