PHOENIX UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT
For the year: 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

PUTM BOTHWELL TACTICAL ASSET ALLOCATION FUND

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

Investment review

Dear Investor

Welcome to the PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund annual report for the 12 months to 31 August 2023.

Performance Review

Over the review period, the PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund returned 7.61%. This compares with a return of 3.78% by its Benchmark Index, SONIA. (source: BlackRock, gross of fees and expenses).

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

As BlackRock assumed investment management responsibilities on 1 April 2020, it has a limited performance history.

Standardised Past Performance

	Aug 22 - Aug 23 % growth	Aug 21 - Feb 22 % growth	Aug 20 - 21 % growth	Apr -Aug 20* % growth	Aug 18 -19 % growth
PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund	7.61%	-1.47%	1.11%	2.08%	N/A
Benchmark Index	3.78%	0.07%	0.05%	0.03%	N/A

Source:Fund and Benchmark Index performance are from BlackRock. Note all returns shown are GBP hedged gross returns.

*Please note, the Fund Manager was appointed in April 2020, hence no previous performance figures are available.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The value of units and the income from them can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. You may not get back the full amount invested.

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

Investment review

Portfolio and Market Review

The Fund generated returns of 7.61% (gross of fees) over the period. The Fund makes use of both discretionary and systematic macro techniques in seeking to exploit inefficiencies across global markets by taking long and short positions across equities, fixed income, and currencies. The below is a discussion of key performance drivers over the period.

In our thematic Discretionary process, the Fund was primarily positioned for central banks to continue to increase their policy rates across developed markets. The Fund held shorts in US, German, and Japanese duration to various extents through out the year on this view. Later in the period, the Fund expressed duration shorts at the long end of the US and German curves, versus the shorter dated expressions earlier in the year. These positions were significant contributors to performance. The process also held an overweight to equities over the period, predominantly in the US and at times in Japan. Long equity positions were additive in aggregate. Within currencies, the Fund positioned short USD versus longs in a basket of developed market currencies in the later half of the period, which detracted modestly given a dollar rally.

Across the Fund's Systematic positions, the relative value bond strategies were strong positive contributors over the period. In the first half of the period, a long in Chinese government bonds versus other emerging markets was additive as Chinese monetary policy remained supportive and rates remained low. Later in the period, a long in Treasuries versus German bonds was additive as US inflation showed signs of turning over, prompting markets to price pause in the hiking cycle, while price pressures in Europe stayed elevated and the ECB continued to signal hawkishly. Equity relative value positions also contributed, driven primarily by a long in US equities versus other developed market equities over the summer.

Market Outlook and Fund Strategy

Recent months have been characterized by a moderation in underlying inflation pressures globally, increased concern over the outlook for global growth, and a renewed focus on the impact of higher rates. This outlook was reflected across DM markets by both negative equity returns and negative bond returns in the third quarter of 2023, particularly longer dated duration. Equity returns remain in positive territory year to date and over the one year period, while bonds have continued to sell off. The energy and US technology sectors have remained resilient relative to the broader equity sell offs recently. Geopolitical tensions remain high and some oil exporting countries have shown their willingness to cut production to boost prices. Mega cap technology stocks continue to fare relatively well as the market focuses on productivity gains from artificial intelligence versus implications from higher borrowing costs. Recent weeks have provided clearer evidence that the liquidity backdrop is evolving in a less favorable manner as the Bank of Japan (BoJ) further tweaked its Yield Curve Control (YCC) policy and the US Treasury announced more coupon issuance than investors had anticipated. Further, with increased market focus on central bank losses on asset purchase portfolios, there is some evidence that other central banks (notably the European Central Bank) are placing greater emphasis on the financial costs of past unconventional monetary easing which creates greater incentive to reduce balance sheets at a somewhat faster pace. The combination of these forces is driving a simultaneous increase in sovereign bond supply (as governments increase issuance) and decrease in duration demand from price-insensitive institutions (specifically, central banks).

Macro developments have broadly aligned with our core views and we believe there is more upside remaining in our existing positions – for example, we believe that Japanese Government Bond (JGB) 10-year yields are likely to drift higher given ongoing yen weakness which would further support our underweight fixed income positioning in that market. We note that the stock-bond correlation has returned to solidly positive territory following its sharp decline following the failure of Silicon Valley Bank. Moreover, equity and bond volatility has risen alongside intra-index implied correlation. While the level of all these indicators remains low, further increases would suggest that investors' portfolios may realize greater volatility than risk models had anticipated. With market liquidity approaching seasonal lows, we will be monitoring for opportunities if forced deleveraging scenarios emerge.

The Fund finished the period with a relatively flat equity position, a dollar short, and an underweight to duration primarily in Europe. The Fund has trimmed an overweight to US equites over the period, and moved longer Japan versus other APAC countries. Within Europe the Fund has a preference for Italy vs. other developed markets.

Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

Investments held at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Government Bonds (31/08/22 - 69.96%)		**73.44**
£75,000,000	UK Treasury 0.125% 31/01/2024	73,504	14.60
£50,000,000	UK Treasury 0.25% 31/01/2025	46,841	9.31
£25,000,000	UK Treasury 0.625% 07/06/2025	23,232	4.62
£50,000,000	UK Treasury 1% 22/04/2024	48,728	9.68
£25,000,000	UK Treasury 2% 07/09/25	23,608	4.68
£75,000,000	UK Treasury 2.25% 07/09/2023	74,943	14.89
£50,000,000	UK Treasury 2.75% 07/09/2024	48,824	9.70
£30,000,000	UK Treasury 5% 07/03/2025	30,015	5.96
	Money Market (31/08/22 - 16.83%)		**18.56**
£89,411,272	BlackRock Institutional Cash Series Sterling Liquidity Agency Accumulation+	93,429	18.56
	Interest Rate Swaps - Capital Protection (31/08/22 - 0.22%)		**0.09**
AUD 3,500,000	General Broker 4.385% 20/09/2028	354	0.07
(AUD 3,500,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/09/2028	(332)	(0.07)
AUD 2,500,000	General Broker 4.315% 20/09/2028	248	0.05
(AUD 2,500,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/09/2028	(237)	(0.05)
AUD 8,000,000	General Broker 4.283% 20/03/2029	774	0.15
(AUD 8,000,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(743)	(0.15)
AUD 7,000,000	General Broker 4.345% 20/03/2029	687	0.14
(AUD 7,000,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(650)	(0.13)
AUD 4,500,000	General Broker 4.361% 20/03/2029	443	0.09
(AUD 4,500,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(418)	(0.09)
AUD 4,500,000	General Broker 4.34% 20/03/2029	441	0.09
(AUD 4,500,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(418)	(0.08)
AUD 4,000,000	General Broker 4.332% 20/03/2029	391	0.08
(AUD 4,000,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(371)	(0.07)
AUD 4,000,000	General Broker 4.33% 20/03/2029	391	0.08
(AUD 4,000,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(371)	(0.07)
AUD 3,200,000	General Broker 4.382% 20/03/2029	317	0.06
(AUD 3,200,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(297)	(0.06)
AUD 1,800,000	General Broker 4.378% 20/03/2029	178	0.04
(AUD 1,800,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(167)	(0.03)
AUD 4,000,000	General Broker 4.169% 20/03/2029	2,044	0.41
(AUD 4,000,000)	General Broker BBSW 20/03/2029	(2,044)	(0.41)
CAD 9,000,000	General Broker 3.803% 20/09/2028	878	0.17
(CAD 9,000,000)	General Broker CORRA 20/09/2028	(928)	(0.18)
CAD 19,000,000	General Broker 3.888% 20/09/2028	1,896	0.38
(CAD 19,000,000)	General Broker CORRA 20/09/2028	(1,960)	(0.39)
CAD 10,000,000	General Broker 4.01% 20/09/2028	1,029	0.20
(CAD 10,000,000)	General Broker CORRA 20/09/2028	(1,031)	(0.20)

Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

Investments held at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Interest Rate Swaps - Capital Protection (continued)		
CAD 2,000,000	General Broker 3.868% 20/03/2029	195	0.04
(CAD 2,000,000)	General Broker CORRA 20/03/2029	(192)	(0.04)
EUR 8,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/09/2028	977	0.19
(EUR 8,000,000)	General Broker 3.391% 20/09/2028	(1,058)	(0.21)
EUR 5,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/09/2028	611	0.12
(EUR 5,000,000)	General Broker 3.325% 20/09/2028	(649)	(0.13)
EUR 8,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/09/2028	977	0.19
(EUR 8,000,000)	General Broker 3.419% 20/09/2028	(1,067)	(0.21)
EUR 8,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/09/2028	977	0.19
(EUR 8,000,000)	General Broker 3.253% 20/09/2028	(1,015)	(0.20)
EUR 15,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/09/2028	1,832	0.36
(EUR 15,000,000)	General Broker 3.21% 20/09/2028	(1,878)	(0.37)
EUR 14,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/03/2029	1,615	0.32
(EUR 14,000,000)	General Broker 3.188% 20/03/2029	(1,719)	(0.34)
EUR 6,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/03/2029	692	0.14
(EUR 6,000,000)	General Broker 3.201% 20/03/2029	(739)	(0.15)
EUR 9,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/03/2029	1,038	0.21
(EUR 9,000,000)	General Broker 3.182% 20/03/2029	(1,103)	(0.22)
EUR 3,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/03/2029	346	0.07
(EUR 3,000,000)	General Broker 3.183% 20/03/2029	(368)	(0.07)
EUR 1,000,000	General Broker EURIB 20/03/2029	115	0.02
(EUR 1,000,000)	General Broker 3.128% 20/03/2029	(120)	(0.02)
HKD 14,000,000	General Broker 4.193% 20/09/2028	268	0.05
(HKD 14,000,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/09/2028	(262)	(0.05)
HKD 30,800,000	General Broker 4.14% 20/09/2028	581	0.12
(HKD 30,800,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/09/2028	(576)	(0.11)
HKD 2,000,000	General Broker 4.21% 20/09/2028	38	0.01
(HKD 2,000,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/09/2028	(37)	(0.01)
HKD 31,000,000	General Broker 4.195% 20/09/2028	593	0.12
(HKD 31,000,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/09/2028	(580)	(0.12)
HKD 118,000,000	General Broker 4.27% 20/09/2028	2,296	0.46
(HKD 118,000,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/09/2028	(2,207)	(0.44)
HKD 13,000,000	General Broker 4.169% 20/09/2028	247	0.05
(HKD 13,000,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/09/2028	(243)	(0.05)
HKD 37,500,000	General Broker 4.147% 20/09/2028	709	0.14
(HKD 37,500,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/09/2028	(702)	(0.14)
HKD 37,500,000	General Broker 4.17% 20/09/2028	713	0.14
(HKD 37,500,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/09/2028	(702)	(0.14)
HKD 29,000,000	General Broker 4.2% 20/03/2029	545	0.11
(HKD 29,000,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/03/2029	(519)	(0.11)
HKD 15,000,000	General Broker 4.257% 20/03/2029	286	0.06

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Investments held at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Interest Rate Swaps - Capital Protection (continued)		
(HKD 15,000,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/03/2029	(269)	(0.05)
HKD 24,000,000	General Broker 4.14% 20/03/2029	445	0.09
(HKD 24,000,000)	General Broker HIBOR 20/03/2029	(430)	(0.09)
MXN 158,000,000	General Broker 8.355% 13/09/2028	2,469	0.49
(MXN 158,000,000)	General Broker TIIE 13/09/2028	(2,615)	(0.52)
MXN 49,000,000	General Broker 8.426% 13/09/2028	772	0.15
(MXN 49,000,000)	General Broker TIIE 13/09/2028	(811)	(0.16)
MXN 141,000,000	General Broker 8.315% 13/09/2028	2,193	0.44
(MXN 141,000,000)	General Broker TIIE 13/09/2028	(2,334)	(0.46)
MXN 76,000,000	General Broker 8.529% 13/09/2028	1,212	0.24
(MXN 76,000,000)	General Broker TIIE 13/09/2028	(1,258)	(0.25)
MXN 261,000,000	Goldman Sachs 8.41% 14/03/2029	3,931	0.78
(MXN 261,000,000)	Goldman Sachs TIIE 14/03/2029	(3,958)	(0.79)
MXN 75,000,000	Barclays 8.44% 14/03/2029	1,133	0.23
(MXN 75,000,000)	Barclays TIIE 14/03/2029	(1,137)	(0.23)
MXN 164,000,000	BNP Paribas 8.75% 14/03/2029	2,570	0.51
(MXN 164,000,000)	BNP Paribas TIIE 14/03/2029	(2,487)	(0.50)
PLN 25,000,000	BNP Paribas 5.777% 20/09/2028	1,214	0.24
(PLN 25,000,000)	BNP Paribas WIBOR 20/09/2028	(941)	(0.19)
PLN 12,000,000	Goldman Sachs 5.921% 20/09/2028	597	0.12
(PLN 12,000,000)	Goldman Sachs WIBOR 20/09/2028	(451)	(0.09)
PLN 9,000,000	HSBC 5.85% 20/09/2028	442	0.09
(PLN 9,000,000)	HSBC WIBOR 20/09/2028	(338)	(0.07)
PLN 14,000,000	Goldman Sachs 5.841% 20/09/2028	687	0.14
(PLN 14,000,000)	Goldman Sachs WIBOR 20/09/2028	(526)	(0.10)
PLN 58,000,000	HSBC 5.700% 20/09/2028	2,779	0.55
(PLN 58,000,000)	HSBC WIBOR 20/09/2028	(2,182)	(0.43)
PLN 15,000,000	General Broker 5.501% 20/09/2028	693	0.14
(PLN 15,000,000)	General Broker WIBOR 20/09/2028	(564)	(0.12)
PLN 24,000,000	General Broker 5.479% 20/09/2028	1,105	0.22
(PLN 24,000,000)	General Broker WIBOR 20/09/2028	(903)	(0.18)
PLN 11,000,000	General Broker 4.73% 20/03/2029	429	0.09
(PLN 11,000,000)	General Broker WIBOR 20/03/2029	(387)	(0.08)
PLN 13,000,000	General Broker 4.441% 20/03/2029	476	0.09
(PLN 13,000,000)	General Broker WIBOR 20/03/2029	(457)	(0.09)
ZAR 35,000,000	General Broker JIBAR 20/09/2028	489	0.10
(ZAR 35,000,000)	General Broker 9.119% 20/09/2028	(541)	(0.11)
ZAR 31,000,000	General Broker JIBAR 20/09/2028	433	0.09
(ZAR 31,000,000)	General Broker 9.038% 20/09/2028	(475)	(0.09)
ZAR 192,000,000	General Broker JIBAR 20/09/2028	2,684	0.53
(ZAR 192,000,000)	General Broker 9.089% 20/09/2028	(2,959)	(0.59)

Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

Investments held at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Interest Rate Swaps - Capital Protection (continued)		
ZAR 62,000,000	JP Morgan JIBAR 20/09/2028	867	0.17
(ZAR 62,000,000)	JP Morgan 8.444% 20/09/2028	(888)	(0.18)
ZAR 118,000,000	General Broker JIBAR 20/09/2028	1,650	0.33
(ZAR 118,000,000)	General Broker 8.434% 20/09/2028	(1,688)	(0.34)
SEK 67,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	737	0.14
(SEK 67,000,000)	General Broker 3.236% 20/09/2028	(704)	(0.14)
SEK 43,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	473	0.09
(SEK 43,000,000)	General Broker 3.307% 20/09/2028	(462)	(0.09)
SEK 39,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	429	0.09
(SEK 39,000,000)	General Broker 3.257% 20/09/2028	(413)	(0.08)
SEK 40,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	440	0.09
(SEK 40,000,000)	General Broker 3.261% 20/09/2028	(424)	(0.08)
SEK 491,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	5,398	1.07
(SEK 491,000,000)	General Broker 3.552% 20/09/2028	(5,661)	(1.12)
SEK 179,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	1,968	0.39
(SEK 179,000,000)	General Broker 3.521% 20/09/2028	(2,046)	(0.41)
SEK 18,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	198	0.04
(SEK 18,000,000)	General Broker 3.237% 20/09/2028	(189)	(0.04)
SEK 91,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	1,000	0.20
(SEK 91,000,000)	General Broker 3.286% 20/09/2028	(970)	(0.19)
SEK 21,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/09/2028	231	0.05
(SEK 21,000,000)	General Broker 3.394% 20/09/2028	(231)	(0.05)
SEK 34,000,000	General Broker STIB 20/03/2029	352	0.07
(SEK 34,000,000)	General Broker 3.415% 20/03/2029	(371)	(0.07)
GBP 4,000,000	General Broker SONIA 20/03/2029	3,996	0.79
(GBP 4,000,000)	General Broker 4.664% 20/03/2029	(4,000)	(0.79)
	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (31/08/22 – (0.11%))		**0.01**
CAD 17,830,705	CAD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	10,403	2.07
(USD 13,320,562)	USD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(10,511)	(2.09)
AUD 20,134,924	AUD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	10,297	2.05
(USD 13,467,727)	USD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(10,627)	(2.11)
GBP 555,097	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	555	0.11
(MXN 12,350,000)	MXN Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(577)	(0.11)
GBP 2,020,159	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	2,020	0.40
(ZAR 48,075,000)	ZAR Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(2,000)	(0.40)
GBP 2,296,450	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	2,297	0.46
(PLN 12,040,000)	PLN Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(2,303)	(0.46)
EUR 23,584,614	EUR Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	20,217	4.02
(USD 25,536,571)	USD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(20,151)	(4.00)
GBP 1,854,336	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	1,854	0.37
(JPY 320,140,000)	JPY Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(1,740)	(0.35)

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Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (continued)		
GBP 3,634,660	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	3,635	0.72
(AUD 6,788,000)	AUD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(3,472)	(0.69)
GBP 2,213,592	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	2,214	0.44
(SEK 30,001,000)	SEK Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(2,164)	(0.43)
GBP 5,209,032	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	5,209	1.03
(USD 6,548,000)	USD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(5,167)	(1.03)
GBP 461,057	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	461	0.09
(SGD 776,000)	SGD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(454)	(0.09)
GBP 2,034,404	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	2,035	0.40
(CAD 3,404,000)	CAD Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(1,986)	(0.39)
GBP 7,019,374	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	7,019	1.39
(EUR 8,153,000)	EUR Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(6,989)	(1.39)
EUR 2,694,000	EUR Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	2,309	0.46
(GBP 2,314,611)	GBP Forward Currency Contract 20/09/2023	(2,315)	(0.46)
	Futures (31/08/22 – 0.15%)		**0.19**
182	CBT US 10Y Note CBT December 2023	81	0.02
(233)	CBT US Long Bond CBT December 2023	(311)	(0.06)
(89)	CBT US Ultra Bond CBT December 2023	(142)	(0.03)
178	CME 3 Month SOFR Future December 2023	(583)	(0.12)
71	CME 3 Month SOFR Future March 2024	(18)	0.00
22	CME S&P 500 E Mini Index Future September 2023	875	0.17
(117)	EOP CAC40 10 Euro Future September 2023	(24)	0.00
38	EUX DAX Index Future September 2023	(196)	(0.04)
(1052)	EUX Euro-Bobl Future September 2023	512	0.10
276	EUX Euro-Bund Future September 2023	617	0.12
(19)	ICF FTSE 100 Index Future September 2023	(10)	0.00
62	ICF Long Gilt Future December 2023	5	0.00
(204)	MFM IBEX 35 Index Future September 2023	(168)	(0.03)
304	MIL FTSE/MIB Index Future September 2023	417	0.08
(1498)	MSE Canada 10Y Bond Future December 2023	(574)	(0.11)
(50)	MSE S&P/TSX 60 Index Future September 2023	19	0.00
(76)	OSE Japan 10Y Bond OSE Future September 2023	529	0.11
57	OSE Topix Index Future September 2023	132	0.03
(516)	SFE Australian 10Y Bond Future September 2023	(227)	(0.05)
(4)	SFE SPI 200 Future September 2023	(9)	0.00
156	SGX MSCI Singapore Index ETS Future September 2023	63	0.01
(597)	SSE OMXS30 Index Future September 2023	(53)	(0.01)

Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

Investments held at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £000	Percentage of total net assets %
	Portfolio of investments ^	464,569	92.29
	Net other assets	38,817	7.71
	Net assets	503,386	100.00

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

The counterparty for the Futures Contracts is Morgan Stanley.
The counterparties for the Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts are Barclays, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley.

The counterparties for the Interest Rate Swaps are Barclays, BNP Paribas, General Broker, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, JP Morgan and SAK.
^ includes investment liabilities.
+ SICAVs (open ended investment schemes registered outside the UK).

Credit Ratings	£000	%
Investment grade	369,695	73.44
Total investment in bonds	369,695	73.44

Top ten purchases and sales

For the year ended 31 August 2023

Purchases	Cost £000	Sales	Proceeds £000
UK Treasury 0.125% 31/01/2024	61,083	UK Treasury 0.125% 31/01/2023	141,862
UK Treasury 2.25% 07/09/2023	54,519	UK Treasury 0.75% 22/07/2023	135,763
UK Treasury 2.75% 07/09/2024	46,975	UK Treasury 1.75% 07/09/2022	80,000
UK Treasury 0.25% 31/01/2025	46,220	UK Treasury 2.25% 07/09/2023	27,849
UK Treasury 1% 22/04/2024	43,625	US Treasury 0% 08/06/2023	23,841
UK Treasury 5% 07/03/2025	30,658	US Treasury 0% 13/07/2023	23,731
US Treasury 0% 08/06/2023	23,838	US Treasury 0% 10/08/2023	23,646
US Treasury 0% 13/07/2023	23,730	BlackRock Institutional Cash Series Sterling Liquidity Agency Accumulation	4,962
US Treasury 0% 10/08/2023	23,650		
UK Treasury 2% 07/09/2025	23,318		
Subtotal	377,616	**Subtotal**	461,654
Other purchases	48,661	**Other sales**	–
Total purchases for the year	426,277	**Total sales for the year**	461,654

At a minimum, the ten largest purchases and ten largest sales will normally be disclosed. However, as there were less than ten sales during the period, all sales have been disclosed.

Statistical information

Comparative tables

	Class 'A' Accumulation		
	31/08/23 pence	**31/08/22 pence**	**31/08/21 pence**
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	88.22	88.41	88.46
Return before operating charges*	6.48	0.79	0.94
Operating charges	(1.01)	(0.98)	(0.99)
Return after operating charges*	5.47	(0.19)	(0.05)
Distributions on accumulation units	(0.67)	0.00	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.67	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per unit	93.69	88.22	88.41
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.07	0.06	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	6.20%	(0.21%)	(0.06%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£000)	26,434	28,541	28,878
Closing number of units	28,215,296	32,352,336	32,665,783
Operating charges	1.11%	1.11%	1.12%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.07%	0.10%
Prices+			
Highest unit price (pence)	101.35	95.86	97.63
Lowest unit price (pence)	87.99	85.00	88.04

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

+ High and low price disclosures are based on quoted unit prices. Therefore, the opening and closing NAV prices may fall outside the high/low price threshold.

Statistical information

Comparative tables

	Class 'B' Accumulation		
	31/08/23 **pence**	**31/08/22** **pence**	**31/08/21** **pence**
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	97.75	96.88	95.89
Return before operating charges*	7.22	0.88	1.01
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	7.21	0.87	0.99
Distributions on accumulation units	(1.86)	(0.22)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation units	1.86	0.22	0.00
Closing net asset value per unit	104.96	97.75	96.88
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.07	0.07	0.10
Performance			
Return after charges	7.38%	0.90%	1.03%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£000)	476,952	535,475	595,282
Closing number of units	454,413,442	547,778,539	614,426,349
Operating charges	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.07%	0.10%
Prices+			
Highest unit price (pence)	105.58	97.97	98.85
Lowest unit price (pence)	97.58	93.76	95.51

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

+ High and low price disclosures are based on quoted unit prices. Therefore, the opening and closing NAV prices may fall outside the high/low price threshold.

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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide total returns (a combination of capital growth and income by outperforming SONIA (the “Index”) before fees by 3.5% to 4.5% per annum over rolling twelve months periods. Investors should be aware that their capital is at risk and there is no guarantee that the positive total returns will be achieved over the rolling twelve months, or any, time period.

Investment policy

The Fund will aim to achieve the objective by investing at least 70% directly or via derivatives in long and short positions in equities, bonds, currencies and cash. Within bonds, positions may be taken in corporate and government bonds and within equities, specific regional positions may be taken. Net exposure to a particular asset class, country, market or issuer may be positive or negative.

In order to pursue its investment policy, the Fund may also invest the Fund's assets in near cash, deposits, warrants and/or money market instruments and collective investment schemes (and use may be made of stock lending (including repos) and borrowing).

In addition, the Fund will use derivative and forward transactions for investment purposes and efficient portfolio management.

Investment strategy

The Investment Adviser uses their discretion to make flexible allocations to multiple types of assets depending on market conditions, the price of different assets or their value relative to each other based on their analysis of future economic and business conditions.

The Fund seeks to generate growth and reduce risk in a wide variety of ways. For transactions in equities and government bonds, in addition to investing directly the Fund may use liquid futures contracts on the major equity and bond market indices and over-the-counter derivatives such as credit default swaps for corporate bonds. Active exposures may also be achieved through options and swaps. Long exposure may be held through a combination of direct investment and/or derivatives. Short exposure will be taken through derivative positions. The Fund may invest indirectly in alternative asset classes such as commodities where permitted under the UCITS Regulations.

Currency risk will be actively managed typically using currency forwards or futures.

The Fund will not be constrained by any index weightings and will not concentrate on any particular asset class, country or sector or have regard to market capitalisation.

The Fund may use one or more counterparties for gaining exposure to over-the-counter financial derivatives. In all circumstances, however, the Fund will comply with the investment restrictions and limits set out in the Prospectus.

Substantial cash holdings of up to 100% of the portfolio may arise when all the active risk exposure is achieved through derivatives.

Revenue distribution and pricing

Units of the Fund are available as either Class 'A' Accumulation or 'B' Accumulation units (where revenue is reinvested to enhance the unit price). There will be two potential distributions in each accounting year: an interim distribution as at 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.

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 3 (31/08/22: 4) because funds of this type have experienced low to medium rises and falls in value in the past. The above figure applies to the following unit classes:

- Class 'A' Accumulation
- Class 'B' Accumulation

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

- 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.
- This Fund can use derivatives in order to meet its investment objectives. This may result in gains or losses that are greater than the original amount invested.
- Investing in derivatives carries the risk of substantial loss and/or increased volatility in adverse market conditions.
- 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.

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.

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Statement of total return

	Notes	31/08/23 £000	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000	31/08/22 £000
Income					
Net capital gains	4		27,994		3,479
Revenue	5	9,768		1,567	
Expenses	6	(383)		(394)	
Interest payable and similar charges		(38)		(170)	
Net revenue before taxation		9,347		1,003	
Taxation	7	–		–	
Net revenue after taxation			9,347		1,003
Total return before distributions			37,341		4,482
Distributions	8		(9,355)		(1,264)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			27,986		3,218

Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000	31/08/22 £000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		564,016		624,160
Amounts receivable on issue of units	3,529		9,486	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(101,055)		(74,074)	
		(97,526)		(64,588)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		27,986		3,218
Retained distributions on accumulation units		8,910		1,226
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		503,386		564,016

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As at 31 August 2023

Balance sheet

	Notes	31/08/23 £000	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000	31/08/22 £000
Assets:					
Fixed assets:					
Investments			469,203		503,769
Current assets:					
Debtors	9	2,703		1,346	
Cash and bank balances	10	53,112		77,437	
Total current assets			55,815		78,783
Total assets			525,018		582,552
Liabilities:					
Investment liabilities			(4,634)		(12,768)
Creditors:					
Bank overdraft	11	(3,547)		(5,231)	
Other creditors	12	(13,451)		(537)	
Total creditors			(16,998)		(5,768)
Total liabilities			(21,632)		(18,536)
Net assets attributable to unitholders			503,386		564,016

Notes to the financial statements

Note 1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014, and as amended in June 2017.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The Manager has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, and is satisfied it has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on this assessment. This assessment is made for a period of 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, known redemption levels, expense projections and key service provider's operational resilience.

(b) Valuation of investments

The quoted investments of the Fund have been valued at bid dealing prices as at close of business on 31 August 2023, the last valuation point in the accounting year, in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Investments in collective investment schemes have been valued at bid price for dual priced funds or the single price for single priced funds. Where these investments are managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager, the holdings have been valued at the cancellation price for dual priced funds or the single price for single priced funds. This price is the last available published price at the year end.

Unquoted securities are valued by the Manager and are subject to regular review.

Derivatives are valued as at close of business on 31 August 2023, the last valuation point of the accounting year.

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

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

(c) Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are translated into Sterling (the functional currency of the Fund), at the rates of exchange ruling on the transaction date. Amounts held in foreign currencies have been translated at the rate of exchange ruling at close of business, 31 August 2023, the last valuation point in the accounting year.

(d) Revenue

Distributions receivable from collective investment schemes are credited to revenue when they are first quoted ex-dividend.

Interest receivable on bank deposits is accounted for on a receipts basis and money market funds is accounted for on an accruals basis. Interest receivable from debt securities is accounted for on an effective interest rate basis. Accrued interest purchased or sold is excluded from the cost of the security and is accounted for as revenue.

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

Notes to the financial statements

Note 1 Accounting policies (continued)

(e) Expenses

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

(f) Taxation

The Fund satisfied the rules of SI 2006/964, Reg 19 throughout the period. All distributions made are therefore made as interest distributions. The Fund has no corporate tax liability as interest distributions are tax deductible.

(g) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided at current rates of corporation tax on all timing differences which have originated but not reversed by the Balance sheet date. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the Manager considers it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits from which underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Note 2 Distribution policies

(a) Basis of distribution

Revenue produced by the Fund's investments accumulates during each accounting period. If, at the end of each accounting period, revenue exceeds expenses, the net revenue of the Fund is available to be distributed/accumulated to unitholders.

The Fund is more than 60% invested in qualifying investments (as defined by SI 2006/964, Reg 20) and will pay an interest distribution.

(b) Unclaimed distributions

Distributions remaining unclaimed after six years are paid into the Fund as part of the capital property.

(c) Apportionment to multiple unit classes

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

(d) Interest from debt securities

Future cash flows on all assets are considered when calculating revenue on an effective interest rate basis and where, in the Manager's view there is doubt as to the final maturity value, an estimate of the final redemption proceeds will be made in determining those cash flows. The impact of this will be to reduce the revenue from debt securities, and therefore the revenue distributed, whilst preserving capital within the Fund.

(e) Expenses

In determining the net revenue available for distribution, charges in relation to the safe custody of investments are ultimately borne by capital.

Notes to the financial statements

Note 3 Risk management policies

The risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price risk, interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and counterparty risk. The Manager's policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied throughout the year.

(a) Market price risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuit of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, the Prospectus and in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the Sourcebook") mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

(b) Interest rate risk

The Fund's assets are comprised of mainly fixed interest rate securities. There is therefore a risk that the capital value of investments will vary as a result of the market's sentiment regarding future interest rates.

Expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of investments held. In general, if interest rates rise the revenue potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed interest rate securities will decline. A decline in interest rates will in general have the opposite effect.

Any transactions in fixed interest securities must be used in accordance with the investment objective of the Fund and must be deemed by the Investment Manager to be economically appropriate. Regular production of portfolio risk reports highlight concentrations of risk, including interest rate risk, for this Fund.

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdraft positions will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

(c) Foreign currency risk

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

Any such currency transactions must be used in accordance with the investment objective of the Fund and must be deemed by the Investment Manager to be economically appropriate. Regular production of portfolio risk reports highlight concentrations of risk, including currency risk, for the Fund.

(d) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets are comprised of mainly readily realisable securities. If insufficient cash is available to finance unitholder redemptions then securities held by the Fund may need to be sold. The risk of low market liquidity, through reduced trading volumes, may affect the ability of the Fund to trade financial instruments at values previously indicated by financial brokers. From time to time, liquidity may also be affected by stock specific or economic events. To manage these risks the Manager performs market research in order to achieve the best price for any transactions entered into on behalf of the Fund. All stocks are valued daily but those stocks identified as being less liquid are reviewed on a regular basis for pricing accuracy.

Notes to the financial statements

Note 3 Risk management policies (continued)

(e) Credit risk

At the Balance sheet date 73.44% (31/08/21: 69.96%) of the Fund's assets were in government bonds.

Government bonds involve the risk that the bond issuer will be unable to meet its liability to pay interest or redeem the bond. The Fund Manager selects bonds taking into account the credit rating, bearing in mind the Fund's objective.

(f) Counterparty risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment (purchase) or cash (sale) after the Fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Manager as an acceptable counterparty. This list is reviewed annually.

(g) Derivatives

Derivative transactions may be used by the Fund for the purposes of meeting its investment objectives and also for hedging. In doing so the Manager may make use of a variety of derivative instruments in accordance with the Sourcebook. The use of derivatives for investment purposes means that the net asset value of the Fund may at times have high volatility, although derivatives will not be used with the intention of raising the risk profile of the Fund. Where derivatives are used for hedging this will not compromise the risk profile of the Fund. Use of derivatives will not knowingly contravene any relevant investment objective or limits.

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

The Manager has used forward foreign currency contracts to hedge the currencies which are physically owned during the year. The purpose of undertaking these contracts is to protect the portfolio as far as possible from a movement in the value of exchange rates.

Interest rate swaps have been used to hedge the interest rate risk of holding fixed rate bonds during the period.

The derivative counterparties are shown at the bottom of the Portfolio of investments on page 9.

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Note 4 Net capital gains

The net capital gains during the year comprise:

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
Gains/(losses) on non-derivative securities	4,685	(2,290)
Gains on derivative contracts	24,717	3,829
Currency (losses)/gains	(1,439)	1,954
Handling charges	(3)	(3)
Finance costs	34	(11)
Net capital gains	27,994	3,479

Note 5 Revenue

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
Interest on debt securities	8,902	1,487
Bank interest	813	80
Liquidity interest	53	-
Total revenue	9,768	1,567

Note 6 Expenses

		31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
(a)	Payable to the Manager or associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
	Manager's periodic charge	337	353
(b)	Payable to the Trustee or associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them:		
	Trustee's fees	22	19
(c)	Other expenses:		
	Audit fee	10	10
	Safe custody charges	8	9
	Printing & stationery	–	1
	Professional fees	6	2
		24	22
	Total expenses	383	394

Notes to the financial statements

Note 7 Taxation

		31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
(a)	Analysis of tax charge for the year		
	Reclaimable tax written off	–	–
	Total taxation (Note 7(b))	–	–

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than that calculated when the standard rate of corporation tax for Authorised Unit Trusts is applied to total revenue return. The differences are explained below:

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	9,347	1,003
Corporation tax at 20% (31/08/22: 20%)	1,869	201
Effects of:		
Deductible interest distributions	(1,869)	(117)
Excess management expenses (utilised)/unutilised	–	(84)
Total tax charge for the year (Note 7(a))	–	–

Authorised Unit Trusts are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK.

(c) Provision for deferred taxation

At 31 August 2023 the Fund had a potential deferred tax asset of £40,232 (31/08/22: £40,232) in relation to surplus management expenses of £201,162 (31/08/22: £201,162). It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and, therefore, no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

Note 8 Distributions

The distributions take account of amounts added on the issue of units and amounts deducted on the cancellation of units, and comprise:

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
Interim	3,534	100
Final	5,376	1,126
	8,910	1,226
Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	456	(3)
Amounts added on issue of units	(11)	41
Net distribution for the year	9,355	1,264
Net revenue after taxation	9,347	1,003
Expenses taken to capital	8	9
Income deficit transfers	–	253
Movement of undistributed revenue	–	(1)
Net distribution for the year	9,355	1,264

Details of the distribution per unit are set out in the tables on page 30.

Note 9 Debtors

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
Accrued income	2,703	1,346
Total debtors	2,703	1,346

Notes to the financial statements

Note 10 Cash and bank balances

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
Cash and bank balances	26,285	34,327
Amounts held at futures clearing houses	22,648	37,071
Swaps collateral	4,179	6,039
Total cash and bank balances	53,112	77,437

Note 11 Bank overdraft

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
Bank overdraft	1	–
Amounts due to futures clearing houses	1,788	2,768
Swaps collateral	1,758	2,463
Total bank overdraft	3,547	5,231

Note 12 Other creditors

	31/08/23 £000	31/08/22 £000
Cancellations awaiting settlement	13,399	460
Manager's periodic charge payable	28	58
Trustee's fees payable	9	7
Safe custody charges payable	5	2
Audit fee payable	10	10
Total other creditors	13,451	537

Note 13 Reconciliation of units

	Class 'A' Accumulation	Class 'B' Accumulation
Opening units issued at 01/09/22	32,352,336	547,778,539
Unit movements in year:		
Units issued	–	3,568,416
Units cancelled	(4,137,040)	(96,933,513)
Closing units at 31/08/23	28,215,296	454,413,442

Note 14 Contingencies and commitments

At 31 August 2023 the Fund had no outstanding calls on partly paid shares, no potential underwriting commitments or any other contingent liabilities (31/08/22: £nil).

Note 15 Unitholders' funds

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

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

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

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Note 16 Related party transactions

The Manager is a related party to the Fund by virtue of its controlling influence.

The Manager is part of the Phoenix Group. Phoenix Life Limited which is also part of the Phoenix Group, is a material unitholder in the Fund and therefore a related party, holding 100% of the units in Class 'A' Accumulation at the year end (31/08/22: 100%) and 100% of the units in Class 'B' Accumulation at the year end (31/08/22: 100%).

Any balances due to/from the Manager or its associates at 31 August 2023 in respect of these transactions are shown in Notes 9 and 12.

Note 17 Financial instruments

In accordance with the investment objective, the Fund holds certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- derivative transactions which the Fund may also enter/enters into, the purpose of which is to manage the currency and market risks arising from the Fund's investment activities; and
- cash and short term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations.

Counterparty exposure

At 31 August 2023, the Fund had the following counterparty exposure on open Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts:

Deutsche Bank	£205,451
Goldman Sachs	£86,289
JP Morgan	£86,127
Merrill Lynch	£163,151

At 31 August 2023, the Fund had the following counterparty exposure on Interest Rate Swaps:

BNP Paribas	£356,336
General Broker	£925,283
Goldman Sachs	£306,243
HSBC	£700,579

The economic exposure of future derivative contracts is equal to the market value. The value of exposure and the related counterparty are disclosed in the Portfolio of investments.

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Note 17 Financial instruments (continued)

Currency exposure

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

Currency	Net currency assets/(liabilities) 31/08/23			Net currency assets/(liabilities) 31/08/22		
	Monetary exposure £000	Non-monetary exposure £000	Total exposure £000	Monetary exposure £000	Non-monetary exposure £000	Total exposure £000
Sterling	17,423	488,098	505,521	40,038	514,767	554,805
Australian Dollar	2,253	6,811	9,064	2,381	(2,184)	197
Canadian Dollar	3,591	7,750	11,341	4,469	(4,655)	(186)
Euro	4,048	16,159	20,207	9,593	(4,350)	5,243
Hong Kong Dollar	1,367	194	1,561	617	54	671
Japanese Yen	1,103	(1,080)	23	3,250	(3,828)	(578)
Mexican Dollar	1,929	(898)	1,031	2,893	(895)	1,998
Polish Zloty	218	(631)	(413)	1,102	(1,116)	(14)
Singapore Dollar	682	(391)	291	828	(286)	542
South African Rand	1,298	(2,427)	(1,129)	1,035	(2,146)	(1,111)
Swedish Krona	2,265	(2,461)	(196)	2,559	(672)	1,887
US Dollar	2,640	(46,555)	(43,915)	4,250	(3,688)	562
	38,817	464,569	503,386	73,015	491,001	564,016

Income received in other currencies is converted to Sterling on or near the date of receipt. The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid, movement risk on accrued income.

Interest profile

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at 31 August 2023 was:

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £000	Floating rate financial assets £000	Financial assets not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling	369,695	121,634	33,968	525,297
Australian Dollar	–	2,393	16,567	18,960
Canadian Dollar	–	3,629	14,383	18,012
Euro	–	5,252	33,201	38,453
Hong Kong Dollar	–	1,442	6,734	8,176
Japanese Yen	–	1,639	660	2,299
Mexican Dollar	–	1,929	14,281	16,210
Norwegian Krone	–	1	–	1
Polish Zloty	–	1,750	8,421	10,171
Singapore Dollar	–	766	63	829
South African Rand	–	1,282	6,140	7,422
Swedish Krona	–	2,179	11,320	13,499
US Dollar	–	2,645	956	3,601
	369,695	146,541	146,694	662,930

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Note 17 Financial instruments (continued)

Interest profile (continued)

Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities £000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling	–	(19,776)	(19,776)
Australian Dollar	(140)	(9,756)	(9,896)
Canadian Dollar	–	(6,671)	(6,671)
Euro	(1,152)	(17,094)	(18,246)
Hong Kong Dollar	(89)	(6,526)	(6,615)
Japanese Yen	(536)	(1,740)	(2,276)
Mexican Dollar	–	(15,179)	(15,179)
Norwegian Krone	(1)	–	(1)
Polish Zloty	(1,532)	(9,052)	(10,584)
Singapore Dollar	(84)	(454)	(538)
South African Rand	–	(8,551)	(8,551)
Swedish Krona	(8)	(13,687)	(13,695)
US Dollar	(5)	(47,511)	(47,516)
	(3,547)	(155,997)	(159,544)

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at 31 August 2022 was:

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £000	Floating rate financial assets £000	Financial assets not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling	394,619	134,181	73,456	602,256
Australian Dollar	–	3,848	25,843	29,691
Canadian Dollar	–	4,746	16,085	20,831
Euro	–	9,593	24,899	34,492
Hong Kong Dollar	–	677	1,014	1,691
Japanese Yen	–	3,250	446	3,696
Mexican Dollar	–	2,893	21,228	24,121
Polish Zloty	–	2,500	9,224	11,724
Singapore Dollar	–	918	192	1,110
South African Rand	–	2,052	25,349	27,401
Swedish Krona	–	3,481	6,121	9,602
US Dollar	–	4,250	3,433	7,683
	394,619	172,389	207,290	774,298

Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities £000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £000	Total £000
Sterling	–	(47,451)	(47,451)
Australian Dollar	(1,467)	(28,027)	(29,494)
Canadian Dollar	(277)	(20,740)	(21,017)
Euro	–	(29,249)	(29,249)
Hong Kong Dollar	(60)	(960)	(1,020)
Japanese Yen	–	(4,274)	(4,274)
Mexican Dollar	–	(22,123)	(22,123)
Polish Zloty	(1,398)	(10,340)	(11,738)
Singapore Dollar	(90)	(478)	(568)
South African Rand	(1,017)	(27,495)	(28,512)
Swedish Krona	(922)	(6,793)	(7,715)
US Dollar	–	(7,121)	(7,121)
	(5,231)	(205,051)	(210,282)

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Note 17 Financial instruments (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

Interest rate risk sensitivity

Changes in interest rates or changes in expectation of future interest rates may result in an increase or decrease in the the market value of the investments held. A one percent increase in interest rates (based on current parameters used by the Manager's Investment Risk department) would have the effect of decreasing the return and net assets by £15,856,659 (31/08/22: £11,449,525). A one percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five percent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £106,761 (31/08/22: £460,593). A five percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Market price risk sensitivity

A five percent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £23,228,454 (31/08/22: £24,550,074). A five percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Note 18 Fair value of investments

The fair value of the Fund's investments has been determined using the hierarchy below.

This complies with the 'Amendments to FRS 102 - Fair value hierarchy disclosures' issued by the Financial Reporting Council in March 2016.

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

For the year ended 31/08/23

Level	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Total**
Investment assets	**£000**	**£000**	**£000**	**£000**
Bonds	369,695	–	–	369,695
Derivatives	3,250	2,829	–	6,079
Money markets	93,429	–	–	93,429
	466,374	2,829	–	469,203
Investment liabilities	**£000**	**£000**	**£000**	**£000**
Derivatives	(2,315)	(2,319)	–	(4,634)
	(2,315)	(2,319)	–	(4,634)

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Note 18 Fair value of investments (continued)

For the year ended 31/08/22

Level	**1**	**2**	**3**	**Total**
Investment assets	**£000**	**£000**	**£000**	**£000**
Bonds	394,619	-	-	394,619
Derivatives	7,892	6,307	-	14,199
Money markets	94,951	-	-	94,951
	497,462	6,307	-	503,769
Investment liabilities	**£000**	**£000**	**£000**	**£000**
Derivatives	(7,034)	(5,734)	-	(12,768)
	(7,034)	(5,734)	-	(12,768)

Note 19 Portfolio transaction costs

For the year ended 31/08/23

Analysis of total purchases costs	**Value £000**	**Commission £000**	**%**	**Taxes £000**	**%**	**Other expenses £000**	**%**	**Total costs £000**
Bond transactions	426,277	–	–	–	–	–	–	426,277
Total	426,277	–		–		–		426,277

Analysis of total sales costs	**Value £000**	**Commission £000**	**%**	**Taxes £000**	**%**	**Other expenses £000**	**%**	**Total costs £000**
Bond transactions	273,527	–	–	–	–	–	–	273,527
Money markets	4,962	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,962
Corporate actions	183,165	–	–	–	–	–	–	183,165
Total	461,654	–		–		–		461,654

The Fund has paid £383,363 as commission on purchases and sales of derivatives transactions for the year ended 31/08/23.

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

Commission	0.07%
Taxes	0.00%
Other expenses	0.00%

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Note 19 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

For the year ended 31/08/22

Analysis of total purchases costs	**Value £000**	**Commission £000**	**%**	**Taxes £000**	**%**	**Other expenses £000**	**%**	**Total costs £000**
Bond transactions	560,571	–	–	–	–	–	–	560,571
Total	560,571	–		–		–		560,571

Analysis of total sales costs	**Value £000**	**Commission £000**	**%**	**Taxes £000**	**%**	**Other expenses £000**	**%**	**Total costs £000**
Bond transactions	393,875	–	–	–	–	–	–	393,875
Money markets	14,128	–	–	–	–	–	–	14,128
Corporate actions	172,510	–	–	–	–	–	–	172,510
Total	580,513	–		–		–		580,513

The Fund has paid £410,092 as commission on purchases and sales of derivatives transactions for the year ended 31/08/22.

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

Commission	0.07%
Taxes	0.00%
Other expenses	0.00%

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred by the Fund when buying and selling underlying investments. These costs vary depending on the class of investment, country of exchange and method of execution.

These costs can be classified as either direct or indirect transaction costs:

Direct transaction costs: Broker commissions, fees and taxes.

Indirect transaction costs: "Dealing spread" - the difference between buying and selling prices of the underlying investments.

At the Balance sheet date the portfolio dealing spread was 0.03% (31/08/22: 0.04%) being the difference between the respective bid and offer prices for the Fund's investments.

Distribution tables

For the year ended 31 August 2023

Interest distributions

Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 1 September 2022
Group 2: units purchased 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023

	Gross income	Equalisation	2023 pence per unit paid 30 Apr	2022 pence per unit paid 30 Apr
Class 'A' Accumulation				
Group 1	0.1545	—	0.1545	0.0000
Group 2	0.1545	0.000	0.1545	0.0000
Class 'B' Accumulation				
Group 1	0.7106	—	0.7106	0.0168
Group 2	0.4151	0.2955	0.7106	0.0168

Final distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 1 March 2023
Group 2: units purchased 1 March 2023 to 31 August 2023

	Gross income	Equalisation	2023 pence per unit payable 31 Oct	2022 pence per unit paid 31 Oct
Class 'A' Accumulation				
Group 1	0.5184	—	0.5184	0.0000
Group 2	0.5184	0.0000	0.5184	0.0000
Class 'B' Accumulation				
Group 1	1.1510	—	1.1510	0.2055
Group 2	0.5363	0.6147	1.1510	0.2055

Equalisation

This applies only to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 units and is refunded to the holders of these units as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the units for capital gains tax purposes.

Responsibilities of the manager and the trustee

a) The Manager of the Fund is required by the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ('the Sourcebook') to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund at the end of that period and the net revenue or expense and the net gains or losses on the property of the Fund for the period then ended.

In preparing these financial statements, the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the basis that the Fund will continue in operation unless it is inappropriate to presume this.

The Manager is also required to manage the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed, the Prospectus and the Sourcebook, maintain proper financial records to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds as issued by the IA in May 2014 (amended June 2017) and the Sourcebook and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

b) The Depositary in its capacity as Trustee of the PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund must ensure that the Trust is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Trust and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Trust in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Trust's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Trust is booked in cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of units of the Trust are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Trust's assets is remitted to the Trust within the usual time limits;
- the Trust's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM"), which is the UCITS Management Company, are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Trust is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Trust.

Trustee's report and directors' statement

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund of the PUTM Bothwell Unit Trusts ("the Trust") for the Period Ended 31 August 2023.

Having carried out such procedures as we considered necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Trust, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that, in all material respects the Trust, acting through the AFM:

i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Trust's units and the application of the Trust's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust; and

ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Trust in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust.

21 December 2023

Directors' statement

In accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority, we hereby certify the report on behalf of the Directors of Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited.

Birmingham
21 December 2023

Craig Baker, Director
Brid Meaney, Director

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Unitholders, the Balance Sheet, the Distribution Tables and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 August 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC) Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Fund Manager's ("the Manager") use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Manager is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority ("the FCA")

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Trust Deed;
- there is nothing to indicate that proper accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- the information given in the Manager's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority rules requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the Manager

As explained more fully in the Manager's responsibilities statement set out on page 31, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Fund and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Investment Management Association Statement of Recommended practice (the "IMA SORP"), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Fund's Trust Deed and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Fund is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the Manager and the Fund's administrator and a review of the Fund's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence revenue and amounts available for distribution.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the Manager with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting requirements of the Fund.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Fund, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the unitholders of the Fund, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority.

Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the unitholders of the Fund those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the unitholders of the Fund as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young LLP
Statutory Auditor
Edinburgh

21 December 2023

Corporate information (unaudited)

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

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

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

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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. This statement describes how remuneration and benefits are calculated and identifies the committee which oversees and controls this policy. A paper copy of these details can be requested free of charge from the Manager.

This statement fulfils Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited's ('the Manager') obligations as an authorised UK UCITS Manager in respect of compliance with the UCITS V Remuneration Code and contains relevant remuneration disclosures.

PUTM Unit Trusts are managed by Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited, which is a subsidiary of Phoenix Life Limited, part of The Phoenix Group plc ('the Group').

The Remuneration Committee ('the Committee') of the Group has established a Remuneration Policy which applies to all entities of the Group. The guiding principles of this policy ensure sound and effective risk management so as not to encourage risk-taking outside of the Group's risk appetite, and support management in the operation of their business through identification of minimum control standards and key controls. The Committee approves the list of UK UCITS Code Staff annually and identified UK UCITS Code Staff are annually notified of their status and the associated implications.

Further information on the Group Remuneration Policy can be found in the Group annual reports and accounts which can be found on www.phoenixgroup.com.

The below table provides detail of remuneration provided, split between fixed and variable remuneration, for UK UCITS Code Staff (defined as all staff whose professional activities have material impact on the risk profiles of the fund it manages).

As at 31 December 2022

	Headcount	Total remuneration
Phoenix Unit Trust Managers	2	99,305.63
of which		
Fixed Remuneration	2	65,211.04
Variable Remuneration	1	34,094.59
Carried Interest	n/a	
Highest paid Director's Remuneration		**39,922.40**

Corporate information (unaudited)

The Directors are employed by fellow entities of the Group. The total compensation paid to the Directors of the Manager is in respect of services to the Manager, irrespective of which entity within the Phoenix Group has paid the compensation.

Please note that due to the employment structure and resourcing practices of the Group, the staff indicated in this table may also provide services to other companies in the Group.

The table states the actual number of employees who are fully or partly involved in the activities of the Manager, no attempt has been made to apportion the time spent specifically in support of each fund as this data is not captured as part of the Manager's normal processes.

The remuneration disclosed is the total remuneration for the year and has been apportioned between the provisions of services to the Manager and not the Fund.

Total remuneration can include any of the following;

- Fixed pay and annual/long term incentive bonuses.
- Where fixed pay is directly attributable to PUTM Unit Trusts (for example, fees for Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited), 100% of those fees.
- For other individuals, pro-rated using the average AUM of PUTM Unit Trusts (as a proportion of the aggregate average AUM of The Phoenix Group plc) as proxy.

Senior Management includes – PUTM Board and PUTM Executive Committees.

Other Code Staff includes all other UK UCITS Code Staff not covered by the above.

Assessment of Value

We are required to perform an annual assessment of the value for money for each unit class of PUTM Bothwell Tactical Asset Allocation Fund. This has been performed based on the information available as at 31 August 2023.

We have performed this review having regard to a wide range of factors. In doing so, we have made comparison with the other unit classes of the relevant fund, with the unit classes and sub-funds within our fund ranges and also with comparable unit classes and sub-funds in the rest of the market.

Broadly speaking, assessment of value requires consideration of a combination of factors, including the return achieved, the price paid, the risk taken and the quality and range of services provided by the asset manager. This also needs to be considered in the context of the investment objectives and policy for the Fund, the target investor and the recommended holding period.

In considering cost, regard needs to be had to the total cost of investing, including any adviser charges, platform charges, adviser fees and the on-going annual management charge. Regard also needs to be had to the degree of active management; as an investor, you would not be receiving value, if you were being charged fees for active portfolio management, where in fact, the Fund's composition of performance is staying very close to a benchmark. These factors also need to be considered in the context of the size of the portfolio and the ability of larger funds to benefit from economies of scale. As regards performance, it is important that performance is considered over an appropriate timescale given the Fund's objectives, and should be measured net of fees.

Based on our assessment of the value of each unit class, PUTM can confirm that the Fund meets all of the required Assessment of Value criteria. No immediate action is required.

Further details of the Assessment of Value can be found at the following link;
http://www.phoenixunittrust.co.uk/report-and-accounts.aspx

Fund Climate Report

We're working towards a more sustainable way of investing. For the latest information about what we're doing and our fund climate report, go to phoenix-unit-trust-managers.co.uk/fund-climate-report.

Risks

The price of units and the revenue from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount they invested, particularly in the case of early withdrawal. Tax levels and reliefs are those currently applicable and may change. The value of any tax relief depends on personal circumstances.

Management charges on some funds are charged to capital and therefore a reduction in capital may occur.

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

Corporate information (unaudited)

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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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