



# A DIVERSE PORTFOLIO BY GEOGRAPHY AND SECTOR

# Closed-end investment company, traded on the London Stock Exchange

# **JUNE 2019**

# **OBJECTIVE**

UIL Limited ("UIL") seeks to maximise shareholder returns by identifying and making investments where the underlying value is not reflected in the market price.

#### **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

To seek to invest in undervalued investments. This perceived undervaluation may arise from any number of factors, including technological change, market motivation, prospective financial engineering opportunities, competition, management underperformance or shareholder apathy. UIL has the flexibility to make investments in a wide range of sectors and markets.

### **KEY DATES**

| Launch date*                                      | August 2003                          |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Year end  | 30 June                              |  |  |
| AGM date  | November                             |  |  |
| Ex-dividend dates                                 | September, December,<br>March & June |  |  |
| Dividend paid dates                               | September, December,<br>March & June |  |  |
| 2020 ZDP shares expiry                            | 31 October 2020                      |  |  |
| 2022 ZDP shares expiry                            | , 31 October 2022                    |  |  |
| 2024 ZDP shares expiry                            | y 31 October 2024                    |  |  |
| 2026 ZDP Shares Expiry                            | 31 October 2026                      |  |  |
| *Utilico Investment Trust plc – UIL's predecessor |                                      |  |  |
|   |                                      |  |  |

# PERFORMANCE 800 700 600 500 400 300 200 Jun Jun Jun Jun Jun Jun Jun 15 16 17 18 19 Share price total return — Net Asset Value total return — FTSE All-Share Index total return

Rebased to 100 as at 14 August 2003

# PERFORMANCE (Total return including dividends)

|                                   | 1 month | 3 months | 1 year | 3 years | Inception |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Share Price                       | (0.1%)  | 13.2%    | 18.8%  | 73.6%   | 443.0%    |
| Net Asset Value                   | 5.9%    | 10.8%    | 29.5%  | 65.7%   | 637.6%    |
| FTSE All-Share Index total return | 3.7%    | 3.3%     | 0.6%   | 29.5%   | 245.3%    |

# ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (Total return including dividends)

| 12 Months to                      | Jun 19 | Jun 18 | Jun 17 | Jun 16 | Jun 15 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Share Price                       | 18.8%  | 11.3%  | 31.3%  | 19.5%  | (2.6%) |
| Net Asset Value                   | 29.5%  | 18.9%  | 7.7%   | 48.9%  | 6.6%   |
| FTSE All-Share Index total return | 0.6%   | 9.0%   | 18.1%  | 2.2%   | 2.6%   |

# **FUND DETAILS**

| ORDINARY SHARES Tid              | ker: UTL.L |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| NAV at launch of UIT*            | 99.47p     |
| NAV (cum income)                 | 369.81p    |
| Share Price                      | 199.00p    |
| Discount to NAV                  | (46.2%)    |
| Annual average compound return   | 13.4%      |
| (including dividends)            |            |
| Historic Dividend paid per share | 7.50p      |
| Historic Dividend Yield          | 3.8%       |
| Ongoing charges figure excluding | 2.1%       |
| performance fees                 |            |
| Shares in issue                  | 88,283,389 |

<sup>\*</sup>Utilico Investment Trust plc – UIL's predecessor

| ZDP SHARES                        | 2020    | 2022    | 2024    | 2026    |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Accrued Capital Entitlement       | 141.01p | 120.03p | 107.97p | 105.89p |
| Share Price                       | 149.50p | 132.00p | 114.00p | 107.50p |
| Premium / (discount) to NAV       | 6.0%    | 10.0%   | 5.6%    | 1.5%    |
| ZDP Cover*                        | 4.92x   | 2.97x   | 2.42x   | 2.08x   |
| Yield to Redemption*              | 2.7%    | 3.3%    | 3.7%    | 4.8%    |
| ZDP Redemption Value              | 154.90p | 146.99p | 138.35p | 151.50p |
| Shares in issue                   | 39.0m   | 50.0m   | 30.0m   | 25.0m   |
| Ticker                            | UTLE.L  | UTLF.L  | UTLG.L  | UTLH.L  |
| *based on final redemption values |         |         |         |         |

# CAPITAL STRUCTURE

| Gross Assets less Current Liabilities | £550.0m |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Bank and other Debt                   | £50.9m  |
| ZDP shares 2020                       | £55.4m  |
| ZDP shares 2022                       | £59.5m  |
| ZDP shares 2024                       | £31.6m  |
| ZDP shares 2026*                      | £26.1m  |
| Shareholders' Funds (Ordinary Shares) | £326.5m |
|                                       | £550.0m |
| Gearing (based on AIC definition)     | 65.8%   |
|                                       |         |

<sup>\*</sup> includes 11.9m 2026 ZDP shares held by UIL

Gearing AIC – standardised gearing calculation as recommended by the AIC is based on net assets

# INVESTMENT MANAGERS

UIL is managed by ICM Limited and ICM Investment Management Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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# INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

0.5% of gross assets plus Company Secretarial Fee.

# PERFORMANCE FEE

15% of the outperformance over benchmark subject to minimum hurdle of 5% and high watermark, capped at 2.5% of adjusted equity funds.



PERFORMANCE
UIL'S NAV total
return recorded
a 5.9% increase
in June, ahead of
the FTSE All Share
Total Return Index
which increased
by 3.7% in Sterling
terms over the
same period.

Global markets were strong in June, bolstered by the dovish tone of the US Federal Reserve which signalled a willingness to cut rates in the event that ongoing trade disputes impact the US economic outlook. However, Trump's meeting with Xi Jinping at the G20 summit towards the end of the month delivered a positive outcome, with a planned USD 300bn worth of additional tariffs on Chinese imports halted, at least temporarily, and negotiations seen to be back on track.

The majority of developed market indices recovered last month's losses, with the S&P, Eurostoxx and FTSE 100 up 6.9%, 5.9% and 3.7%, respectively. The emerging markets were equally strong, led by Argentina's MERVAL which recorded a large 23.1% gain as election volatility continued to move prices. Elsewhere in Latin America, Brazil's Bovespa climbed 4.1% and in Asia, Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 6.1%. Thailand was up 6.8% and India's SENSEX was the outlier, declining 0.8% after recording large gains ahead of elections earlier this year.

Looking at currencies, Sterling increased 1.0% against the US Dollar but fell 1.2%, 0.3% and 2.1% against the Euro, Australian Dollar and New Zealand Dollar, respectively, with the weaker USD a reflection of shifting interest rate expectations. Sterling depreciated against the majority of emerging market currencies.

Brent Crude oil gained a further 3.2% over the period, rising to USD 66.55/bbl. Meanwhile, Gold was particularly strong, up 8.0% to USD 1,409.45 per ounce.

#### **PORTFOLIO**

There were no changes to the constituents of UIL's top ten investments during June. Purchases during the month totalled £7.5m and realisations amounted to £7.3m.

Top holding, Somers, recorded a small 1.3% decline, while Utilico Emerging Markets
Trust Plc's share price rose 8.0% in response to a 6.0% rise in underlying NAV over the

period. Zeta Resources and Resolute Mining benefitted from an uplift in commodity prices, gaining 10.9% and 19.2%, respectively, and Zeta Resources accepted an offer from Saracen Mineral Holdings for Bligh Resources. Shareholders will receive 0.0369 Saracen shares for every 1 Bligh share. In the technology sector Afterpay climbed 3.8% while Optal's value declined 4.2% over the period.

BFIC's NAV was revised down 28.2%, reflecting the payment of a USD 10.95 per share dividend in specie, with UIL receiving payment in One Communications Limited shares. Ascendant (BFIC's majority investment) announced it had reached an agreement to accept an offer from Algonquin Power which offers shareholders USD 36.00 per share.

#### DFRT

Bank debt totalled £50.9m as at 30 June 2019, up 2.4% over the month, with underling positions drawn as AUD 69.0m, CAD 20.0m and USD 1.1m. Foreign exchange hedge positions into Sterling increased against the US Dollar from USD 77.3m to USD 84.8m. Other hedge positions were stable at EUR 26.0m, NZD 7.4m and AUD 144.7m.

#### OTHER

UIL's share price ended the month at 199.00p, a 1.0% decline. The discount to NAV widened from 42.7% to 46.2%.

The 2020 ZDP share price was unchanged at 149.50p, while the 2022 ZDP shares increased by 1.5% to 132.00p, the 2024 ZDP shares increased by 3.2% to 114.00p and the 2026 ZDP shares increased by 0.9% to 107.50p.

During the month, UIL sold in the market 1.0m 2026 ZDP shares issued by its subsidiary, UIL Finance Limited, at a price of 106.50p per 2026 ZDP Share. Following this sale, UIL has a remaining holding of 11.9m 2026 ZDP shares.

UIL paid its third quarterly interim dividend of 1.875p per ordinary share in respect of the year ending 30 June 2019, which was paid on 28 June 2019.

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#### **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

| ТО  | P TEN HOLDINGS                             | % of Group investments |
|-----|--|------------------------|
| 1   | Somers Limited                             | 21.8%                  |
| 2   | Utilico Emerging Markets Trust plc         | 16.3%                  |
| 3   | Zeta Resources Limited                     | 12.7%                  |
| 4   | Resolute Mining Limited                    | 12.3%                  |
| 5   | Optal Limited                              | 8.0%                   |
| 6   | Afterpay Touch Group Limited               | 6.9%                   |
| 7   | Bermuda First Investment Compan<br>Limited | y 4.4%                 |
| 8   | One Communications Limited                 | 4.2%                   |
| 9   | Allectus Capital Limited                   | 3.6%                   |
| 10  | Vix Tech Pte Ltd                           | 1.7%                   |
| Tot | al Top Ten                                 | 91.9%                  |
|     |  |                        |

| SECTOR SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS |       |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Technology                  | 22.7% |  |  |  |
| Financial Services          | 21.8% |  |  |  |
| Gold Mining                 | 15.0% |  |  |  |
| Resources                   | 9.4%  |  |  |  |
| Electricity                 | 8.0%  |  |  |  |
| Telecoms                    | 6.2%  |  |  |  |
| Other                       | 4.6%  |  |  |  |
| Oil and Gas                 | 2.7%  |  |  |  |
| Ports                       | 2.4%  |  |  |  |
| Road and Rail               | 1.8%  |  |  |  |
| Water                       | 1.7%  |  |  |  |
| Infrastructure Investments  | 1.7%  |  |  |  |
| Renewables                  | 1.3%  |  |  |  |
| Airports                    | 0.7%  |  |  |  |

| GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS |       |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| Australia                         | 20.6% |  |
| Bermuda                           | 15.4% |  |
| Other - Gold Mining               | 15.0% |  |
| UK                                | 11.8% |  |
| Europe (excluding UK)             | 10.9% |  |
| Asia                              | 7.4%  |  |
| Latin America                     | 6.5%  |  |
| North America                     | 6.1%  |  |
| Middle East/Africa                | 5.1%  |  |
| New Zealand                       | 1.2%  |  |
|                                   |       |  |

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