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PHOENIX UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

MANAGER'S INTERIM REPORT

For the half year: 1 September 2024 to 28 February 2025 (unaudited)

PUTM BOTHWELL EUROPEAN CREDIT FUND



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Investment review

Dear Investor

Welcome to the PUTM Bothwell European Credit Fund interim report for the six months to 28 February 2025.

Performance Review

Over the review period, the PUTM Bothwell European Credit Fund returned 1.49%. (Source: FactSet, gross, for six months to 28/02/25). This is compared to its benchmark index, which returned 1.16%. (Source: FactSet, iBoxx Euro Corporates, Total Return for six months to 28/02/25).

Standardised Past Performance

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

	Feb 24-25 % Growth	Feb 23-24 % Growth	Feb 22-23 % Growth	Feb 21-22 % Growth	Feb 20-21 % Growth
PUTM Bothwell European Credit Fund	3.55	5.03	-4.83	-7.21	2.85
Benchmark Index	2.91	4.10	-5.77	-7.64	1.95

Source: Fund performance is FactSet to end-February for each year. Benchmark Index performance is FactSet, iBoxx Euro Corporates Total Return to end-February 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.

Investment review

Portfolio and Market Review

European investment-grade (IG) corporate bonds rose over the six-month period. Sovereign bond yields fluctuated, falling initially but then rising again in early 2025. Credit spreads tightened amid overall risk-on conditions.

The European Central Bank (ECB) and the US Federal Reserve (Fed) both cut interest rates through the period, in response to slowing economic conditions and declining inflation. The ECB cut rates four times by a total of 1.0%, with reductions of 0.25% in September, October, December and January, while the Fed reduced rates three times by a cumulative 1.0%.

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. In Europe, political instability in France also weighed on sentiment, with Moody's downgrading France's credit rating amid fiscal concerns.

Financial markets remained volatile in early 2025. The Fed's decision to pause rate cuts in January and Trump's introduction of tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China contributed to equity market swings. Weakening US consumer and business confidence in February pointed to a potential economic slowdown, with expectations that the Fed would hold rates steady in March.

The Fund's overweight risk profile contributed to outperformance, amid risk-on conditions in the period – particularly our stock selection in BBB rated bonds.

In aggregate, the interest rate environment was good for our bank holdings, particularly subordinated bonds of ING and Erste Group. However, BNP Paribas detracted as French issuers underperformed in late 2024. US banks JPMorgan, Bank of America and Morgan Stanley also lagged. Property was also beneficial, with strong returns from Prologis and Digital Realty, although Aroundtown detracted. Elsewhere, the healthcare holdings gained including Takeda Pharmaceutical and Medtronic.

Market Outlook and Fund Strategy

In late February, we have witnessed seismic geopolitical shifts, as the Trump administration has ripped up old alliances, seeking a quick peace solution in Ukraine and threatening tariffs on its closest trading partners such as Mexico, Canada and Europe. The withdrawal of military support for Ukraine and its implications for NATO has forced European governments to increase defence spending. Germany's incoming government has taken the lead, announcing spending plans on defence and infrastructure while loosening the constitutional debt brake. This was followed by a relaxation of the debt rules within the European Union. What does this 'Zeitenwende' mean for European corporate bond markets? German 10-year government bond yields have repriced by 40bps higher in the first week of March, while the yield curve has steepened. Credit spreads have tightened as higher growth and a potential end of the war in Ukraine would benefit European risk assets. The European Central Bank delivered another rate cut but the outlook for inflation. in light of higher government spending and tariffs, has become more uncertain. The market still expects two more rate cuts by the end of 2025. Yields will stay higher for longer, in medium to longer maturities, and the vield curves steepen. This should be positive for banks but negative for real estate companies.

We have been taking profits in the real estate sector in the last few weeks and the latest repricing in government bonds yields has strengthened that view. We remain overweight banks and underweight tariff exposed sectors, such as automotives. We have raised cash and increased holdings of German Bunds to benefit from any volatility induced market dislocations.

Investments held at 28 February 2025

		Market	Percentage of
		value	total net assets
Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Government Bonds (31/08/24 – 0.68%)		0.85
€ 1,627,500	Bundesrepublik 0% 15/08/2029	1,229	0.16
€ 360,900	Bundesrepublik 0% 15/02/2030	269	0.03
€ 4,720,400	Bundesrepublik 0% 15/02/2031	3,440	0.45
€ 946,800	Bundesrepublik 2.2% 15/02/2034	773	0.10
€ 987,100	Bundesrepublik 2.6% 15/08/2034	831	0.11
	Public Authorities (31/08/24 – 0.34%)		0.35
€ 3,239,000	Bank of America 1.776% VRN 04/05/2027	2,648	0.35
	Corporate Bonds (31/08/24 – 96.79%)		97.00
€ 3,200,000	Abanca Corp Bancaria 3.25% VRN 14/02/2031	2,636	0.34
€ 1,300,000	ABN Amro Bank 3.875% 15/01/2032	1,111	0.15
€ 1,540,000	ACEF Holding 1.25% 26/04/2030	1,142	0.15
€ 3,825,000	AIA Group 0.88% VRN 09/09/2033	2,898	0.38
€ 2,000,000	Allianz 5.824% VRN 25/07/2053	1,880	0.25
€ 1,524,000 € 1,432,000	American Medical Systems Europe 3.375% 08/03/2029 American Medical Systems Europe 3.50% 08/03/2032	1,283 1,212	0.17 0.16
€ 1,478,000	American Tower 0.45% 15/01/2027	1,212	0.15
€ 2,500,000	Amprion GmbH 3.971% 22/09/2032	2,152	0.13
€ 1,300,000	Amprion GmbH 4% 21/05/2044	1,081	0.14
€ 2,190,000	Anglo American Capital 3.75% 15/06/2029	1,862	0.24
€ 2,136,000	Anglo American Capital 4.125% 15/03/2032	1,834	0.24
€ 1,603,000	Anglo American Capital 4.75% 21/09/2032	1,428	0.19
€ 1,403,000	AnheuserBusch 3.95% 22/03/2044	1,183	0.15
€ 4,247,000	APT Infrastructure 2% 22/03/2027	3,460	0.45
€ 1,692,000	APT Pipelines 2% 15/07/2030	1,313	0.17
€ 1,700,000	Aroundtown 0.375% 15/04/2027	1,321	0.17
€ 1,500,000	Aroundtown 1.45% 09/07/2028	1,157	0.15
€ 500,000 € 900,000	Aroundtown 1.625% 31/01/2028 Aroundtown 4.8% 16/07/2029	391 778	0.05 0.10
€ 492,000	ASB Bank 3.185% 16/04/2029	412	0.05
€ 3,192,000	Ascendas Real Estate Investment 0.75% 23/06/2028	2,391	0.31
€ 2,697,000	ASR Nederland 7% VRN 07/12/2043	2,661	0.35
€ 2,493,000	AstraZeneca 0.375% 03/06/2029	1,869	0.24
€ 2,191,000	AstraZeneca 3.75% 03/03/2032	1,898	0.25
€ 781,000	AT&T 3.15% 04/09/2036	619	0.08
€ 2,255,000	AT&T 3.55% 17/12/2032	1,899	0.25
€ 2,045,000	AT&T 3.95% 30/04/2031	1,766	0.23
€ 1,519,000	AT&T 4.3% 18/11/2031	1,341	0.18
€ 2,000,000	Athene Global Funding 0.366% 10/09/2026	1,591 775	0.21 0.10
€ 1,000,000 € 3,004,000	Athene Global Funding 0.625% 12/01/2028 AustraliaNew Zealand Bank 3.7057% VRN 31/07/2035	2,501	0.33
€ 1,807,000	Australia New Zealand Bank 5.101% VRN 03/02/2033	1,569	0.33
€ 2,300,000	Autoroutes du Sud de la France S 3.25% 19/01/2033	1,908	0.25
€ 2,286,000	Autostrade per IItalia 1.75% 26/06/2026	1,865	0.24
€ 4,400,000	Autostrade per IItalia 2% 04/12/2028	3,504	0.46
€ 2,035,000	Autostrade per IItalia 2% 15/01/2030	1,593	0.21
€ 469,000	Autostrade per Iltalia 2.25% 25/01/2032	357	0.05
€ 1,510,000	Autostrade per IItalia 4.25% 28/06/2032	1,295	0.17
€ 510,000	Autostrade per IItalia 4.25% 28/06/2032	438	0.06
€ 3,421,000	Autostrade per IItalia 4.75% 24/01/2031	3,023	0.39
€ 1,310,000	Autostrade per Iltalia 5.125% 14/06/2033	1,181	0.15
€ 2,610,000	AXA 3.875% VRN Perpetual	2,162	0.28

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	·	Market	Percentage of
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Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Corporate Bonds (continued)		
€ 1,500,000	Banco de Sabadell 3.375% 18/02/2033	1,234	0.16
€ 3,200,000	Banco Santander 3.25% VRN 02/04/2029	2,669	0.35
€ 2,200,000	Banco Santander 3.5% VRN 09/01/2028	1,844	0.24
€ 3,400,000	Banco Santander 3.875% 22/04/2029	2,904	0.38
€ 2,200,000	Banco Santander 4.625% VRN 18/10/2027	1,870	0.24
€ 3,000,000	Banco Santander 4.875% 18/10/2031	2,706	0.35
€ 2,000,000	Banco Santander 5% VRN 22/04/2034	1,738	0.23
€ 1,200,000	Bank of America 0.583% VRN 24/08/2028	941	0.12
€ 3,128,000	Bank of America 3.261% VRN 28/01/2031	2,605	0.34
€ 1,334,000	Bank of America 4.134% 12/06/2028	1,148	0.15
€ 1,679,000	Bank of New Zealand 3.661% 17/07/2029	1,429	0.19
€ 1,400,000	Bankinter 3.625% VRN 04/02/2033	1,165	0.15
€ 3,400,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 0.625% 03/11/2028	2,584	0.34
€ 700,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutual 2.625% 06/11/2029	566	0.07
€ 2,100,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 4% VRN 15/01/2035	1,749	0.23
€ 2,700,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 4.375% 02/05/2030	2,347	0.31
€ 1,800,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutual 4.75% 10/11/2031	1,603	0.21
£1,600,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 5% 19/01/2026	1,603	0.21
€ 3,154,000	Barclays 1.125% VRN 22/03/2031	2,549	0.33
€ 2,288,000	Barclays 3.941% VRN 31/01/2036	1,908	0.25
€ 913,000	Barclays 4.347% VRN 08/05/2035	788	0.10
€ 2,547,000	Barclays 4.973% VRN 31/05/2036	2,217	0.29
€ 3,500,000	Bayerische Landesbank 1% VRN 23/09/2031	2,792	0.36
€ 1,200,000	Bayerische Landesbank 1.375% VRN 22/11/2032	933	0.12
€ 3,600,000	Bayerische Landesbank 7% VRN 05/01/2034	3,289	0.43
€ 3,200,000	BNP Paribas 0.25% VRN 13/04/2027	2,572	0.34
€ 3,200,000	BNP Paribas 0.5% VRN 19/02/2028	2,529	0.33
€ 6,200,000	BNP Paribas 2.5% VRN 31/03/2032	5,039	0.66
€ 1,500,000	BNP Paribas 2.75% VRN 25/07/2028	1,236	0.16
€ 2,100,000	BNP Paribas 4.042% VRN 10/01/2032	1,797	0.23
€ 1,800,000	BNP Paribas 4.159% VRN 28/08/2034	1,514	0.20
€ 1,300,000	BNP Paribas 4.375% VRN 13/01/2029	1,119	0.15
€ 4,700,000	BNP Paribas 4.75% VRN 13/11/2032	4,179	0.55
€ 10,700,000	BP Capital Markets 3.625% VRN Perpetual	8,732	1.14
€ 2,834,000	BP Capital Markets 4.375% VRN Perpetual	2,346	0.31
€ 1,651,000	British Telecommunications 3.125% 11/02/2032	1,354	0.18
€ 1,000,000	CaixaBank 2.25% VRN 17/04/2030	825	0.11
€ 1,300,000	CaixaBank 3.75% VRN 27/01/2036	1,082	0.14
€ 1,700,000	CaixaBank 4% VRN 05/03/2037	1,403	0.18
€ 2,000,000	CaixaBank 4.375% VRN 08/08/2036	1,690	0.22
€ 1,700,000	CaixaBank 4.625% VRN 16/05/2027	1,436	0.19
€ 3,000,000	CaixaBank 6.125% VRN 30/05/2034	2,711	0.35
€ 1,237,000	Carlsberg Breweries 3% 28/08/2029	1,029	0.13
€ 1,486,000	Carlsberg Breweries 3.25% 28/02/2032	1,235	0.16
€ 4,937,000	Carrier Global 3.625% 15/01/2037	4,066	0.53
€ 1,330,000	Carrier Global 4.125% 29/05/2028	1,142	0.15
€ 5,351,000	Carrier Global 4.5% 29/11/2032	4,759 3,313	0.62 0.43
€ 4,311,000 € 4,790,000	CBRE Global Investors Open Ended Funds 0.5% 27/01/2028 CBRE Global Investors Open Ended Funds 0.9% 12/10/2029	3,559	0.45
€ 4,790,000 € 1,289,000	CBRE Global Investors Open Ended Funds 0.9% 12/10/2029 CBRE Global Investors Open Ended Funds 4.75% 27/03/2034	3,559 1,145	0.46
€ 3,016,000	Celanese US Holdings 4.777% 19/07/2026	2,541	0.15
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Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Corporate Bonds (continued)		
€ 2,250,000	Channel Link Enterprises Finance 2.706% VRN 30/06/2050	1,800	0.24
€ 2,000,000	Cie de SaintGobain 3.375% 08/04/2030	1,684	0.22
€ 1,900,000	Cie de SaintGobain 3.625% 08/04/2034	1,609	0.21
€ 2,100,000	Cie de SaintGobain 3.625% 09/08/2036	1,749	0.23
€ 637,000	CK Hutchison Telecommunications Finance 0.75% 17/04/2026	514	0.07
€ 963,000	CK Hutchison Telecommunications Finance 1.125% 17/10/2028	741	0.10
€ 832,000	CocaCola 3.75% 15/08/2053	687	0.09
€ 5,000,000	Co-enterprise de Transport d Electricite 1.5% 29/07/2028	3,941	0.51
€ 100,000	Co-entreprise de Transport d Electricite 2.125% 29/07/2032	76	0.01
€ 1,500,000	Cofinimmo 0.875% 02/12/2030	1,077	0.14
€ 1,600,000	Commerzbank 3.625% VRN 14/01/2032	1,334	0.17
€ 1,300,000	Commerzbank 4% VRN 16/07/2032	1,103	0.14
€ 400,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 4.375% VRN Perpetual	330	0.04
€ 1,800,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 4.625% VRN Perpetual	1,496	0.20
€ 1,000,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 4.875% VRN Perpetual	822	0.11
€ 1,791,000	Coventry Building Society 3.125% 29/10/2029	1,477	0.19
€ 1,300,000	Covivio Hotels 4.125% 23/05/2033	1,106	0.14
€ 2,200,000	Credit Agricole 0.5% VRN 21/09/2029	1,671	0.22
€ 1,400,000	Credit Agricole 3.125% VRN 26/01/2029	1,163	0.15
€ 1,200,000	Credit Agricole 3.5% 26/09/2034	987	0.13
€ 1,100,000	Credit Agricole 3.875% 20/04/2031	951	0.12
€ 2,300,000 € 900,000	Credit Agricole 4.125% 07/03/2030	2,003 793	0.26 0.10
€ 3,900,000	Credit Agricole 4.375% 27/11/2033 Credit Agricole 4.375% VRN 15/04/2036	3,308	0.10
€ 7,618,000	Credit Suisse 2.875% VRN 02/04/2032	6,149	0.43
€ 2,064,000	CRH SMW Finance Designated Activity Company 4% 11/07/2031	1,787	0.23
€ 939,000	CTP 0.75% 18/02/2027	744	0.10
€ 420,000	CTP 0.875% 20/01/2026	341	0.04
€ 1,800,000	Daimler Truck International Finance 3.125% 23/03/2028	1,503	0.20
€ 1,000,000	Danske Bank 1% VRN 15/05/2031	808	0.11
€ 3,652,000	Danske Bank 1.5% 02/09/2030	2,990	0.39
€ 1,876,000	Danske Bank 3.875% VRN 09/01/2032	1,603	0.21
€ 1,851,000	Danske Bank 4.5% VRN 09/11/2028	1,597	0.21
€ 1,900,000	Deutsche Bank 1.375% VRN 03/09/2026	1,557	0.20
€ 3,000,000	Deutsche Bank 1.75% VRN 19/11/2030	2,308	0.30
€ 900,000	Deutsche Bank 1.875% VRN 23/02/2028	728	0.10
€ 600,000	Deutsche Bank 4% VRN 12/07/2028	507	0.07
€ 5,300,000	Deutsche Bank 4% VRN 24/06/2032	4,418	0.58
€ 3,100,000	Deutsche Bank 5% VRN 05/09/2030	2,736	0.36
€ 1,100,000	Deutsche Bank 5.625% VRN 19/05/2031	927	0.12
€ 2,192,000	Digital Dutch Finco 1% 15/01/2032	1,538	0.20
€ 4,408,000	Digital Dutch Finco 1.25% 01/02/2031	3,227	0.42
€ 1,100,000	Digital Euro Finco 1.125% 09/04/2028	860	0.11
€ 2,261,000	Digital Intrepid Holding 0.625% 15/07/2031	1,571	0.21
€ 2,781,000	DNB Bank ASA 3% VRN 29/11/2030	2,302	0.30
€ 1,474,000	DNB Bank ASA 4.5% VRN 19/07/2028	1,266	0.17
€ 1,200,000	Dow Chemical 0.5% 15/03/2027	951	0.12
€ 925,000	DSM 3.375% 25/02/2036	766	0.10
€ 1,487,000	DSV Finance 3.125% 06/11/2028	1,242	0.16
€ 928,000	DSV Finance 3.25% 06/11/2030	775	0.10
€ 968,000	DSV Finance 3.375% 06/11/2032	808	0.11

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		value	total net assets
Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Corporate Bonds (continued)		
€ 1,902,000	DS Smith 4.375% 27/07/2027	1,626	0.21
€ 1,887,000	DS Smith 4.5% 27/07/2030	1,661	0.22
€ 1,642,000	EDP Servicios Financieros Espana 3.5% 16/07/2030	1,388	0.18
€ 721,000	EDP Servicios Financieros Espana 3.5% 21/07/2031	606	0.08
€ 1,000,000	Électricité de France 1.875% 13/10/2036	691	0.09
€ 1,700,000	Électricité de France 2% 09/12/2049	936	0.12
€ 2,300,000	Électricité de France 4.125% 17/06/2031	1,999	0.26
€ 2,400,000	Électricité de France 4.75% 17/06/2044	2,103	0.27
€ 1,588,000	Emirates Telecommunications 2.75% 18/06/2026	1,310	0.17
€ 2,517,000	Enel 1.375% VRN Perpetual	1,965	0.26
€ 1,387,000	Enel 1.875% VRN Perpetual	1,019	0.13
€ 1,774,000	Enel 4.75% VRN Perpetual	1,502	0.20
€ 1,639,000	Enel 6.375% VRN Perpetual	1,456	0.19
€ 2,313,000	Enel Finance International 2.625% 24/02/2028	1,911	0.25
€ 1,000,000	Energias de Portugal 3.875% 26/06/2028	854	0.11
€ 1,200,000	Engie 3.5% 27/09/2029	1,017	0.13
€ 2,600,000	Engie 3.875% 06/12/2033	2,230	0.29
€ 2,000,000	Engie 4.25% 06/09/2034	1,762	0.23
€ 800,000	Engie 4.25% 11/01/2043	679	0.09
€ 1,400,000	Engie 4.25% 06/03/2044	1,192	0.16
€ 2,100,000	Engie 4.75% VRN Perpetual	1,795	0.23
€ 1,600,000	Engie 5.125% VRN Perpetual	1,379	0.18
€ 3,767,000	Eni 2% VRN Perpetual	3,022	0.39
€ 3,164,000	Eni 4.5% VRNPerpetual	2,637	0.34
€ 3,269,000	EQT 2.375% 06/04/2028	2,657	0.35
€ 8,000,000	Erste Group Bank 1% VRN 10/06/2030	6,568	0.86 0.02
€ 200,000	Erste Group Bank 1.625% VRN 08/09/2031 Erste Group Bank 4% VRN 15/01/2035	162 1,675	0.02
€ 2,000,000 € 3,200,000	Erste Group Bank 4% VRN 15/01/2005	2,837	0.22
€ 4,892,000	ESB Finance DAC 4% 03/05/2032	4,250	0.56
€ 1,062,000	ESB Finance DAC 4.25% 03/03/2032	934	0.12
€ 1,800,000	Eurogrid 3.598% 01/02/2029	1,523	0.20
€ 1,400,000	Eurogrid 3.732% 18/10/2035	1,172	0.15
€ 600,000	Eurogrid 3.915% 01/02/2034	513	0.07
€ 3,325,000	Exxon Mobil Corporation 0.835% 26/06/2032	2,349	0.31
€ 6,107,000	Exxon Mobil Corporation 1.408% 26/06/2039	3,803	0.50
€ 3,014,000	FedEx 0.45% 04/05/2029	2,257	0.29
€ 3,445,000	Firmenich Productions Participations 1.75% 30/04/2030	2,696	0.35
€ 6,734,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC 0.125% 16/02/2026	5,410	0.71
€ 413,000	Fiserv 4.5% 24/05/2031	364	0.05
€ 1,716,000	Ford Motor Credit 4.165% 21/11/2028	1,445	0.19
€ 2,108,000	Ford Motor Credit Co LLC 4.445% 14/02/2030	1,776	0.23
€ 2,274,000	Gatwick Funding 3.625% 16/10/2035	1,891	0.25
€ 1,759,000	GELF Bond Issuer I 3.625% 27/11/2031	1,460	0.19
€ 1,066,000	General Motors Financial 4.5% 22/11/2027	916	0.12
€ 3,362,000	Global Switch Finance 1.375% 07/10/2030	2,627	0.34
€ 1,929,000	Global Switch Holdings 2.25% 31/05/2027	1,568	0.20
€ 1,419,000	Goldman Sachs 3.5% VRN 23/01/2033	1,187	0.16
€ 900,000	Grand City Properties 4.375% 09/01/2030	773	0.10
€ 1,442,000	GSK Capital 3.125% 28/11/2032	1,198	0.16
€ 863,000	Hammerson Ireland Finance 1.75% 03/06/2027	695	0.09

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Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Corporate Bonds (continued)		
€ 1,598,000	HBOS 4.5% VRN 18/03/2030	1,320	0.17
€ 2,774,000	Heathrow Funding 1.5% 11/02/2030	2,126	0.28
€ 3,145,000	Heathrow Funding 1.875% 14/03/2036	2,271	0.30
€ 2,104,000	Heathrow Funding 3.875% 16/01/2038	1,761	0.23
€ 2,217,000	Heathrow Funding 4.5% 11/07/2035	1,960	0.26
€ 1,600,000	Holding d Infrastructures de Transport 1.475% 18/01/2031	1,194	0.16
€ 1,700,000	Holding d Infrastructures de Transport 4.25% 18/03/2030	1,469	0.19
€ 2,819,000	HSBC Holdings 3.755% VRN 20/05/2029	2,385	0.31
€ 2,600,000	Iberdrola Finanzas 1.575% VRN Perpetual	2,048	0.27
€ 1,900,000	Iberdrola Finanzas 4.247% VRN Perpetual	1,595	0.21
€ 4,500,000	Iberdrola Finanzas 4.875% VRN Perpetual	3,861	0.50
€ 1,500,000	Iberdrola International 1.825% VRN Perpetual	1,137	0.15
€ 5,900,000	Iberdrola International 1.874% VRN Perpetual	4,800	0.63
€ 5,700,000	Indigo Group 4.5% 18/04/2030	4,962	0.65
€ 1,378,000	Informa 3% 23/10/2027	1,143	0.15
€ 5,900,000	Infra Park 1.625% 19/04/2028	4,671	0.61
€ 4,200,000	ING Groep 0.25% VRN 18/02/2029	3,210	0.42
€ 800,000	ING Groep 0.375% VRN 29/09/2028	621	0.08
€ 2,000,000	ING Groep 2.125% VRN 26/05/2031	1,635	0.21
€ 1,200,000	ING Groep 3.375% VRN 19/11/2032	995	0.13
€ 2,500,000	ING Groep 3.5% VRN 03/09/2030	2,099	0.27
€ 1,700,000	ING Groep 3.875% VRN 12/08/2029	1,446	0.19
\$4,225,000	ING Groep 3.875% VRN Perpetual	3,121	0.41
€ 2,400,000	ING Groep 4.25% VRN 26/08/2035	2,030	0.27
€ 800,000	ING Groep 4.5% VRN 23/05/2029	692	0.09
€ 1,278,000	Intesa Sanpaolo 5% VRN 08/03/2028	1,101	0.14
€ 3,000,000	JAB Holdings 5% 12/06/2033	2,704	0.35
€ 1,377,000	John Deere Bank 3.3% 15/10/2029	1,161	0.15
€ 913,000	Johnson Johnson 3.05% 26/02/2033	762	0.10
€ 1,172,000	Johnson Johnson 3.35% 26/02/2037	977	0.13
€ 1,488,000	Johnson Johnson 3.55% 01/06/2044	1,239	0.16
€ 1,887,000	JPMorgan Chase 0.389% VRN 24/02/2028	1,492	0.19
£1,900,000	JPMorgan Chase 0.991% VRN 28/04/2026	1,888	0.25 0.20
€ 1,847,000 € 2,315,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.09% VRN 11/03/2027 JPMorgan Chase 1.963% VRN 23/03/2030	1,501 1,844	0.20
€ 3,009,000	JPMorgan Chase 3.588% VRN 23/01/2036	2,508	0.33
€ 3,200,000	JPMorgan Chase 3.674% VRN 06/06/2028	2,696	0.35
€ 1,679,000	JPMorgan Chase 3.761% VRN 21/03/2034	1,430	0.19
€ 1,287,000	Jyske Bank 3.625% VRN 29/04/2031	1,078	0.13
€ 6,156,000	Jyske Bank 4.125% VRN 06/09/2030	5,279	0.69
€ 1,700,000	KBC Group 4.375% VRN 23/11/2027	1,444	0.19
€ 2,600,000	KBC Group 4.75% VRN 17/04/2035	2,256	0.29
€ 1,130,000	Kingspan Securities Ireland 3.5% 31/10/2031	936	0.12
€ 800,000	Koninklijke KPN 3.875% 16/02/2036	677	0.09
€ 2,000,000	La Banque Postale 0.75% VRN 02/08/2032	1,565	0.20
€ 2,800,000	La Banque Postale 0.875% VRN 26/01/2031	2,276	0.30
€ 2,263,000	Lloyds Banking Group 3.5% VRN 06/11/2030	1,898	0.25
€ 3,387,000	Lloyds Banking Group 3.625% VRN 04/03/2036	2,797	0.37
€ 1,129,000	Lloyds Banking Group 3.875% VRN 14/05/2032	960	0.13
€ 763,000	Lloyds Banking Group 4.75% VRN 21/09/2031	677	0.09
€ 3,100,000	Logicor Financing 4.25% 18/07/2029	2,643	0.35

		Market	Percentage of
		value	total net assets
Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Corporate Bonds (continued)		
€ 3,582,000	Logicor Financing 4.625% 25/07/2028	3,078	0.40
€ 1,100,000	Marsh and McLennan 1.349% 21/09/2026	891	0.12
€ 1,675,000	McDonalds 4% 07/03/2030	1,455	0.19
€ 1,256,000	McDonalds 4.25% 07/03/2035	1,102	0.14
€ 1,593,000	Medtronic 4.15% 15/10/2043	1,365	0.18
€ 1,305,000	Medtronic Global Holdings 1.375% 15/10/2040	783	0.10
€ 3,588,000	Medtronic Global Holdings 1.5% 02/07/2039	2,268	0.30
€ 594,000	Medtronic Global Holdings 1.625% 15/10/2050	318	0.04
€ 2,300,000	Merck 1.625% VRN 09/09/2080	1,854	0.24
€ 2,175,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 3.25% 14/12/2032	1,809	0.24
£1,600,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 3.5% 30/09/2026	1,573	0.21
€ 2,604,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 3.75% 05/12/2030	2,244	0.29
€ 1,989,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 4% 05/04/2028	1,707	0.22
€ 2,565,000	Mizuho Financial 2.096% 08/04/2032	1,958	0.26
€ 2,935,000	Mizuho Financial 3.295% VRN 13/05/2033	2,415	0.32
€ 2,603,000	Mizuho Financial 4.608% 28/08/2030	2,317	0.30
€ 1,447,000	Molnlycke Holding 4.25% 11/06/2034	1,257	0.16
€ 11,079,000	Morgan Stanley 0.406% VRN 29/10/2027	8,820	1.15
€ 2,688,000	Morgan Stanley 0.495% VRN 26/10/2029	2,036	0.27
€ 900,000	Morgan Stanley 0.497% VRN 07/02/2031	656	0.09
€ 1,700,000	Morgan Stanley 1.102% VRN 29/04/2033	1,209	0.16
€ 2,227,000	Morgan Stanley 3.79% VRN 21/03/2030	1,893	0.25
€ 1,777,000	Morgan Stanley 3.955% VRN 21/03/2035	1,518	0.20
€ 2,124,000	Morgan Stanley 4.656% VRN 02/03/2029	1,845	0.24
€ 1,075,000	Motability Operations Group 3.625% 22/01/2033	901	0.12
€ 824,000	Motability Operations Group 3.875% 24/01/2034	699	0.09
€ 3,000,000	Muenchener Rueckversicherung 4.25% VRN 26/05/2044	2,576	0.34
€ 3,000,000	National Grid 0.25% 01/09/2028	2,269	0.30
€ 560,000	National Grid 0.553% 18/09/2029	416	0.05
€ 1,998,000	National Grid 2.949% 30/03/2030	1,645	0.21
€ 1,258,000	National Grid 4.275% 16/01/2035	1,103	0.14
€ 785,000	National Grid North America 1.054% 20/01/2031	576	0.08
€ 1,821,000	National Grid North America 3.631% 03/09/2031	1,542	0.20
€ 996,000 € 1,689,000	National Grid North America 4.061% 03/09/2036 National Grid North America 4.151% 12/09/2027	844 1,441	0.11 0.19
€ 1,384,000	National Grid North America 4.151% 12/09/2033	1,441	0.19
€ 1,393,000	Nationwide Building Society 3.828% VRN 24/07/2032	1,184	0.15
€ 3,131,000	NatWest Group 0.67% VRN 14/09/2029	2,388	0.31
€ 3,441,000	NatWest Group 3.575% VRN 12/09/2032	2,885	0.38
€ 1,172,000	NatWest Group 3.673% VRN 05/08/2031	993	0.13
€ 1,506,000	NatWest Group 5.763% VRN 28/02/2034	1,344	0.18
€ 1,227,000	Netflix 4.625% 15/05/2029	1,086	0.14
€ 2,625,000	NE Property 4.25% 21/01/2032	2,227	0.29
€ 1,756,000	New York Life Global Funding 3.2% 15/01/2032	1,465	0.19
€ 3,126,000	New York Life Global Funding 3.45% 30/01/2031	2,655	0.35
€ 4,775,000	NN Group 4.5% VRN Perpetual	3,984	0.52
€ 863,000	NN Group 4.625% VRN 13/01/2048	739	0.10
€ 2,286,000	NN Group 6% VRN 03/11/2043	2,156	0.28
\$2,051,000	Nordea Bank 6.3% VRN Perpetual	1,579	0.21
€ 1,400,000	Novo Banco 3.5% VRN 09/03/2029	1,171	0.15
€ 2,078,000	Novo Nordisk Finance 3.375% 21/05/2034	1,752	0.23

		Market	Percentage of
		value	total net assets
Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Corporate Bonds (continued)		
€ 3,521,000	NTT Finance 3.359% 12/03/2031	2,960	0.39
€ 3,660,000	Nykredit Realkredit 3.375% 10/01/2030	3,045	0.40
€ 1,472,000	Nykredit Realkredit 3.625% 24/07/2030	1,235	0.16
€ 1,611,000	Nykredit Realkredit 3.875% 09/07/2029	1,373	0.18
€ 2,506,000	Nykredit Realkredit 4.625% 19/01/2029	2,190	0.29
€ 4,739,000	OP Corporate Bank 1.625% VRN 09/06/2030	3,895	0.51
€ 610,000	Orsted 2.875% 14/06/2033	481	0.06
€ 588,000	Orsted 4.125% 01/03/2035	504	0.07
€ 2,623,000	P3 Group 4% 19/04/2032	2,197	0.29
€ 1,197,000	P3 Group 4.625% 13/02/2030	1,034	0.14
€ 2,204,000	PACCAR Financial Europe 3% 29/08/2027	1,832	0.24
€ 2,537,000	Prologis Euro Finance 1.5% 10/09/2049	1,326	0.17
€ 3,541,000	Prologis International Funding 1.625% 17/06/2032	2,604	0.34
€ 726,000	Prologis International Funding 3.625% 07/03/2030	615	0.08
€ 1,036,000	Prologis International Funding 3.7% 07/10/2034	865	0.11
€ 898,000	Prologis International Funding 4.375% 01/07/2036	784	0.10
€ 1,000,000	Prologis International Funding 4.625% 21/02/2035	889	0.12
€ 1,000,000	Prosus 1.288% 13/07/2029	753	0.10
€ 1,200,000	Prosus 1.985% 13/07/2033	851	0.11
€ 1,120,000	Prosus 2.031% 03/08/2032	813	0.11
€ 532,000	RCI Banque 3.5% 17/01/2028	444	0.06
€ 3,731,000	RCI Banque 3.875% 30/09/2030	3,136	0.41
€ 1,299,000	RCI Banque 4.625% 02/10/2026	1,099	0.14
€ 1,561,000	RELX Finance 3.375% 20/03/2033	1,303	0.17
€ 1,524,000	RELX Finance 3.75% 12/06/2031	1,309	0.17
€ 1,800,000	Reseau de Transport d'electricite 3.75% 04/07/2035	1,534	0.20
€ 900,000	Reseau de Transport d'electricite 3.75% 30/04/2044	750	0.10
€ 1,855,000	Roche Finance Europe 3.564% 03/05/2044	1,559	0.20
€ 2,439,000	Roche Finance Europe 3.586% 04/12/2036	2,091	0.27
€ 1,121,000	Sagax 4.375% 29/05/2030	969	0.13
€ 2,132,000	Sandoz Finance 3.25% 12/09/2029	1,779	0.23
€ 945,000	Sandoz Finance 4.22% 17/04/2030	820	0.11
€ 1,770,000	Sandoz Finance 4.5% 17/11/2033 Sartorius Finance 4.5% 14/09/2032	1,576 702	0.21
€ 800,000	Sartorius Finance 4.875% 14/09/2035	1,438	0.09 0.19
€ 1,600,000 € 3,477,000	Schlumberger Finance 0.25% 15/10/2027	2,707	0.19
€ 2,344,000	SELP Finance 1.5% 20/11/2025	1,917	0.35
€ 1,861,000	SELP Finance 3.75% 10/08/2027	1,565	0.20
€ 1,069,000	SELP Finance 3.75% 16/01/2032	897	0.12
€ 1,002,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 3.875% 04/08/2035	843	0.12
€ 700,000	Shurgard Luxembourg 3.625% 22/10/2034	582	0.08
€ 1,933,000	Sika Capital 3.75% 03/11/2026	1,622	0.21
€ 4,500,000	Sirius Real Estate 1.125% 22/06/2026	3,636	0.48
€ 3,500,000	Sirius Real Estate 1.75% 24/11/2028	2,739	0.36
€ 1,500,000	Sirius Real Estate 4% 22/01/2032	1,238	0.16
€ 1,008,000	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken 4.375% 06/11/2028	880	0.11
€ 1,700,000	Societe Generale 1% VRN 24/11/2030	1,383	0.18
€ 1,800,000	Societe Generale 4.25% VRN 06/12/2030	1,543	0.20
€ 1,600,000	Societe Generale 4.75% VRN 28/09/2029	1,392	0.18
€ 3,475,000	SSE 3.125% VRN Perpetual	2,842	0.37
€ 1,611,000	SSE 4% 05/09/2031	1,398	0.18

Investments held at 28 February 2025

		Market	Percentage of
		value	total net assets
Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Corporate Bonds (continued)		
€ 3,521,000	SSE 4% VRN Perpetual	2,930	0.38
€ 2,895,000	Standard Chartered 1.2% VRN 23/09/2031	2,314	0.30
€ 2,083,000	Statkraft 3.125% 13/12/2031	1,738	0.23
€ 1,346,000	Statkraft 3.5% 09/06/2033	1,145	0.15
€ 1,057,000	Statkraft 3.75% 22/03/2039	898	0.12
€ 2,516,000	Stoneweg Ereit 4.25% 30/01/2031	2,103	0.27
€ 2,212,000	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group 3.318% 07/10/2031	1,842	0.24
€ 2,225,000	Swiss Reinsurance 2.6% VRN Perpetual	1,829	0.24
€ 4,854,000	Symrise 1.375% 01/07/2027	3,896	0.51
€ 1,700,000	TAG Immobilien 4.25% 04/03/2030	1,446	0.19
€ 7,001,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical 2% 09/07/2040	4,623	0.60
€ 300,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical 3% 21/11/2030	248	0.03
€ 4,438,000	TenneT Holding 3.875% 28/10/2028	3,779	0.49
€ 2,671,000	TenneT Holding 4.25% 28/04/2032	2,361	0.31
€ 825,000	TenneT Holding 4.75% 28/10/2042	761	0.10
€ 700,000	Terega 0.625% 27/02/2028	540	0.07
€ 1,300,000	Terega 4% 17/09/2034	1,104	0.14
€ 2,201,000	Tesco Corporate Treasury Service 4.25% 27/02/2031	1,918	0.25
€ 3,760,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 1.5% 01/10/2039	2,378	0.31
€ 1,021,000	TMobile USA 3.7% 08/05/2032	870	0.11
€ 6,276,000	Total 1.625% VRN Perpetual	4,928	0.64
€ 2,159,000	TotalEnergies 4.12% VRN Perpetual	1,804	0.24
€ 1,607,000	Toyota Finance Australia 0.44% 13/01/2028	1,246	0.16
€ 1,739,000	Toyota Motor Credit 3.625% 15/07/2031	1,481	0.19
€ 1,425,000	Toyota Motor Credit 4.05% 13/09/2029	1,236	0.16 0.14
€ 1,282,000	Toyota Motor Finance Netherland 3.125% 21/04/2028	1,072 1,779	0.14
€ 2,214,000 € 5,122,000	Tritax EuroBox 0.95% 02/06/2026 UBS Group 1% VRN 24/06/2027	4,136	0.23
€ 4,538,000	UBS Group 2.75% VRN 15/06/2027	3,750	0.49
€ 2,956,000	UBS Group 3.25% VRN 12/02/2034	2,413	0.32
€ 2,000,000	UBS Group 7.75% VRN 01/03/2029	1,877	0.25
€ 2,470,000	UniCredit 3.875% VRN 11/06/2028	2,084	0.23
€ 2,089,000	United Utilities Water Finance 3.75% 23/05/2034	1,746	0.23
€ 7,897,000	Upjohn Finance 1.908% 23/06/2032	5,746	0.75
€ 3,360,000	Verizon Communications 0.375% 22/03/2029	2,519	0.33
€ 1,974,000	Verizon Communications 1.85% 18/05/2040	1,283	0.17
€ 2,010,000	Verizon Communications 2.875% 15/01/2038	1,539	0.20
€ 2,304,000	Verizon Communications 3.5% 28/06/2032	1,937	0.25
€ 4,737,000	Vesteda Finance 2% 10/07/2026	3,874	0.51
€ 2,834,000	Vesteda Finance 4% 07/05/2032	2,428	0.32
€ 2,100,000	Utah Acquisition 3.125% 22/11/2028	1,730	0.23
€ 2,740,000	Virgin Money 4% VRN 18/03/2028	2,314	0.30
€ 1,484,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 3.75% 10/09/2026	1,243	0.16
€ 1,000,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.75% 28/09/2027	843	0.11
€ 2,000,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.875% VRN Perpetual	1,569	0.20
€ 1,200,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.875% VRN Perpetual	979	0.13
€ 2,600,000	Volkswagen International Finance 4.25% 15/02/2028	2,220	0.29
€ 2,436,000	Volkswagen Leasing 0.375% 20/07/2026	1,948	0.25
€ 1,982,000	Volkswagen Leasing 3.875% 11/10/2028	1,678	0.22
€ 4,619,000	Volkswagen Leasing 4.75% 25/09/2031	4,054	0.53
€ 2,296,000	Wells Fargo 3.9% VRN 22/07/2032	1,967	0.26

Investments held at 28 February 2025

		Market value	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment	£000	%
	Corporate Bonds (continued)		
€ 1,340,000	Western Power Distribution East 3.53% 20/09/2028	1,131	0.15
€ 1,306,000	WP Carey 3.7% 19/11/2034	1,070	0.14
€ 2,061,000 € 4,358,000	WP Carey 4.25% 23/07/2032 WPC Eurobond 1.35% 15/04/2028	1,770 3,426	0.23 0.45
€ 2,000,000	WPC Eurobond 2.125% 15/04/2027	1,628	0.43
€ 2,900,000	Zuercher Kantonalbank 4.156% VRN 08/06/2029	2,488	0.33
€ 4,800,000	Zuercher Kantonalbank 4.467% VRN 15/09/2027	4,065	0.53
	Money Markets (31/08/24 – 1.69%)		0.04
€ 414	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Euro Fund Class Z-3+	342	0.04
	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (31/08/24 – (0.01%))		-
EUR 5,802,613	EUR Forward Currency Contract 18/03/2025	35	-
(USD 5,995,864) EUR 6,163,250	USD Forward Currency Contract 18/03/2025 EUR Forward Currency Contract 18/03/2025	(56)	
(GBP 5,151,645)	GBP Forward Currency Contract 18/03/2025	(50)	-
	Futures (31/08/24 – 0.08%)		(0.01)
13	CBT US 5 Year Note Future June 2025	12	0.00
(64)	CBT US 10 Year Note Future June 2025	(72)	(0.01)
252	EUX Euro Bobl Future June 2025 EUX Euro Bund Future June 2025	21	0.00
(67) (51)	EUX Euro Bund Future June 2025 EUX Euro Buxl 30 Year Bund Future June 2025	(2) (17)	(0.00) (0.00)
76	EUX Euro Oat Future June 2025	(1)	(0.00)
535	EUX Euro Schatz Future June 2025	(4)	(0.00)
	Portfolio of investments ^	752,001	98.23
	Net other assets	13,543	1.77
	Net assets	765,544	100.00

Unless otherwise stated, all investments with the exception of Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 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 Barclays and Merrill Lynch. ^ Includes investment liabilities.

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

Credit Ratings	£000	%
Investment grade	715,423	95.17
Non-investment grade	19,080	2.54
Unrated	17,240	2.29
Total investment in bonds	751,743	100.00

Top ten purchases and sales For the half year ended 28 February 2025

Purchases	Cost
	£000
Bundesrepublik 0% 15/02/2030	5,766
BP Capital Markets 3.625% VRN Perpetual	4,977
Carrier Global 3.625% 15/01/2037	4,096
Bundesrepublik 0% 15/02/2031	3,716
RCI Banque 3.875% 30/09/2030	3,118
Nykredit Realkredit 3.375% 10/01/2030	3,046
Bundesrepublik 0% 15/05/2035	3,003
NatWest Group 3.625% VRN 12/09/2032	2,900
Lloyds Banking Group 3.625% VRN	
04/03/2036	2,801
JPMorgan Chase 3.674% VRN 06/06/2028	2,739
Subtotal	36,162
Other purchases	150,809
Total purchases for the half year	186,971

Sales	Proceeds £000
Bundesrepublik 0% 15/02/2030	5,514
Cheung Kong Infrastructure Finance 1%	
12/12/2024	5,345
Stoneweg EREIT 2.125% 19/11/2025	4,284
JPMorgan Chase 1.09% VRN 11/03/2027	3,808
Vonovia 5% 23/11/2030	3,789
Airbus 2.375% 09/06/2040	3,759
Danske Bank 1.375% VRN 12/02/2030	3,462
ING Groep 1.625% VRN 26/09/2029	3,206
Telefonica Emisiones 4.183% 21/11/2033	3,062
AXA 3.941% VRN Perpetual	3,024
Subtotal	39,253
Other sales	170,148
Total sales for the half year	209,401

Comparative tables

	Class 'B' Accumulation			
	28/02/25	31/08/24	31/08/23	31/08/22
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Change in net assets per unit				
Opening net asset value per unit	143.97	134.91	134.31	153.12
Return before operating charges*	2.09	9.08	0.62	(18.78)
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)
Return after operating charges*	2.08	9.06	0.60	(18.81)
Distributions on accumulation units	(2.15)	(4.06)	(2.88)	(1.66)
Retained distributions on				
accumulation units	2.15	4.06	2.88	1.66
Closing net asset value per unit	146.05	143.97	134.91	134.31
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance				
Return after charges	1.44%	6.72%	0.45%	(12.28%)
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£000)	16,771	17,216	24,557	23,603
Closing number of units	11,482,429	11,958,002	18,203,106	17,574,008
Operating charges	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices+				
Highest unit price (pence)	148.67	147.72	142.02	154.07
Lowest unit price (pence)	143.60	133.75	127.61	131.27
accumulation units Closing net asset value per unit *after direct transaction costs of: ^ Performance Return after charges Other information Closing net asset value (£000) Closing number of units Operating charges Direct transaction costs Prices+ Highest unit price (pence)	146.05 0.00 1.44% 16,771 11,482,429 0.02% 0.00% 148.67	143.97 0.00 6.72% 17,216 11,958,002 0.02% 0.00% 147.72	134.91 0.00 0.45% 24,557 18,203,106 0.02% 0.00% 142.02	134.31 0.00 (12.28%) 23,603 17,574,008 0.03% 0.00% 154.07

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^ The direct transaction costs includes commission on futures.

+ 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.

Comparative tables

	Class 'C' Accumulation			
	28/02/25	31/08/24	31/08/23	31/08/22
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Change in net assets per unit				
Opening net asset value per unit	81.85	76.71	76.35	84.53
Return before operating charges*	1.19	5.15	0.37	(8.17)
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	1.18	5.14	0.36	(8.18)
Distributions on accumulation units	(1.23)	(2.31)	(1.65)	(0.80)
Retained distributions on				
accumulation units	1.23	2.31	1.65	0.80
Closing net asset value per unit	83.03	81.85	76.71	76.35
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance				
Return after charges	1.44%	6.70%	0.47%	(9.68%)
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£000)	748,773	773,112	761,990	854,958
Closing number of units	901,771,266	944,546,689	993,375,251	1,119,854,676
Operating charges	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices+				
Highest unit price (pence)	83.32	83.19	80.16	86.13
Lowest unit price (pence)	81.64	76.41	74.04	74.88

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Investment objective

The PUTM Bothwell European Credit Fund (the 'Fund') aims to provide a total return (the combination of capital growth and income) by outperforming the benchmark by 0.25% to 0.75% per annum over any given 3 year period.

The benchmark is the Markit iBoxx Euro Corporates GBP Unhedged Total Return Index (the "Index").

Investment policy

The Fund aims to achieve its objective, by investing over 80% in investment grade fixed and floating rate corporate bonds, denominated in Euros. To further aid diversification, the Fund may also invest up to 20% in fixed and floating rate corporate bonds issued in other currencies. It may also invest up to 20% in sovereign, sovereign guaranteed and supranational bonds.

The Fund may also invest in units in collective investment schemes, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash.

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

Investment strategy

Although at least 80% 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. The Fund's holdings will typically consist of individual bonds but derivatives (including currency forwards and interest rate and credit default swaps) may be used to gain or reduce (hedge) exposure. Non-Euro denominated assets will typically be hedged back to Euro to minimise exposure to currency rate movements.

Revenue distribution and pricing

Units of the Fund are available as Class 'B' Accumulation units and 'C' 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 the last day of February and a final distribution as at 31 August.

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.

Risk and reward profile

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

Typically lower rewards,			ly higher ro higher risk		•		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Class 'B' Accumulation is ranked at 4 (31/08/24: 4) because classes of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past.

Typically lower rewards, ← lower risk		Туріса	lly higher re higher risk	ewards,	+		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Class 'C' Accumulation is ranked at 4 (31/08/24: 4) because classes of this type have experienced low to medium rises and falls in value in the past.

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

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

For more information on the Risk and Reward profiles of our funds, the KIIDs are available free of charge and upon request by contacting Client Services on 0345 584 2803.

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.

29 April 2025

Michael Eakins, Director William Swift, Director

Interim financial statements

For the half year ended 28 February 2025

Statement of total return

		28/02/25		29/02/24
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains Revenue	11,565	(85)	11,001	23,966
Expenses	(64)		(70)	
Interest payable and similar charges	_		(2)	
Net revenue for the half year		11,501		10,929
Total return before				
distributions		11,416		34,895
Distributions		(11,521)		(10,947)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment ac	tivities	(105)		23,948

Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

	28 £000	3/02/25 £000	2 £000	9/02/24* £000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		790,328		786,547
Amounts receivable on issue of units	-		3,362	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(35,981)	(35,981)	(42,313)	(38,951)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(105)		23,948
Retained distributions on accumulation units		11,302		10,777
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		765,544	_	782,321

*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 28 February 2025

Balance sheet	£000	28/02/25 £000	£000	31/08/24 £000
Assets: Fixed assets: Investments		752,153		787,320
Current assets: Debtors Cash and bank balances	22,717 1,032		12,828 47	
Total current assets		23,749		12,875
Total assets		775,902		800,195
Liabilities: Investment liabilities		(152)		(392)
Creditors: Other creditors	(10,206)		(9,475)	
Total creditors		(10,206)		(9,475)
Total liabilities		(10,358)		(9,867)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		765,544		790,328

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 31 August 2024 and are described in those financial statements.

Distribution table

For the half year ended 28 February 2025

Interest distributions

Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 1 September 2024 Group 2: units purchased 1 September 2024 to 28 February 2025

			2025	2024
			pence	pence
			per unit	per unit
	Gross		payable	paid
	income	Equalisation	30 Apr	30 Apr
Class 'B' Accumulation				
Group 1	2.1512	_	2.1512	1.9427
Group 2	2.1512	0.0000	2.1512	1.9427
Class 'C' Accumulation				
Group 1	1.2259	_	1.2259	1.1048
Group 2	1.2259	0.0000	1.2259	1.1048

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	0.47

Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£3,498,925	0.46

* 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	Collateral		
	Holding	Fair value £000	
US Treasury 3.875% 15/08/2033	4,762,000	3,675	
All counterparties			

	Gross volume of
	outstanding
	transactions
	Fair value
Counterparty	£000
Barclays Bank	3,499

Aggregate Data

Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £000
Bonds	Investment grade	3,675
		3,675

* 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.

Appendix

Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £000
Rolling Maturity	3,675
	3,675

Currency of collateral

Currency	Fair value £000
Sterling	3,675
	3,675

Maturity tenor of SFTs

Maturity	Fair value £000
Rolling Maturity	3,499
	3,499

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	15	(3)	82.00	12
	15	(3)		12

The gross earnings were split by the lending agent as follows:

- 82% to the Lender (PUTM Bothwell European Credit 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.

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. 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.

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

Manager

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Finance Officer SLF UK.

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Directors

Michael Eakins (appointed 29 April 2024)

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Craig Baker (resigned 28 April 2024)

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Authorised status

This Fund is an Authorised Unit Trust scheme under section 243 of the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000 and is categorised under the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as a UK UCITS fund.

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Please note the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), the Supplementary Information Document (SID) and the full prospectus are available free of charge. These are available by contacting Client Services on 0345 584 2803.

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