

PHOENIX UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

MANAGER'S INTERIM REPORT

For the half year: 2 May 2022 to 1 November 2022 (unaudited)

PUTM UK STOCK MARKET FUND



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Investment review

Dear Investor

Welcome to the PUTM UK Stock Market Fund interim report for the six months to 1 November 2022.

Performance Review

Over the review period, the accumulation units in the PUTM UK Stock Market Fund returned -3.9% (Source: SSGA for six months to 1/11/22). Over the same period, the FTSE 100 Index returned -4.3%. (Source: FactSet. Total return, six months to 1/11/22).

In the table below, you can see how the Fund performed against its benchmark over the last five discrete one-year periods.

Standardised Past Performance

	Nov 21-22 % growth	Nov 20-21 % growth	Nov 19-20 % growth	Nov 18-19 % growth	Nov 17-18 % growth
PUTM UK Stock Market Fund	2.2	34.7	-20.2	6.4	-0.8
FTSE 100 Index	1.7	34.5	-20.5	6.5	-0.9

Source: Fund performance is SSGA and HSBC to 1 November for each year.

Benchmark index performance is FactSet and Datastream; FTSE 100 Index to 1 November 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

Market Review

It has been a tough time for global stock markets in 2022. Nevertheless, the overall UK stock market has avoided major losses. As well as benefiting from currency translation effects from the weakness of the pound, the UK market is home to many defensive stocks that tend to hold their value better in market falls, as well as energy and mining companies. These resources companies were boosted by high commodity prices, particularly after the outbreak of war in Eastern Europe.

Inflation climbed sharply to hit a 40-year high. The Bank of England (BoE) reacted to surging inflation with seven consecutive interest rate rises. A badly received mini-Budget from the short-lived Truss government led to turbulence in the UK bond market in September. Calm was restored in October. The package of tax cuts was swiftly reversed, and Rishi Sunak replaced Liz Truss as prime minister, pledging to stabilise the country's finances.

Market Outlook

The global economy is slowing as inflationary pressures take their toll, with a high risk of recession in the UK and other major countries. Rising interest rates are up-ending stock markets. Loose monetary policy was a boon for highly valued growth stocks as low interest rates mechanically drove up their discounted cash flow valuations. As we enter an inflationary era with higher rates, however, investors have shifted their focus onto cash-generative value stocks. The UK equity market is highly diverse, providing access to a wide range of companies with different drivers. Some companies will struggle in an inflationary environment, but others will thrive.

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 1 November 2022

Holding	Investment	Market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	United Kingdom (01/05/22 – 98.36%)		97.90
	Aerospace & Defence (01/05/22 – 1.83%)		1.67
52,349	BAE Systems	426,749	1.33
136,237	Rolls-Royce	109,112	0.34
	Banks (01/05/22 – 9.04%)		8.88
274,045	Barclays	410,245	1.28
339,381	HSBC Holdings	1,542,487	4.80
1,157,325	Lloyds Banking Group	487,002	1.51
85,712	NatWest Group	201,937	0.63
40,079	Standard Chartered	211,056	0.66
	Beverages (01/05/22 – 4.70%)		4.52
3,231	Coca Cola	61,971	0.19
38,103	Diageo	1,391,522	4.33
	Chemicals (01/05/22 – 0.54%)		0.48
2,273	Croda International	154,609	0.48
	Construction & Materials (01/05/22 – 1.20%)		1.25
12,662	CRH (London Listed)	401,259	1.25
	Electricity (01/05/22 – 0.97%)		0.91
18,558	SSE	292,567	0.91
	Electronic & Electrical Equipment (01/05/22 – 0.45%)		0.42
6,357	Halma	136,294	0.42
	Equity Investment Instruments (01/05/22 – 0.65%)		0.95
8,831	Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust	79,656	0.25
9,717	Schroders	38,781	0.12
24,931	Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	186,633	0.58
	Financial Services (01/05/22 – 2.85%)		2.84
16,303	3i Group	194,821	0.61
1,868	Berkeley Group Holdings	66,557	0.21
6,362	Hargreaves Lansdown	49,395	0.15
4,649	Intermediate Capital Group	51,185	0.16
6,147	London Stock Exchange	468,647	1.46
46,035	M&G Prudential	81,045	0.25
	Fixed Line Telecommunications (01/05/22 – 0.68%)		0.54
16,666	Airtel Africa	19,333	0.06
118,921	BT Group	153,884	0.48
	Food & Drug Retailers (01/05/22 – 1.47%)		1.24
9,035	Ocado Group	58,113	0.18
30,592	Sainsbury (J)	61,184	0.19
128,038	Tesco	279,507	0.87

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Holding	Investment	Market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	Food Producers (01/05/22 – 0.27%)		0.25
5,840	Associated British Foods	80,621	0.25
	Forestry & Paper (01/05/22 – 0.36%)		0.38
8,261	Mondi	123,708	0.38
	Gas, Water & Multiutilities (01/05/22 – 2.93%)		2.75
99,316	Centrica	76,632	0.24
60,876	National Grid	585,505	1.82
4,277	Severn Trent	108,294	0.34
11,919	United Utilities Group	113,755	0.35
	General Industrials (01/05/22 – 1.18%)		0.91
21,295	Smith (DS)	62,927	0.20
6,619	Smiths Group	104,150	0.32
4,331	Smurfit Kappa	127,115	0.39
	General Retailers (01/05/22 – 1.03%)		1.15
16,036	B&M European Value	53,721	0.17
2,927	Fraser's Group	19,699	0.06
41,549	JD Sports Fashion	42,546	0.13
35,057	Kingfisher	79,369	0.25
2,136	Next Group	106,245	0.33
2,928	RELX (EUR)	68,405	0.21
	Healthcare Equipment & Services (01/05/22 – 0.59%)		1.36
27,453	Convatec Group	60,342	0.19
83,627	Haleon	224,748	0.70
1,971	NMC Health	-	0.00
14,610	Smith & Nephew	149,679	0.47
	Household Goods (01/05/22 – 2.98%)		2.79
16,930	Barratt Developments	64,842	0.20
5,484	Persimmon	73,102	0.23
12,093	Reckitt Benckiser	699,943	2.18
59,580	Taylor Wimpey	57,149	0.18
	Industrial Engineering (01/05/22 – 0.43%)		0.69
73,367	Melrose Industries	87,747	0.27
1,219	Spirax Sarco Engineering	133,724	0.42
	Industrial Metals (01/05/22 – 0.11%)		0.11
8,238	Evrax Group	36,634	0.11
	Industrial Transportation (01/05/22 - 0.15%)		0.00
	Life Insurance (01/05/22 – 3.50%)		2.86
46,204	Aviva	195,443	0.61
97,162	Legal & General	229,399	0.71
46,606	Prudential	396,524	1.23
9,213	St.James's Place	98,902	0.31

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 1 November 2022

Holding	Investment	Market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	Media (01/05/22 – 3.88%)		3.30
24,552	Informa	138,719	0.43
13,151	Pearson	126,749	0.39
28,423	RELX	663,109	2.06
17,197	WPP	134,824	0.42
	Mining (01/05/22 – 8.88%)		8.51
20,130	Anglo American	554,179	1.72
5,926	Antofagasta	72,682	0.23
3,205	Endeavour Mining	49,613	0.15
3,183	Fresnillo	23,522	0.07
221,622	Glencore	1,169,278	3.64
18,383	Rio Tinto	866,942	2.70
	Mobile Telecommunications (01/05/22 – 1.62%)		1.35
426,084	Vodafone Group	435,714	1.35
	Non-Life Insurance (01/05/22 – 0.30%)		0.31
4,838	Admiral Group	99,566	0.31
	Oil & Gas Producers (01/05/22 – 11.90%)		14.25
315,058	BP	1,509,285	4.69
12,520	Harbour Energy	47,939	0.15
124,249	Shell	3,027,327	9.41
	Personal Goods (01/05/22 – 5.01%)		5.68
6,586	Burberry Group	121,281	0.38
42,846	Unilever	1,702,798	5.30
	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology (01/05/22 – 12.73%)		11.22
25,083	AstraZeneca	2,594,084	8.07
1,737	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	46,517	0.14
66,901	GSK	967,121	3.01
	Real Estate Investment Trusts (01/05/22 – 1.51%)		1.31
15,605	British Land REIT	58,503	0.18
11,844	Land Securities	69,358	0.22
2,734	Pershing Square Holdings	79,286	0.25
20,136	Segro REIT	163,102	0.51
5,366	Unite Group	49,206	0.15
	Software & Computer Services (01/05/22 – 0.93%)		1.08
15,862	Auto Trader Group	86,035	0.27
1,994	Aveva Group	62,293	0.19
14,196	Rightmove	71,605	0.22
17,706	Sage Group	129,608	0.40

Portfolio of investments

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Holding	Investment	Market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	Support Services (01/05/22 – 5.49%)		4.64
7,523	Ashtead Group	353,130	1.10
5,778	Bunzl	166,811	0.52
1,675	DCC (London listed)	82,577	0.26
15,440	Experian Group	433,092	1.35
4,100	Homeserve	48,626	0.15
2,807	Intertek Group	104,982	0.33
41,646	Rentokil Initial	220,474	0.69
7,782	RS Group	75,991	0.24
	Tobacco (01/05/22 – 4.52%)		5.14
38,160	British American Tobacco	1,318,810	4.10
15,849	Imperial Brands	336,157	1.04
	Travel & Leisure (01/05/22 – 3.68%)		4.16
30,248	Compass Group	560,344	1.74
9,802	Entain	126,887	0.39
2,978	Flutter Entertainment	343,959	1.07
3,011	InterContinental Hotels	142,601	0.44
61,916	International Consolidated Airlines	76,850	0.24
3,496	Whitbread	90,476	0.28
	United States (01/05/22 – 0.00%)		0.02
303	NortonLifeLock	5,910	0.02
	Futures (01/05/22 – 0.00%)		
1	ICF FTSE 100 December 2022	1,350	0.00
	Portfolio of investments	31,485,693	97.92
	Net other assets	669,414	2.08
	Net assets	32,155,107	100.00

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

The counterparty for Future is Goldman Sachs.

Top ten purchases and sales

For the half year ended 1 November 2022

Purchases	Cost £	Sales	Proceeds £
Harbour Energy	93,468	Ferguson Newco	354,196
Reckitt Benckiser	90,019	Shell	194,050
Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust	79,361	AstraZeneca	182,251
Centrica	77,306	Meggitt	114,041
Convatec Group	61,753	Aviva	83,564
Unite Group	58,674	HSBC Holdings	82,837
Homeserve	49,045	BP	81,621
Rentokil Initial	47,597	Glencore	75,335
Vodafone Group	33,294	Vodafone Group	69,883
Admiral Group	31,974	Avast	65,183
Subtotal	622,491	Subtotal	1,302,961
Other purchases	345,414	Other sales	1,102,448
Total purchases for the half year	967,905	Total sales for the half year	2,405,409

Statistical information

Comparative table

	01/11/22 pence	01/05/22 pence	Accumulation 01/05/21 pence	01/05/20 pence
Change in net assets per unit				
Opening net asset value per unit	412.36	367.32	296.07	364.37
Return before operating charges*	(9.61)	45.26	71.48	(68.04)
Operating charges	(0.05)	(0.22)	(0.23)	(0.26)
Return after operating charges*	(9.66)	45.04	71.25	(68.30)
Distributions on accumulation units	(6.81)	(14.36)	(10.87)	(14.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	6.81	14.36	10.87	14.41
Closing net asset value per unit	402.70	412.36	367.32	296.07
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.07	0.20	0.10	0.14

Performance

Return after charges	(2.34%)	12.26%	24.07%	(18.74%)
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Other information

Closing net asset value (£000)	32,155	34,866	33,700	29,604
Closing number of units	7,984,863	8,455,405	9,174,648	9,998,853
Operating charges	0.07%	0.05%	0.06%	0.07%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.05%	0.03%	0.04%

Prices+

Highest unit price (pence)	419.60	419.00	371.20	388.50
Lowest unit price (pence)	382.50	363.80	288.70	257.20

^ 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.

Statistical information

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a total return (a combination of capital growth and income) by delivering an overall return in line with the FTSE 100 Index (the "Index") before fees.

Investment policy

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

Investment strategy

It is anticipated that for the Fund that in normal market conditions the tracking error of the Fund will be a maximum of 0.5%.

The tracking error measures the standard deviation of the relative returns. It is the annualised standard deviation of the returns of a fund minus those of its benchmark (relative returns) and not the standard deviation of each fund's unique returns. The lower the tracking error of a fund, the more the fund resembles its benchmark or the market regarding risk and return characteristics. Small differences in returns between the index tracking fund and the index (and tracking error) are due to levels of cash, expenses and portfolio turnover.

Revenue distribution and pricing

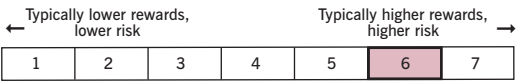
Units of the Fund are available as Accumulation units (where revenue is reinvested to enhance the unit price). There will be two potential distributions in each accounting year: an interim distribution as at 1 November and a final distribution as at 1 May.

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 6 (01/05/22: 6) because funds of this type have experienced high rises and falls in value in the past. Although this is a high risk ranking it is not the highest. The above figure applies to the following unit class:

- 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:

- The small differences in the returns between the index tracking Fund and the Index (and tracking error) are due to levels of cash, expenses and portfolio turnover.
- Counterparty Risk: the insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk or cost or to generate additional capital or income at low risk, or to meet its investment objective.

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

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.

28 December 2022

Craig Baker, Director
Brid Meaney, Director

Interim financial statements

For the half year ended 1 November 2022

Statement of total return

	01/11/22		01/11/21	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(1,351,708)		1,428,341
Revenue	561,032		646,652	
Expenses	(3,804)		(7,734)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(2)		(64)	
Net revenue before taxation	557,226		638,854	
Taxation	(812)		(5,837)	
Net revenue after taxation		556,414		633,017
Total (deficit)/return before distribution		(795,294)		2,061,358
Distributions		(556,412)		(633,020)
Change in unitholders' funds from investment activities		(1,351,706)		1,428,338

Statement of change in unitholders' funds

	01/11/22		01/11/21*	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets		34,866,301		33,700,313
Amounts receivable on issue of units	73,080		–	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(1,976,321)		(1,733,203)	
		(1,903,241)		(1,733,203)
Change in unitholders' funds from investment activities		(1,351,706)		1,428,338
Retained distributions on accumulation units		543,753		613,022
Closing net assets		32,155,107		34,008,470

*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 1 November 2022

Balance sheet

	01/11/22	01/05/22
	£	£
Assets:		
Fixed assets:		
Investments	31,485,693	34,294,367
Current assets:		
Debtors	46,679	197,151
Cash and bank balances	632,200	404,743
Total current assets	678,879	601,894
Total assets	32,164,572	34,896,261
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	(9,465)	(29,960)
Distribution payable		
Total liabilities	(9,465)	(29,960)
Net assets	32,155,107	34,866,301
Unitholders' funds	32,155,107	34,866,301

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 1 May 2022 and are described in those financial statements.

Distribution table

For the half year ended 1 November 2022

Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 2 May 2022

Group 2: units purchased 2 May 2022 to 1 November 2022

	Net income	Equalisation	2023 pence per unit payable 1 Jan	2022 pence per unit paid 1 Jan
Accumulation				
Group 1	6.8098	—	6.8098	7.0359
Group 2	0.3253	6.4845	6.8098	7.0359

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.

Corporate information

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

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

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

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Remuneration

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

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.

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

Corporate information

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Authorised status

This Fund is an Authorised Unit Trust scheme under 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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