

PHOENIX UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

MANAGER'S INTERIM REPORT

For the half year: 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 (unaudited)

PUTM FAR EASTERN UNIT TRUST



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Investment review

Dear Investor

Welcome to the PUTM Far Eastern Unit Trust interim report for the six months to 31 March 2023.

Performance Review

Over the review period, the PUTM Far Eastern Unit Trust rose by 5.2%, compared to a return of 5.5% for the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

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

Standardised Past Performance

	Mar 22-23 % growth	Mar 21-22 % growth	Mar 20-21 % growth	Mar 19-20 % growth	Mar 18-19 % growth
PUTM Far Eastern Unit Trust	-2.8	-8.0	42.3	-7.6	6.7
Benchmark Index	-2.7	-6.3	43.0	-10.7	4.2

Source: Lipper, bid to bid, net income reinvested to end March 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

Asian stocks endured bouts of volatility to post gains over the six months under review, outperforming the broader emerging markets but lagging the developed markets of Europe and the US. The first half of the period saw Asian stock markets rebound as the mainland China authorities announced a faster-than-anticipated reopening, quickly followed by an ending of restrictions in Hong Kong, and hopes that the rapid pace of interest rate increases may have peaked. There were worries over Chinese President Xi Jinping's power consolidation as he filled the country's leadership team with close allies while securing an unprecedented third term in office.

Subsequently, China's surprise re-opening announcements bolstered sentiment. Expectations that China's re-opening would boost demand for everything from consumer electronics to travel and commodities pulled various other Asian markets up with the mainland markets. The buoyant mood carried over into the new year until concerns over inflation, the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) policy trajectory and the risk of a recession began to weigh on sentiment.

Towards the end of the period, there was weakness in the financial sector as the Fed's long series of policy rate increases contributed to stresses in the US banking system. That led to the closure of Silicon Valley Bank and, as concerns spread to Europe, the Swiss government arranged an emergency takeover of Credit Suisse by UBS. Prompt action by US regulators helped to calm the markets, and further support for Asian markets came with news of a 25 basis-point cut in the reserve requirement ratio by the People's Bank of China.

Within China, among the key laggards was China Tourism Group Duty Free, which had enjoyed a strong rebound in late 2022 thanks to China's reopening. However, the stock became volatile later in the period due to investor concerns about the strength of the recovery in consumption levels and the impact of the resumption of international travel. Fears about cyclical weakness in the e-commerce sector affected stocks including JD.com, although its shares recovered some of the lost ground later thanks to improving sentiment on the regulatory front and the company's decision to float two of its subsidiaries.

The losses were partially offset by Internet giant Tencent, which performed well after its results largely met expectations, with quarterly revenue returning to growth and profitability significantly improved. The company confirmed plans to distribute the stake in Chinese shopping platform Meituan to shareholders via a special

dividend. An improvement in macroeconomic conditions and more visibility on a potential turnaround in the semiconductor cycle helped to lift Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company.

Another key contributor was good stock selection in India. Specifically, not having exposure to any of the Adani Group's listed entities as they sold off sharply after the publication of a report by US-based Hindenburg Research was beneficial. We have always been clear about our reservations over the transparency and accounting practices of this group. The sharp share price correction vindicates our rigorous investment process that filters out low-quality companies at the onset. Not holding Reliance Industries for similar governance concerns also contributed to relative returns. Among our holdings, quality names, including Maruti Suzuki and SBI Life Insurance, were affected by investors taking profits after a good run.

Finally, South Korean conglomerate LG Chem benefited from expectations that China's reopening would boost demand in the company's core petrochemicals business. Investors also believe the company may get a boost from the US Inflation Reduction Act within the battery supply chain

Outlook

Recent financial turmoil in Europe and the US has caused volatility through global financial markets, owing to fears over contagion risks to the global banking sector. Recent developments may lead to tighter financial conditions and affect economic growth, as well as accelerate a looming recession in the US. We continue to believe that Asia will prove more resilient economically and could perform relatively well if China's economy continues to show a recovery in line with expectations. We are optimistic about better economic numbers in the coming few months.

Under an environment where financial stress could rise, due diligence becomes even more important. In particular, we continue to assess the potential impact and risks to our underlying holdings, including banks. We would expect a refocus on fundamentals, a flight to quality and a potential peak in interest rates to be good for quality stocks. Given our focus on quality companies, we believe that the portfolio is well positioned for the potential challenges ahead.

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 31 March 2023

		Market	Percentage of
		value	total net assets
Holding	Investment	£	%
	Australia (30/09/22 – 18.22%)		15.08
	Basic Materials		
3,051	BHP Billiton	77,857	0.41
29,076	BHP Group	740,566	3.91
	Financials		
5,530	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	293,895	1.55
19,909	Goodman	201,282	1.06
1,991	Macquarie Group	189,021	1.00
12,806	National Australia Bank	191,504	1.01
	Healthcare		
2,309	Cochlear	289,618	1.53
3,637	CSL	565,910	2.99
	Oil & Gas		
110,000	Beach Energy	83,854	0.44
7,171	Woodside Energy AUD	129,103	0.68
5,254	Woodside Energy	94,309	0.50
	Cayman Islands (30/09/22 - 18.85%)		23.31
	Consumer Goods		
159,000	Budweiser Brewing	392,004	2.07
10,500	Zhongsheng Group	41,722	0.22
	Consumer Services		
63,200	Sands China	177,610	0.94
	Financials		
54,476	China Resources Land	200,760	1.06
, , , ,	Healthcare	,	
41,500	Wuxi Biologics	207,408	1.10
.1,000	Support Services	207,100	1.10
69,500	China Conch Environment Protection Holdings	17,528	0.09
03,000	Industrials	17,020	0.03
12,000	Silergy	152,299	0.80
12,000	6,7	102,233	0.00
66,144	Technology Alibaba Group	682,935	3.61
6,800	Autohome ADR~	184,191	0.97
75,980	GDS Holdings A	148,608	0.79
16,377	JD.com	289,968	1.53
23,863	Meituan Dianping	352,259	1.86
8,650	NetEase	122,881	0.65
30,831	Tencent Holdings	1,224,441	6.46
125,200	Tongcheng Travel	220,130	1.16
	China (30/09/22 – 6.36%)		4.61
	Consumer Services		
14,400	China Tourism Group Duty Free	287,576	1.52
20,900	Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting	158,563	0.84

Percentage of

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 31 March 2023

		Market	Percentage of
Holding	Investment	value £	total net assets %
riolarig	Financials	£	76
69,114	China Merchants Bank	285,298	1.50
111,000	China Vanke	141,459	0.75
	Hong Kong (30/09/22 – 7.61%)		8.00
	Consumer Goods		
41,000	Li-Ning	261,254	1.38
	Financials		
100,706	AIA Group	856,295	4.52
6,938	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing	248,686	1.31
	Utilities		
50,000	China Resources Gas Group	149,007	0.79
	India (30/09/22 – 15.22%)		13.47
	Consumer Goods		
12,050	Hindustan Unilever Maruti Suzuki	303,222	1.60
4,008		326,640	1.71
24,050	Financials Housing Development Finance Corporation	620,586	3.28
11,533	Kotak Mahindra Bank	196,416	1.04
33,571	SBI Life Insurance Company	363,300	1.92
	Industrials		
2,602	UltraTech Cement	194,921	1.03
	Technology		
23,333	Infosys	327,460	1.73
	Utilities		
98,918	Power Grid Corporation of India	219,423	1.16
	Indonesia (30/09/22 – 4.42%)		3.52
0.46.000	Financials	007.704	0.10
846,000 1,054,018	Bank Central Asia Bank Ratyat Indonesia	397,794 268,678	2.10 1.42
1,054,010		200,070	0.51
	Malaysia (30/09/22 – 0.00%)		0.51
100,000	Financials CIMB Group Holdings	97,061	0.51
100,000	Philippines (30/09/22 – 0.87%)	37,001	0.90
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17,200	Industrials Avala	166,018	0.88
17,200	Oil & Gas	100,010	0.00
51,600	AC Energy	4,697	0.02
22,230	Singapore (30/09/22 – 5.32%)	,,20,	4.02
	Financials		7.02
21,319	DBS Group	427,368	2.26
44,502	Overseas-Chinese Banking	334,404	1.76

Portfolio of investments

Investments held at 31 March 2023

		Market	Percentage of
Holding	Investment	value £	total net assets %
	South Korea (30/09/22 – 8.93%) Basic Materials	~	8.38
668	LG Chem	294,344	1.55
445	Healthcare Samsung Biologics	216,737	1.14
2,445 22,430 478	Industrials Samsung Electronics Samsung Electronics Preference Samsung SDI	96,689 746,809 217,131	0.51 3.94 1.15
450	Technology Daum Kakao	16,988	0.09
	Taiwan (30/09/22 - 11.62%)		14.27
51,000 32,000 101,000	Industrials Chroma ATE Delta Electronics Hon Hai Precision Industry	239,605 254,520 278,024	1.26 1.34 1.47
	Technology		
17,000	Accton Technology	143,088	0.76
12,000 115,040	Globalwafers Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	164,528 1,622,946	0.87 8.57
113,040	Thailand (30/09/22 – 1.21%)	1,022,940	1.11
68,200	Financials Kasikornbank	211,144	1.11
	United Kingdom (30/09/22 – 0.85%)		0.96
3,325	Basic Materials Rio Tinto	180,913	0.96
321	Money Markets (30/09/22 – 0.66%) Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) -		1.70
	Seabury Sterling Class Z-1+	321,275	1.70
	Portfolio of investments	18,912,530	99.84
	Net other assets	29,380	0.16
	Net assets	18,941,910	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.

[~]ADR – American Depositary Receipt.

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

Top ten purchases and sales For the half year ended 31 March 2023

Purchases	Cost	Sales	Proceeds
	£		£
Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux)) -	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux)	-
Seabury Sterling Class Z-1	2,052,291	Seabury Sterling Class Z-1	1,858,333
Chroma ATE	248,124	OZ Minerals	463,767
Alibaba Group	227,481	Larsen & Toubro	274,166
Autohome ADR	186,758	Tata Consultancy Services	248,040
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	178,661	Aristocrat Leisure	211,427
Tencent Holdings	178,003	Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology	192,887
Meituan Dianping	153,163	Shenzhou International	192,293
Infosys	149,881	DBS Group	176,773
Maruti Suzuki	119,638	Zhongsheng Group	146,196
CIMB Group Holdings	101,674	Techtronic Industries	135,916
Subtotal	3,595,674	Subtotal	3,899,798
Other purchases	349,215	Other sales	1,047,397
Total purchases for the half year	3,944,889	Total sales for the half year	4,947,195

Statistical information

Comparative table

	Accumulation				
	31/03/23	30/09/22	30/09/21	30/09/20	
	pence	pence	pence	pence	
Change in net assets per unit					
Opening net asset value per unit	913.03	1,053.44	946.91	893.33	
Return before operating charges*	38.36	(128.68)	119.03	64.01	
Operating charges	(5.93)	(11.73)	(12.50)	(10.43)	
Return after operating charges*	32.43	(140.41)	106.53	53.58	
Distributions on accumulation units	(1.65)	(8.57)	(5.75)	(8.78)	
Retained distributions on accumulation units	1.65	8.57	5 .75	8 .78	
Closing net asset value per unit	945.46	913.03	1,053.44	946.91	
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.33	0.82	0.84	0.54	
Performance					
Return after charges	3.55%	(13.33%)	11.25%	6.00%	
Other information					
Closing net asset value (£000)	18,942	19,241	24,829	24,834	
Closing number of units	2,003,460	2,107,407	2,356,942	2,622,601	
Operating charges	1.17%	1.18%	1.15%	1.17%	
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.08%	0.08%	0.06%	
Prices+					
Highest unit price (pence)	1,092.25	1,155.83	1,256.60	1,025.86	
Lowest unit price (pence)	828.59	893.87	948.10	740.15	

⁺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 capital growth by outperforming the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index ("the Index") before fees by 0.5% to 1.5% over any given 3 year period.

Investment policy

The Fund aims to achieve its objective by investing at least 70% of the portfolio in equities or equity related securities in far eastern markets excluding Japan that are constituents of the Index. The Fund may invest up to 30% in developed Asian companies listed outside of the Index.

The Fund may also invest in convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, depositary receipts, and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. Not more than 10% in value of the property of any of the Schemes may consist of transferable securities, which are non-approved securities and/or unlisted securities. The Fund may invest in collective investment schemes, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near

Derivatives will be used for efficient portfolio management 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 research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term The Investment Adviser references the Index, which means that while the Fund is not required to match the weightings of the Index and does not concentrate on any particular sector, the Fund is managed within constraints, so that divergence from the Index is controlled. The Fund's portfolio may, therefore, be similar to the components of the Index.

Revenue distribution and pricing

Units of the Fund are available as Class A 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 31st March and a final distribution as at 30th September.

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

Statistical information

Risk and reward profile

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

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

This Fund is ranked at 6 (30/09/22: 6) because funds of this type have experienced 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 risk(s) of investing in this Fund:

- 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, 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.

Craig Baker, Director Andrew Moss, Director

30 May 2023

Interim financial statements

For the half year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of total return

Statement of total return				
	£	31/03/23 £	£	31/03/22 £
Income	~	~	~	~
Net capital gains/(losses) Revenue	169,694	632,011	147,692	(1,444,599)
Expenses	(119,648)		(135,183)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(56)		(86)	
Net revenue before taxation	49,990		12,423	
Taxation	7,981		85,755	
Net revenue after taxation		57,971		98,178
Total return/(deficit) before distribution		689,982		(1,346,421)
Distributions		(32,538)		1,671
Change in unitholders' funds from investment activities		657,444		(1,344,750)
Statement of change in unithol	ders' funds			
	£	31/03/23 £	£	31/03/22 £
Opening net assets	£	19,241,227	£	24,829,041
Amounts receivable on issue of units	3,203		4,003	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(993,037)		(1,650,474)	
Change in unitholders' funds		(989,834)		(1,646,471
from investment activities		657,444		(1,344,750)
Retained distributions on accumulation units		33,073		
Closing net assets		18,941,910		21,837,820

^{*}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 31 March 2023

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		31/03/23		30/09/22
	£	£	£	£
Assets: Fixed assets: Investments		18,912,530		19,267,422
Current assets: Debtors Cash and bank balances	64,797 109,647		19,881 212,836	
Total current assets		174,444		232,717
Total assets		19,086,974		19,500,139
Liabilities: Creditors:				
Deferred tax liability	(1.45.004)		(41,767)	
Other creditors	(145,064)		(217,145)	
Total liabilities		(145,064)		(258,912)
Net assets		18,941,910		19,241,227
Unitholders' funds		18 941 910		19 241 227

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 30 September 2022 and are described in those financial statements.

Distribution table

For the half year ended 31 March 2023

Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 1 October 2022

Group 2: units purchased 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023

Accumulation	Net income	Equalisation	2023 pence per unit payable 31 May	2022 pence per unit paid 31 May
Group 1 Group 2	1.6508 1.6508	0.0000	1.6508 1.6508	0.0000

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.

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 identifies 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.

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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.

Notes



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