



# A DIVERSE PORTFOLIO BY GEOGRAPHY AND SECTOR

# Delivering long-term return for shareholders

### **MAY 2020**

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

# **OBJECTIVE**

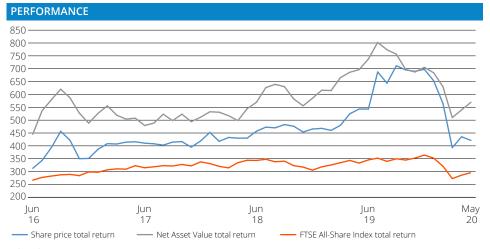
UIL Limited ("UIL") seeks to maximise shareholder returns by identifying and making investments where the underlying value is not reflected in the

#### **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	dates September, December,	
	March & June	
2020 ZDP shares expiry	31 October 2020	
2022 ZDP shares expiry	31 October 2022	
2024 ZDP shares expiry	31 October 2024	
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2024 ZDP Shares Expiry	31 October 2026	



Rebased to 100 as at 14 August 2003

# PERFORMANCE (Total return including dividends)

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	Inception
Share Price	(3.2%)	(25.4%)	(22.4%)	1.3%	321.3%
Net Asset Value	5.5%	(9.6%)	(18.2%)	12.1%	469.3%
FTSE All-Share Index total return	3.4%	(7.8%)	(11.2%)	(8.4%)	195.9%

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

12 Months to	May 20	May 19	May 18	May 17	May 16
Share Price	(22.4%)	26.3%	3.4%	55.9%	3.7%
Net Asset Value	(18.2%)	27.9%	7.2%	40.0%	18.0%
ETSE All-Share Index total return	(11 2%)	(3.2%)	6.5%	24 5%	(6.3%)

# **FUND DETAILS**

ORDINARY SHARES	Ticker: UTL.L
NAV at launch of UIT*	99.47p
NAV (cum income)	280.34p
Share Price	150.00p
Discount to NAV	(46.5%)
Annual average compound return	10.9%
(including dividends)	
Historic Dividend paid per share	7.63p
Historic Dividend Yield	5.1%
Ongoing charges figure excluding	2.1%
performance fees	
Shares in issue	85,939,314

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Utilico Investment Trust plc – UIL's predecessor	
ZDP SHARES	

ZDP SHARES	2020	2022	2024	2026
Accrued Capital Entitlement	150.30p	126.91p	112.67p	110.74p
Share Price	150.50p	126.00p	103.50p	95.25p
Premium/(discount) to NAV	0.1%	(0.7%)	(8.1%)	(14.0%)
ZDP Cover*	4.01x	2.48x	2.04x	1.76x
Yield to Redemption*	7.1%	6.6%	6.8%	7.5%
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 redomption values				

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#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE **INVESTMENT MANAGERS**

ross Assets less Current Liabilities	£481.8m	UIL is managed by ICM Limited and ICM
Bank and other Debt	£58.6m	Investment Management Limited, which is
ZDP shares 2020	£58.8m	authorised and regulated by the Financial
ZDP shares 2022	£63.1m	Conduct Authority.
ZDP shares 2024	£33.1m	
ZDP shares 2026*	£27.3m	www.icm.limited
Shareholders' Funds (Ordinary Shares)	£240.9m	
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<sup>\*</sup> includes 2.4m 2026 ZDP shares held by UIL

Gearing (based on AIC definition)

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

# INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

0.5% of gross assets plus Company Secretarial

# 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.

based on final redemption values



PERFORMANCE
UIL's NAV total
return increased
by 5.5% during
May, ahead of the
FTSE All Share
Total Return Index
which was up by
3.4% in the month.

In May, most markets continued to see positive returns after the sharp losses witnessed in March, as countries began to ease lockdown and central banks and governments continued to cut interest rates, increase stimulus packages as well as announce further support packages for workers and companies

Within Europe, the European Commission proposed a further EUR 750bn for a recovery plan (additional to the EUR 540bn rescue package agreed in April) that will be used to support the European countries which have been worse affected by Covid-19, whilst the ECB indicated that the asset purchase target could be increased. Economic data within the Eurozone also illustrated that activity is starting to pick up post lockdown helping to drive market sentiment. The Eurostoxx Index was up by 4.2% whilst the German Dax Index and the French CAC Index were up 6.7% and 2.7% respectively.

In the US, despite the confirmation of a weaker GDP for 1Q20 which fell 5.0% versus the market expectation of 4.8%, the market remained upbeat with the S&P Index up 4.5%, this was helped by the easing of lockdown which begun by mid-May. The re-emergence of US-China tensions as President Trump threatened to impose compensatory tariffs for Covid-19 as well as delisting Chinese companies from US markets did little to dampen US spirits. However, it did sour the Chinese market as the Shanghai Index was down by 0.3%. The Hong Kong Hang Seng Index was also partly affected, down 6.8% but weakness was primarily fuelled by China's NPC approving the proposal to insert national security laws into the Hong Kong Basic Law. India was also weak in May despite posting an above consensus real GDP rate for 4Q20, as it saw its GDP growth slow to an 11 year low, resulting in the SENSEX Index being down by 3.8% for the month.

Sterling depreciated against most currencies in May as global market sentiment improved and rumblings of a potential no-deal Brexit reemerged. Sterling depreciated 2.0% against

the US Dollar, 3.3% against the Australian Dollar and 3.5% against the Euro.

The oil market remained highly volatile, with Brent Crude oil up 39.8% to USD 35.33 /bbl for May as the market continues to rebalance after the effect of Covid-19 and record high Middle Eastern exports. The gold price also advanced by 2.6% to USD 1,730.27/oz at the end of May, with copper up 3.0%.

#### **PORTFOLIO**

There were no changes to UIL's top ten investments in May.

The best performance within the top ten was Resolute, whose share price was up 30.5% on the back of the successful completion of the second tranche of Resolute's equity raise and also helped by the favourable gold price. Zeta's share price was up by 7.1%.

After Orbital's strong performance in April, the share price was down 16.6% in May, as some investors took profits. Optal's valuation was reduced on the back of WEX's announcement that it was cancelling its agreement to acquire Optal under the material adverse change clause. The Optal board has rejected WEX's position and intend to enforce their contractual rights in the UK courts.

Purchases during the month for the portfolio amounted to £7.9m and realisations totalled £7.9m.

# **DEBT**

The bank debt at the end of May was at £54.9m. The amount borrowed was in Australian Dollars (AUD 102.2m).

Foreign exchange hedge positions to Sterling at month-end were at EUR 60.4m, CAD 52.5m, USD 29.0m and AUD 20.6m.

# **OTHER**

UIL's ordinary share price as at the end of May was 150.00p, down 3.2% over the month. The discount to NAV widened to 46.5%. The 2020, 2022, 2024 ZDP share prices saw no movement over the month, whilst the 2026 ZDP share price fell 0.3%.

On 27 May 2020, UIL declared a third quarterly interim dividend of 2.00p per ordinary share in respect of the year ending 30 June 2020, which will be paid on 26 June 2020 to shareholders on the register on 5 June 2020.

Charles Jillings ICM Investment Management Limited and ICM Limited

# **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

TO	P TEN HOLDINGS	% of Group investments
1	Somers Limited	27.3%
2	Zeta Resources Limited	15.0%
3	Utilico Emerging Markets Trust plc	12.9%
4	Resolute Mining Limited	12.8%
5	Optal Limited	6.4%
6	Ascendant Group Limited	5.3%
7	One Communications Limited	5.0%
8	Allectus Capital Limited	3.9%
9	Orbital Corporation Limited	2.1%
10	Vix Tech Pte Ltd	2.0%
Tot	al Top Ten	92.7%

SECTOR SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS		
Financial Services	27.4%	
Technology	15.9%	
Gold Mining	15.0%	
Resources	12.1%	
Telecoms	6.9%	
Infrastructure Investments	6.2%	
Other	5.4%	
Electricity	3.8%	
Ports	3.0%	
Oil and Gas	2.3%	
Renewables	0.9%	
Water	0.8%	
Airports	0.3%	

GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS	
Australia & New Zealand	24.5%
Bermuda	17.7%
Other – Gold Mining	15.0%
UK	10.8%
Europe (excluding UK)	8.7%
Asia	8.2%
Middle East/Africa	7.4%
Latin America	4.4%
North America	3.3%

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