



### A DIVERSE PORTFOLIO BY GEOGRAPHY AND SECTOR

# Delivering long-term return for shareholders

#### **MARCH 2020**

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

#### 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**

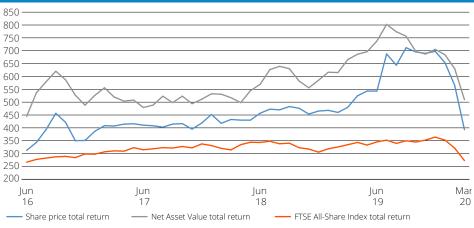
Launch date*	August 2003
Year end	30 June
AGM date	November
Ex-dividend dates	September, December,
	March & June
Dividend paid dates	September, December,
	March & June
2020 ZDP shares expiry	
	March & June
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#### FUND DETAILS

ORDINARY SHARES	Ticker: UTL.L
NAV at launch of UIT*	99.47p
NAV (cum income)	251.10p
Share Price	140.00p
Discount to NAV	(44.2%)
Annual average compound return	10.3%
(including dividends)	
Historic Dividend paid per share	7.63p
Historic Dividend Yield	5.4%
Ongoing charges figure excluding	2.1%
performance fees	
Shares in issue	85,939,314
*Utilico Investment Trust plc – UIL's predecessor	-

**ZDP SHARES** 2020 2022 2024 2026 125.67p 109.87p Accrued Capital Entitlement 148.69p 111.83p Share Price 149.00p 114.00p 89.50p 92.00p Premium/(discount) to NAV 0.2% (9.3%)(20.0%)(16.3%)4.04x 2.42x 1.97x 1.69x 7DP Cover\* 6.9% 10.0% 7.9% Yield to Redemption\* 10.3% ZDP Redemption Value 154.90p 146.99p 138.35p 151.50p 39.0m 50.0m 30.0m 25.0m Shares in issue UTLF.L Ticker UTLE.L UTLG.L UTLH.L

PERFORMANCE



Rebased to 100 as at 14 August 2003

#### PERFORMANCE (Total return including dividends)

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	Inception
Share Price	(30.4%)	(43.7%)	(18.0%)	(3.4%)	293.2%
Net Asset Value	(19.0%)	(27.7%)	(23.4%)	(1.8%)	410.0%
FTSE All-Share Index total return	(15.1%)	(25.1%)	(18.5%)	(12.2%)	172.7%

#### **ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE** (Total return including dividends)

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12 Months to	Mar 20	Mar 19	Mar 18	Mar 17	Mar 16
Share Price	(18.0%)	10.9%	6.3%	67.0%	(5.0%)
Net Asset Value	(23.4%)	28.6%	(0.4%)	62.6%	4.5%
FTSE All-Share Index total return	(18.5%)	6.4%	1.2%	22.0%	(3.9%)

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Gross Assets less Current Liabilities	£445.3m
Bank and other Debt	£49.0m
ZDP shares 2020	£58.2m
ZDP shares 2022	£62.4m
ZDP shares 2024	£32.8m
ZDP shares 2026*	£27.1m
Shareholders' Funds (Ordinary Shares)	£215.8m
	£445.3m
Gearing (based on AIC definition)	106.3%

#### \* includes 2.4m 2026 ZDP shares held by UIL

Gearing AIC – standardised gearing calculation as recommended

by the AIC is based on net assets

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

Conduct Authority.

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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

**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.

0.5% of gross assets plus Company Secretarial

\*based on final redemption values



#### PERFORMANCE

UIL'S NAV total return fell by 19.0% during March, which trailed the FTSE All Share Total Return Index which was down 15.1% in the period.

This month has proven to be one of the most challenging investment environments that ICM has experienced in the past few decades. At the start of the month, market volatility spiked after Saudi Arabia and Russia failed to reach agreement on production cuts, resulting in the Saudis announcing unilateral production hikes, driving the oil price down from over USD 50.00 to just USD 22.74 per barrel. Simultaneously, the coronavirus crisis has escalated worldwide, resulting in the rapid implementation of lockdowns across all major economies. This has resulted in significant market disruption and a flight to safe haven instruments such as the US Dollar.

Developed equity indices witnessed a high level of volatility during the month, with all main markets ending the period materially lower. The S&P 500 declined 12.5%, the FTSE 100 fell 13.8%, Eurostoxx was down 16.3%, and the Australian ASX 200 collapsed 21.2%. Many EM indices fared worse than this, with the Brazilian BOVESPA being a notable underperformer, plummeting 29.9%. Currencies were mixed against Sterling, with the USD and Euro strengthening 3.0% and 2.9% respectively versus Sterling, while the Australian Dollar fell 2.2% against Sterling. Note that these figures understate the considerable swings seen on an intraday basis.

While the social and medical response of governments to the coronavirus crisis has been varied, the economic response has been synchronised and unprecedented – both in the scale and pace of fiscal stimulus. All major Central Banks have cut interest rates which in most developed markets are now at or near zero. Massive fiscal measures – currently estimated to exceed USD 11.0 trillion globally – are being put in place to support households at a time that lockdowns have resulted in economic shutdowns and rapid increases in unemployment.

Unsurprisingly given the economic and political backdrop with OPEC+, commodity prices have fallen, with Brent crude oil crashing down 55.0%, and copper falling 12.5%. Gold has proven more stable, easing just 0.5% during March.

#### PORTFOLIO

There was one change to the top ten investments in UIL in March, with Orbital Corp replacing Afterpay following relative performance and continued divestment in the latter. Orbital is an industrial technology company listed on the ASX which has patented propulsion systems for the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) market. It has offices in Australia and the US and has key contracts with defence companies such as Boeing. Orbital's share price was down 1.2% in March.

The month saw significant declines in the Zeta Resources and UEM share prices, down 34.0% and 22.3% respectively. It was also disappointing to see Resolute Mining's share price decline 14.0%, in a month that has seen a stable gold price and Resolute continue to make considerable progress on its Syama underground mine. Gold production in Q1 at Syama increased by 23.0% on the previous quarter, with total production at 110,763oz.

Of the other top ten positions Optal was down 10.6% and the value of Allectus declined 13.8%. The remainder were broadly unchanged over the month.

Purchases during the month for the portfolio amounted to  $\pm 3.7$ m and realisations totalled  $\pm 2.0$ m.

#### DEBT

Bank debt was broadly unchanged on the previous month, at £49.0m, entirely drawn in AUD 99.3m. Foreign exchange hedge positions to Sterling at month-end were at USD 51.6m, EUR 48.9m, AUD 35.0m and CAD 26.2m.

#### OTHER

UIL's ordinary share price ended the month at 140.00p, a 31.4% decline over the month. The discount to NAV widened to 44.2%. The 2020, 2022, 2024 and 2026 ZDP share prices fell 2.0%, 14.0%, 24.8% and 16.4% to 149.00p, 114.00p, 89.50p and 92.00p respectively.

UIL's second quarterly interim dividend of 2.00p per ordinary share in respect of the year ending 30 June 2020, was paid on 27 March 2020.

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#### **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

		% of Group
то	P TEN HOLDINGS	investments
1	Somers Limited	29.7%
2	Zeta Resources Limited	13.8%
3	Utilico Emerging Markets Trust plc	13.1%
4	Resolute Mining Limited	8.2%
5	Optal Limited	7.2%
6	Ascendant Group Limited	5.8%
7	One Communications Limited	5.4%
8	Allectus Capital Limited	4.8%
9	Vix Tech Pte Ltd	2.1%
10	Orbital Corporation Limited	1.4%
Tot	al Top Ten	91.5%

#### SECTOR SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS

Financial Services	29.8%
Technology	18.1%
Resources	11.1%
Gold Mining	10.3%
Telecoms	7.4%
Infrastructure Investments	6.8%
Other	4.8%
Electricity	3.9%
Ports	3.5%
Oil and Gas	2.1%
Renewables	1.0%
Water	1.0%
Airports	0.2%

#### GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS

Australia & New Zealand	25.4%
Bermuda	18.0%
UK	13.5%
Other – Gold Mining	10.3%
Europe (excluding UK)	9.8%
Asia	7.5%
Middle East/Africa	7.3%
Latin America	4.8%
North America	3.4%

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