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For the year: 16 April 2024 to 15 April 2025

PUTM BOTHWELL SUB-SOVEREIGN BOND FUND



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

Investment review

Dear Investor

Welcome to the PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund annual report for the 12 months to 15 April 2025.

Performance Review

Over the review period, the PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund returned 4.74%. (Source: FactSet for the 12 months to 15/04/25). This was compared to a return of 4.52% for its benchmark index. (Source: FactSet, Markit iBoxx Sterling Sub-Sovereign All Maturities Index from Bloomberg for the 12 months to 15/04/25).

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

Standardised Past Performance

	Apr 24-25 % growth	Apr 23-24 % growth	Apr 22-23 % growth	Apr 21-22 % growth	Apr 20-21 % growth
PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund	4.74	2.48	-5.73	-5.60	-0.09
Benchmark Index	4.52	2.55	-6.44	-6.35	0.20

Fund performance is Factset to 15 October for each year. Benchmark Index performance is FactSet, Markit iBoxx Sterling Sub-Sovereign All Maturities Index, Total Return, GBP to 15 October for each year.

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.

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Market Review

Sub-sovereign bonds rose over the 12-month period. Most major central banks, including the European Central Bank (ECB) and the US Federal Reserve (Fed), cut interest rates through the period, in response to slowing economic conditions and declining inflation. Initially, expectations of rate cuts supported investor optimism, though hawkish signals from central banks later weighed on sentiment. In late 2024, policy shifts from Donald Trump's election victory and changing US foreign policy influenced sentiment. US equities rallied immediately after Trump's win. However, concerns over trade tariffs and policy uncertainty later dampened sentiment. The ECB cut rates by 0.25% in March, its sixth reduction in nine months. The Bank has stuck to its easing path amid economic headwinds, as it trimmed the region's 2025 growth forecast to 0.9%. A flash inflation reading showed eurozone consumer price inflation (CPI) cooled to a four-month low of 2.2% year on year (yoy) in March. The Fed held interest rates steady again in March, awaiting further evidence that inflation was falling and more clarity on the economic impact of tariff policies. Following threats and the reversal of plans for more severe measures, 25% tariffs on steel and aluminium imports to the US came into effect. Global tariffs were announced on cars, as were increased measures on Chinese imports. Canada, China and the EU introduced retaliation packages. Although the imposition of such tariffs was subject to rapid changes, it seemed that the US administration was using such measures as a negotiating tool, leaving investors in a difficult position. CPI inflation slowed to 2.8% yoy in February, down from 3.0% in January and below expectations. However, the Fed's preferred measure — the core Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index — held at 2.8%, slightly above forecasts. Survey data suggests US growth slowed sharply in the first quarter.

Performance

The Fund outperformed the benchmark in the 12-month review period.

Active returns were initially negative but performance recovered in mid-2024. Stronger than expected US inflation dragged yields higher across most developed markets, which was negative for our long duration positioning early in the period. This then changed when major banks began cutting rates. Early in the period, 'cross-market' strategies were initially adversely affected by long US exposure, especially the long US-Australia spread positioning, but this again reversed in the third quarter of 2024. Curve strategies added to performance, particularly as strong Australian inflation at the tail end of June led to marked flattening in the Australian

curve, although attempts to dampen the negative carry with flatteners in UK and Australian government bond markets detracted from the broadly positive returns in mid-2024.

Coming into the second half of the review period, performance was positive. Cross market and sovereign, supranational and agency (SSA) positioning was beneficial, offsetting some detraction from duration positioning. Specifically, long positioning in October was negative for returns, particularly in the Fund's German 10-year long. However, strong returns were generated later in the quarter from short US bonds (via five-year and 10-year). Tactical long gilt positioning detracted, too. In cross market, short US versus European and UK yield strategies performed well, contributing to this category's outperformance. Australia long end versus Germany also added to returns. Spread positions within Europe also contributed positively – French weakness surrounding the fall of the Barrier government supported the short France position, without meaningfully detracting from long spread positions elsewhere. In curve exposures, our steepening exposure was broadly successful, but the diversifying UK 10s30s flattening position detracted. The UK curve was pulled steeper by global moves, despite the light supply schedule. In SSA strategies, we generated a small positive excess return from individual stock selection.

The risk-off sentiment hit markets in early 2025, which led our short US duration positioning to detract from returns. Our short Germany 30-year exposure performed well as markets priced the impact of higher European defence spending. We took profits on a long three-year Australia trade which performed strongly after weak quarterly inflation data. Our short in US Treasuries was negative, but our long Australia versus Germany 30-year was positive. A long UK versus Germany 10-year position boosted returns as European government bonds underperformed their peers. Curve strategies were additive, and a German 10s30s steepener performed well. We continue to favour this position and expect longer dated bunds to underperform. SSA exposure performed relatively well, with individual stock selection generating positive excess returns.

Activity

Having held a long duration position in mid-2024, we switched to short headline duration in early November. This was precipitated by the election of Donald Trump to the US presidency. Where longs were held, we favoured German bunds, with some short-term positioning in UK gilts around the early October budget. We positioned for curve steepening,

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especially 10s30s steepening in the US and 5s30s steepening in Germany. In the UK, light long end supply offered the potential for 10s30s flattening exposures. Meaningful differentials between the growth outlook either side of the Atlantic offered attractive levels to increase short US versus Europe/UK exposure.

In early 2025, the Fund traded short US duration, anticipating higher yields caused by Trump-led inflationary pressures. We reduced the short US position as market sentiment shifted towards greater pricing for easing by the Fed on the back of more widespread growth concerns. We positioned for higher German yields later in the quarter, on market anxieties over increased European defence spending. Additionally, we expected a dovish shift from the Reserve Bank of Australia, and we favoured front-end Australian government bonds to express this view. Cross market, we favoured long UK positions, based on the labour market impact of the government budget and increased National Insurance contributions. We expect the Bank of England to cut rates more aggressively than is currently priced, as cost pressures lead to higher unemployment. This leads us to hold long UK gilts against Germany and the US. In curve strategies, the Fund traded with a steepening bias in both the US and Germany for much of the quarter. This was in light of increased EU defence spending and the expected underperformance of US long end bonds. Additionally, we held a Japanese 5s30s flattener.

contained for now. We remain only slightly overweight EU bonds. UK yields remain too high. Slim fiscal headroom as of March 2025 leaves little margin for error with respect to fiscal or monetary policy. In the context of higher tax, higher spending and lukewarm growth, this has increased yield differentials and added to volatility within gilts. However, with Bank of England rate cut pricing lagging versus the ECB and the Fed, we expect a downward correction.

Market Outlook and Fund Strategy

Policy volatility remains the defining trait of the Trump administration thus far. The 2 April tariff announcements are causing markets to reassess globalisation, growth and inflation prospects. However, there is scope for negotiation and some tariff rollback. Further, the underlying US economy remains in reasonable shape. With inflation likely to rise – especially if tax cuts follow – we do not expect the Fed to cut interest rates any further during 2025 and the first half of 2026. Over the medium term, we also anticipate curve steepening. Markets are currently pricing US policy uncertainty. Nevertheless, we expect US duration to underperform versus international peers in the coming year. Materially higher spending in the eurozone and a fiscal space for productive investment can offset the negative impacts from tariffs and an adversarial relationship with China. We expect European yields to move slightly higher. We anticipate curve steepening, especially with the prospect of greater supply for defence spending leading to higher yields at the long end of the curve. European sovereign spreads remain

Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

Investments held at 15 April 2025

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Government Bonds (15/04/24 – 21.33%)		24.06
	United Kingdom (15/04/24 – 10.06%)		10.18
£32,020,000	Affordable Housing Finance 2.893% 11/08/2045	22,148	0.85
£30,940,000	LCR Finance 4.5% 07/12/2028	31,244	1.20
£7,743,000	LCR Finance 4.5% 07/12/2038	7,230	0.28
£20,887,000	LCR Finance 5.1% 07/03/2051	19,562	0.75
£15,213,000	Network Rail Infrastructure Finance 4.375% 09/12/2030	15,175	0.58
£25,426,000	Network Rail Infrastructure Finance 4.75% 29/11/2035	24,956	0.96
£552,000	Saltaire Finance 2.711% 09/05/2054	325	0.01
£22,072,100	UK Treasury 1.125% 31/01/2039	13,731	0.53
£6,135,500	UK Treasury 3.25% 31/01/2033	5,671	0.22
£9,654,000	UK Treasury 3.25% 22/01/2044	7,321	0.28
£32,044,500	UK Treasury 4% 22/10/2031	31,567	1.21
£36,161,100	UK Treasury 4% 22/01/2060	28,457	1.09
£24,285,700	UK Treasury 4.125% 22/07/2029	24,376	0.94
£3,240,300	UK Treasury 4.25% 31/07/2034	3,162	0.12
£7,261,000	UK Treasury 4.375% 07/03/2028	7,335	0.28
£27,144,200	UK Treasury 4.375% 31/07/2054	22,985	0.88
	Australia (15/04/24 – 0.00%)		0.59
AUD27,945,000	Australia Government Bond 1.75% 21/06/2051	7,069	0.27
AUD18,104,000	Australia Government Bond 4.75% 21/06/2054	8,368	0.32
	Austria (15/04/24 – 1.34%)		1.60
£8,438,000	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank 4.125% 22/07/2027	8,430	0.33
£25,000,000	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank 4.5% 22/10/2029	25,288	0.97
£7,554,000	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank 5.75% 07/12/2028	7,902	0.30
	Belgium (15/04/24 – 0.20%)		0.19
£4,800,000	Belgium Kingdom 5.7% 28/05/2032	5,031	0.19
	Canada (15/04/24 – 0.98%)		0.68
£8,000,000	Export Development Canada 2.625% 15/07/2027	7,747	0.30
£10,000,000	Export Development Canada 3.875% 03/10/2028	9,914	0.38
	France (15/04/24 – 0.00%)		0.77
£20,000,000	Dexia 4.625% 22/10/2028	20,166	0.77
	Germany (15/04/24 – 7.62%)		8.65
£21,223,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 3.75% 09/01/2029	20,907	0.80
£23,149,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 3.875% 01/10/2029	22,849	0.88
£5,000,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 4.25% 15/02/2030	5,002	0.19
£70,000,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 4.375% 31/01/2028	70,420	2.70
£21,568,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 4.875% 10/10/2028	22,082	0.85
£5,000,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 4.875% 03/02/2031	5,140	0.20
£967,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 4.875% 15/03/2037	957	0.04
£38,262,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 6% 07/12/2028	40,639	1.56
£21,000,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 0.875% 15/12/2026	19,951	0.76

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Investments held at 15 April 2025

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Germany (continued)		
£11,310,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 2.125% 15/12/2028	10,537	0.40
£6,993,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 4.375% 10/01/2030	7,034	0.27
	Guernsey (15/04/24 – 0.16%)		0.15
£5,523,000	Guernsey (States of) 3.375% 12/12/2046	3,855	0.15
	Isle of Man (15/04/24 – 0.26%)		0.25
£7,218,000	Isle of Man 1.625% 14/09/2051	3,128	0.12
£3,381,000	Isle of Man 5.375% 14/08/2034	3,410	0.13
	Japan (15/04/24 – 0.30%)		0.60
£8,598,000	Japan Bank for International Cooperation 0.375% 22/07/2026	8,190	0.31
£7,500,000	Japan Bank for International Cooperation 4.625% 28/01/2030	7,573	0.29
	Jersey (15/04/24 – 0.41%)		0.40
£1,390,000	Jersey (Govt of) 3.75% 09/06/2054	981	0.04
£15,775,000	Jersey International Bond 2.875% 06/05/2052	9,422	0.36
	Corporate Bonds (15/04/24 – 6.39%)		5.53
	United Kingdom (15/04/24 – 3.13%)		3.82
£6,756,000	PRS Finance 1.5% 24/08/2034	5,014	0.19
£36,330,000	PRS Finance 1.75% 24/11/2026	28,818	1.11
£17,936,000	PRS Finance 2% 23/01/2029	16,485	0.63
£5,142,000	Saltaire Finance 1.527% 23/11/2051	2,203	0.08
£7,261,000	Saltaire Finance 4.809% 14/03/2055	6,337	0.24
£2,291,000	Saltaire Finance 4.815% 06/12/2038	2,220	0.09
£29,660,000	Saltaire Finance 4.818% 01/12/2033	29,457	1.13
£9,724,000	Welcome Trust 4.625% 25/07/2036	9,107	0.35
	Cayman Islands (15/04/24 – 0.00%)		0.47
£12,843,000	Gaci First Investment Company 5.625% 11/06/2039	12,127	0.47
	France (15/04/24 – 2.77%)		0.45
£12,600,000	Dexia Credit Local 0.25% 10/12/2026	11,805	0.45
	Germany (15/04/24 – 0.49%)		0.79
£2,230,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 1.875% 13/02/2026	2,186	0.09
£18,596,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 3.125% 24/07/2026	18,321	0.70
	Supranational Bonds (15/04/24 – 25.37%)		24.68
£3,770,000	Asian Development Bank 0.75% 07/12/2027	3,463	0.13
£35,000,000	Asian Development Bank 3.875% 22/07/2027	34,854	1.34
£5,000,000	Asian Development Bank 5.125% 24/10/2028	5,158	0.20
£11,500,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank 1.125% 15/09/2026	11,046	0.42
£24,965,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank 4% 22/07/2027	24,888	0.95
£25,158,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank 4.375% 11/06/2026	25,248	0.97
£32,912,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank 4.375% 22/10/2029	33,105	1.27
£26,187,000	Corp Andina de Fomento 4.75% 16/04/2029	26,242	1.01
£39,233,000	Corp Andina de Fomento 4.875% 30/01/2030	39,555	1.52
£14,160,000	Council of Europe Development Bank 1.25% 15/09/2026	13,621	0.52

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Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
Supranational Bonds (continued)			
£15,696,000	Central American Bank for Econo 4.625% 14/02/2028	15,720	0.60
£1,370,000	Eurofima 5.5% 07/06/2032	1,415	0.05
£18,907,000	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 5.625% 07/12/2028	19,831	0.76
£350,000	European Investment Bank 0% 07/12/2028	302	0.01
£12,877,000	European Investment Bank 3.625% 12/01/2032	12,296	0.47
£5,600,000	European Investment Bank 3.875% 08/06/2037	5,043	0.19
£5,480,000	European Investment Bank 4% 15/02/2029	5,448	0.21
£11,786,000	European Investment Bank 4.5% 31/01/2028	11,902	0.46
£4,590,000	European Investment Bank 4.5% 07/03/2044	4,090	0.16
£8,365,000	European Investment Bank 5% 15/04/2039	8,277	0.32
£11,461,000	European Investment Bank 5.625% 07/06/2032	12,278	0.47
£17,066,000	European Investment Bank 6% 07/12/2028	18,112	0.70
£25,000,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 0.5% 15/09/2026	23,785	0.91
£8,453,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 2.125% 15/12/2028	7,880	0.30
£5,300,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 2.375% 03/08/2029	4,930	0.19
£13,459,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 2.5% 22/07/2027	12,998	0.50
£10,000,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 4% 17/12/2029	9,898	0.38
£16,000,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 4.125% 28/04/2028	16,026	0.61
£14,395,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 4.75% 05/10/2029	14,704	0.56
£8,000,000	InterAmerican Development Bank 5% 20/07/2030	8,265	0.32
£3,839,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 1.25% 13/12/2028	3,470	0.13
£23,862,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 3.875% 02/10/2028	23,676	0.91
£10,000,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 4.125% 31/07/2031	9,874	0.38
£9,848,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 4.25% 23/10/2034	9,521	0.37
£5,472,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 4.875% 07/12/2028	5,606	0.22
£67,500,000	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 4.875% 15/08/2030	69,447	2.66
£16,000,000	International Development Association 0.375% 22/09/2027	14,649	0.56
£21,529,000	International Development Association 0.75% 21/09/2028	19,216	0.74
£10,000,000	International Development Association 4.75% 14/10/2031	10,185	0.39
£8,000,000	International Finance Corporation 0.75% 22/07/2027	7,431	0.29
£5,000,000	International Finance Corporation 3.875% 12/09/2030	4,909	0.19
£10,000,000	International Finance Corporation 5.5% 22/07/2025	10,159	0.39
£15,000,000	Nordic Investment Bank 2.375% 22/07/2026	14,678	0.56
£10,000,000	Nordic Investment Bank 4.5% 31/01/2028	10,077	0.39

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Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Public Authorities (15/04/24 – 45.37%)		44.02
	United Kingdom (15/04/24 – 2.17%)		2.03
£8,236,000	International Finance Facility for Immunisation 2.75% 07/06/2025	8,213	0.32
£14,900,000	Transport for London 2.125% 24/04/2025	14,891	0.57
£6,113,000	Transport for London 3.625% 15/05/2045	4,377	0.17
£8,814,000	Transport for London 3.875% 23/07/2042	6,788	0.26
£506,000	Transport for London 4% 12/09/2033	461	0.02
£10,668,000	Transport for London 4% 07/04/2064	7,488	0.28
£11,000,000	Transport for London 5% 31/03/2035	10,728	0.41
	Canada (15/04/24 – 15.39%)		16.61
£24,416,000	CPPIB Capital 1.125% 14/12/2029	21,178	0.81
£85,584,000	CPPIB Capital 1.25% 07/12/2027	79,426	3.05
£18,068,000	CPPIB Capital 1.625% 22/10/2071	6,638	0.25
£2,000,000	CPPIB Capital 4.5% 22/07/2027	2,013	0.08
£35,000,000	CPPIB Capital 6% 07/06/2025	35,054	1.35
£69,633,000	Ontario Teachers Finance Trust 1.125% 15/05/2026	67,466	2.59
£25,000,000	Province of British Columbia 4.5% 18/06/2029	25,148	0.96
£77,879,000	Province of Ontario Canada 0.25% 15/12/2026	73,047	2.80
£32,381,000	Province of Ontario Canada 2.25% 26/05/2026	31,750	1.22
£72,848,000	Province of Quebec Canada 2.25% 15/09/2026	70,900	2.72
£20,000,000	Province of Quebec Canada 4.75% 22/01/2030	20,335	0.78
	Denmark (15/04/24 – 0.44%)		0.56
£5,000,000	Kommunekredit 4.125% 20/11/2028	4,990	0.19
£9,435,000	Kommunekredit 4.5% 19/11/2027	9,531	0.37
	Finland (15/04/24 – 1.25%)		2.13
£20,000,000	Kuntarahoitus 4.25% 09/01/2029	19,998	0.77
£35,227,000	Kuntarahoitus 4.625% 01/02/2028	35,600	1.36
	France (15/04/24 – 6.50%)		9.58
£10,000,000	Agence Française de Développement 1.25% 18/06/2025	9,941	0.38
£10,000,000	Agence Française de Développement 4.125% 22/07/2027	9,954	0.38
£10,400,000	Agence Française de Développement 4.375% 16/03/2026	10,415	0.40
£9,000,000	Agence Française de Développement 4.5% 22/10/2028	9,040	0.35
£10,100,000	Agence France Locale 1.375% 20/06/2025	10,042	0.38
£33,600,000	Agence France Locale 4.75% 20/07/2027	33,882	1.30
£15,000,000	Bpifrance SACA 3.875% 22/10/2028	14,748	0.57
£10,400,000	Bpifrance SACA 4% 30/01/2026	10,382	0.40
£5,000,000	Bpifrance SACA 4.125% 22/07/2027	4,977	0.19
£19,000,000	Caisse d'Amortissement de la Dette Sociale 0.125% 15/12/2025	18,468	0.71
£3,600,000	Caisse des dépôts et consignations 0.25% 25/02/2026	3,481	0.13
£8,000,000	Caisse des dépôts et consignations 4% 22/07/2027	7,956	0.31
£10,000,000	Caisse des dépôts et consignations 4% 17/01/2029	9,876	0.38

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Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	France (continued)		
£11,300,000	Societe Nationale 0.875% 28/12/2026	10,680	0.41
£13,800,000	Societe Nationale 5.875% 29/01/2055	13,463	0.52
£21,490,000	SNCF Mobilites 5.375% 18/03/2027	21,806	0.84
£9,919,000	SNCF Réseau 4.83% 25/03/2060	8,136	0.31
£9,000,000	SNCF Réseau 5% 11/03/2052	7,777	0.30
£25,406,000	SNCF Réseau 5.25% 07/12/2028	26,118	1.00
£8,433,000	SNCF Réseau 5.25% 31/01/2035	8,431	0.32
	Germany (15/04/24 – 4.34%)		1.73
£15,623,000	Landeskreditbank Baden Wuerttemberg 1% 15/12/2026	14,848	0.57
£10,000,000	Landeskreditbank Baden Wuerttemberg 4.75% 16/06/2026	10,074	0.39
£5,000,000	NRW Bank 4.125% 20/10/2028	4,990	0.19
£5,000,000	NRW Bank 5.375% 22/07/2026	5,073	0.19
£10,000,000	State of North Rhine-Westphalia 4.5% 11/11/2027	10,094	0.39
	Ireland (15/04/24 – 0.25%)		
	Japan (15/04/24 – 1.59%)		0.59
£13,737,000	Development Bank of Japan 4.5% 06/06/2025	13,731	0.53
£1,673,000	Development Bank of Japan 5.25% 30/03/2026	1,690	0.06
	Netherlands (15/04/24 – 8.39%)		4.90
£14,000,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 4.25% 15/02/2029	14,006	0.54
£30,000,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 4.5% 31/01/2028	30,241	1.16
£10,550,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 5.2% 07/12/2028	10,856	0.42
£16,421,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 0.875% 30/09/2026	15,682	0.60
£23,000,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 4.75% 31/01/2028	23,323	0.89
£32,172,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 5.375% 07/06/2032	33,544	1.29
	Norway (15/04/24 – 2.66%)		1.93
£30,205,000	Kommunalbanken 4% 13/02/2026	30,148	1.16
£20,000,000	Kommunalbanken 4.375% 23/10/2028	20,111	0.77
	Singapore (15/04/24 – 0.50%)		0.23
£6,248,000	Temasek Financial 5.125% 26/07/2040	5,946	0.23
	Sweden (15/04/24 – 0.74%)		0.51
£13,350,000	Svensk Exportkredit AB 4.5% 11/03/2026	13,387	0.51
	South Korea (15/04/24 – 0.00%)		2.10
£14,670,000	Export-Import Bank of Korea 4.625% 22/07/2027	14,779	0.57
£25,000,000	Korea Development Bank 4.25% 22/10/2028	24,900	0.96
£15,000,000	Korea Development Bank 4.5% 31/01/2028	14,967	0.57
	United States (15/04/24 – 1.15%)		1.12
£5,922,000	Federal National Mortgage Association 5.375% 07/12/2028	6,094	0.23
£3,130,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 4.625% 07/06/2043	2,670	0.10
£19,853,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 5.625% 07/06/2032	20,526	0.79

Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

Investments held at 15 April 2025

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Money Markets (15/04/24 – 1.33%)		0.12
3,130	abrdn Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Seabury Sterling 3 Fund Class Z-1+	3,130	0.12
	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (15/04/24 – 0.00%)		0.01
GBP 1,900,885	GBP Forward Currency Contract 05/06/2025	19	0.00
(AUD 3,909,049)	AUD Forward Currency Contract 05/06/2025		
GBP 10,536,438	GBP Forward Currency Contract 05/06/2025	139	0.01
(AUD 21,599,519)	AUD Forward Currency Contract 05/06/2025		
GBP 3,417,609	GBP Forward Currency Contract 05/06/2025	50	0.00
(AUD 6,995,485)	AUD Forward Currency Contract 05/06/2025		
	Futures (15/04/24 – (0.15%))		(0.01)
	United Kingdom (15/04/24 – (0.07%))		0.00
(27)	ICF Long Gilt Future June 2025	(28)	0.00
	Australia (15/04/24 – 0.04%)		(0.01)
(311)	SFE Australian 10Year Bond Future June 2025	(175)	(0.01)
	Germany (15/04/24 – 0.00%)		0.00
673	EUX Euro Bund Future June 2025	657	0.03
(126)	EUX Euro Buxl 30Year Bond Future June 2025	(419)	(0.02)
(157)	EUX Euro-OAT Future June 2025	(388)	(0.01)
	United States (15/04/24 – (0.16%))		
	Canada (15/04/24 – 0.04%)		
	Interest Rate Swaps – Capital Protection (15/04/24 – 0.00%)		
	Overnight Index Swaps – Capital Protection (15/04/24 – 0.00%)		0.10
GBP 56,067,000	Morgan Stanley 4.089% 15/12/2028	627	0.03
(GBP 56,067,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 15/12/2028		
(GBP 42,480,000)	Morgan Stanley 4.234% 09/10/2028	(661)	(0.02)
GBP 42,480,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 09/10/2028		
GBP 79,239,000	Morgan Stanley 4.267% 02/10/2028	1,312	0.05
(GBP 79,239,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 02/10/2028		
(GBP 18,409,000)	Morgan Stanley 4.267% 02/10/2028	(305)	(0.01)
GBP 18,409,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 02/10/2028		
GBP 62,220,000	Morgan Stanley 3.921% 28/02/2029	352	0.01
(GBP 62,220,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 28/02/2029		
GBP 73,887,000	Morgan Stanley 3.983% 28/07/2027	362	0.01
(GBP 73,887,000)	Morgan Stanley SONIA 28/07/2027		
(GBP 15,605,000)	Morgan Stanley 4.22% 22/01/2060	861	0.03
GBP 15,605,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 22/01/2060		
(GBP 14,993,000)	Morgan Stanley 4.358% 22/01/2060	466	0.02
GBP 14,993,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 22/01/2060		
(GBP 11,320,000)	Morgan Stanley 4.267% 02/10/2028	(187)	(0.01)
GBP 11,320,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 02/10/2028		
(GBP 27,410,000)	Morgan Stanley 3.983% 28/07/2027	(134)	(0.01)
GBP 27,410,000	Morgan Stanley SONIA 28/07/2027		

Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

Investments held at 15 April 2025

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Portfolio of investments ^	2,567,546	98.51
	Net other assets	38,783	1.49
	Net assets	<u>2,606,329</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Unless otherwise stated, all investments with the exception of Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 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 Forwards Foreign Exchange Contracts are Barclays, National Westminster Bank and UBS.

The counterparty for the Overnight Index Swaps is Morgan Stanley.

^ Includes investment liabilities.

+ SICAV(s) (open ended investment scheme(s) registered outside the UK).

Top ten purchases and sales

For the year ended 15 April 2025

Purchases	Cost £000	Sales	Proceeds £000
UK Treasury 4.125% 29/01/2027	163,148	UK Treasury 4.125% 29/01/2027	162,838
UK Treasury 4.125% 22/07/2029	153,017	UK Treasury 4.125% 22/07/2029	127,653
UK Treasury 4.5% 07/06/2028	110,899	UK Treasury 4.5% 07/06/2028	109,966
UK Treasury 4.375% 31/07/2054	82,779	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.625% 26/08/2025	82,432
Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 4.375% 31/01/2028	69,877	UK Treasury 4.375% 31/07/2054	70,361
UK Treasury 3.75% 07/03/2027	46,451	UK Treasury 0.5% 31/01/2029	67,966
Corp Andina de Fomento 4.875% 30/01/2030	46,035	UK Treasury 3.75% 07/03/2027	46,463
UK Treasury 4% 22/10/2031	39,482	Nordic Investment Bank 3.875% 19/02/2026	38,812
UK Treasury 4% 22/01/2060	38,022	UK Treasury 1.125% 31/01/2039	38,542
Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 3.875% 01/10/2029	35,595	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 0.25% 15/12/2025	38,317
Subtotal	785,305	Subtotal	783,350
Other purchases	897,923	Other sales	911,102
Total purchases for the year	<u>1,683,228</u>	Total sales for the year	<u>1,694,452</u>

Statistical information

Comparative tables

	15/04/25 pence	Class 'A' Accumulation 15/04/24 pence	15/04/23 pence
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	92.68	91.46	98.03
Return before operating charges*	4.51	2.24	(5.53)
Operating charges	(1.05)	(1.02)	(1.04)
Return after operating charges*	3.46	1.22	(6.57)
Distributions on accumulation units	(2.20)	(1.63)	(0.53)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	2.20	1.63	0.53
Closing net asset value per unit	96.14	92.68	91.46
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.00	0.00	0.01

Performance

Return after charges	3.73%	1.33%	(6.70%)
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Other information

Closing net asset value (£000)	13,703	14,213	17,087
Closing number of units	14,252,337	15,334,603	18,683,211
Operating charges	1.11%	1.11%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%

Prices⁺

Highest unit price (pence)	103.96	101.70	106.56
Lowest unit price (pence)	92.50	87.35	85.57

^ 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

	15/04/25 pence	Class 'B' Accumulation 15/04/24 pence	15/04/23 pence
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	97.75	95.31	101.04
Return before operating charges*	4.68	2.45	(5.72)
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	4.67	2.44	(5.73)
Distributions on accumulation units	(3.44)	(2.76)	(1.61)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	3.44	2.76	1.61
Closing net asset value per unit	102.42	97.75	95.31
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.01	0.00	0.01

Performance

Return after charges	4.78%	2.56%	(5.67%)
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Other information

Closing net asset value (£000)	2,592,626	2,567,410	2,145,725
Closing number of units	2,531,263,576	2,626,479,601	2,251,277,595
Operating charges	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%

Prices⁺

Highest unit price (pence)	102.97	99.33	102.24
Lowest unit price (pence)	97.50	91.26	88.64

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

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Statistical information

Investment objective

PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund (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 Sterling 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.

"Sub-Sovereign Bond" means a form of debt obligation issued by hierarchical tiers below the ultimate governing body of a nation, country, or territory (including worldwide bodies). This form of debt comes from bond issues and is issued by states, provinces, cities or towns in order to fund municipal and local projects. The bond issuers may also include agencies and supranational institutions, for example, KfW and the European Investment Bank (EIB).

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 (15/04/24: 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, the KIIDs are available free of charge and upon request by contacting Client Services on 0345 584 2803.

Annual financial statements

For the year ended 15 April 2025

Statement of total return

	Notes	15/04/25		15/04/24	
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital gains	4		31,203		4,806
Revenue	5	91,268		72,757	
Expenses	6	(415)		(505)	
Interest payable and similar charges		(25)		(5)	
Net revenue before taxation		90,828		72,247	
Taxation	7	—		—	
Net revenue after taxation			90,828		72,247
Total return before distribution			122,031		77,053
Distributions	8		(90,881)		(72,394)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			31,150		4,659

Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

	15/04/24		15/04/23	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		2,581,623		2,162,812
Amounts receivable on issue of units	150,155		680,906	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transfer*	112,335		—	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(359,174)		(340,085)	
		(96,684)		340,821
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		31,150		4,659
Retained distributions on accumulation units		90,240		73,331
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		2,606,329		2,581,623

*Represents the value of units created by in-specie transfer of assets during the year.

Annual financial statements

As at 15 April 2025

Balance sheet

	Notes	15/04/25 £000	15/04/24 £000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		2,569,843	2,579,719
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	43,314	42,743
Cash and bank balances	10	1,379	12,933
Total assets		2,614,536	2,635,395
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(2,297)	(7,389)
Creditors:			
Bank overdraft	11	(2,003)	(618)
Other creditors	12	(3,907)	(45,765)
Total liabilities		(8,207)	(53,772)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		2,606,329	2,581,623

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, fluctuations in global capital markets, known redemption levels, expense projections and 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 15 April 2025, the last valuation point in the accounting year, in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Investments in collective investment schemes have been valued at bid price for dual priced funds or the single price for single priced funds. 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.

Derivatives are valued as at close of business on 15 April 2025, the last valuation point of the accounting year.

Exchange traded derivatives are priced at fair value, which is deemed to be the bid price.

Over-the-counter derivatives are priced at fair value using valuation models or data sourced from market data providers..

(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 on 15 April 2025, 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.

Any commission arising from stocklending is recognised on an accruals basis and is disclosed net of fees.

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

(e) Expenses

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

Notes to the financial statements

Note 1 Accounting policies (continued)

(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.

(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 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) Apportionment to multiple unit classes

With the exception of the Manager's periodic charge, the allocation of revenue and expenses to each unit class is based upon the proportion of the Fund's assets attributable to each unit class on the day the revenue is earned or the expense is suffered. The Manager's periodic charge is specific to each unit class. Tax will be allocated between the unit classes according to income. Consequently, the revenue available to distribute for each unit class will differ.

(d) 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.

(e) 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, foreign currency 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.

Notes to the financial statements

Note 3 Risk management policies (continued)

(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.

(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) Foreign currency risk

A substantial proportion of the Fund's investment portfolio is invested in overseas securities and the Balance sheet can be (significantly) affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. The Fund may be subject to short term exposure to exchange rate movements between placing the purchase or sale of securities and agreeing a related currency transaction albeit usually the two transactions are agreed at the same time.

Any such currency transactions 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 currency risk, for the Fund.

(d) 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.

Notes to the financial statements

Note 3 Risk management policies (continued)

(e) Credit risk

At the Balance sheet date 24.68% (15/04/24: 25.37%) of the Fund's assets were held in supranational bonds, 24.06% (15/04/24: 21.33%) in government bonds, 44.02% (15/04/24: 45.37%) in public authorities, and 5.53% (15/04/24: 6.39%) in corporate bonds.

Corporate, supranational and 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.

(f) 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.

(g) Derivatives

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

In doing so the Manager may make use of a variety of derivative instruments in accordance with the Sourcebook. 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.

The Manager has used exchange traded futures to hedge the value of those assets denominated in foreign currency.

The Manager has used forward foreign currency contracts to hedge the portfolio where assets are denominated in foreign currency. The purpose of undertaking these contracts is to protect the portfolio as far as possible from a movement in the value of exchange rates.

Overnight Index Rate Swaps have been used to hedge the interest rate risk of holding fixed rate bonds during the year.

Note 4 Net capital gains

	15/04/25 £000	15/04/24 £000
The net gains during the year comprise:		
Gains on non-derivative securities	25,194	11,731
Gains/(losses) on derivative contracts	2,512	(10,086)
Currency losses	(102)	(265)
Handling charges	(93)	(1)
Interest on derivative contracts	3,692	3,427
Net capital gains	<u>31,203</u>	<u>4,806</u>

Notes to the financial statements

Note 5 Revenue	15/04/25 £000	15/04/24 £000
Interest on debt securities	90,077	70,556
Stocklending commission	53	19
Bank interest	2	330
Liquidity interest fund	1,136	1,852
Total revenue	<u>91,268</u>	<u>72,757</u>

Note 6 Expenses	15/04/25 £000	15/04/24 £000
(a) Payable to the Manager or associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Manager's periodic charge	<u>290</u>	<u>291</u>
(b) Payable to the Trustee or associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them:		
Trustee's fees	<u>53</u>	<u>51</u>
(c) Other expenses:		
Audit fee	13	12
Safe custody charges	55	147
Printing & stationery	1	–
Professional fees	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>72</u>	<u>163</u>
Total expenses	<u>415</u>	<u>505</u>

Audit fees including VAT for the year were £12,600 (15/04/24: £11,726).

Note 7 Taxation	15/04/25 £000	15/04/24 £000
(a) Analysis of tax charge for the year		
Total taxation	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
(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	90,828	72,247
Corporation tax at 20% (15/04/24: 20%)	18,166	14,449
Effects of:		
Deductible interest distributions	(18,166)	(14,449)
Total tax charge for the year (Note 7(a))	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

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.

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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:

	15/04/25	15/04/24
	£000	£000
Interim	44,579	32,541
Final	45,661	40,790
	<u>90,240</u>	<u>73,331</u>
Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	4,187	2,133
Amounts added on issue of units	(3,546)	(3,070)
Net distribution for the year	<u>90,881</u>	<u>72,394</u>
Net revenue after taxation	90,828	72,247
Expenses taken to capital	55	147
Undistributed revenue carried forward	(2)	–
Net distribution for the year	<u>90,881</u>	<u>72,394</u>

Details of the distribution per unit are set out in the tables on page 32.

Note 9 Debtors

	15/04/25	15/04/24
	£000	£000
Sales awaiting settlement	1,442	9,719
Accrued income	41,872	33,024
Total debtors	<u>43,314</u>	<u>42,743</u>

Note 10 Cash and bank balances

	15/04/24	15/04/24
	£000	£000
Cash and bank balances	2	107
Amounts held at brokers	–	190
Amounts held at futures clearing houses	1,377	12,634
Total cash and bank balances	<u>1,379</u>	<u>12,931</u>

Note 11 Bank overdraft

	15/04/25	15/04/24
	£000	£000
Amounts due to brokers	2,003	–
Amounts due to futures clearing houses	–	616
Total bank overdraft	<u>2,003</u>	<u>616</u>

Note 12 Other creditors

	15/04/25	15/04/24
	£000	£000
Cancellations awaiting settlement	3,719	2,780
Purchases awaiting settlement	–	42,894
Manager's periodic charge payable	83	36
Trustee's fees payable	24	11
Safe custody charges payable	66	31
Audit fee payable	13	11
Transaction charge payable	2	2
Total other creditors	<u>3,907</u>	<u>45,765</u>

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Note 13 Reconciliation of units

	Class 'A' Accumulation	Class 'B' Accumulation
Opening units issued at 16/04/24	15,334,603	2,626,479,601
Unit movements in year:		
Units issued	54,947	352,318,154
Units cancelled	(1,137,213)	(560,752,658)
In-specie transactions	–	113,218,479
Closing units at 15/04/25	<u>14,252,337</u>	<u>2,531,263,576</u>

Note 14 Contingencies and commitments

At 15 April 2025 the Fund had no outstanding calls on partly paid shares, no potential underwriting commitments or any other contingent liabilities (15/04/24: £nil).

Note 15 Stocklending

The total value of securities on loan at the Balance sheet date was £59,516,157 (15/04/24: £120,384,716). Collateral was held in the following form:

	15/04/25 £000	15/04/24 £000
Government bonds	59,516	97,337
UK Equities	–	30,102
	<u>59,516</u>	<u>127,439</u>

The gross revenue, fees paid for the year and net revenue were £64,017 (15/04/24: £23,853), £11,523 (15/04/24: £4,294) and £52,494 (15/04/24: £19,560) respectively.

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)

The value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by borrowing counterparty at the year end is shown below:

Counterparty	15/04/25		15/04/24	
	Securities on loan £'000	Collateral received £'000	Securities on loan £'000	Collateral received £'000
Bank of Nova Scotia	–	–	40,219	43,090
Barclays Bank	28,234	35,070	13,022	13,755
BNP Paribas	–	–	9,716	10,290
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	23,280	24,446	57,428	60,304
	<u>51,514</u>	<u>59,516</u>	<u>120,385</u>	<u>127,439</u>

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Note 16 Unitholders' funds

There are two unit classes in issue within the Fund. These are Class 'A' Accumulation and Class 'B' Accumulation.

The Manager's periodic charge in respect of Class 'A' and Class 'B' units is expressed as an annual percentage of the value of the property of the Fund attributable to each unit class and is currently 1.1050% in respect of Class 'A' units and 0.0050% in respect of Class 'B' units.

Consequently, the level of net revenue attributable to each unit class will differ. Should it be necessary to wind-up the Fund, each unit class will have the same rights as regards to the distribution of the property of the Fund.

Note 17 Related party transactions

The Manager, Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited (PUTM) is a related party due to PUTM acting as key management personnel to the Fund and is regarded as a controlling party by virtue of having the ability to act in respect of operation of the Fund.

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 the following percentage of the units at the year end.

	Class 'A'	Class 'B'
	%	%
As at 15 April 2025:	100.00	100.00
As at 15 April 2024:	100.00	100.00

The 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 net assets attributable to unitholder and Note 8.

Any balances due to/from the Manager or its associates at the current and prior year end in respect of these transactions are shown in Notes 9 and 12.

Note 18 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

At the Balance Sheet date the Fund had the following counterparty exposure on open Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts.

	15/04/25	15/04/24
	£000	£000
Barclays	19	-
National Westminster Bank	139	14,437
UBS	50	-
Total	208	14,437

At the Balance sheet date the Fund had no Collateral (held)/pledged on open Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (15/04/24: £nil).

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Note 18 Financial instruments (continued)

The Fund had the following counterparty exposure on Overnight Index Swaps:

	15/04/25	15/04/24
	£000	£000
Morgan Stanley	2,693	1,621
Total	<u>2,693</u>	<u>1,621</u>

The collateral held/(pledged) by the Fund on behalf of the counterparties at the balance sheet date was as follows:

	15/04/25	15/04/24
	£000	£000
Counterparty		
Citibank	2	2
Morgan Stanley	2001	(192)
Total	<u>2,003</u>	<u>(190)</u>

The nature of collateral (held)/pledged was all cash in the current year and the prior year.

The economic exposure of future derivative contracts is equal to the market value.

Currency exposure

An analysis of the assets and liabilities at the year end is shown below:

Currency	Net currency assets/(liabilities) 15/04/25			Net currency assets/(liabilities) 15/04/24		
	Monetary exposure	Non- monetary exposure	Total exposure	Monetary exposure	Non- monetary exposure	Total exposure
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Sterling	38,578	2,568,081	2,606,659	9,778	2,574,764	2,584,542
Australian Dollar	205	(385)	(180)	–	955	955
Canadian Dollar	–	–	–	(1)	89	1 890
Euro	–	(150)	(150)	131	(165)	(34)
US Dollar	–	–	–	(615)	(4,115)	(4,730)
	<u>38,783</u>	<u>2,567,546</u>	<u>2,606,329</u>	<u>9,293</u>	<u>2,572,330</u>	<u>2,581,623</u>

Income received in other currencies is converted to Sterling on or near the date of receipt.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid, currency exposure on accrued income.

Interest profile

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at 15 April 2025 was:

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets	Floating rate financial assets	Financial assets not carrying interest	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Sterling	2,546,431	1,379	66,074	2,613,884
Australian Dollar	15,437	–	205	15,642
Euro	–	–	657	657
	<u>2,561,868</u>	<u>1,379</u>	<u>66,936</u>	<u>2,630,183</u>

Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities	Financial liabilities not carrying interest	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Sterling	(2,003)	(5,222)	(7,225)
Australian Dollar	–	(15,822)	(15,822)
Euro	–	(807)	(807)
	<u>(2,003)</u>	<u>(21,851)</u>	<u>(23,854)</u>

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Note 18 Financial instruments (continued)

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at 15 April 2024 was:

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £000	Floating rate financial assets £000	Financial assets not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling	2,535,319	47,213	51,001	2,633,533
Australian Dollar	–	–	955	955
Canadian Dollar	–	–	891	891
Euro	6,530	106	25	6,661
	2,541,849	47,319	52,872	2,642,040

Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities £000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling	–	(48,991)	(48,991)
Australian Dollar	(1)	–	(1)
Euro	–	(6,695)	(6,695)
US Dollar	(615)	(4,115)	(4,730)
	(616)	(59,801)	(60,417)

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 abrdn Liquidity Fund.

Credit Ratings	15/04/25		15/04/24	
	£000	%	£000	%
Investment grade	2,561,868	100.00	2,541,851	100.00
Total investment in bonds	2,561,868	100.00	2,541,851	100.00

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 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 £106,859,489 (15/04/24: £107,653,679). A one percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five percent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of decreasing the return and net assets by (£16,484) (15/04/24: (£145,999)). A five percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

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 £128,377,322 (15/04/24: £128,616,502). A five percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

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Note 19 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 September 2024.

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.

As at 15/04/25

Level	1	2	3	Total
Investment assets	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bonds	2,440,132	121,736	–	2,561,868
Derivatives	657	4,188	–	4,845
Money market funds	3,130	–	–	3,130
	2,443,919	125,924	–	2,569,843
Investment liabilities	£000	£000	£000	£000
Derivatives	(1,010)	(1,287)	–	(2,297)
	(1,010)	(1,287)	–	(2,297)

As at 15/04/24

Level	1	2	3	Total
Investment assets	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bonds	2,448,264	93,587	–	2,541,851
Derivatives	1,846	1,634	–	3,480
Money market funds	34,388	–	–	34,388
	2,484,498	95,221	–	2,579,719
Investment liabilities	£000	£000	£000	£000
Derivatives	(5,904)	(1,485)	–	(7,389)
	(5,904)	(1,485)	–	(7,389)

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Note 20 Portfolio transaction costs

For the year ended 15/04/25

	Value £000	Commission £000	%	Taxes £000	%	Other expenses £000	%	Total expenses £000
Analysis of total purchases costs								
Bond transactions	1,579,490	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,579,490
In-specie transactions	103,738	–	–	–	–	–	–	103,738
Total	1,683,228	–		–		–		1,683,228

	Value £000	Commission £000	%	Taxes £000	%	Other expenses £000	%	Total expenses £000
Analysis of total sales costs								
Bond transactions	1,694,452	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,694,452
Total	1,694,452	–		–		–		1,694,452

The Fund has paid £133,092 as commission on purchases and sales of derivatives transactions for the year ended 15.04.25.

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

Commission	0.01%
Taxes	0.00%
Other expenses	0.00%

For the year ended 15/04/24

	Value £000	Commission £000	%	Taxes £000	%	Other expenses £000	%	Total expenses £000
Analysis of total purchases costs								
Bond transactions	1,332,735	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,332,735
Pooled Investment Vehicle	837,812	–	–	–	–	–	–	837,812
Corporate actions	46	–	–	–	–	–	–	46
Total	2,170,593	–		–		–		2,170,593

	Value £000	Commission £000	%	Taxes £000	%	Other expenses £000	%	Total expenses £000
Analysis of total sales costs								
Bond transactions	921,221	–	–	–	–	–	–	921,221
Pooled Investment Vehicle	811,780	–	–	–	–	–	–	811,780
Corporate actions	2,004	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,004
Total	1,735,005	–		–		–		1,735,005

The Fund has paid £56,202 as commission on purchases and sales of derivatives transactions for the year ended 15.04.24.

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 20 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

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 0.16% (15/04/24: 0.21%) being the difference between the respective bid and offer prices for the Fund's investments.

Distribution tables

For the year ended 15 April 2025

Interest distributions

Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 16 April 2024

Group 2: units purchased 16 April 2024 to 15 October 2024

	Gross income	Equalisation	2024 pence per unit paid 13 Dec	2023 pence per unit paid 15 Dec
Class 'A' Accumulation				
Group 1	1.0348	—	1.0348	0.6694
Group 2	1.0348	0.0000	1.0348	0.6694

Class 'B' Accumulation

Group 1	1.6452	—	1.6452	1.2165
Group 2	0.3871	1.2581	1.6452	1.2165

Final distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 16 October 2024

Group 2: units purchased 16 October 2024 to 15 April 2025

	Gross income	Equalisation	2025 pence per unit payable 13 Jun	2024 pence per unit paid 14 Jun
Class 'A' Accumulation				
Group 1	1.1686	—	1.1686	0.9615
Group 2	0.9089	0.2597	1.1686	0.9615

Class 'B' Accumulation

Group 1	1.7973	—	1.7973	1.5474
Group 2	1.3776	0.4197	1.7973	1.5474

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 Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the FCA, ("the COLL Rules") require the Manager to prepare financial statements for each annual and interim accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the year.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Fund in accordance with its Trust Deed, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules. The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on its website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

- b) The Depositary in its capacity as Trustee of the PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond 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 Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund of the PUTM Bothwell Range of Unit Trusts ("the Trust") for the Period Ended 15 April 2025.

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
31 July 2025

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
31 July 2025

Michael Eakins, Director
William Swift, Director

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 15 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of total return, the Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders, the Balance sheet, the Related notes and Distribution tables for the Fund and the accounting policies set out on pages 19 and 20.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, of the financial position of the Fund as at 15 April 2025 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Trust Deed, the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, and the COLL Rules.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Fund in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard.

We have received all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit and we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going Concern

The Manager has prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the Fund's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the Manager's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Fund's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Fund's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the Manager's assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Fund will continue in operation.

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of Directors as to the Fund's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Assessing the segregation of duties in place between the Manager, the Trustee, the Administrator and the Investment Adviser; and
- Reading board minutes.

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the revenue is principally non-judgemental and based on publicly available information, with limited opportunity for manipulation. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We evaluated the design and implementation of the controls over journal entries and other adjustments and made inquiries of the Administrator about inappropriate or unusual activity relating to the processing of journal entries and other adjustments. We identified and selected a sample of journal entries made at the end of the reporting period and tested those substantively including all material post-closing entries. Based on the results of our risk assessment procedures and understanding of the process, including the segregation of duties between the Directors and the Administrator, no further high-risk journal entries or other adjustments were identified.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the Manager and the Administrator (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the Directors the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Fund is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related authorised fund legislation maintained by the Financial Conduct Authority) and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the Fund is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: money laundering, data protection and bribery and corruption legislation recognising the Fund's activities. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Directors and the Administrator and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Other information

The Manager is responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the other information; and
- in our opinion the information given in the Manager's Report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements.

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where under the COLL Rules we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the Fund have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

Manager's responsibilities

As explained more fully in its statement set out on page 33 the Manager is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Fund's unitholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('the COLL Rules') issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under section 247 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's unitholders 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 Fund's unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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31 July 2025

Appendix – Securities Financing Transactions Regulation (unaudited)

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 on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	2.01

Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£51,513,695	1.98

* 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

All collateral issuers (across all SFT)

Issuer	Holding	Collateral
		Fair value £000
Japan Treasury	4,626,350,000	24,446
United States of America	30,188,900	22,368
United States of America	16,723,300	12,702

All counterparties

Counterparty	Gross volume of outstanding transactions
	Fair value £000
Barclays	28,234
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	23,280
	51,514

Aggregate Data

Type and quality of collateral

Type	Quality*	Fair value £000
Bonds	Investment grade	59,516
		59,516

* 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.

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Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £000
More than 365 days	59,516
	59,516

Currency of collateral

Currency	Fair value £000
Sterling	59,516
	59,516

Maturity tenor of SFTs

Maturity	Fair value £000
More than 365 days	51,514
	51,514

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	64	12	82.00	52
	64	12		52

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 (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.

Administration & Dealing: 0345 584 2803 (between the hours of 9am & 5pm).

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 2024

	Headcount	Total remuneration
Phoenix Unit Trust Managers	2	85,616.40
of which		
Fixed Remuneration	2	56,532.92
Variable Remuneration	1	29,083.47
Carried Interest	n/a	
Highest paid Director's Remuneration		19,581.99

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.

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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 UCITS Code Staff not covered by the above.

Assessment of Value

We are required to perform an annual Assessment of Value for each unit class of the PUTM Bothwell Sub-Sovereign Bond Fund. A consolidated report has been published on the PUTM website which can be found in the 'Accounts and report' section. This is published within 4 months of the annual 'reference date' of 31 December 2024.

The Assessment of Value consolidated report can be accessed using 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 <https://www.thephoenixgroup.com/phoenix-unit-trust-managers/>

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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PUTM Director, Group Chief
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William Swift
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PUTM Director, Group
Financial Controller;

Craig Baker
(resigned 28 April 2024)
PUTM Director, Head of
Policyholder Assets;

Frances Clare MacLachlan
(resigned 30 March 2025)
PUTM Director, Chief
Finance Officer SLF UK,
Sun Life of Canada;

Brid Meany
(resigned 19 April 2024)
PUTM Director, Chief
Executive Phoenix Life;

Martin John Muir
(appointed 20 March 2025)
Non Executive Director of
PUTM;

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Authorised status

This Fund is an Authorised Unit Trust scheme under
section 243 of the Financial Services & Markets Act
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Telephone calls may be monitored and/or recorded for the purposes of security, internal training, accurate account operation, internal customer monitoring and to improve the quality of service.

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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