



# A DIVERSE PORTFOLIO BY GEOGRAPHY AND SECTOR

# **Delivering long-term return** for shareholders

#### **FEBRUARY 2022**

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

#### OBJECTIVE

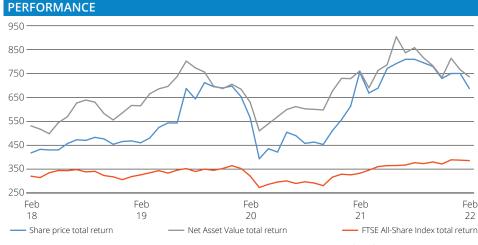
UIL Limited ("UIL") seeks to maximise shareholder returns by identifying and making investments where the underlying value is not reflected in the market price.

#### 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			
2022 ZDP shares expiry	31 October 2022			
2024 ZDP shares expiry	31 October 2024			
2026 ZDP Shares Expiry	31 October 2026			
2028 ZDP Shares Expiry	31 October 2028			
*Utilico Investment Trust plc – UIL's predecessor				



Rebased to 100 as at 14 August 2003

## **PERFORMANCE** (Total return including dividends)

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	Inception
Share Price	(8.4%)	(5.8%)	(9.1%)	49.4%	587.3%
Net Asset Value	(3.9%)	0.3%	(3.2%)	19.7%	636.2%
FTSE All-Share Index total return	(0.5%)	3.8%	16.0%	18.4%	285.6%

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

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Feb 22	Feb 21	Feb 20	Feb 19	Feb 18
(9.1%)	33.8%	22.8%	10.2%	2.2%
(3.2%)	20.8%	2.4%	15.9%	(4.5%)
16.0%	3.5%	(1.4%)	1.7%	4.4%
	(9.1%) (3.2%)	(9.1%) 33.8% (3.2%) 20.8%	(9.1%) 33.8% 22.8%   (3.2%) 20.8% 2.4%	(9.1%) 33.8% 22.8% 10.2%   (3.2%) 20.8% 2.4% 15.9%

£492.3m

£59.2m

£50.1m

£36.2m

£29.9m

£25.3m

£291.6m £492.3m

68.0%

# **FUND DETAILS**

ORDINARY SHARES	Ticker: UTL.L
NAV at launch of UIT*	99.47p
NAV (cum income)	347.70p
Share Price	229.00p
Discount to NAV	(34.1%)
Annual average compound return	11.4%
(including dividends)	
Historic Dividend paid per share	8.00p
Historic Dividend Yield	3.5%
Ongoing charges figure excluding	2.1%
performance fees	
Shares in issue	83,866,218
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ZDP SHARES	2022	2024	2026	2028
Accrued Capital Entitlement	141.15p	122.23p	120.63p	104.90p
Share Price	143.50p	122.50p	116.50p	98.50p
Premium/(discount) to NAV	1.7%	0.2%	(3.4%)	(6.1%)
ZDP Cover*	4.38x	3.19x	2.56x	2.13x
Yield to Redemption*	3.6%	4.7%	5.8%	6.7%
ZDP Redemption Value	146.99p	138.35p	151.50p	152.29p
Shares in issue	35.6m	30.0m	25.0m	25.0m
Ticker	UTLF.L	UTLG.L	UTLH.L	UTLI.L

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Bank and other Debt

ZDP shares 2022

ZDP shares 2024

ZDP shares 2026\*

ZDP shares 2028\*\*

Gross Assets less Current Liabilities

Shareholders' Funds (Ordinary Shares)

\* includes 2.3m 2026 ZDP shares held by UIL \*\* includes 0.6m 2028 ZDP shares held by UIL

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

Gearing (based on AIC definition)

#### 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.

#### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

0.5% of gross assets plus Company Secretarial Fee.

#### INVESTMENT MANAGERS

UIL is managed by ICM Limited and ICM nvestment Management Limited, which is uthorised and regulated by the Financial onduct Authority.

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# PERFORMANCE

UIL'S NAV total return declined by 3.9% during February, behind the FTSE All-Share total return Index which eased by 0.5% over the month.

Putin's decision to invade Ukraine after weeks of threats and frantic diplomatic efforts, shocked the international community. The West quickly united to establish tough sanctions and governments provided arms whilst trying to avoid an escalation of the conflict. An increasing number of multinational companies have closed operations in and ceased trading with Russia.

Commodities, especially natural gas, oil and wheat soared, further heightening global inflation fears. The long-term geopolitical impact is impossible to quantify at this stage but could be significant.

Developed markets were generally weaker in February with the S&P500 down by 3.1% and the Eurostoxx declining by 6.0%. However, rising commodity prices assisted the ASX 200 to a 1.1% gain for the month. Emerging markets were more mixed with the Shanghai Composite up by 3.0%, the Brazil Bovespa up by 0.9% and the Indian Sensex down by 3.0%.

Sterling was unchanged against the US Dollar for the month of February and declined marginally against the Euro. The Australian and New Zealand Dollars both strengthened by 3.0% against Sterling.

Brent Crude Oil gained 10.7% in February, exceeding USD 100/bbl for the first time since 2014 and ending the month at USD 100.99/bbl. Gold advanced by 6.2% to USD 1,908.99/oz.

#### PORTFOLIO

There was one change to UIL's top ten holdings in February, with Assetco replacing Novareum Blockchain Asset Fund.

Somers saw its valuation decline by 3.6%, primarily due to a 6.3% decline in the price of Resimac, its largest holding, during the month. Resolute Mining also continued to weaken following disappointing results and guidance in January, with its share price down 8.7% in February. Starpharma's share price declined by 17.4% on poorly received results. Zeta's share price increased by 1.2% whilst Zeta's underlying net tangible assets declined by 2.4%, narrowing the discount to 25.7%. Sindoh's share price increased by 1.4%. UEM's share price was down by 2.3%.

Purchases during the month for the portfolio totalled  $\pm 3.3$ m and realisations amounted to  $\pm 0.4$ m.

# DEBT

Bank debt positions were slightly increased in currency terms in February, with the Sterling liability increasing to £50.2m from £49.4m. The facility was drawn as AUD 34.6m, USD 30.3m and EUR 10.6m.

Foreign exchange hedge positions were maintained, with the only material movement during the period being the Australian Dollar versus Sterling and the US Dollar which increased by 3.0% against both currencies. As at month-end, the foreign exchange hedge positions against Sterling were unchanged at USD 61.3m, AUD 60.6m, CAD 57.8m and EUR 9.0m. The AUD hedge against USD was also unchanged at AUD 10.0m.

## OTHER

UIL's ordinary share price declined by 8.4% to 229.00p. The discount to NAV increased to 34.1% as at 28 February 2022 from 30.9% as at 31 January 2022. During the month, UIL bought back 47,500 shares at an average price of 245.95p.

The share prices of the 2022 and 2024 ZDP shares were unchanged. The share price of the 2026 ZDP shares increased by 0.9% during the month, whilst the 2028 ZDP share price declined by 1.5%.

UIL declared a second quarterly interim dividend of 2.00p per ordinary share in respect of the year ending 30 June 2022, which will be paid on 31 March 2022 to shareholders on the register on 4 March 2022. The ordinary shares went ex-dividend on 3 March 2022.

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#### **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

		% of Group
TO	P TEN HOLDINGS	investments
1	Somers Limited	39.0%
2	Zeta Resources Limited	20.0%
3	Utilico Emerging Markets Trust plc	15.2%
4	ICM Mobility Group Limited	9.2%
5	Allectus Capital Limited	5.1%
6	Resolute Mining Limited	2.6%
7	Nautilus Data Technologies, Inc	1.5%
8	Sindoh Co Limited	1.2%
9	Starpharma Holdings Limited	1.2%
10	AssetCo plc	1.1%
Total Top Ten		96.1%

#### SECTOR SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS

Financial Services	39.0%
Technology	18.5%
Resources	18.0%
Other	7.2%
Gold Mining	4.5%
Ports	3.4%
Electricity	2.1%
Telecoms	1.9%
Oil and Gas	1.7%
Renewables	1.2%
Infrastructure Investments	1.0%
Airports	0.8%
Water	0.7%

#### GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS

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Australia	33.5%
North America	18.8%
UK	14.0%
Asia	11.4%
Europe (excluding UK)	6.7%
Other – Gold Mining	4.5%
Bermuda	4.3%
Latin America	4.2%
New Zealand	1.4%
Middle East/Africa	1.2%

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