

PHOENIX UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT

For the year: 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023

PUTM BOTHWELL LONG GILT STERLING HEDGED FUND



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*These collectively comprise the Authorised Fund Manager's Report.

Investment review

Dear Investor

Welcome to the PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund annual report for the 12 months to 30 September 2023.

Performance Review

Over the review period, the PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund returned -12.72% (Source: abrdn, Gross of AMC, GBP, based upon the movement in the Cancellation Price for twelve months to 30/09/2023. This was compared to the return of -12.77% for its benchmark index (Source: FactSet, FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts (Over 15 Years) Index, Total Return, GBP for six months to 30/09/2023).

In the table below you can see how the Fund performed against its benchmark index.

Standardised Past Performance

	Sep 22-23 % growth	Sep 21-22 % growth	Sep 20-21 % growth	Sep 19-20 % growth	Sep 18-19 % growth
PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund	-12.72	-35.58	-11.26	5.25	22.84
Benchmark Index	-12.77	-35.51	-11.24	5.22	22.98

Source: Fund performance is abrdn, Gross of AMC, GBP, based upon the movement in the Cancellation Price to 30 September for each year. Benchmark Index performance is FactSet, FTSE Brit Govt Over 15 Years, Total Return, GBP to 30 September for each year.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Please note that all past performance figures are calculated without taking the initial charge into account.

The value of units and the income from them can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. You may not get back the full amount invested.

Investment review

Portfolio and Market Review

Global and UK government bonds recorded a weak 12-month performance. After years of record-low interest rates, many central banks raised rates sharply as they tried to contain soaring inflation. This caused a major sell-off in government bonds in 2022. They have remained under pressure in the year to date on expectations of further interest-rate rises ahead.

During October 2022, in reaction to September's Gilt market turmoil, the Bank of England (BoE) widened the scope of daily Gilt-buying operations to include inflation-linked government bonds. As a result, Gilts recovered some lost ground in October and November, outperforming other core government bond market peers, before weakening again in December in tandem with other global fixed income markets. Amid the political chaos, the BoE lifted rates by 75 basis points (bps) in November and a further 50bps in December, taking the cash rate to 3.5%. Total returns for the calendar year were down 40.05% – a humbling and unforgettable year for UK government bonds.

2023 started on a positive note and bond markets were robust in January, supported by lower energy prices. Investors began to believe inflation could fall gradually, and cash inflows drove government bond yields lower. However, falling unemployment and stickier inflation dominated February data, creating an ugly environment for bonds, and hawkish central bank rhetoric pushed the yield curve higher and flatter. This changed again in March as fears mounted about the banking system. Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) was shuttered by US regulators due to solvency concerns. In Europe, Credit Suisse became the next victim, culminating in a purchase by UBS that included Swiss government guarantees. In March, central banks hiked rates in Europe, the UK and the US. Government bond yields subsequently fell sharply as investors began to call the end of the rate-hiking cycle. Overall, yields ended the quarter lower.

During the second quarter of 2023, higher core inflation and better economic data provided a hostile backdrop for government bonds. The UK was the standout underperformer, with 10-year Gilt yields increasing by around 90 bps in the three months to 30 June. While bonds were weak across the board, front-end rates came under even more pressure, leading to a sharp re-pricing in global bonds. The June BoE Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting hiked rates by 50 bps after previous 25 bp moves.

In the third quarter of the year, policy tightening by central banks began to have more of an impact on economic growth in August. Purchasing Managers' Index

(PMI) data showed a rapid slowdown in services, and the US composite index fell to 50.4 in from 52.0 in July. The UK PMIs showed the composite at its lowest levels since the January 2021 lockdown. While August was a quiet month for central bank meetings, the BoE hiked interest rates by 25 basis points. Then, the BoE and the Federal Reserve chose to skip a rate rise at their September meetings. Annual inflation ticked up in August in the US, while in the UK, annual inflation has been falling. The European Central Bank, however, raised interest rates by 25 bps in September, stating that it will continue to follow a data-dependent approach when determining interest rates. These factors, along with the consistent 'higher for longer' message delivered by a number of central banks, contributed to long-end yields repricing aggressively higher and caused global yield curves to bear steepen.

Over the review period, the Fund's activity was restricted to managing cash inflows and outflows, matching index events and portfolio rebalancing. All activity was undertaken to ensure that Fund returns were in line with the benchmark, as per the objective. No active risk positions were taken. The Fund performed in line with its benchmark over the period. Tracking error was minimal.

Market Outlook and Fund Strategy

The narrative that UK inflation was out of control resulted in UK front ends ballooning higher and Gilts underperforming their peers. However, as the third quarter progressed, UK activity deteriorated, inflation started to head lower and the incredibly tight UK labour market showed signs of loosening. This culminated in the BoE voting to keep interest rates on hold in September. The question for the final three months of 2023 is whether this story continues.

At the start of October, the prevailing wisdom was that the US economy would slow. The US Federal Reserve would, therefore, move quickly from monetary policy tightening to loosening. However, the US economy was far more resilient in the third quarter than the market expected, and the narrative of 'higher for longer' interest rates has taken over. This means the rate cuts priced into 2023 and 2024 have been reduced significantly and global yields have headed higher. The US yield curve has steepened – not because the front end headed lower, but because the back end of the curve has moved aggressively higher (bear steepening). As we look ahead to the fourth quarter of 2023, we believe the market has become too comfortable with the 'higher for longer' narrative. Curves can continue to steepen, however, driven by the front end (bull steepening).

Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

Investments held at 30 September 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
United Kingdom			
Government Bonds (30/09/22 - 99.04%)			98.84
£1,706,200	UK Treasury 0.5% 22/10/2061	464	1.53
£2,068,000	UK Treasury 0.625% 22/10/2050	764	2.51
£1,412,400	UK Treasury 0.875% 31/01/2046	652	2.14
£1,507,900	UK Treasury 1.125% 31/01/2039	918	3.02
£658,792	UK Treasury 1.125% 22/10/2073	222	0.73
£2,207,000	UK Treasury 1.25% 22/10/2041	1,271	4.18
£1,870,800	UK Treasury 1.25% 31/07/2051	850	2.80
£1,680,523	UK Treasury 1.5% 22/07/2047	888	2.92
£969,900	UK Treasury 1.5% 31/07/2053	463	1.52
£1,567,700	UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2054	766	2.52
£1,565,400	UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2071	678	2.23
£1,928,000	UK Treasury 1.75% 22/01/2049	1,062	3.49
£2,008,476	UK Treasury 1.75% 22/07/2057	999	3.29
£1,338,733	UK Treasury 2.5% 22/07/2065	803	2.64
£1,877,931	UK Treasury 3.25% 22/01/2044	1,488	4.89
£1,901,390	UK Treasury 3.5% 22/01/2045	1,554	5.11
£1,359,577	UK Treasury 3.5% 22/07/2068	1,057	3.48
£1,628,964	UK Treasury 3.75% 22/07/2052	1,349	4.44
£1,068,005	UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053	879	2.89
£1,638,553	UK Treasury 4% 22/01/2060	1,420	4.67
£661,500	UK Treasury 4% 22/10/2063	571	1.88
£1,570,704	UK Treasury 4.25% 07/09/2039	1,483	4.88
£1,753,621	UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040	1,644	5.41
£1,623,481	UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046	1,480	4.87
£1,368,600	UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049	1,241	4.08
£1,814,843	UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2055	1,643	5.40
£1,831,500	UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	1,759	5.79
£1,672,700	UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038	1,682	5.53
Money Market (30/09/22 - 0.14%)			-
Portfolio of investments		30,050	98.84
Net other assets		354	1.16
Net assets		30,404	100.00

Unless otherwise stated, all investments are approved securities being either officially listed in a member state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market.

Credit Ratings	£000	%
Investment grade	30,050	98.84
Total investment in bonds	<u>30,050</u>	<u>98.84</u>

Top ten purchases and sales

For the year ended 30 September 2023

Purchases	Cost £000	Sales	Proceeds £000
UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053	996	UK Treasury 3.75% 29/01/2038	406
UK Treasury 4% 22/10/2063	613	UK Treasury 1.25% 22/10/2041	322
UK Treasury 3.75% 29/01/2038	396	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) –	
UK Treasury 1.25% 31/07/2051	374	Seabury Sterling Class Z-1	294
UK Treasury 1.125% 31/01/2039	370	UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2055	211
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2055	249	UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046	199
Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) –		UK Treasury 3.5% 22/01/2045	176
Seabury Sterling Class Z-1	247	UK Treasury 4% 22/01/2060	166
UK Treasury 1.5% 31/07/2053	205	UK Treasury 1.25% 31/07/2051	165
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040	192	UK Treasury 3.25% 22/01/2044	156
UK Treasury 1.25% 22/10/2041	182	UK Treasury 1.75% 22/01/2049	143
Subtotal	3,824	Subtotal	2,238
Other purchases	1,642	Other sales	1,485
Total purchases for the year	5,466	Total sales for the year	3,723

Statistical information

Comparative table

	30/09/23 pence	Class 'B' Accumulation 30/09/22 pence	30/09/21 pence
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	136.47	212.48	239.50
Return before operating charges*	(17.06)	(75.92)	(26.93)
Operating charges	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.09)
Return after operating charges*	(17.15)	(76.01)	(27.02)
Distributions on accumulation units	(3.63)	(3.31)	(3.33)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	3.63	3.31	3.33
Closing net asset value per unit	119.32	136.47	212.48
* after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.00	0.00	0.00

Performance

Return after charges	(12.57%)	(35.77%)	(11.28%)
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Other information

Closing net asset value (£000)	30,404	34,149	54,987
Closing number of units	25,482,167	25,023,082	25,878,906
Operating charges	0.07%	0.04%	0.04%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices⁺

Highest unit price (pence)	153.44	240.95	244.07
Lowest unit price (pence)	114.42	114.02	209.66

^ The direct transaction costs includes commission on futures and clearing house fees on swaps.

+ High and low price disclosures are based on quoted unit prices. Therefore, the opening and closing NAV prices may fall outside the high/low price threshold.

Statistical information

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a total return (a combination of capital growth and income) delivering this return in line with the benchmark before management fees and expenses. The benchmark is the FTSE UK Conventional Gilts Over 15 Years Index (the "Index").

Investment policy

The Fund will aim to achieve this objective by investing at least 90% of the portfolio in long dated securities issued by the UK Government, that are constituents of the Index.

From time to time, the Fund may acquire or hold securities that are not constituents of the Index, as a result of new components entering the index, or existing components exiting the index.

Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management and hedging only.

Investment strategy

The Fund will seek to physically replicate the Index. This process will involve investing in components of the Index, though not necessarily in the same proportions of the Index at all times. Consequently, the Fund may not track the Index exactly but will contain a meaningful exposure to the market. Stock index futures contracts may also be used to manage the cash portion of the Fund. It is intended that the Fund will normally be close to fully invested as outlined above.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, units in collective investment schemes and may hold up to 10% of its assets in money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. The Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management only.

Revenue distribution and pricing

Units of the Fund are available as Class 'B' Accumulation units (where revenue is reinvested to enhance the unit price). There will be two potential distributions in each accounting year: an interim distribution as at 31 March and a final distribution as at 30 September.

At each distribution the net revenue after deduction of expenses, from the investments of the Fund, is apportioned amongst the unitholders. Unitholders receive a tax voucher giving details of the distribution and the Manager's Report no later than two months after these dates.

Statistical information

Risk and reward profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

← Typically lower rewards, lower risk			Typically higher rewards, higher risk →			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This Fund is ranked at 6 (30/09/22: 6) because funds of this type have experienced medium to high rises and falls in value in the past. Although this is a high risk ranking it is not the highest. The above figure applies to the following unit class:

- Class 'B' Accumulation

Please note that even the lowest risk class can lose you money and that extreme market circumstances can mean you suffer severe losses in all cases. Please note the Fund's risk category may change in the future. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:

- Bonds are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and any decline in creditworthiness of the bond issuer. Bonds that produce a higher level of income usually also carry greater risk as such bond issuers may have difficulty in paying their debts.
- Although the Investment Manager will use currency trades to reduce exchange rate risk on investments not priced in Sterling, this may not completely eliminate the Fund's exchange rate risk.
- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk or cost or to generate additional capital or income at low risk, or to meet its investment objective.

For more information on the Risk and Reward profiles of our Funds, please refer to the most up to date relevant fund and Unit Class Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs). These are available online at www.phoenixunittrust.co.uk.

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For the year ended 30 September 2023

Statement of total return

		30/09/23		30/09/22	
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital losses	4		(5,349)		(19,742)
Revenue	5	949		851	
Expenses	6	<u>(21)</u>		<u>(21)</u>	
Interest payable and similar charges		<u>(1)</u>		<u>(1)</u>	
Net revenue before taxation		927		829	
Taxation	7	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net revenue after taxation			<u>927</u>		<u>829</u>
Total deficit before distributions			(4,422)		(18,913)
Distributions	8		(928)		(830)
Change in unitholders' funds from investment activities			<u>(5,350)</u>		<u>(19,743)</u>

Statement of change in unitholders' funds

		30/09/23		30/09/22	
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets			34,149		54,987
Amounts receivable on issue of units		2,275		1,570	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units		<u>(1,598)</u>		<u>(3,491)</u>	
			677		(1,921)
Change in unitholders' funds from investment activities			(5,350)		(19,743)
Retained distributions on accumulation units			<u>928</u>		<u>826</u>
Closing net assets			<u>30,404</u>		<u>34,149</u>

Annual financial statements

As at 30 September 2023

Balance sheet

	Notes	£000	30/09/23 £000	£000	30/09/22 £000
Assets:					
Fixed assets:					
Investments			30,050		33,869
Current assets:					
Debtors	9	345		533	
Cash and bank balances	10	<u>23</u>		<u>2</u>	
Total current assets			<u>368</u>		<u>535</u>
Total assets			<u>30,418</u>		<u>34,404</u>
Liabilities:					
Creditors:					
Other creditors	11	<u>(14)</u>		<u>(255)</u>	
Total liabilities			<u>(14)</u>		<u>(255)</u>
Net assets			<u>30,404</u>		<u>34,149</u>
Unitholders' funds			<u>30,404</u>		<u>34,149</u>

Notes to the financial statements

Note 1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014, and as amended in June 2017.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The Manager has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, and is satisfied it has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on this assessment. This assessment is made for a period of 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, known redemption levels, expense projections, key service provider's operational resilience.

(b) Valuation of investments

The quoted investments of the Fund have been valued at bid dealing prices as at close of business on 29 September 2023, the last valuation point in the accounting year, in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Where these investments are managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager, the holdings have been valued at the cancellation price for dual priced funds or the single price for single priced funds. This price is the last available published price at the year end.

(c) Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are translated into Sterling (the functional currency of the Fund), at the rates of exchange ruling on the transaction date. Amounts held in foreign currencies have been translated at the rate of exchange ruling at close of business, 29 September 2023, the last valuation point in the accounting year.

(d) Revenue

Interest receivable on bank deposits is accounted for on a receipts basis and money market funds is accounted for on an accruals basis. Interest receivable from debt securities is accounted for on an effective interest rate basis. Accrued interest purchased or sold is excluded from the cost of the security and is accounted for as revenue.

Interest received from or paid to the Fund from over-the-counter derivatives designed to protect income is treated as revenue.

(e) Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses of the Fund are charged against revenue, except for the costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments, which are charged to capital.

(f) Taxation

The Fund satisfied the rules of SI 2006/964, Reg 19 throughout the period. All distributions made are therefore made as interest distributions. The Fund has no corporate tax liability as interest distributions are tax deductible.

Notes to the financial statements

Note 1 Accounting policies (continued)

(g) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided at current rates of corporation tax on all timing differences which have originated but not reversed by the Balance sheet date. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the Manager considers it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits from which underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Note 2 Distribution policies

(a) Basis of distribution

Revenue produced by the Fund's investments accumulates during each accounting period. If, at the end of each accounting period, revenue exceeds expenses, the net revenue of the Fund is available to be distributed/accumulated to unitholders.

The Fund is more than 60% invested in qualifying investments (as defined by SI 2006/964, Reg 20) and will pay an interest distribution.

(b) Unclaimed distributions

Distributions remaining unclaimed after six years are paid into the Fund as part of the capital property.

(c) Interest from debt securities

Future cash flows on all assets are considered when calculating revenue on an effective interest rate basis and where, in the Manager's view there is doubt as to the final maturity value, an estimate of the final redemption proceeds will be made in determining those cash flows. The impact of this will be to reduce the revenue from debt securities, and therefore the revenue distributed, whilst preserving capital within the Fund.

(d) Expenses

In determining the net revenue available for distribution, charges in relation to the safe custody of investments are ultimately borne by capital.

Note 3 Risk management policies

The risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and counterparty risk. The Manager's policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied throughout the year.

(a) Market price risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuit of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, the Prospectus and in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the Sourcebook") mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

Notes to the financial statements

Note 3 Risk management policies (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk

The Fund's assets are comprised of mainly fixed interest rate securities. There is therefore a risk that the capital value of investments will vary as a result of the market's sentiment regarding future interest rates.

Expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of investments held. In general, if interest rates rise the revenue potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed interest rate securities will decline. A decline in interest rates will in general have the opposite effect.

Any transactions in fixed interest securities must be used in accordance with the investment objective of the Fund and must be deemed by the Investment Manager to be economically appropriate. Regular production of portfolio risk reports highlight concentrations of risk, including interest rate risk, for this Fund. Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdraft positions will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

(c) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets are comprised of mainly readily realisable securities. If insufficient cash is available to finance unitholder redemptions then securities held by the Fund may need to be sold. The risk of low market liquidity, through reduced trading volumes, may affect the ability of the Fund to trade financial instruments at values previously indicated by financial brokers. From time to time, liquidity may also be affected by stock specific or economic events. To manage these risks the Manager performs market research in order to achieve the best price for any transactions entered into on behalf of the Fund. All stocks are valued daily but those stocks identified as being less liquid are reviewed on a regular basis for pricing accuracy.

(d) Credit risk

At the Balance sheet date some 98.84% (30/09/22: 99.04%) of the Fund's assets were held in in government bonds.

Government bonds involve the risk that the bond issuer will be unable to meet its liability to pay interest or redeem the bond. The Fund Manager selects bonds taking into account the credit rating, bearing in mind the Fund's objective.

(e) Counterparty risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment (purchase) or cash (sale) after the Fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Manager as an acceptable counterparty. This list is reviewed annually.

(f) Derivatives

Derivative transactions may be used by the Fund for the purposes of meeting its investment objectives and also for hedging. In doing so the Manager may make use of a variety of derivative instruments in accordance with the Sourcebook. The use of derivatives for investment purposes means that the net asset value of the Fund may at times have high volatility, although derivatives will not be used with the intention of raising the risk profile of the Fund. Where derivatives are used for hedging this will not compromise the risk profile of the Fund. Use of derivatives will not knowingly contravene any relevant investment objective or limits.

There were no derivatives held during the year or at the year end.

Notes to the financial statements

Note 4 Net capital losses

The net capital losses during the year comprise:

	30/09/23	30/09/22
	£000	£000
Losses on non-derivative securities	(5,348)	(19,741)
Handling charges	(1)	(1)
Net capital losses	<u>(5,349)</u>	<u>(19,742)</u>

Note 5 Revenue

	30/09/23	30/09/22
	£000	£000
Interest on debt securities	949	851
Total revenue	<u>949</u>	<u>851</u>

Note 6 Expenses

	30/09/23	30/09/22
	£000	£000
(a) Payable to the Manager or associates of the Manager and agents of either of them: Manager's periodic charge	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
(b) Payable to the Trustee or associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them: Trustee's fees	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
(c) Other expenses:		
Audit fee	10	10
Safe custody charges	1	1
Printing & stationery	1	1
Professional fees	5	3
FTSE licence fees	1	1
	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>
Total expenses	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>

Notes to the financial statements

Note 7 Taxation

	30/09/23 £000	30/09/22 £000
(a) Analysis of tax charge for the year		
Total taxation (Note 7(b))	—	—
(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is lower than that calculated when the standard rate of corporation tax for Authorised Unit Trusts is applied to total revenue return. The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	927	829
Corporation tax at 20% (30/09/22: 20%)	185	166
Effects of:		
Deductible interest distributions	(185)	(166)
Total tax charge for the year (Note 7(a))	—	—

Authorised Unit Trusts are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK.

- (c) Provision for deferred taxation
No deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

Note 8 Distributions

The distributions take account of amounts added on the issue of units and amounts deducted on the cancellation of units, and comprise:

	30/09/23 £000	30/09/22 £000
Interim	454	410
Final	474	416
	928	826
Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	13	12
Amounts added on issue of units	(13)	(8)
Net distribution for the year	928	830
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation	927	829
Expenses taken to capital	1	1
Net distribution for the year	928	830

Details of the distribution per unit are set out in the tables on page 20.

Note 9 Debtors

	30/09/23 £000	30/09/22 £000
Creations awaiting settlement	35	164
Sales awaiting settlement	—	82
Accrued income	310	287
Total debtors	345	533

Note 10 Cash and bank balances

	30/09/23 £000	30/09/22 £000
Cash and bank balances	23	2
Total cash and bank balances	23	2

Notes to the financial statements

Note 11 Other creditors	30/09/23	30/09/22
	£000	£000
Cancellations awaiting settlement	2	–
Purchases awaiting settlement	–	243
Manager's periodic charge payable	–	1
Trustee's fees payable	1	1
Audit fee payable	10	10
Handling charges payable	1	–
Total other creditors	<u>14</u>	<u>255</u>

Note 12 Reconciliation of units	Class 'B' Accumulation
Opening units issued at 01/10/22	25,023,082
Unit movements in year:	
Units issued	1,710,931
Units cancelled	<u>(1,251,846)</u>
Closing units at 30/09/23	<u>25,482,167</u>

Note 13 Contingencies and commitments

At 30 September 2023 the Fund had no outstanding calls on partly paid shares, no potential underwriting commitments or any other contingent liabilities (30/09/22: £nil).

Note 14 Related party transactions

The Manager is a related party to the Fund by virtue of its controlling influence.

The Manager is part of the Phoenix Group. Phoenix Life Limited which is also part of the Phoenix Group, is a material unitholder in the Fund and therefore a related party, holding 100% of the unit at the year end (30/09/22: 100%).

Manager's periodic charge paid to the Manager, Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited, or its associates, is shown in Note 6(a) and details of the units issued and cancelled by the Manager are shown in the Statement of change in unitholders' funds and Note 8.

Any balances due to/from the Manager or its associates at 30 September 2023 in respect of these transactions are shown in Notes 9 and 11.

Note 15 Financial instruments

In accordance with the investment objective, the Fund holds certain financial instruments.

These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- derivative transactions which the Fund may also enter into, the purpose of which is to manage the currency and market risks arising from the Fund's investment activities; and
- cash and short term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations.

Counterparty exposure

There was no counterparty exposure held at the year end.

Currency exposure

There was no currency exposure in current year as well as previous year.

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Note 15 Financial instruments (continued)

Interest profile

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at 30 September 2023 was:

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £000	Floating rate financial assets £000	Financial assets not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling	30,050	23	345	30,418
	<u>30,050</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>30,418</u>
Currency		Floating rate financial liabilities £000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling		–	(14)	(14)
		<u>–</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(14)</u>

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at 30 September 2022 was:

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £000	Floating rate financial assets £000	Financial assets not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling	33,822	49	533	34,404
	<u>33,822</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>34,404</u>
Currency		Floating rate financial liabilities £000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling		–	(255)	(255)
		<u>–</u>	<u>(255)</u>	<u>(255)</u>

Interest rates earned/paid on deposits are earned/paid at a rate linked to SONIA (Sterling Overnight Index Average) or international equivalent. Interest was also earned on the investments in the Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund.

Sensitivity analysis

Interest rate risk sensitivity

Changes in interest rates or changes in expectation of future interest rates may result in an increase or decrease in the the market value of the investments held. A one percent increase in interest rates (based on current parameters used by the Manager's Investment Risk department) would have the effect of decreasing the return and net assets by £4,842,422 (30/09/22: £6,159,030). A one percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Foreign currency risk sensitivity

As the majority of the Fund's financial assets are in the base currency of the Fund (Sterling), the Fund is only subject to limited exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency and therefore, no sensitivity analysis has been provided.

Market price risk sensitivity

A five percent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £1,502,489 (30/09/22: £1,693,440). A five percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

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Note 16 Fair value of investments

The fair value of the Fund's investments has been determined using the hierarchy below.

This complies with the 'Amendments to FRS 102 – Fair value hierarchy disclosures' issued by the Financial Reporting Council in March 2016.

- Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

For the year ended 30/09/23

Level	1	2	3	Total
Investment assets	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bonds	30,050	–	–	30,050
	30,050	–	–	30,050

For the year ended 30/09/22

Level	1	2	3	Total
Investment assets	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bonds	33,822	–	–	33,822
Money markets	47	–	–	47
	33,869	–	–	33,869

Note 17 Portfolio transaction costs

For the year ended 30/09/23

	Value	Commission		Taxes		Other	
Analysis of total purchases costs	£000	£000	%	£000	%	Expenses	%
						£000	
Bond transactions	5,219	–	–	–	–	–	–
Money markets	247	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5,466	–	–	–	–	–	–

	Value	Commission		Taxes		Other	
Analysis of total sales costs	£000	£000	%	£000	%	Expenses	%
						£000	
Bond transactions	3,429	–	–	–	–	–	–
Money markets	294	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	3,723	–	–	–	–	–	–

The Fund has paid £nil as commission on purchases and sales of derivatives transactions for the year ended 30.09.23.

Commission, taxes and other expenses as % of average net assets:

Commission	0.00%
Taxes	0.00%
Other expenses	0.00%

Notes to the financial statements

Note 17 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

For the year ended 30/09/22

	Value	Commission		Taxes	Other		
Analysis of total purchases costs	£000	£000	%	£000	%	Expenses	%
						£000	
Bond transactions	5,398	-	-	-	-	-	-
Money markets	2,821	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8,219	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Value	Commission		Taxes	Other		
Analysis of total sales costs	£000	£000	%	£000	%	Expenses	%
						£000	
Bond transactions	6,225	-	-	-	-	-	-
Money markets	2,791	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9,016	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Fund has paid £nil as commission on purchases and sales of derivatives transactions for the year ended 30/09/22.

Commission, taxes and other expenses as % of average net assets:

Commission	0.00%
Taxes	0.00%
Other expenses	0.00%

The purchases and sales of securities incurred no direct transaction costs during the year or prior year.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred by the Fund when buying and selling underlying investments. These costs vary depending on the class of investment, country of exchange and method of execution.

These costs can be classified as either direct or indirect transaction costs:

Direct transaction costs: Broker commissions, fees and taxes.

Indirect transaction costs: "Dealing spread" - the difference between buying and selling prices of the underlying investments.

At the Balance sheet date the portfolio dealing spread was 0.11% (30/09/22: 0.60%) being the difference between the respective bid and offer prices for the Fund's investments.

Note 18 Post Balance sheet events

As indicated in the accounting policies in Note 1(b), the investments have been valued at 12 noon of business on 29 September 2023. Since the balance sheet date, the bid price of each of the Fund's unit classes have moved as follows:

	Bid Price	Bid Price	Movement
	30/09/23	22/01/24	(%)
	pence	pence	
Class 'B' Accumulation	119.32	128.60	7.78

Distribution tables

For the year ended 30 September 2023

Interest distributions

Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 01 October 2022

Group 2: units purchased 01 October 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Gross income	Equalisation	2023 pence per unit paid 31 May	2022 pence per unit paid 31 May
Class 'B' Accumulation				
Group 1	1.7675	—	1.7675	1.6418
Group 2	1.1514	0.6161	1.7675	1.6418

Final distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 1 April 2023

Group 2: units purchased 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023

	Gross income	Equalisation	2023 pence per unit payable 30 Nov	2022 pence per unit paid 30 Nov
Class 'B' Accumulation				
Group 1	1.8613	—	1.8613	1.6644
Group 2	0.9469	0.9144	1.8613	1.6644

Equalisation

This applies only to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 units and is refunded to the holders of these units as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the units for capital gains tax purposes.

Responsibilities of the manager and the trustee

- a) The Manager of the Fund is required by the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ('the Sourcebook') to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund at the end of that period and the net revenue or expense and the net gains or losses on the property of the Fund for the period then ended.

In preparing these financial statements, the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the basis that the Fund will continue in operation unless it is inappropriate to presume this.

The Manager is also required to manage the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed, the Prospectus and the Sourcebook, maintain proper financial records to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds as issued by the IA in May 2014 (amended June 2017) and the Sourcebook and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

- b) The Depositary in its capacity as Trustee of PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund must ensure that the Trust is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Trust and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Trust in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Trust's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Trust is booked in cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of units of the Trust are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Trust's assets is remitted to the Trust within the usual time limits;
- the Trust's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM"), which is the UCITS Management Company, are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Trust is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Trust.

Trustee's report and directors' statement

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund of the PUTM Bothwell Range of Unit Trusts ("the Trust") for the Period Ended 30 September 2023

Having carried out such procedures as we considered necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Trust, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that, in all material respects the Trust, acting through the AFM:

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Trust's units and the application of the Trust's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust; and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Trust in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust.

London
29 January 2024

HSBC Bank plc

Directors' statement

In accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority, we hereby certify the report on behalf of the Directors of Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited.

Birmingham
29 January 2024

Brid Meaney, Director
Craig Baker, Director

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 30 September 2023 which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Unitholders' Funds, the Balance Sheet, the Distribution Tables and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on the scheme property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC) Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Fund Manager's ("the Manager") use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Manager is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority ("the FCA").

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Trust Deed;
- there is nothing to indicate that proper accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- the information given in the Manager's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority rules requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the Manager

As explained more fully in the Manager's responsibilities statement set out on page 21, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Fund and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Investment Management Association Statement of Recommended practice (the "IMA SORP"), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Fund's Trust Deed and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Fund is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the Manager and the Fund's administrator and a review of the Fund's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence revenue and amounts available for distribution.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the Manager with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting requirements of the Fund.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Fund, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the unitholders of the Fund, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority.

Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the unitholders of the Fund those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the unitholders of the Fund as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young LLP
Statutory Auditor
Edinburgh
29 January 2024

Corporate information (unaudited)

The information in this report is designed to enable unitholders to make an informed judgement on the activities of the Fund during the period it covers and the results of those activities at the end of the period.

Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited is part of the Phoenix Group.

Unit prices appear daily on our website www.phoenixunittrust.co.uk

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Remuneration

The Manager has adopted a remuneration policy, up-to-date details of which can be found on www.phoenixunittrust.co.uk. This statement describes how remuneration and benefits are calculated and identifies the committee which oversees and controls this policy. A paper copy of these details can be requested free of charge from the Manager.

This statement fulfils Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited's ('the Manager') obligations as an authorised UK UCITS Manager in respect of compliance with the UCITS V Remuneration Code and contains relevant remuneration disclosures.

PUTM Unit Trusts are managed by Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited, which is a subsidiary of Phoenix Life Limited, part of The Phoenix Group plc ('the Group').

The Remuneration Committee ('the Committee') of the Group has established a Remuneration Policy which applies to all entities of the Group. The guiding principles of this policy ensure sound and effective risk management so as not to encourage risk-taking outside of the Group's risk appetite, and support management in the operation of their business through identification of minimum control standards and key controls. The Committee approves the list of UK UCITS Code Staff annually and identified UK UCITS Code Staff are annually notified of their status and the associated implications.

Further information on the Group Remuneration Policy can be found in the Group annual reports and accounts which can be found on www.phoenixgroup.com.

The below table provides detail of remuneration provided, split between fixed and variable remuneration, for UK UCITS Code Staff (defined as all staff whose professional activities have material impact on the risk profiles of the fund it manages).

As at 31 December 2022

	Headcount	Total remuneration
Phoenix Unit Trust Managers	2	99,305.63
of which		
Fixed Remuneration	2	65,211.04
Variable Remuneration	1	34,094.59
Carried Interest	n/a	
Highest paid Director's Remuneration		39,922.40

The Directors are employed by fellow entities of the Group. The total compensation paid to the Directors of the Manager is in respect of services to the Manager, irrespective of which entity within the Phoenix Group has paid the compensation.

Please note that due to the employment structure and resourcing practices of the Group, the staff indicated in this table may also provide services to other companies in the Group.

Corporate information (unaudited)

The table states the actual number of employees who are fully or partly involved in the activities of the Manager, no attempt has been made to apportion the time spent specifically in support of each fund as this data is not captured as part of the Manager's normal processes.

The remuneration disclosed is the total remuneration for the year and has been apportioned between the provisions of services to the Manager and not the Fund.

Total remuneration can include any of the following;

- Fixed pay and annual/long term incentive bonuses.
- Where fixed pay is directly attributable to PUTM Unit Trusts (for example, fees for Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited), 100% of those fees.
- For other individuals, pro-rated using the average AUM of PUTM Unit Trusts (as a proportion of the aggregate average AUM of The Phoenix Group plc) as proxy.

Senior Management includes – PUTM Board and PUTM Executive Committees.

Other Code Staff includes all other UK UCITS Code Staff not covered by the above.

Assessment of Value

We are required to perform an annual assessment of the value for money for each unit class of PUTM Bothwell Long Gilt Sterling Hedged Fund. This has been performed based on the information available as at 30 September 2023.

We have performed this review having regard to a wide range of factors. In doing so, we have made comparison with the other unit classes of the relevant fund, with the unit classes and sub-funds within our fund ranges and also with comparable unit classes and sub-funds in the rest of the market.

Broadly speaking, assessment of value requires consideration of a combination of factors, including the return achieved, the price paid, the risk taken and the quality and range of services provided by the asset manager. This also needs to be considered in the context of the investment objectives and policy for the Fund, the target investor and the recommended holding period.

In considering cost, regard needs to be had to the total cost of investing, including any adviser charges, platform charges, adviser fees and the on-going annual management charge. Regard also needs to be had to the degree of active management; as an investor, you would not be receiving value, if you were being charged fees for active portfolio management, where in fact, the Fund's composition of performance is staying very close to a benchmark. These factors also need to be considered in the context of the size of the portfolio and the ability of larger funds to benefit from economies of scale. As regards performance, it is important that performance is considered over an appropriate timescale given the Fund's objectives, and should be measured net of fees.

Based on our assessment of the value of each unit class, PUTM can confirm that the Fund meets all of the required Assessment of Value criteria. No immediate action is required.

Further details of the Assessment of Value can be found at the following link: <http://www.phoenixunittrust.co.uk/report-and-accounts.aspx>

Fund Climate Report

We're working towards a more sustainable way of investing. For the latest information about what we're doing and our fund climate report, go to phoenix-unit-trust-managers.co.uk/fund-climate-report.

Risks

The price of units and the revenue from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount they invested, particularly in the case of early withdrawal. Tax levels and reliefs are those currently applicable and may change. The value of any tax relief depends on personal circumstances.

Management charges on some funds are charged to capital and therefore a reduction in capital may occur.

Depending on the fund, the value of your investment may change with currency movements.

Corporate information (unaudited)

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Authorised status

This Fund is an Authorised Unit Trust scheme under
section 243 of the Financial Services & Markets Act
2000 and is categorised under the Collective Investment
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Please note the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), the Supplementary Information Document (SID) and the full prospectus are available free of charge. These are available by contacting Client Services on 0345 584 2803.

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