

PHOENIX UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

MANAGER'S INTERIM REPORT

For the half year: 16 April 2022 to 15 October 2022 (unaudited)

PUTM BOTHWELL SUB-SOVEREIGN BOND FUND



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Investment review

Dear Investor

Welcome to the PUTM Bothwell Sub Sovereign Bond Fund interim report for the six months to 15 October 2022.

Performance Review

Over the review period, the Bothwell Sub Sovereign Bond Fund returned -8.6%. (Source: Factset for six months to 15/10/22). This was compared to -9.0% for the benchmark index, the iBoxx Sterling Sub-Sovereigns. (Source: Factset for six months to 15/10/22).

Standardised Past Performance

	Oct 21-22 % growth	Oct 20-21 % growth	Oct 19-20 % growth	Oct 18-19 % growth	Oct 17-18 % growth
PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund	-15.1	-3.1	4.5	6.4	0.8
Benchmark Index	-16.1	-3.0	4.1	6.5	0.4

Source: Facstset. Index: iBoxx Sterling Sub-Sovereigns.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

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.

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

Investment review

Portfolio and Market Review

The third quarter of 2022 was a period of almost unprecedented volatility and weakness for UK government bonds (gilts). Between the start of July and the end of September, the 10-year gilt yield rose by 1.86 percentage points. This was driven by inflation fears, hawkish central banks and – latterly – the reaction to Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng's mini-budget and the ensuing forced sales of assets to fund collateral within the UK pension sector. The fall of UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson led to a Conservative leadership election. The battle between the final two candidates, former Chancellor Rishi Sunak and former Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, appeared to centre around who would be less fiscally responsible. This was seen as one of the main drivers of UK underperformance. August began with an interest-rate hike from the Bank of England (BoE), taking the base rate to 1.75%. But although July and August had been challenging, September proved particularly difficult. The trends of rising yields and widening spreads seemed to have subsided until the appointment of Liz Truss as Prime Minister. This was swiftly followed by a mini-budget, catalysing a mini-crisis in UK bonds. Mr Kwarteng, the newly appointed Chancellor, heralded the biggest programme of tax cuts in 50 years. This was to be funded not by cuts elsewhere, but by new borrowing. Investors in UK assets were shocked, and the market reaction was extreme. The currency and government bond markets took flight and a febrile environment persisted through to month-end. Sterling fell sharply while gilt yields soared, taking all global bond yields higher into quarter-end. UK pension funds were forced, because of higher yields leading to margin calls, to liquidate bond holdings. This became self-fulfilling and the pace of the move in yields threatened to severely disrupt the financial system. The BoE was obliged to step in to limit the damage, saying it would support the market by buying gilts. This calmed the market somewhat before month-end. Nevertheless, 10-year gilt yields were more than 130 basis points higher over the month. All told, it was the worst quarter ever for gilts. They returned -14%, leaving the asset class down -26.6% in the year to date.

The Fund outperformed the benchmark. The Fund was positioned with a long-duration bias early on, but shifted towards a short-duration bias. The speed and scale of violent moves in bond yields meant duration management was quite tactical in nature. Cross-market underweights in UK government bonds versus Australia and the US were positive, while yield curve steepeners were negative. The rationale for

being underweight UK was a lack of confidence in the BoE and a severe lack of confidence in Truss/Kwarteng fiscal policy. The Fund took profits on the UK versus US strategy in September but continued to hold the UK vs Australia position. Australia is our preferred long. We believe Australia is in a very different economic environment to the rest of the developed world, and that the Reserve Bank of Australia will be less inclined to tighten monetary policy as vigorously as other economies.

Market Outlook and Fund Strategy

We hold a constructive view on SSA spreads over government bonds at this juncture and have built a position within the Fund to reflect this strategic outlook. SSA spreads have been hit by an illiquidity premium at a time when stress in the liability-driven investment sector has driven selling pressure and a need to generate cash. This selling flow has pushed spreads continually wider, but we believe this does not reflect the fundamental strength of many issuers in the SSA universe. As such we believe you are now more than compensated by higher spreads for any underlying credit risk. Given this strategic view, we anticipate that fund strategy and risk budget are likely to focus more on SSA spread risk and stock selection over the coming months than rates overlay.

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 15 October 2022

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Government Bonds (15/04/22 - 18.01%)		14.77
	United Kingdom (15/04/22 - 7.85%)		5.93
£24,000,000	Affordable Housing Finance 2.893% 11/08/2045	16,351	0.80
£34,740,000	LCR Finance 4.5% 07/12/2028	34,137	1.68
£7,228,000	LCR Finance 4.5% 07/12/2038	6,677	0.33
£17,981,000	LCR Finance 5.1% 07/03/2051	17,702	0.87
£15,213,000	Network Rail Infrastructure Finance 4.375% 09/12/2030	14,803	0.73
£31,422,000	Network Rail Infrastructure Finance 4.75% 29/11/2035	30,393	1.50
£552,000	Saltaire Finance PLC 2.711% 09/05/2054	314	0.02
	Austria (15/04/22 - 1.73%)		0.82
£10,055,000	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank 0.5% 15/12/2025	8,838	0.44
£7,394,000	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank 5.75% 07/12/2028	7,701	0.38
	Canada (15/04/22 - 1.33%)		1.59
£30,315,000	CPPIB Capital 0.875% 17/12/2024	27,927	1.37
£5,000,000	Export Development Canada 2.625% 15/07/2027	4,495	0.22
	Germany (15/04/22 - 6.24%)		5.16
£5,000,000	FMS Wertmanagement 1.25% 19/06/2025	4,594	0.23
£5,000,000	FMS Wertmanagement 1.375% 07/03/2025	4,611	0.23
£3,486,000	KFW 1.125% 04/07/2025	3,174	0.16
£12,250,000	KFW 5.5% 18/06/2025	12,539	0.62
£43,762,000	KFW 6% 07/12/2028	46,404	2.28
£12,000,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 0.875% 15/12/2026	10,219	0.50
£14,000,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 1.375% 08/09/2025	12,793	0.63
£12,000,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 2.125% 15/12/2028	10,369	0.51
	Guernsey (15/04/22 - 0.00%)		0.05
£1,494,000	Guernsey (States Of) 3.375% 12/12/2046	1,013	0.05
	Isle of Man (15/04/22 - 0.71%)		0.51
£12,089,000	Isle of Man 1.625% 14/09/2051	5,173	0.25
£5,200,000	Isle of Man 5.375% 14/08/2034	5,217	0.26
	Japan (15/04/22 - 0.15%)		0.15
£3,598,000	Japan 0.375% 22/07/2026	3,046	0.15
	Jersey (15/04/22 - 0.00%)		0.56
£400,000	Jersey (Govt Of) 3.75% 09/06/2054	285	0.01
£18,775,000	Jersey International Bond 2.875% 06/05/2052	11,088	0.55
	Corporate Bonds (15/04/22 - 6.76%)		5.88
	United Kingdom (15/04/22 - 2.34%)		2.04
£10,000,000	PRS Finance 1.5% 24/08/2034	6,742	0.33
£20,650,000	PRS Finance 1.75% 24/11/2026	17,154	0.84
£14,223,000	PRS Finance 2% 23/01/2029	11,921	0.59
£5,142,000	Saltaire Finance 1.527% 23/11/2051	2,246	0.11
£3,700,000	Welcome Trust 4.625% 25/07/2036	3,394	0.17
	France (15/04/22 - 3.85%)		3.26
£7,200,000	Dexia Credit Local 0.25% 11/12/2024	6,543	0.32
£11,000,000	Dexia Credit Local 0.25% 10/12/2026	9,025	0.44
£32,200,000	Dexia Credit Local 1.25% 21/07/2025	29,353	1.44
£23,000,000	Dexia Credit Local 2.125% 12/02/2025	21,503	1.06
	Germany (15/04/22 - 0.57%)		0.58
£9,900,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 1.375% 07/07/2025	8,990	0.44
£3,230,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 1.875% 13/02/2026	2,901	0.14

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 15 October 2022

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Supranational Bonds (15/04/22 - 28.46%)		25.68
£10,000,000	African Development Bank 0.5% 22/06/2026	8,549	0.42
£5,000,000	African Development Bank 0.875% 16/12/2024	4,614	0.23
£20,000,000	African Development Bank 1.125% 18/06/2025	18,230	0.90
£3,500,000	Asian Development Bank 0.625% 15/09/2026	2,980	0.15
£3,000,000	Asian Development Bank 0.75% 07/12/2027	2,452	0.12
£5,590,000	Asian Development Bank 1.125% 10/06/2025	5,090	0.25
£8,197,000	Asian Development Bank 1.375% 07/03/2025	7,566	0.37
£12,500,000	Asian Development Bank 2.5% 19/12/2024	11,938	0.59
£10,000,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment 1.125% 15/09/2026	8,700	0.43
£14,384,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment B 0.2% 15/12/2025	12,559	0.62
£27,000,000	Council Of Europe Development Bank 0.375% 15/12/2025	23,661	1.16
£5,000,000	Council Of Europe Development Bank 1.25% 15/09/2026	4,364	0.21
£21,267,000	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 5.625% 07/12/2028	22,090	1.09
£65,500,000	European Investment Bank 1.0% 21/09/2026	56,787	2.79
£5,706,000	European Investment Bank 1.125% 19/06/2025	5,198	0.26
£7,500,000	European Investment Bank 1.375% 07/03/2025	6,922	0.34
£7,612,000	European Investment Bank 3.75% 07/12/2027	7,212	0.36
£23,421,000	European Investment Bank 3.875% 08/06/2037	20,424	1.01
£21,068,000	European Investment Bank 4.5% 07/06/2029	20,603	1.01
£14,331,000	European Investment Bank 4.5% 07/03/2044	12,880	0.63
£2,767,000	European Investment Bank 4.625% 12/10/2054	2,521	0.12
£6,863,000	European Investment Bank 5% 15/04/2039	6,751	0.33
£35,000,000	European Investment Bank 5.5% 15/04/2025	35,500	1.75
£17,461,000	European Investment Bank 5.625% 07/06/2032	18,579	0.91
£41,700,000	European Investment Bank 6% 07/12/2028	44,124	2.17
£12,053,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 2.125% 15/12/2028	10,299	0.51
£15,000,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 2.375% 03/08/2029	12,879	0.63
£13,459,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 2.5% 22/07/2027	12,041	0.59
£25,000,000	International American Development Bank 0.5% 15/09/2026	21,175	1.04
£18,000,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 0.875% 13/12/2024	16,653	0.82
£15,000,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 1.25% 13/12/2028	12,103	0.60
£5,272,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 4.875% 07/12/2028	5,312	0.26
£526,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 5.75% 07/06/2032	564	0.03
£20,000,000	International Development Association 0.75% 21/09/2028	15,924	0.78
£8,000,000	International Finance 0.75% 22/07/2027	6,619	0.33
£6,770,000	International Finance Corp 2.875% 18/12/2024	6,540	0.32
£19,171,000	Nordic Investment Bank 1.125% 18/06/2025	17,597	0.87
£15,000,000	Nordic Investment Bank 2.375% 22/07/2026	13,827	0.68
	Public Authorities (15/04/22 - 44.23%)		50.54
	United Kingdom (15/04/22 - 3.54%)		3.57
£8,236,000	International Finance Facility f 2.75% 07/06/2025	7,811	0.38
£14,900,000	Transport For London 2.125% 24/04/2025	13,566	0.67
£5,860,000	Transport For London 3.625% 15/05/2045	3,705	0.18
£17,414,000	Transport For London 3.875% 23/07/2042	11,808	0.58

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 15 October 2022

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	United Kingdom (continued)		
£13,830,000	Transport For London 4% 12/09/2033	11,280	0.56
£14,984,000	Transport For London 4% 07/04/2064	9,687	0.48
£10,208,000	Transport For London 4.5% 31/03/2031	9,197	0.45
£6,000,000	Transport For London 5% 31/03/2035	5,413	0.27
	Belgium (15/04/22 - 0.27%)		0.24
£4,650,000	Belgium Kingdom 5.7% 28/05/2032	4,832	0.24
	Canada (15/04/22 - 9.04%)		12.17
£28,330,000	CPPIB Capital 1.125% 14/12/2029	21,692	1.07
£57,408,000	CPPIB Capital 1.25% 07/12/2027	47,621	2.34
£29,678,000	CPPIB Capital 1.625% 22/10/2071	10,564	0.52
£51,136,000	Ontario Teachers Finance Trust 1.125% 15/05/2026	44,599	2.20
£44,212,000	Province of Ontario Canada 0.25% 15/12/2026	36,160	1.78
£14,576,000	Province of Ontario Canada 0.5% 15/12/2023	13,948	0.69
£32,381,000	Province of Ontario Canada 2.25% 26/05/2026	29,350	1.44
£3,000,000	Province of Quebec Canada 0.75% 13/12/2024	2,763	0.14
£45,000,000	Province of Quebec Canada 2.25% 15/09/2026	40,492	1.99
	Denmark (15/04/22 - 0.43%)		1.63
£10,048,000	Kommunekredit 0.375% 15/11/2024	9,213	0.45
£25,000,000	Kommunekredit 2% 25/06/2024	23,973	1.18
	Finland (15/04/22 - 1.66%)		1.71
£12,086,000	Kuntarahoitus 0.375% 17/12/2025	10,578	0.52
£17,797,000	Kuntarahoitus 0.875% 16/12/2024	16,436	0.81
£8,493,000	Kuntarahoitus 1.125% 19/06/2025	7,735	0.38
	France (15/04/22 - 6.16%)		6.75
£10,000,000	Agence Française de Développement 1.25% 18/06/2025	9,119	0.46
£10,100,000	Agence France Locale 1.375% 20/06/2025	9,206	0.45
£19,000,000	Caisse d'Amortissement de la Dette Sociale 0.125% 15/12/2025	16,467	0.81
£3,600,000	Caisse des dépôts et consignations 0.25% 25/02/2026	3,096	0.15
£9,800,000	Caisse des dépôts et consignations 1.125% 16/12/2024	9,104	0.45
£9,900,000	SNCF 0.875% 28/12/2026	8,362	0.41
£21,490,000	SNCF Mobilités 5.375% 18/03/2027	21,551	1.06
£9,960,000	SNCF Réseau 4.83% 25/03/2060	8,422	0.41
£5,000,000	SNCF Réseau 5% 11/03/2052	4,403	0.22
£24,562,000	SNCF Réseau 5.25% 07/12/2028	24,576	1.21
£23,495,000	SNCF Réseau 5.25% 31/01/2035	22,838	1.12
	Germany (15/04/22 - 8.10%)		7.49
£18,596,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 3.125% 24/07/2026	17,250	0.85
£19,820,000	Landeskreditbank Baden Wuerttemberg 0.375% 09/12/2024	18,102	0.89
£10,600,000	Landeskreditbank Baden Wuerttemberg 0.625% 15/12/2025	9,425	0.46
£3,500,000	Landeskreditbank Baden Wuerttemberg 1% 15/12/2026	3,001	0.15
£5,558,000	Landeskreditbank Baden Wuerttemberg 1.375% 15/12/2023	5,377	0.26
£14,400,000	NRW Bank 0.375% 16/12/2024	13,147	0.65
£33,200,000	NRW Bank 0.5% 15/12/2025	29,163	1.44
£4,000,000	NRW Bank 0.5% 18/12/2026	3,334	0.16
£10,000,000	NRW Bank 1.375% 15/12/2023	9,667	0.48
£35,000,000	State of North Rhine Westphalia 0.625% 16/12/2024	32,186	1.58
£12,200,000	State of SaxonyAnhalt 2.125% 16/12/2024	11,548	0.57

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 15 October 2022

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Ireland (15/04/22 - 0.05%)		0.11
£5,838,000	UK Municipal Bonds Agency Finance 1.625% 26/08/2060	2,190	0.11
	Japan (15/04/22 - 1.29%)		0.92
£20,329,000	Development Bank of Japan 1.25% 31/01/2025	18,679	0.92
	Netherlands (15/04/22 - 6.14%)		8.61
£13,813,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 0.375% 15/12/2025	12,042	0.59
£8,258,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 0.5% 21/12/2026	6,870	0.34
£34,100,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.625% 26/08/2025	31,173	1.53
£30,000,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 2% 12/04/2024	28,876	1.42
£8,050,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 5.2% 07/12/2028	8,023	0.40
£2,300,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 5.2% 07/12/2028	2,292	0.11
£40,312,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 0.25% 15/12/2025	35,088	1.73
£13,421,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 0.875% 30/09/2026	11,493	0.57
£15,014,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 5.375% 07/06/2032	15,527	0.76
£25,000,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank NV 2% 16/12/2024	23,632	1.16
	Norway (15/04/22 - 1.35%)		1.16
£7,286,000	Kommunalbanken AS 0.25% 15/12/2025	6,357	0.31
£18,658,000	Kommunalbanken AS 1% 12/12/2024	17,291	0.85
	Singapore (15/04/22 - 0.62%)		0.57
£8,235,000	Temasek Financial 1.5% 01/03/2028	6,625	0.33
£5,248,000	Temasek Financial 5.125% 26/07/2040	4,843	0.24
	Sweden (15/04/22 - 4.44%)		4.61
SEK913,620,000	Kommuninvest I Sverige 1% 12/05/2025	67,679	3.33
SEK6,558,000	Svensk Exportkredit 0.125% 15/12/2025	5,690	0.28
SEK21,000,000	Svensk Exportkredit 1.375% 15/12/2023	20,303	1.00
	United States (15/04/22 - 1.14%)		1.00
SEK6,422,000	Federal National Mortgage Association 5.375% 07/12/2028	6,554	0.33
SEK2,330,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 4.625% 07/06/2043	2,001	0.10
SEK11,322,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 5.625% 07/06/2032	11,641	0.57
	Money Markets (15/04/22 - 0.00%)		0.31
£6,354	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Seabury Sterling 3 Fund Class Z-1~	6,346	0.31
	Futures (15/04/22 - 0.21%)		0.43
	United Kingdom (15/04/22 - 0.16%)		0.07
(1,088)	ICF Long GILT Future December 2022	1,443	0.07
	Australia (15/04/22 - (0.02%))		—
(19)	SFE Australian 10 Year Bond Future December 2022	9	—
	Germany (15/04/22 - 0.03%)		0.21
584	EUX Euro Bund Future December 2022	(326)	(0.02)
(676)	EUX Euro Bobl Future December 2022	1,704	0.08
(966)	EUX Euro Schatz Future December 2022	1,031	0.05
(116)	EUX Euro Buxl 30 Year Bond Future December 2022	2,022	0.10
	United States (15/04/22 - 0.04%)		0.15
732	CBT US 2 Year Note Future December 2022	(558)	(0.03)
655	CBT US 5 Year Note Future December 2022	(764)	(0.04)
(835)	CBT US 10 Year Ultra Future December 2022	4,425	0.22
	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (15/04/22 - (0.04%))		0.09
GBP 70,106,384	GBP Forward Currency Contract 13/01/2023	70,106	3.45
(SEK 864,659,967)	SEK Forward Currency Contract 13/01/2023	(68,445)	(3.37)
GBP 6,962,105	GBP Forward Currency Contract 13/01/2023	6,962	0.35
(EUR 7,856,813)	EUR Forward Currency Contract 13/01/2023	(6,848)	(0.34)

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 15 October 2022

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
Interest Rate Swaps – Capital Protection			
(15/04/22 - (0.00%))			
			(0.20)
GBP 86,000,000	Morgan Stanley 3.807% 10/08/2032	8,185	0.40
(GBP 86,000,000)	Morgan Stanley BBSW 10/08/2032	(10,607)	(0.52)
GBP 104,584,000	Morgan Stanley 4.407% 02/09/2032	13,566	0.67
(GBP 104,584,000)	Morgan Stanley BBSW 02/09/2032	(15,200)	(0.75)
Overnight Index Swaps – Capital Protection			
(15/04/22 - (0.75%))			
			(1.50)
GBP 76,476,000	Morgan Stanley 0.426% 12/08/2023	289	0.01
(GBP 76,476,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 12/08/2023	(3,175)	(0.16)
GBP 182,450,000	Morgan Stanley 1.043% 21/07/2023	797	0.04
(GBP 182,450,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 21/07/2023	(3,535)	(0.17)
(GBP 44,584,000)	Morgan Stanley 1.179% 16/12/2024	1,814	0.09
GBPP 44,584,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 16/12/2024	(7,794)	(0.38)
GBP 35,427,000	Morgan Stanley 2.01% 16/02/2025	7,910	0.39
(GBP 35,427,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 16/02/2025	(19,977)	(0.98)
GBP 48,165,000	Morgan Stanley 1.043% 21/07/2023	(339)	(0.02)
(GBP 48,165,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 21/07/2023	1,507	0.07
GBP 138,683,000	Morgan Stanley 2.283% 15/12/2026	2,977	0.15
(GBP 138,683,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 15/12/2026	(6,561)	(0.32)
GBP 104,560,000	Morgan Stanley 2.491% 15/12/2023	1,332	0.07
(GBP 104,560,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 15/12/2023	(2,618)	(0.13)
GBP 150,139,000	Morgan Stanley 2.903% 03/02/2024	3,778	0.19
(GBP 150,139,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 03/02/2024	(7,028)	(0.35)
(GBP 83,266,000)	Morgan Stanley 2.655% 01/09/2032	(7,720)	(0.38)
GBP 83,266,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 01/09/2032	12,056	0.59
(GBP 54,655,000)	Morgan Stanley 1.800% 10/08/2032	(3,444)	(0.17)
GBP 54,655,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 10/08/2032	7,946	0.39
GBP 27,755,306	Morgan Stanley 2.655% 01/09/2032	2,573	0.13
(GBP 27,755,306)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 01/09/2032	(4,019)	(0.20)
GBP 27,755,306	Morgan Stanley 2.655% 01/09/2032	2,573	0.13
(GBP 27,755,306)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 01/09/2032	(4,019)	(0.20)
GBP 27,755,306	Morgan Stanley 2.655% 01/09/2032	2,573	0.13
(GBP 27,755,306)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 01/09/2032	(4,019)	(0.20)
GBP 54,655,000	Morgan Stanley 1.800% 10/08/2032	3,444	0.17
(GBP 54,655,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 10/08/2032	(7,946)	(0.39)
Portfolio of investments ^		1,950,524	96.00
Net other assets		81,361	4.00
Net assets		2,031,885	100.00

Unless otherwise stated, all investments with the exception of Forwards, Interest Rate Swaps and Overnight Index Swaps are approved securities being either officially listed in a member state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market.

The counterparty for the Futures is Morgan Stanley.

The counterparties for the Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts are UBS and Morgan Stanley.

The counterparty for the Overnight Index Swaps and and Interest rate Swaps is Morgan Stanley.

^ Includes investment liabilities.

–SICAVs (open ended investment schemes registered outside the UK).

Credit Ratings	£000	%
Investment grade	1,968,098	96.87
Total investment in bonds	1,968,098	96.87

Top ten purchases and sales

For the half year ended 15 October 2022

Purchases	Cost £000	Sales	Proceeds £000
Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Seabury Sterling 3 Fund Class Z-1	480,521	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Seabury Sterling 3 Fund Class Z-1	474,156
Nederlandse Waterschapsbank NV 2% 16/12/2024	25,059	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 0.875% 13/12/2024	30,789
Kommunekredit 2% 25/06/2024	24,961	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 1.125% 15/12/2023	28,441
FMS Wertmanagement 0.625% 15/12/2023	24,531	FMS Wertmanagement 0.625% 15/12/2023	23,838
Council Of Europe Development Bank 0.375% 15/12/2025	23,716	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank 1.25% 15/12/2023	19,381
Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 0.25% 15/12/2025	23,563	Asian Development Bank 1.375% 15/12/2023	14,801
Province of Quebec Canada 2.25% 15/09/2026	22,735	KFW 0.875% 18/07/2024	14,501
Province of Quebec Canada 2.25% 15/09/2026	19,939	Inter-American Development Bank 1.25% 15/12/2025	14,282
Jersey International Bond 2.875% 06/05/2052	18,233	Dexia Credit Local 0.5% 22/07/2023	14,086
Province of Ontario Canada 2.25% 26/05/2026	17,671	Network Rail Infrastructure Finance 4.75% 22/01/2024	13,795
Subtotal	680,929	Subtotal	648,070
Other purchases	202,129	Other sales	133,219
Total purchases for the half year	883,058	Total sales for the half year	781,289

Statistical information

Comparative tables

	15/10/22 pence	Class 'A' Accumulation 30/04/22 pence	30/04/21 pence	30/04/20 pence
Change in net assets per unit				
Opening net asset value per unit	98.03	105.04	106.18	101.06
Return before operating charges*	(10.47)	(5.85)	0.06	6.30
Operating charges	(0.53)	(1.16)	(1.20)	(1.18)
Return after operating charges*	(11.00)	(7.01)	(1.14)	5.12
Distributions on accumulation units	(0.16)	(0.01)	–	(0.16)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.16	0.01	–	0.16
Closing net asset value per unit	87.03	98.03	105.04	106.18
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00

Performance

Return after charges	(11.22%)	(6.67%)	(1.07%)	5.07%
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Other information

Closing net asset value (£000)	16,263	18,338	18,114	19,712
Closing number of units	18,686,487	18,706,990	17,245,249	18,565,271
Operating charges	1.11%	1.11%	1.11%	1.12%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices⁺

Highest unit price (pence)	106.56	106.17	116.82	116.53
Lowest unit price (pence)	85.57	98.03	104.28	100.98

^ 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

Comparative tables

	15/10/22 pence	Class 'B' Accumulation 30/04/22 pence	30/04/21 pence	30/04/20 pence
Change in net assets per unit				
Opening net asset value per unit	101.04	107.08	107.05	100.78
Return before operating charges*	(10.83)	(6.02)	0.05	6.30
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)
Return after operating charges*	(10.84)	(6.04)	0.03	6.27
Distributions on accumulation units	(0.70)	(1.17)	(1.18)	(1.32)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.70	1.17	1.18	1.32
Closing net asset value per unit	90.20	101.04	107.08	107.05
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00

Performance

Return after charges	(10.73%)	(5.64%)	0.03%	6.22%
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Other information

Closing net asset value (£000)	2,015,622	2,202,446	1,915,161	1,875,846
Closing number of units	2,234,605,085	2,179,823,313	1,788,589,303	1,752,298,762
Operating charges	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices+

Highest unit price (pence)	102.24	108.57	110.27	109.16
Lowest unit price (pence)	88.64	101.03	106.22	100.71

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

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Statistical information

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a total return (a combination of growth and income) by outperforming the benchmark (before fees) by 0.1% to 0.5% per annum over any given 3 year period.

The benchmark is the Markit iBoxx £ Sub-Sovereign All Maturities Index (the "Index").

Investment policy

The Fund aims to achieve its objective by investing at least 70% in Sterling denominated fixed interest or index linked Sub-Sovereign bonds. The Fund may also invest in non-Sterling denominated fixed interest or index-linked Sub-Sovereign bonds, bonds issued by governments, companies, or institutions worldwide which may be denominated in any currency.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash and other collective investment schemes.

The Fund may invest more than 35% in individual issuers of government and public securities.

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

Investment strategy

Although at least 70% of the Fund is invested in components of the index, the Fund is actively managed. The investment adviser uses a stock selection model to select individual holdings, where they believe there is misalignment in the assessment of growth prospects and creditworthiness of the holdings and that of the market, while giving consideration to future economic and business conditions. The Fund is managed within constraints, so that divergence from the index is controlled. The Fund's portfolio may, therefore, be similar to the components of the index.

Revenue distribution and pricing

Units of the Fund are available as either Class 'A' Accumulation or 'B' Accumulation units (where revenue is reinvested to enhance the unit price).

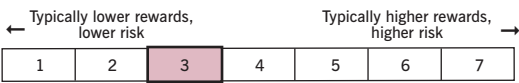
There will be two potential distributions in each accounting year: an interim distribution as at 15 October and a final distribution as at 15 April.

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.



This Fund is ranked at 3 (15/04/22: 3) because funds of this type have experienced low to medium rises and falls in value in the past.

The above figure applies to the following unit classes:

- Class 'A' Accumulation
- 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 security issuer.
- Securities that produce a higher level of income usually also carry greater risk as such security issuers may have difficulty in paying their debts.
- There may be cases where the organisation from which we buy a security fails to carry out its obligations, which could cause losses to the Fund.
- There is no guarantee that an asset which provides the security for a bond will maintain its value.
- 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

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.

Directors' statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.

13 December 2022

Craig Baker, Director
Brid Meaney, Director

Interim financial statements

For the half year ended 15 October 2022

Statement of total return

	15/10/22		15/10/21	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income				
Net capital losses		(267,234)		(27,803)
Revenue	16,251		10,653	
Expenses	(258)		(271)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(10)		(33)	
Net revenue for the half year		<u>15,983</u>		<u>10,349</u>
Total deficit before distribution		(251,251)		(17,454)
Distributions		(16,054)		(10,418)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		<u>(267,305)</u>		<u>(27,872)</u>

Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

	15/10/22		15/10/21	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		2,220,784		1,933,275
Amounts receivable on issue of units	268,354		104,556	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(205,628)		(70,661)	
		<u>62,726</u>		<u>33,895</u>
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(267,305)		(27,872)
Retained distributions on accumulation units		15,680		10,389
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		<u>2,031,885</u>		<u>1,949,687</u>

*Please note that the comparative figures are for the comparative interim period. The brought forward net assets for the current period do not, therefore, equal the carried forward figure in the comparative.

Interim financial statements

As at 15 October 2022

Balance sheet

	15/10/22		15/04/21	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investments		1,996,859		2,174,959
Current assets:				
Debtors	108,587		65,413	
Cash and bank balances	67,216		28,588	
Total current assets		175,803		94,001
Total assets		2,172,662		2,268,960
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(46,335)		(21,767)
Creditors:				
Bank overdraft	(11,074)		(4,840)	
Other creditors	(83,368)		(21,569)	
Total creditors		(94,442)		(26,409)
Total liabilities		(140,777)		(48,176)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		2,031,885		2,220,784

Notes to the interim financial statements

Accounting policies

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the valuation of investments and in compliance with FRS 102 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (2014 SORP) for financial statements of Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017). Unless otherwise stated all accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the Annual Report for the year ended 15 April 2022 and are described in those financial statements.

Distribution table

For the half year ended 15 October 2022

Interest distributions

Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 16 April 2022

Group 2: units purchased 16 April 2022 to 15 October 2022

	Net income	Equalisation	2022 pence per unit payable 15 Dec	2021 pence per unit paid 15 Dec
Class 'A' Accumulation				
Group 1	0.1550	—	0.1550	—
Group 2	0.1550	—	0.1550	—

Class 'B' Accumulation

Group 1	0.7004	—	0.7004	0.5710
Group 2	0.5488	0.1516	0.7004	0.5710

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.

Appendix

The Fund carried out stocklending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income.

Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

Global Data

Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	3.22

Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£63,387,427	3.12

* Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

Concentration Data

Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

Issuer	Holding	Collateral
		Fair value £000
Japan Bills 0% 07/11/2022	5,688,400,000	34,358
France (Government of) 5.50% 25/04/2029	22,986,100	23,625
Linde	9,364	2,305
Ventas	67,427	2,239
Accenture	8,317	1,906
Public Storage	7,349	1,892
Weyerhaeuser	71,026	1,884
Welltower	27,544	1,451
Wynn Resorts	21,599	1,098
Trane Technologies	8,085	1,058

All counterparties

Counterparty	Gross volume of outstanding transactions
	Fair value £000
Barclays Bank Plc	22,448
Credit Suisse International	40,940

Appendix

Aggregate Data

Type and quality of collateral

Type	Quality*	Fair value £000
Bonds	Investment grade	57,982
Equities	n/a	14,316
		72,298

* Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £000
Rolling Maturity	72,298
	72,298

Currency of collateral

Currency	Fair value £000
Sterling	72,298
	72,298

Maturity tenor of SFTs

Maturity	Fair value £000
Rolling Maturity	63,387
	63,387

Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty

All counterparties are UK based

Return and cost

	Gross return £000	Cost £000	% of overall returns	Net return £000
Fund	16	(3)	82.00	13
		16	(3)	13

The gross earnings were split by the lending agent as follows:
- 82% to the Lender (PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund)
- 8% to the Manager (Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited)
- 10% retained by the Lending Agent (eSec)

Corporate information

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.

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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. These details describe how remuneration and benefits are calculated and identify the committee which oversees and controls the policy. A paper copy of these details can be requested free of charge from the Manager. Following the implementation of UCITS V in the UK on 18 March 2016, all authorised UK UCITS Managers are required to comply with the UCITS V Remuneration Code from the start of their next accounting year. Under the UCITS V Directive, the Manager is required to disclose information relating to the remuneration paid to its staff for the financial year, split into fixed and variable remuneration.

Risk

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

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Authorised status

This Fund is an Authorised Unit Trust scheme under
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