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# PHOENIX UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT For the year: 16 April 2021 to 15 April 2022

# PUTM BOTHWELL EUROPE FUND (CLOSED)



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

# Investment review

#### **Dear Investor**

Welcome to the PUTM Bothwell Europe Fund annual report from 16 April 2021 to the Fund's close on 11 October 2021.

#### **Performance Review**

Over the review period, the PUTM Bothwell Europe Fund increased by 8.7% (Source: Factset, for the period 16/04/21 to 11/10/21). This compares with an increase of 3.7% for its benchmark index (Source: Factset, MSCI Europe ex UK, gross returns, in sterling for the period 16/04/21 to 11/10/21).

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

#### Standardised Past Performance

	Apr 21-Oct 21 % growth	Apr 20-21 % growth	Apr 19-20 % growth	Apr 18-19 % growth	Apr 17-18 % growth
PUTM Bothwell Europe Fund	8.7	40.4	-11.5	1.9	5.7
Benchmark Index	3.7	40.1	-10.3	5.6	5.5

Source: Fund performance is Factset. Benchmark Index performance is Factset, in sterling to 15 October for each year except the period April 2021 to October 2021.

#### Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

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

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

### Investment review

#### Portfolio and Market Review

European equities rose over the period. Shares were boosted over the summer months by positive corporate results, dovish comments from the European Central Bank (ECB), strong economic growth and gathering momentum in the vaccination campaign. Investors generally put aside concerns around rising cases of the Covid-19 Delta variant, which led to the partial reintroduction of lockdown restrictions in some countries.

In September, a combination of peaking growth, rising inflation and contagion concerns stemming from the Chinese property market weighed on sentiment and drove markets lower for most of the month. Germany was among the worst performers. Outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union-Christian Social Union bloc lost out to the Social Democratic Party in the federal election. Meanwhile, the ECB maintained its zerorate policy over the period. ECB President Christine Lagarde stated that inflation is expected to remain below the central bank's target.

The Fund outperformed its benchmark over the period.

The investment process underlying the Fund targets simultaneous exposure to a broad range of factors that academic and empirical research has shown deliver superior returns over the long term. Examples of such factors are value, quality and momentum. Combining these factors within a multifactor framework then allows the Fund to reap the benefits of diversification with the aim of outperforming throughout the market cycle.

The performance of our proprietary quality factors over the period was mixed, with accruals underperforming, profitability flat and investment outperforming. In aggregate, quality outperformed, driven by increasing worries over inflation due to rising energy prices and supply-chain bottlenecks.

The Fund's composite value strategy (a blend of several value metrics ranging from deep, cyclical measures of value, such as book yield, to value metrics with more defensive attributes, for example dividend yield) and free cash flow yield both underperformed due to increased risk aversion.

The performance of our momentum strategies was also mixed with trend, which is based on the momentum of individual industries, underperforming and sentiment outperforming.

In terms of individual stocks, the Fund benefited from an active holding in the Swiss hearing care solutions firm Sonova. The share price rose 33.7% after the company reported better-than-expected results for the second half of the year, in part due to strong sales growth in the Asia Pacific region. Sonova had a positive score according to our measures of sentiment. In addition, an overweight position in the Dutch semiconductor equipment manufacturer ASML was also a positive contributor to performance. The stock rose 16.7%, driven by the global shortage in semiconductors. ASML had a high score based on our trend metrics. On the downside, an underweight position in the Italian bank UniCredit detracted from performance. The share price rose 40.1% in anticipation of the post-pandemic recovery in the Eurozone economy. UniCredit scored poorly on our profitability metrics.

#### Market Outlook and Fund Strategy

The Fund closed in October 2021.

# Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

#### Investments held at 15 April 2022

		Market	
Holding	Investment	£000	total net assets %
i ioidiilB	Europe (15/04/21 – 99.64%)	2000	,,,
	Alternative Energy (15/04/21 – 0.30%)		0.00
	Oil & Gas Producers (15/04/21 – 2.26%)		0.00
	Chemicals (15/04/21 – 4.14%)		0.00
	Aerospace & Defence (15/04/21 – 0.73%)		0.00
	Industrial Metals (15/04/21 – 0.51%)		0.00
	Construction & Materials (15/04/21 – 5.49%)		0.00
	General Industrials (15/04/21 – 2.16%)		0.00
	Electronic & Electrical Equipment (15/04/21 – 2.24%)		0.00
	Industrial Transport (15/04/21 – 2.86%)		0.00
	Support Services (15/04/21 – 0.50%)		0.00
	Automobiles & Parts (15/04/21 – 4.73%)		0.00
	Beverages (15/04/21 – 1.47%)		0.00
	Food Producers (15/04/21 – 4.35%)		0.00
	Household Goods (15/04/21 – 0.48%)		0.00
	Personal Goods (15/04/21 – 7.48%)		0.00
	Mining (15/04/21 – 0.85%)		0.00
	Tobacco (15/04/21 – 0.12%)		0.00
	Industrial Engineering (15/04/21 – 3.78%)		0.00
	Healthcare Equipment & Services (15/04/21 – 4.16%)		0.00
	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology (15/04/21 – 9.33%)		0.00
	Food & Drug Retailers (15/04/21 – 1.97%)		0.00
	General Retailers (15/04/21 – 1.94%)		0.00
	Media (15/04/21 – 1.72%)		0.00
	Travel & Leisure (15/04/21 – 0.11%)		0.00
	Fixed Line Telecom (15/04/21 – 1.12%)		0.00
	Mobile Telecom (15/04/21 – 0.40%)		0.00
	Electricity (15/04/21 – 2.90%)		0.00
	Gas, Water & Multiutilities (15/04/21 – 1.81%)		0.00
	Banks (15/04/21 – 6.20%)		0.00
	Life Insurance (15/04/21 – 1.78%)		0.00
	Non-Equity Invest Instruments (15/04/21 – 0.29	9%)	0.00
	Non-Life Insurance (15/04/21 – 3.20%)		0.00

# Portfolio of investments (unaudited)

#### Investments held at 15 April 2022

	Ma	arket	Percentage of	
	V	alue	total net assets	
Holding	Investment £	000	%	
	Financial Services (15/04/21 – 4.58%)		0.00	
	Technology Hardware & Equipment (15/04/21 – 6.12%)		0.00	
	Internet & Software Services (15/04/21 – 3.79%)		0.00	
	Real Estate & Investment Services			
	(15/04/21 – 1.53%)		0.00	
	Real Estate Investment Trusts (15/04/21 – 0.35%)		0.00	
	Money Markets (15/04/21 – 1.78%)		0.00	
	Futures (15/04/21 – 0.10%)		0.00	
	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts			
	(15/04/21 – 0.01%)		0.00	
	Portfolio of investments		0.00	
	Fortiono of investments	-	0.00	
	Net other assets	-	0.00	
	Net assets	-	0.00	

# Top ten purchases and sales For the year ended 15 April 2022

Purchases	Cost £000	Sales	Proceeds £000
Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux)		Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux)	
<ul> <li>Seabury Sterling Class Z-1</li> </ul>	138,480	<ul> <li>Seabury Sterling Class Z-1</li> </ul>	164,534
Bayer	10,672	ASML Holding	66,787
DSV	10,095	Nestle 'R'	60,274
Engie	9,390	Roche Holding	52,445
Koninklijke Philips	8,952	LVMH	48,953
Infineon Technologies	8,284	SAP	32,273
BASF	7,633	Novartis 'R'	32,119
adidas	7,016	Novo Nordisk 'B'	29,141
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	6,983	Siemens	28,461
Covestro	6,914	Allianz	27,527
Subtotal	214,419	Subtotal	542,514
Other purchases	201,616	Other sales	1,371,112
Total purchases for the year	416,035	Total sales for the year	1,913,626

#### **Comparative tables**

		Class 'A' Accumulation	
	15/04/22**	15/04/21	15/04/20
Channe in not county non-unit	pence	pence	pence
Change in net assets per unit	024.00	100 70	104.07
Opening net asset value per unit	234.00	169.72	194.87
Return before operating charges*	9.36	67.44	(22.07)
Operating charges	(1.79)	(3.16)	(3.08)
Return after operating charges*	7.57	64.28	(25.15)
Distributions on accumulation units	-	(0.67)	(2.12)
Retained distributions on			
accumulation units	_	0.67	2.12
Cancellation price	(241.57)	-	-
Closing net asset value per unit	_	234.00	169.72
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.04	0.11	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	3.24%	37.87%	(12.91)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£000)	-	86,197	67,706
Closing number of units	-	36,836,553	39,893,194
Operating charges	1.51%	1.52%	1.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.05%	0.06%
Prices <sup>+</sup>			
Highest unit price (pence)	274.18	251.96	230.75
Lowest unit price (pence)	230.91	170.36	153.33

<sup>^</sup>The direct transaction costs includes commission on futures.

 $^+{\rm High}$  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.

\*\*The Fund cancelled all of its units by in-specie transfer on 7 October 2021 so the information above relates to when the Fund was active.

#### **Comparative tables**

		Class 'B' Accumulation	n
	15/04/22**	15/04/21	15/04/20
	pence	pence	pence
Change in net assets per unit	074.10	105.07	001.00
Opening net asset value per unit	274.12	195.87	221.63
Return before operating charges*	10.93	78.32	(25.68)
Operating charges	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	10.90	78.25	(25.76)
Distributions on accumulation units	-	(4.38)	(5.79)
Retained distributions on		4.00	5 70
accumulation units	_	4.38	5.79
Cancellation price	(285.02)	-	-
Closing net asset value per unit	-	274.12	195.87
*after direct transaction costs of: ^	0.04	0.13	0.13
Performance			
Return after charges	3.98%	39.95%	(11.62)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£000)	-	1,378,217	1,150,173
Closing number of units	-	502,786,504	587,219,393
Operating charges	0.01%	0.02%	0.04%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.05%	0.06%
Prices <sup>+</sup>			
Highest unit price (pence)	300.51	274.53	247.06
Lowest unit price (pence)	270.59	196.64	177.29

<sup>^</sup>The direct transaction costs includes commission on futures.

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The investment objective and the investment policy detailed below, as well as the accounting policies on pages 13 and 14, were appropriate for the period when the Fund was open.

#### Investment objective

The Fund aimed to provide capital growth by outperforming the benchmark (before fees) by 0.5% and 1% over any given 3 year period.

The benchmark is MSCI Europe ex UK Index (the "Index").

#### Investment policy

The Fund aimed to achieve its objective by investing at least 70% of the portfolio in equities or equity related securities of European companies excluding United Kingdom that are constituents of the Index. The Fund may also have invested up to 20% in European (excluding United Kingdom companies) listed outside of the Index.

The Fund's holdings would have typically consisted of equities or "equity related securities" which may have included convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, depository receipts and any other such investments which entitled the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance was, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Fund may also have invested in other transferable securities, which are non-approved securities (essentially unlisted securities), money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash and other collective investment schemes.

Derivatives were used for efficient portfolio management only.

#### Investment strategy

Although a minimum of 70% of the Fund was invested in components of the Index, the Fund was actively managed. The Investment Adviser used numerical techniques to select investments, seeking to improve the level of return that can be achieved for a level of risk similar to that of the Index. The Fund was managed within constraints, so that divergence from the Index was controlled. The Fund's portfolio may, therefore, be similar to the components of the Index.

#### Revenue distribution and pricing

Units of the Fund were available as either Class 'A' or 'B' Accumulation units (where revenue was reinvested to enhance the unit price). There were two potential distributions in each accounting year: an interim distribution as at 15 October and a final distribution as at 15 April.

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

#### **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				ly higher re higher risk		•		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

This Fund was ranked at 6 when it was open (15/04/21: 6) because funds of this type have experienced high rises and falls in value in the past. The Fund is now closed. 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.
- Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means that your money is at greater risk.
- 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.

# Annual financial statements

For the year ended 15 April 2022

#### Statement of total return

		15	5/04/22	15/0	04/21
No	tes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital gains Revenue	4 5	24,195	41,426	32,224	433,461
Expenses	6	(777)		(1,579)	
Interest payable and similar charges		(19)		(66)	
Net revenue before taxation		23,399		30,579	
Taxation	7	(6,263)		(6,155)	
Net revenue after taxation			17,136		24,424
Total return before distributions			58,562		457,885
Distributions	8		(17,243)		(24,560)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders					
from investment activities			41,319		433,325

#### Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

	15,	/04/22***	15	/04/21
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		1,464,414		1,217,879
Amounts receivable on issue of units	903		31,438	
Amounts payable on in-specie transfer**	(1,337,312)		-	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(169,324)		(241,442)	(010.00.0)
		(1,505,733)		(210,004)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		41,319		433,325
Retained distributions on accumulation units		-		23,214
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders				1,464,414

\*\*Represents the value of units cancelled by in-specie transfer of assets during the year. \*\*\*All of the units were cancelled by in-specie transfer on 7 October 2021 therefore no NAV remained at the end of the year.

# Annual financial statements

As at 15 April 2022

#### **Balance sheet**

		15	5/04/22	1	5/04/21
1	Votes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Assets: Fixed assets: Investments		_			1,459,115
Current assets: Debtors Cash and bank balances	9 10	_ 292		4,050 2,584	
Total current assets			292		6,634
Total assets			292		1,465,749
Liabilities: Investment liabilities			-		(33)
Creditors: Other creditors Total creditors	11	(292)	(292)	(1,302)	(1,302)
Total liabilities			(292)		(1,335)
Net assets attributable to unitholders					1,464,414

#### 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.

Following the decision of the Manager to wind up the Fund and approval from the FCA received on 8 September 2021, all of the units in the fund were cancelled by in-specie transfer on 7 October 2021. Accordingly, the going concern basis is no longer appropriate and the financial statements have been prepared on a break up basis. No adjustments were required in these financial statements to reduce assets to their realisable value or provide liabilities arising from the decision. The Manager of the Fund will bear the costs relating to to any such liabilities arising. Unless otherwise stated all accounting policies are consistent with those of the prior year.

#### (b) Valuation of investments

All of the investments of the Fund were cancelled by in-specie transfer on 7 October 2021. Therefore, no investments were held at the end of the accounting year.

#### (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, 15 April 2022, the last valuation point in the accounting year.

#### (d) Revenue

Dividends receivable from equity investments were credited to revenue when they are first quoted ex-dividend. Interest receivable on bank deposits is accounted for on a receipts basis.

#### (e) Special dividends

Special dividends were treated either as revenue or repayments of capital depending on the facts of each particular case. It is likely that where the receipt of a special dividend results in a significant reduction in the capital value of the holding, then the special dividend should be treated as capital in nature so as to ensure the matching principle is applied to gains and losses. Otherwise, the special dividend should be treated as revenue.

#### (f) Stock dividends

The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash is recognised as revenue. Any excess in value of shares received over the amount of cash forgone would be treated as capital.

#### (g) Expenses

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

#### Note 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### (h) Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on taxable income for the year less allowable expenses. UK dividends and franked distributions from UK collective investment schemes are disclosed net of any related tax credit. Overseas dividends, unfranked distributions from UK collective investment schemes, and distributions from overseas collective investment schemes are disclosed gross of any tax suffered, the tax element being separately disclosed in the taxation note.

#### (i) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided at current rates of corporation tax on all timing differences which have originated but not reversed by the Balance sheet date. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the Manager considers it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits from which underlying timing differences can be deducted.

#### Note 2 Distribution policies

#### (a) Basis of distribution

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

Prior to closure, the Fund was not more than 60% invested in qualifying investments (as defined by SI 2006/964, Reg 20) and paid a dividend 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 was 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) Stock dividends

It was the policy of the Fund, where applicable, to distribute the revenue element of stock dividends.

#### (e) Special dividends

It was the policy of the Fund, where applicable, to distribute special dividends which have been treated as revenue.

#### Note 2 Distribution policies (continued)

#### (f) Expenses

In determining the net revenue available for distribution, charges in relation to the legal fees, safe custody and management of investments were ultimately borne by capital. Costs arising from the filing of European withholding tax reclaims were charged to revenue but deducted from capital for the purpose of calculating the distribution. On receipt of any withholding tax reclaims relevant costs were transferred back to revenue and deducted from the distribution.

#### 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 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 were 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 majority of the Fund's financial assets were equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. 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 were invested in overseas securities and the Balance sheet could be significantly affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. The Fund might 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 were comprised of mainly readily realisable securities. If insufficient cash were available to finance unitholder redemptions then securities held by the Fund might need to be sold. The risk of low market liquidity, through reduced trading volumes, might affect the ability of the Fund to trade financial instruments at values previously indicated by financial brokers. From time to time, liquidity might also be affected by stock specific

#### Note 3 Risk management policies (continued)

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 were valued daily but those stocks identified as being less liquid are reviewed on a regular basis for pricing accuracy.

#### (e) 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.

#### (f) 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.

15/04/22

15/04/21

There were no derivatives held at the year end.

#### Note 4 Net capital gains

The net capital gains during the year comprise:

		£000	£000
	Gains on non-derivative securities	40,171	417,650
	Gains on derivative contracts	880	15,637
	Currency (losses)/gains	(174)	53
	Handling charges	3	(3)
	Capital special dividends	546	124
	Net capital gains	41,426	433,461
5	Revenue	15/04/22	15/04/21
		£000	£000
	Overseas dividends	24,141	32,080
	Stocklending commission	49	80
	Interest on tax reclaims	-	11
	Liquidity interest	5	53
	Total revenue	24,195	32,224
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Note

Note 6 (a)	Expenses Payable to the Manager or associates of the Manager	15/04/22 £000 ger	15/04/21 £000
	and agents of either of them: Manager's periodic charge	676	1,380
(b)	Payable to the Trustee or associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them:		
	Trustee's fees	14	52
(c)	Other expenses:	_	
	Audit fee Termination expense	7 18	9
	Safe custody charges	59	136
	Printing & stationery	1	1
	Professional fees	2	1
		87	147
	Total expenses	777	1,579
Note 7	Taxation	15/04/22	15/04/21
		£000	£000
(a)	Analysis of tax charge for the year		
	Overseas withholding tax	1,799	2,586
	Reclaimable tax written off	4,464	3,569
	Total taxation (Note 7(b))	6,263	6,155

#### (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

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

Net revenue before taxation	23,399	30,579
Corporation tax at 20% (15/04/21: 20%)	4,680	6,116
Effects of: Revenue not subject to taxation	(4,818)	(6,405)
Current year expenses not utilised Tax relief on overseas tax suffered Overseas withholding tax Reclaimable tax written off	140 (2) 1,799 4,464	291 (2) 2,586 3,569
Total tax charge for the year (Note 7(a))	6,263	6,155

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

(c) Provision for deferred taxation

At 15 April 2022 the Fund had a potential deferred tax asset of £3,128,286 (15/04/21: £2,988,314) in relation to surplus management expenses of £15,641,430 (15/04/21: £14,941,571).

This is not being recognised as the Fund is closing.

#### Note 8 Distributions

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

	15/04/22 £000	15/04/21 £000
Interim Final		13,652 9,562
	-	23,214
Amounts deducted on cancellation of units Amounts added on issue of units	17,254 (11)	1,442 (96)
Net distribution for the year	17,243	24,560
Net revenue after taxation Expenses taken to capital Capital tax balances	17,136 84 23	24,424 136
Net distribution for the year	17,243	24,560

Details of the distribution per unit are set out in the tables on page 24.

Note 9 Debtors	15/04/22 £000	15/04/21 £000
Accrued income Liquidity interest receivable Overseas tax recoverable		265 1
		3,784
Total debtors		4,050
Note 10 Cash and bank balances	15/04/22 £000	15/04/21 £000
Cash and bank balances	292	979
Amounts held at futures clearing houses		1,605
Total cash and bank balances	292	2,584
Note 11 Other creditors	15/04/22 £000	15/04/21 £000
Cancellations awaiting settlement	-	1,050
Manager's periodic charge payable	-	178
Trustee's fees payable	-	15
Safe custody charges payable	2	36
Audit fee payable	7	9
Handling charges payable Accrued Termination Fees	- 16	14
Amounts due to merger	267	-
Total other creditors	292	1,302

#### Note 12 Reconciliation of units

	Class 'A'	Class 'B'
	Accumulation	Accumulation
Opening units issued at 16/04/21	36,836,553	502,786,504
Unit movements in year:		
Units issued	5,004	310,985
Units cancelled	(36,841,557)	(503,097,489)
Closing units at 15/04/22		

#### Note 13 Contingencies and commitments

At 15 April 2022 the Fund had no outstanding calls on partly paid shares, no potential underwriting commitments or any other contingent liabilities (15/04/21:  $\pounds$ nil).

Following the ruling on Denkavit's case with the European Court of Justice regarding taxation withheld on overseas dividends, the Manager has taken steps to make claims with certain European Tax Authorities for repayment of taxation suffered by the Fund on dividend income.

Due to the uncertainty regarding the likely success of the claims, it is not possible to estimate the potential amount of overseas tax that may be received by the Fund, if any. Therefore, the financial statements presented for the year ended 15 April 2022 have not been adjusted to include any potential receivable amounts.

#### Note 14 Stocklending

The total value of securities on loan at the Balance sheet date was  $\pounds$ nil (15/04/21: £8,315,997). Collateral was held in the following form:

	15/04/22	15/04/21
	£000	£000
Government bonds	-	8,820
Equities	-	9,696
		18,516

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year were £59,269 (15/04/21: £97,771) and £10,668 (15/04/21: £17,599) respectively.

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

- 82% to the Lender (PUTM Bothwell Europe Fund)

- 8% to the Manager (Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited)

- 10% retained by the Lending Agent (eSec)

The counterparties for the securities on loan are shown in the appendix on page 30.

#### Note 15 Unitholders' funds

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

The manager's periodic charge in respect of Class 'A' and Class 'B' units is expressed as an annual percentage of the value of the property of the Fund attributable to each unit class and is currently 1.5075% in respect of Class 'A' units and 0.0075% in respect of Class 'B' units.

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

#### Note 16 Related party transactions

The Manager was 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 liquidation date (15/04/21: 100%) and 100% of the units in Class 'B' Accumulation at the liquidation date (15/04/21: 98.97%).

Manager's periodic charge paid to the Manager, Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited, or its associates, is shown in Note 6(a) and details of the units issued and cancelled by the Manager are shown in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders and Note 8.

Any balances due to/from the Manager or its associates at 15 April 2022 in respect of these transactions are shown in Notes 9 and 11.

#### 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 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**

There was no counterparty exposure held at the year end.

#### **Currency exposure**

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

	1	Net currency a 15/04/22	Ne	t currency at 15/04/21		
Currence					15/04/21 Non-	
Currency	Monetary	Non-	Total	Monetary		Total
	exposure	monetary	exposure	exposure	monetary	exposure
		exposure			exposure	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Danish Krone	-	-	-	266	72,791	73,057
Euro	24	-	24	1,595	978,965	980,560
Norwegian Krone	-	-	-	328	22,896	23,224
Sterling	(24)	-	(24)	374	(3,664)	(3,290)
Swedish Krona	-	-	-	47	125,727	125,774
Swiss Franc	-	-	-	2,561	260,418	262,979
US Dollar	-	-	-	161	1,949	2,110
	-	-	-	5,332 1	L,459,082	1,464,414

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.

#### Note 17 Financial instruments (continued)

#### Interest profile

At the year end date, 0.00% (15/04/21: 1.96%) of the Fund's net assets by value were interest bearing. Interest rates earned/paid on deposits are earned/paid at a rate linked to SONIA (Sterling Overnight Index Average) or international equivalent.

#### 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	15/04/22
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Level	1	2	3	Total
Investment assets	£000	£000	£000	£000
Equities	-	-	-	-
Bonds	-	-	-	-
Derivatives	-	-	-	-
Money markets	-	-	_	
	-	-	-	-
Investment liabilities	£000	£000	£000	£000
Derivatives	-	-	-	_
	-	-	-	-
	-	_	_	
For the year ended 15/0		-	-	
Level	1	- 2	3	Total
		_ 2 £000	_ 3 £000	 Total £000
Level	1		-	
Level Investment assets	1 £000		-	£000
Level Investment assets Equities	<b>£000</b> 1,431,375	000£	-	<b>£000</b> 1,431,375
Level Investment assets Equities Derivatives	<b>£000</b> 1,431,375 1,511	000£	-	<b>£000</b> 1,431,375 1,685
Level Investment assets Equities Derivatives	1 £000 1,431,375 1,511 26,055	£000  174 	-	<b>£000</b> 1,431,375 1,685 26,055
Level Investment assets Equities Derivatives Money markets	1 £000 1,431,375 1,511 26,055 1,458,941	<b>£000</b> 		<b>£000</b> 1,431,375 1,685 26,055 1,459,115
Level Investment assets Equities Derivatives Money markets Investment liabilities	1 £000 1,431,375 1,511 26,055 1,458,941	£000 		<b>£000</b> 1,431,375 1,685 26,055 1,459,115 <b>£000</b>

#### Note 19 Portfolio transaction costs

For the year ended 15/04/22	Value	Commission		Taxes	e	Other xpenses		Total costs
Analysis of total purchases cost	ts £000	£000	%	£000	%	£000	%	£000
Equity transactions	277,032	3	-	166	0.06	37	0.01	277,238
Money markets	138,480	-	-	-	-	-	_	138,480
Corporate actions	317	_	-		-		-	317
Total	415,829	3		166		37		416,035

Analysis of total sales costs	Value £000	Commission £000	%	Taxes £000	e: %	Other xpenses £000	%	Total costs £000
Equity transactions	405,480	(5)	_	-	_	_	_	405,475
Money markets	164,534	-	-	-	-	-	-	164,534
Corporate actions	129	-	_	-	-	-	-	129
In-specie transactions	1,343,488	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,343,488
Total	1,913,631	(5)		_				1,913,626

The Fund has paid £10,017 as commission on purchases and sales of derivatives transactions for the year ended 15/04/22.

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

Commission	0.00%
Taxes	0.01%
Other expenses	0.01%

#### For the year ended 15/04/21

Analysis of total purchases cos	Value ts £000	Commission £000	%	Taxes £000	e: %	tpenses £000	%	costs £000
Equity transactions	762,426	10	-	687	0.09	9	_	763,132
Money markets	250,722	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,722
Corporate actions	1,296	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,296
Total	1,014,444	10		687		9		1,015,150
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Analysis of total sales costs	Value £000	Commission £000	%	Taxes £000	e: %	Other penses £000	%	Total costs £000
Equity transactions	914,343	(12)	_	-	_	(1)	_	914,330
Money markets	265,630	-	-	-	-	-	-	265,630
Corporate actions	331	-	-	-	-	-	-	331
Total	1,180,304	(12)		_		(1)		1,180,291

The Fund has paid £20,097 as commission on purchases and sales of derivatives transactions for the year ended 15/04/21.

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

Commission	0.00%
Taxes	0.05%
Other expenses	0.00%

#### Note 19 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

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 0.00% (15/04/21: 0.05%) being the difference between the respective bid and offer prices for the Fund's investments.

# Distribution tables

For the year ended 15 April 2022

#### Dividend distributions Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 16 April 2021

Group 2: units purchased between 16 April 2021 to 15 October 2021

			2021*	2020
			pence	pence
			per unit	per unit
	Net		paid	paid
	income	Equalisation	15 Dec	15 Dec
Class 'A' Accumulation				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6584
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6584
Class 'B' Accumulation				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.4747
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.4747

#### Final distribution in pence per unit

Group 1: units purchased prior to 16 October 2021

Group 2: units purchased between 16 October 2021 to 15 April 2022

Class 'A' Accumulation	Net income	Equalisation	2022* pence per unit payable 15 Jun	2021 pence per unit paid 15 Jun
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0099
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0099
Class 'B' Accumulation				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9010
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9010

\*The Fund cancelled all of its units by in-specie transfer on 7 October 2021.

#### 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 Europe 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 Europe Fund ('the Trust') for the period ended 15 April 2022.

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:

- has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Trust's units and the application of the Trust's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust; and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Trust in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust.

London 29 July 2022 HSBC Bank plc

#### **Directors' statement**

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

Birmingham 29 July 2022 Craig Baker, Director Andrew Moss, Director

# Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the PUTM Bothwell Europe Fund

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the PUTM Bothwell Europe Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 15 April 2022 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).

The financial statements have been prepared on a break-up basis as disclosed in Note 1(a).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 15 April 2022 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.

#### Emphasis of matter - financial statements prepared on a break up basis

We draw attention to Note 1(a) to the financial statements which explains that the Manager intends to wind up the Fund and therefore does not consider it to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a break up basis as described in Note 1(a). Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### 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 Europe 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 25, 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 Europe 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. We identified a fraud risk with respect to the incomplete or inaccurate income recognition through incorrect classification of special dividends and the resulting impact to amounts available for distribution. We tested appropriateness of management's classification of material special dividends as either a capital or revenue return.
- 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 29 July 2022

# Appendix (unaudited)

The Fund carried out stocklending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income.

Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

As at 15 April 2022 there were no securities on loan or collateral held. Thus, none of the disclosure is given.

#### **Return and cost**

	Gross return £000	Cost £000	% of overall returns	Net return £000
Fund	60	(11)	82.00	49
	60	(11)		49

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

- 82% to the Lender (PUTM Bothwell Europe Fund)
- 8% to the Manager (Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited)
- 10% retained by the Lending Agent (eSec)

# Corporate information (unaudited)

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

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

Ignis Investment Services Limited is part of the Standard Life Aberdeen plc group and its subsidiaries.

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

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

#### Remuneration

The Manager has adopted a remuneration policy, up-to-date details of which can be found on www.phoenixunittrust.co.uk. This statement describes how remuneration and benefits are calculated and identifies the committee which oversees and controls this policy. A paper copy of these details can be requested free of charge from the Manager.

This statement fulfils Phoenix Unit Trust Managers Limited's ('the Manager') obligations as an authorised 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 UCITS Code Staff annually and identified 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 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 2021

	Headcount	Total remuneration
Phoenix Unit Trust Managers of which	2	90,655.88
Fixed Remuneration	2	59,744.92
Variable Remuneration	1	30,910.96
Carried Interest	n/a	
Highest paid Director's Remuneration		40,843.47

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.

# Corporate information (unaudited)

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

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

Total remuneration can include any of the following;

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

Senior Management includes - PUTM Board and PUTM Executive Committees.

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

#### Assessment of Value

We are required to perform an annual assessment of the value for money for each unit class of PUTM Bothwell Europe Fund. This was performed and included in the previous annual report based on the information available as at 15 April 2021. The fund closed in October 2021, but a copy of the summary from the reporting period up to 15 April 2021 is available below:

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 most of the required Assessment of Value criteria except for the AFM Costs and comparable market rates which are currently higher than market average. These costs have now been reviewed and lower rates will be applied before year end 2021, which will result in green ratings across all the Assessment of Value criteria.

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

#### 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.

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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 UCITS fund.

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