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Financial Calendar		
Annual General Meeting		29 September 2022
Deadlines for submitting conversion instructions: - for Columbia Threadneedle Investments savings plan investors - for non-Columbia Threadneedle Investments savings plan investors		23 September 2022 30 September 2022
First interim dividend paid	(XD Date 15 September 2022)	7 October 2022
Share conversion facility date		27 October 2022
Second interim dividend paid	(XD Date 15 December 2022)	6 January 2023
Announcement of interim results for six months to 30 November 2022		January 2023
Third interim dividend paid	(XD Date 16 March 2023)	11 April 2023
Fourth interim dividend paid	(XD Date 15 June 2023)	7 July 2023
Announcement of annual results and posting of Annual Report		July 2023

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Overview

### **Company Name** and Overview

#### **Change of Name**

With effect from 29 June 2022, the name of the Company was changed by resolution of the Board to CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC.

CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC (the 'Company') (formerly BMO Managed Portfolio Trust PLC) is an investment trust and was launched on 16 April 2008. Its shares are listed on the premium segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority and traded on the main market of the London Stock Exchange.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Company is to provide investors with access to a broad spread of investment companies, covering a variety of geographies, sectors and investment managers, with the objective of providing both income and growth, while spreading investment risk.

#### **Share Classes**

The Company has two classes of shares with two separate investment portfolios:

- the Income shares, where the investment focus is to provide an attractive level of income, together with some capital growth; and
- the Growth shares, where the investment focus is to achieve capital growth.

The ability to switch between the two share classes annually, in a tax efficient manner, offers flexibility to those investors whose requirements may change over time.

The benchmark index for both the Income Portfolio and the Growth Portfolio is the FTSF All-Share Index.

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The Company is registered in Scotland with company registration number SC338196 Legal Entity Identifier: 213800ZA6TW45NM9YY31





#### **Forward-looking statements**

This document may contain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of the Company. Such statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on the Directors' current views and on information known to them at the date of this document. Nothing should be construed as a profit forecast.

### **Income Shares** – 2022 Highlights

+7.3%

#### **Dividend increased**

Annual dividend increased by 7.3% to 6.65p per Income share compared to the prior year.

+5.1%

#### Dividend yield(1)

Dividend yield of 5.1% at 31 May 2022, based on total dividends for the financial year of 6.65p per Income share. This compares to the yield on the FTSE All-Share Index of 3.3%. Dividends are paid quarterly.

-1.5%

#### NAV total return(1)

Net asset value total return per Income share of -1.5% for the financial year, underperforming the total return of the FTSE All-Share Index (+8.3%) by -9.8%.

-4.4%

#### **Share price total return**<sup>(1)</sup>

Share price total return per Income share of -4.4% for the financial year, underperforming the total return of the FTSE All-Share Index (+8.3%) by -12.7%.

+7.1% CAGR<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Long-term performance**

Net asset value total return per Income share of +162.9% since launch on 16 April 2008, the equivalent of +7.1% compound per year. This has outperformed the total return of the FTSE All-Share Index of +127.0%, the equivalent of +6.0% compound per year.

Investors are reminded that the value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and they may not receive back the full amount invested. Tax benefits may vary as a result of statutory changes and their value will depend on individual circumstances.

<sup>(1)</sup> Yield, total return and compound annual growth rate ("CAGR") – see Alternative Performance Measures on pages 98 to 101.

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# **Income Shares** – Performance Summary

#### Total Return(1)

	Year ended 31 May 2022	Year ended 31 May 2021
Net asset value per Income share	-1.5%	+29.0%
Income share price	-4.4%	+28.2%
FTSE All-Share Index	+8.3%	+23.1%

#### **Other Financial Highlights**

	Year ended 31 May 2022	Year ended 31 May 2021	Change
Net asset value per Income share – capital only	133.67p	142.22p	-6.0%
Income share price – capital only	131.00p	143.50p	-8.7%
FTSE All-Share Index – capital only	4,201.96	4,016.13	+4.6%
Revenue return per share (including net income transfer from Growth shares)	6.85p	6.59p	+3.9%
Dividends per Income share	6.65p	6.20p	+7.3%
Dividend yield <sup>(1)</sup>	5.1%	4.3%	
-Discount/+premium <sup>(1)</sup>	-2.0%	+0.9%	
Ongoing charges <sup>(1)</sup> - excluding performance fee and ongoing charges of underlying funds - including performance fee but excluding ongoing charges of underlying funds - AIC methodology, excluding performance fee but including ongoing charges of underlying funds	1.04% 1.04% 2.07%	1.08% 1.51% 2.26%	

#### Year's Highs/Lows

	Highs 2022	Lows 2022
Net asset value per Income share	146.5p	125.2p
Income share price	148.0p	126.5p
+Premium/-discount <sup>(2)</sup>	+5.7%	-2.6%

<sup>(1)</sup> Total return, yield, +premium/-discount and ongoing charges – see Alternative Performance Measures on pages 98 to 101.

<sup>(2) +</sup>Premium/-discount high - widest premium/narrowest discount in year. +Premium/-discount low - narrowest premium/widest discount in year. Sources: Columbia Threadneedle Investments and Refinitiv Eikon.

### **Growth Shares** – 2022 Highlights

-11.4%

#### NAV total return(1)

Net asset value total return per Growth share of -11.4% for the financial year, underperforming the total return of the FTSE All-Share Index (+8.3%) by -19.7%.

-11.9%

#### **Share price total return**<sup>(1)</sup>

Share price total return per Growth share of -11.9% for the financial year, underperforming the total return of the FTSE All-Share Index (+8.3%) by -20.2%.

+6.7% CAGR<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Long-term growth

The net asset value per Growth share has increased by +149.4% since launch on 16 April 2008, the equivalent of +6.7% compound per year. This has outperformed the total return of the FTSE All Share Index of +127.0%, the equivalent of +6.0% compound per year.

### Outperformance

#### **Longer term outperformance of the benchmark**

The net asset value total return per Growth share has outperformed the total return of the FTSE All-Share Index over three years, five years, ten years and from launch to 31 May 2022

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<sup>(1)</sup> Total return and compound annual growth rate - see Alternative Performance Measures on pages 98 to 101.

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# **Growth Shares** – Performance Summary

#### Total Return(1)

	Year ended 31 May 2022	Year ended 31 May 2021
Net asset value per Growth share	-11.4%	+32.5%
Growth share price	-11.9%	+30.7%
FTSE All-Share Index	+8.3%	+23.1%

#### **Other Financial Highlights**

	Year ended 31 May 2022	Year ended 31 May 2021	Change
Net asset value per Growth share – capital only	244.41p	276.01p	-11.4%
Growth share price – capital only	244.00p	277.00p	-11.9%
FTSE All-Share Index - capital only	4,201.96	4,016.13	+4.6%
-Discount/+premium <sup>(1)</sup>	-0.2%	+0.4%	
Ongoing charges <sup>(1)</sup> - excluding performance fee and ongoing charges of underlying funds - including performance fee but excluding ongoing charges of underlying funds - AIC methodology, excluding performance fee but including ongoing charges of underlying funds	0.96% 0.96% 1.71%	1.03% 1.43% 1.96%	

#### Year's Highs/Lows

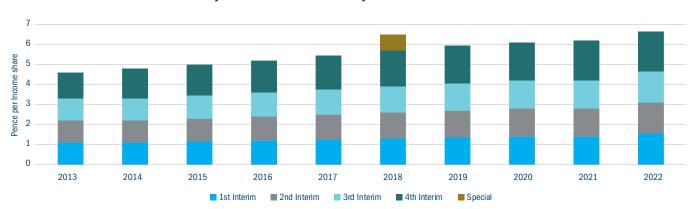
	Highs 2022	Lows 2022
Net asset value per Growth share	299.5p	235.6p
Growth share price	298.0p	240.0p
+Premium/-discount <sup>(2)</sup>	+6.7%	-1.9%

<sup>(1)</sup> Total return, -discount/+premium and ongoing charges – see Alternative Performance Measures on pages 98 to 101.

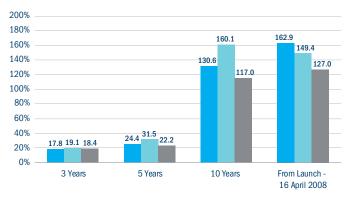
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## **Long-term** Summary

#### Income Shares - Ten Year Dividend History for Financial Year to 31 May

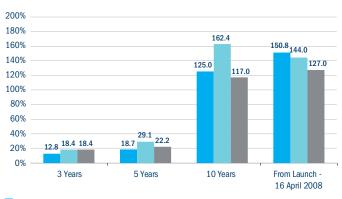


#### NAV Total Return Performance to 31 May 2022



- CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust Income shares NAV total return
- CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust Growth shares NAV total return
- Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Index total return

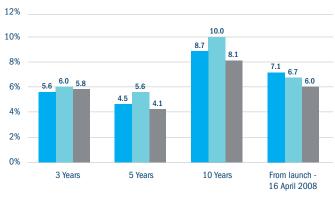
### Share Price Total Return Performance to 31 May 2022



- CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust Income share price total return
- CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust Growth share price total return
- Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Index total return

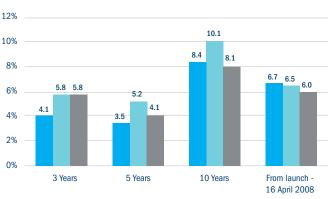
Sources: Columbia Threadneedle Investments and Refinitiv Eikon

#### Compound Annual Growth Rate to 31 May 2022



- CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust Income shares NAV total return
- CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust Growth shares NAV total return
- Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Index total return

#### Compound Annual Growth Rate to 31 May 2022



- CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust Income share price total return
- CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust Growth share price total return
- Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Index total return

### **Strategic** Report

This Strategic Report, which includes pages 7 to 32 and incorporates the Chairman's Statement, has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

### **Chairman's** Statement



- Dividend yield on the Income shares of 5.1% at 31 May 2022
- Eleventh consecutive year of dividend increases

David Warnock, Chairman

#### **Performance**

For the Company's financial year to 31 May 2022 the NAV total return (capital performance plus the reinvestment of any dividends paid) was -1.5% for the Income shares and -11.4% for the Growth shares, both of which underperformed the +8.3% total return for the FTSE All-Share Index, the benchmark index for both share classes. It was particularly disappointing that the Growth Portfolio, after nine consecutive years of being ahead of the benchmark, gave up so much ground during the second half of the financial year. The Income Portfolio followed a similar trend although of a much lesser magnitude.

#### Performance Over 1 Year (Rebased to 100 at 31 May 2021)



Source: Refinitiv Eikon

The about turn in performance started very early in December and was caused by major changes in a series of macro factors which rapidly affected investor sentiment towards financial markets. The rise in inflation accelerated and then the first increase in interest rates occurred which was reflected in the beginning of a marked rise in bond yields. This was behind the change in leadership within equity markets from companies with secular growth characteristics – which had led markets upwards for a number of years, especially so during the pandemic – to old economy companies with value characteristics e.g. oils, miners, tobaccos and banks. This is discussed more fully in the Investment Manager's Review.

Whilst the financial year to 31 May 2022 was difficult in terms of performance, the NAV total return of both share classes outperformed the benchmark over five years, ten years and from launch to 31 May 2022.

For Income shareholders, I am pleased to report that dividends have now been increased in each of the last eleven years. For Growth shareholders seeking long term performance, it is pleasing to note that their net asset value compound annual growth rates have been 6.0%, 5.6% and 10.0% over three years, five years and ten years respectively.

#### **Revenue and Dividends**

For the financial year ended 31 May 2022, four interim dividends have now been paid, totalling 6.65p per Income share (6.20p per Income share for the previous financial year). The fourth interim dividend was paid after the year-end on 8 July 2022.

In order to make the interim dividends of more equal amounts, the first three interim dividends were increased to 1.55p per Income share (1.40p per Income share for the previous financial year). The fourth interim dividend was maintained at the same rate as in the prior financial year (of 2.00p per Income share) and, therefore, the total annual dividend increased by 7.3% in comparison to the prior financial year. This has been achieved while adding £80,000 to the revenue reserve.

This is the eleventh consecutive year of increase and, as a result, the yield on the Income shares was 5.1% on the year-end Income share price, compared with 3.3% for the FTSE All-Share Index.

From an income perspective, the overall revenue generated showed a healthy increase on the previous year and was better than had been expected. Dividend growth came through from a number of holdings, particularly in the UK equity income and alternatives sectors. The increase in exposure to UK equity trusts also enhanced Portfolio revenue growth.

In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, it is the Board's current intention, in accordance with the Company's stated dividend policy, to pay four quarterly interim dividends of at least 1.67p per Income share and that the aggregate dividends for the financial year to 31 May 2023 will be at least 6.68p per Income share.

After allowing for the payment of the fourth interim dividend, CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust has a revenue reserve of £2.2 million, approximately 68% of the current annual dividend cost (at 6.68p per Income share). In addition, following approval from shareholders at the 2021 AGM and also the Scottish Court of Session, the Company's share premium account was cancelled with effect from 26 May 2022 and a new distributable reserve (2022 special reserve) created in both Portfolios. The £29.6 million of this reserve attributable to the Income Portfolio can be used to pay or supplement the payment of dividends to Income shareholders and therefore both this and the revenue reserve are important buffers which can be used if and when considered appropriate by the Board.

#### **Borrowing**

During the financial year, the Company renewed its borrowing facilities with The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited. It entered into an unsecured loan facility for £5 million for a threeyear term at a fixed rate of 2.78% (which was fully drawn down in the Income Portfolio) and also a three-year unsecured revolving credit facility ("RCF") for £5 million. These facilities are available until 10 February 2025. At the year-end, £2 million of the RCF had been drawn down in the Income Portfolio, resulting in total borrowings of £7 million in the Income Portfolio (9.7% of gross assets) and zero in the Growth Portfolio.

The Board is responsible for the Company's gearing strategy and sets parameters within which the Investment Manager operates. Borrowings are not normally expected to exceed 20% of the total assets of the relevant Portfolio; in practice they have been modest and primarily used to enhance income in the Income Portfolio by investing in higher yielding alternatives funds.

#### **Management of Share Premium and Discount to NAV**

In normal circumstances we aim to maintain the discount to NAV at which our shares trade at not more than 5%. In practice over the years the shares have generally traded close to NAV. During the financial year to 31 May 2022, we have been able to maintain an average premium of 1.0% for both the Income shares and the Growth shares.

We are active in issuing shares to meet demand and equally buying back when this is appropriate. During the financial year 1,480,000 new Income shares and 1,085,000 new Growth shares were issued from the Company's block listing facilities at an average premium to their respective NAVs of 1.6% and no Income shares or Growth shares were bought back.

The Board is seeking shareholders' approval to renew the powers to allot shares, buy back shares and sell shares from treasury at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting ('AGM'). Specifically, the Board is seeking approval to allow the Company to issue up to 20% of its Income shares and up to 20% of its Growth shares without rights of pre-emption and in this respect there are two resolutions proposed. Each resolution is for up to 10% and, therefore, for an aggregate of up to 20% of each of the Income shares and Growth shares. This approach allows any shareholder who may not wish to give approval to an aggregate limit higher than that recommended by corporate governance guidelines the ability to approve the first resolution for up to 10% and to also consider the second resolution separately for a further 10%. The Board believes the ability to issue and buy back shares helps to reduce the volatility in the premium or discount of the share prices to the NAVs and the 20% overall share allotment authority and the 14.99% buy back authority with respect to both the Income shares and Growth shares are therefore in the interests of all shareholders.

#### **Share Conversion Facility**

Shareholders have the opportunity to convert their Income shares into Growth shares or their Growth shares into Income shares annually subject to minimum and maximum conversion thresholds which may be reduced or increased at the discretion of the Board.

The ability to convert without incurring UK capital gains tax should be an attractive facility for shareholders who wish to do so, and the next conversion date (subject to minimum and maximum thresholds) will be on 27 October 2022. Information is

provided on pages 94 to 95 and full details will be provided on the Company's website (ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk) from 11 August 2022.

#### **Board Changes**

David Harris will retire following the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 29 September 2022. David was appointed as a director at the launch of the Company in 2008, and the Board would like to convey its thanks to him for his contribution since then. David is also the Senior Independent Director and I am pleased to say that Sue Inglis has agreed to fulfil this role following David's retirement.

As part of its succession plan, the Board was pleased to appoint Shauna Bevan as a non-executive Director with effect from 9 June 2022 and we believe her investment experience and industry knowledge will add considerable value to the Board. Shauna's biographical details are set out on page 33 and her election will be proposed to shareholders for approval at the forthcoming AGM on 29 September 2022.

Following the year-end, the Board also agreed to establish a Marketing Committee. Simon Longfellow, who has extensive experience of marketing investment trusts to retail investors, will chair the Committee, which will meet at least twice a year. The objective of the Committee is to increase investors' awareness of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust and its key attributes through appropriate initiatives. We believe the Company, which provides investors with access to a broad spread of investment companies, covering a variety of geographies, sectors and investment managers, together with its strong long-term performance is particularly well suited to the retail segment of the market.

#### **Our Manager and Company Name**

As reported in our Interim Report, on 8 November 2021, Columbia Threadneedle Investments, part of Ameriprise Financial, acquired BMO's EMEA asset management business, which included the Company's Manager, BMO Investment Business Limited.

As part of the acquisition agreement, permission was granted to use the BMO prefix for an interim period. The Manager has now brought its business under the Columbia Threadneedle Investments brand and removed the BMO name at the start of July. Consequently, a change of name for your Company was necessary and the Board resolved to change it to CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC with effect from 29 June 2022. CT is the mnemonic of Columbia Threadneedle Investments. A number of other investment trusts previously branded BMO and also funds managed by and branded as Columbia Threadneedle have also adopted the CT prefix.

The CT brand will receive considerable marketing support from the Manager and its savings plans have also changed name from BMO to CT. Consequently, it appeared that the change of name was logical and the inclusion of 'Global' will help to articulate the mandate of the Company and illustrate the spread of geographies covered within its investment Portfolios. These changes (which included the renaming of the Company's website and the ticker codes for the Income shares and Growth shares on the London Stock Exchange which changed to CMPI and CMPG respectively) took effect towards the start of July. There is however no change to the personnel running the activities of your Company in terms of both fund management and administration. The Manager's name has also changed to Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited.

The Board has been kept up to date with the integration of the BMO and Columbia Threadneedle Investments businesses and the commitment to BMO's investment trust business and the savings plans is also welcome. The change of ownership and subsequent developments are issues that the Board will continue to monitor closely in the coming months.

#### **AGM**

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on 29 September 2022 at Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2NY at 11.30am. Peter Hewitt, the Investment Manager, will as usual give a presentation and provide an overview of the financial year together with his view on the outlook.

Voting on all resolutions at the AGM will be held on a poll, the results of which will be announced and posted on the Company's website following the meeting. All shareholders are therefore encouraged to make use of the proxy form or form of direction provided, in order that you can lodge your votes.

Should shareholders have any questions or comments in advance, these can be raised with the Company Secretary (MPTCoSec@columbiathreadneedle.com). Following the AGM, the Investment Manager's presentation will be available on the Company's website ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk

#### Outlook

In an environment of rising inflation, interest rates and bond yields, along with heightened geopolitical risks due to the Russia/Ukraine conflict it is likely equity markets will continue to experience periods of volatility. In the short term this will affect investment companies with exposure to technology and high growth sectors. However, although exposure in these areas has been pared back, the intention is that they remain a core element of the Growth Portfolio as it is these types of investment companies which generate strong performance and excess returns over the long run.

With the threat of recession raised, both Portfolios will be managed in a cautious manner. Discounts across the investment company universe reflect the current uncertainties in both economies and equity markets, however, for the patient investor, they offer better value than for many years. As always, the focus is on selecting only the highest quality investment companies with experienced managers in the belief that this will serve shareholders' interests best.

**David Warnock** Chairman 8 August 2022

### Purpose, Strategy and Business Model

#### **Purpose and Strategy**

The purpose of the Company is to provide investors with access to a broad spread of investment companies, covering a variety of geographies, sectors and investment managers, with the objective of providing both income and growth, while spreading investment risk.

The Company has two classes of shares with two separate investment Portfolios - the Income shares where the investment focus is to provide an attractive level of income, together with some capital growth, and the Growth shares, where the investment focus is to achieve capital growth.

#### **Business Model**

CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC is a listed closed-end investment company and carries on business as an investment trust. As an investment company with no employees, the Directors believe that the best way of meeting their duty to promote the success of the Company and achieving its investment objective for the benefit of stakeholders is to work closely with its appointed Manager. The Board has contractually delegated the management of the investment Portfolios, and other services, to Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited (formerly called BMO Investment Business Limited) (the 'Manager') which is ultimately owned by Columbia Threadneedle Investments, the global investment management business of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. a company incorporated in the United States. Within policies set and overseen by the Directors, the Manager has been given overall responsibility for the management of the Company's assets, gearing, stock selection and risk management. Engagement on environmental, social and governance ('ESG') matters are undertaken by the Manager.

As a listed closed-end investment company, the Company is not constrained by asset sales to meet redemptions. The Company's capital structure provides the flexibility to take a longer term view and to remain invested while taking advantage of volatile market conditions. Having the ability to borrow to invest is also a significant advantage over a number of other investment fund structures.

The Company's Board of non-executive Directors is responsible for the overall stewardship and governance of the Company and how it promotes the success of the Company is set out on pages 26 to 27. The Board currently consists of three male and two female Directors and their biographical details can be found on page 33. The Company has no executive Directors or employees.

The Board remains responsible for decisions over corporate strategy, corporate governance, risk and control assessment, setting policies as detailed on pages 31 and 32, setting limits on gearing and monitoring investment performance.

#### **Alignment of Values and Culture**

In addition to strong investment performance from our Manager, we expect it to adhere to the very highest standards of Responsible Investment and that its values, culture, expectations and aspirations align with our own. As an original signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment ('UNPRI'), the Manager has achieved the maximum rating of A+ for key areas of its Responsible Investment approach and active ownership in listed equities. A key aspect of the recent change in ownership of the Manager is therefore the cultural fit with Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

The Board considers the Manager's culture and values as part of the annual assessment of its performance and in determining whether its reappointment is in the interests of shareholders. With Columbia Threadneedle Investments, and as part of Ameriprise, the Manager can be expected to continue its long-established culture of diversity, collaboration and inclusion, all of which are anchored by shared values and industry-leading employee engagement, in keeping with the Board's own expectations and beliefs. The Board will continue to monitor these attributes and achievements within the combined organisation, recognising their importance and contribution towards the wider aspirations of establishing a more sustainable financial system.

In alignment with this culture and our shared values, we aim to pursue our strategy and objective through the consistent application of the very highest standards of transparency, corporate governance and business ethics.

#### **Responsible Investment Impact**

The Company's environmental, social and governance principles, as set out on pages 24 and 25, are aligned towards the delivery of sustainable investment performance over the longer term.

The direct impact of the Company's activities is minimal as it has no employees, premises, physical assets or operations, either as a producer or a provider of goods and services, and it does not have customers in the traditional sense. Consequently, it does not directly generate any greenhouse gas or other emissions or pollution. The Company's indirect impact occurs through the investments in which it invests and the Board seeks to positively influence this through the adoption of the Manager's Responsible Investment approach.

#### The Manager

A summary of the investment management agreement is contained in note 4 to the financial statements. The Manager also acts as the AIFM under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('AIFMD') and provides ancillary functions such as administration, marketing, accounting and company secretarial services to the Company.

Peter Hewitt acts as Investment Manager (the 'Investment Manager') to the Company, on behalf of the Manager. Peter has managed the Company's assets (which were previously held in the F&C investment trust managed portfolio service) since 2002. He has over 40 years' investment experience and specialises in investment companies.

#### **Manager Evaluation**

Investment performance and responsible ownership are fundamental to delivering the investment objective for shareholders and therefore an important responsibility of the independent non-executive Board of Directors is the robust annual evaluation of the Manager. This evaluation is an essential element of strong governance and mitigation of risk. The process for the evaluation of our Manager for the period under review, which was conducted by the Management Engagement Committee, and the basis on which the reappointment decision was made, is set out on page 45.

#### **Investment Strategy and Policy**

The Company's investment policy is set out on page 31.

Any material change in the Company's investment policy will require the approval of shareholders at a general meeting.

#### **Our Approach**

The investments of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC are managed in two separate Portfolios, the Income Portfolio and the Growth Portfolio, to which the Income shares and the Growth shares are respectively entitled.

The Company invests principally in listed closed-end investment companies and the majority of its holdings comprise equity investments. There is no restriction on the geographic regions and sectors that may be held within the Income Portfolio or Growth Portfolio and the Company invests in those deemed most appropriate for the Portfolios and their objectives from time to time. An analysis of the Income Portfolio and the Growth Portfolio is contained in the Investment Manager's Review and a full list of their investments can be found on pages 20 to 23.

Investment risks are spread through holding a wide range of investment companies that have underlying investment exposures across a range of geographic regions, sectors and investment managers. As at 31 May 2022, 41 investments were held in the Income Portfolio and 45 in the Growth Portfolio.

#### **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

Investment opportunities do not come without risks. The Company's principal risks and uncertainties that could threaten its objective, strategy and performance, and how the Board manages such risks, are set out in detail on pages 28 and 29.

The performance of the Manager is monitored and at each Board meeting the Board receives a presentation from the Investment Manager which includes a review of investment performance, recent Portfolio activity, market outlook, revenue forecasts, internal controls and marketing and regulatory updates. The Board also considers compliance with the investment policy, investment restrictions and borrowing covenants.

In addition, functions such as administration, marketing, accounting and company secretarial are also carried out by the Manager. The Directors also review these services, and those provided by other suppliers, such as JPMorgan Europe Limited, the Depositary, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, the Custodian, in their duties of safeguarding the Company's assets.

#### **Review of Performance and Outlook**

The key policies applied in running the Company are set out on pages 31 and 32 and the Company's performance in meeting its objectives is measured against key performance indicators ('KPIs') as set out on page 13.

The Chairman's Statement on pages 7 to 10 and Investment Manager's Review on pages 14 to 19, both of which form part of this Strategic Report, provide a review of the Company's returns, the investment Portfolios and market conditions during the year and the outlook for the coming year.

#### **Stakeholder Communication and Marketing**

The Company fosters good working relationships with its key stakeholders; such as the Manager, shareholders, bankers and other key service providers. The Board works closely with the Manager to ensure optimal delivery of the Company's investment proposition through all available channels and, together, we remain focused on promoting the success of the Company. The Manager offers a range of savings plans for retail investors which are a convenient and flexible way to invest in the Company, details of which can be found in the 'How to Invest' section of this report on page 96.

The Company welcomes the views of all shareholders and places great importance on communication with them. In addition to the annual and interim reports that are available for shareholders, monthly fact sheets and additional information is included on the Company's website at ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk.

The Manager holds meetings with the Company's larger shareholders and reports back to the Board on these meetings. The Chairman and other Directors are available to meet shareholders if required. In addition, meetings are held regularly with current and prospective shareholders and analysts covering the investment trust sector.

Under normal circumstances, the Annual General Meeting of the Company provides a forum, both formal and informal, for shareholders to meet and discuss issues with the Directors and Manager of the Company.

Through the Manager, we also make sure the savings plan investors are encouraged to vote at the AGM in addition to those who hold their shares on the main shareholder register. Details of the proxy voting results on each resolution are published on the Company's website.

## **Key Performance** Indicators

The Board recognises that longer term share price performance and (for Income shareholders) an attractive level of income are most important to the Company's investors. Share price performance is driven largely by the performance of the net asset value. The overriding priority is to continue to strive for consistent achievement of relative outperformance and to add value for shareholders through net asset value and share price return, discount/premium management, dividend growth and competitive ongoing charges.

The Board uses a number of performance measures to assess the Company's success in meeting its objectives. The key performance indicators (also referred to as Alternative Performance Measures) are set out below.

Additional comments are provided in the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review discussing the performance of the Company during the current year.

#### Total Return(1) Performance to 31 May 2022

	1 Year %	3 Years %	5 Years %	<b>10 Years</b> %	
Income shares NAV total return	-1.5	+17.8	+24.4	+130.6	This measures the share class NAV and share price
Growth shares NAV total return	-11.4	+19.1	+31.5	+160.1	total returns, (which assumes dividends paid by
Income share price total return	-4.4	+12.8	+18.7	+125.0	the Company have been reinvested) relative to the benchmark.
Growth share price total return	-11.9	+18.4	+29.1	+162.4	benchinark.
Benchmark total return <sup>(2)</sup>	+8.3	+18.4	+22.2	+117.0	

#### **Dividend Level of the Income Shares**

Financial year to 31 May	2022	2021	2020	
Annual dividend	6.65p	6.20p	6.10p	This shows the dividend yield of the Income shares at
Dividend yield <sup>(1)</sup>	5.1%	4.3%	5.2%	the year-end relative to the benchmark.
Yield on FTSE All-Share index	3.3%	2.8%	4.8%	

#### Average +Premium/-Discount to NAV

During the financial year to 31 May	Income shares %	Growth shares	
2022	+1.0		This is the average difference between the share price
2021	-0.1	+0.1	and the NAV per share during the financial year.
2020	+1.2	+0.0	

#### Ongoing Charges<sup>(1)</sup> (as a percentage of the average net asset value)

As at 31 May	Income shares <sup>(3)</sup> %	Income shares <sup>(4)</sup> %	Growth shares <sup>(3)</sup>	Growth shares <sup>(4)</sup>	
2022	1.04	1.04	0.96	0.96	This data shows whether the Company is being
2021	1.08	1.51	1.03	1.43	run efficiently. It measures the running costs as a
2020	1.10	1.46	1.03	1.39	percentage of average net assets.

Ongoing charges including the ongoing charges of underlying funds have not been included above as these are not controlled directly by the Board and are not a running cost of the Company.

Sources: Columbia Threadneedle Investments and Refinitiv Eikon

<sup>(1)</sup> See Alternative Performance Measures on pages 98 to 101

<sup>(2)</sup> Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Index

<sup>(3)</sup> Excluding performance fee and ongoing charges of underlying funds

<sup>(4)</sup> Including performance fee but excluding ongoing charges of underlying funds

### **Investment Manager's** Review



Peter Hewitt, Investment Manager

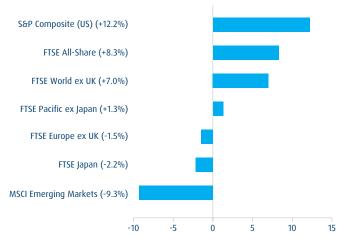
#### **Stock Market Background**

Over the past twelve months the environment for equity markets has changed significantly. For the first half of the Company's financial year the focus was on recovery from the pandemic. Central bankers viewed the inflation that had become apparent, as "transitory" principally due to supply bottlenecks and deferred any measure to tighten economic policy for fear of choking off recovery. By late last year it was clear that inflation which had risen rapidly was more "sustained" and, belatedly, monetary authorities moved to begin to tighten economic policy. The Bank of England moved first by raising interest rates in December.

In February events deteriorated with the start of the Russia/ Ukraine war. Oil prices rose sharply, as did gas prices in Europe, on fears of shortages as Russia is a large supplier of both. This meant the upwards momentum for inflation received another substantial push. The Federal Reserve in the US and the Bank of England in the UK raised interest rates and made clear that in order to combat inflation a series of further increases were highly likely. Bond yields responded by moving upwards, especially in the US, and, although both interest rates and bond yields remain at low levels in a historic context, the important point is the change of direction. Inflation reached a 40 year high in the US fuelled by a very tight labour market which was also evident in the UK and Europe.

This type of environment leads to volatility in equity markets and to significant changes of performance trends within equity markets.

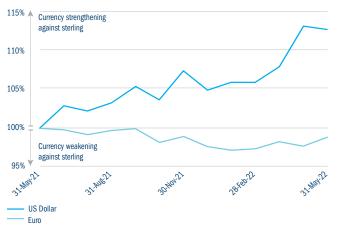
#### Total Return by Region for the Year to 31 May 2022 (sterling adjusted)



Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments

The chart above highlights that the UK equity market, for many years a long-term underperformer amongst global equity markets, reversed that trend and moved towards the top of the table. However, this understates the relative performance of the UK equity market as the returns of many global equity markets (when translated back into sterling) were boosted by an over 12% decline of sterling relative to the US Dollar. In local currency the S&P Composite Index was flat over the past year.

#### Currency Movements against Sterling in Year to 31 May 2022 (US\$ and Euro)



Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments

The second half of the financial year saw a major reversal of performance from many global equity indices. The onset of rising inflation, increasing interest rates and bond yields created a headwind for many equity markets. The table below illustrates performance over the second six months of the financial year from a selection of equity indices.

#### Total Return from 30 November 2021 to 31 May 2022

Index	Local Currency % Return	Sterling Adjusted % Return
Dow Jones World Technology Index	-22.2	-18.3
Nasdaq Composite Index	-22.0	-18.2
FTSE Govt All Stocks Index	-14.8	-14.8
FTSE Closed End Investment Co. Index	-13.2	-13.2
FTSE 250 Mid Cap Index	-8.2	-8.2
MSCI All Countries World Index	-9.1	-4.6
S&P Composite Index	-8.9	-4.3
FTSE Small Cap (ex Inv. Co.) Index	-3.9	-3.9
FTSE 100 Index	9.8	9.8
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Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments

From the perspective of a UK investor, despite the adverse economic environment previously outlined and the additional geopolitical upheaval caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, UK equities appear to have achieved a respectable positive return, particularly during the period of maximum uncertainty of the last six months. The table highlights that medium and smaller companies in the UK have in share price terms not fared well. Typically, this is the area that fund managers look to invest in to outperform mainstream UK equities. However, this is not confined to the UK and the World Index has also declined, albeit a weak sterling has softened the blow when returns are translated back into sterling. High growth and technology companies in the US, which have driven returns for a number of

years, and particularly so during the pandemic, suffered a sharp setback. This is best illustrated by the Nasdaq Composite Index and the Dow Jones World Technology Index, both of which have fallen over 20% in US Dollar terms.

This puts into perspective the return of the FTSE 100 Index (which accounts for 80% of the FTSE All-Share Index). The return of this index is mainly explained by its sector composition. The index has very little in technology companies, around 1%, whilst it has heavy weightings in sectors like oils, mining, banks, tobacco, telecoms and utilities which tend to be resilient during times of rising inflation and interest rates. In addition, soaring oil and commodity prices boosted share prices of companies in certain of these sectors. Viewed together these mature "old economy" sectors account for nearly half the FTSE 100 Index. However, taking a longer perspective, it is these very sectors that have been a key factor behind the long-term underperformance of UK equities.

#### **Performance**

For the year to 31 May 2022, the FTSE All-Share Index rose by 8.3% (in total return terms). Over the same period the NAV of the Growth shares declined by 11.4% whilst that of the Income shares experienced a smaller decline of 1.5% (again both in total return terms). After nine consecutive years of outperforming the benchmark, it is disappointing that the Growth Portfolio, after being ahead of the benchmark at the interim stage, gave up so much ground relative to the benchmark during the second six months of the financial year. A similar trend, though of a much lesser magnitude, was evident in the performance of the Income Portfolio.

Changes in macro factors were the causes behind the performance experienced in the second half of the financial year. The macro factors being: inflation, interest rates and bond yields and then, from February, the Russia/Ukraine war. The first three macro factors have been at very low levels for many years as growth in the developed world was also at low levels. This scenario was good for the valuation of companies who promised strong growth in profits and earnings in the future. Typically, this would be companies in the technology sector or companies who, through the use of technology and the internet, disrupted existing industries. The Growth Portfolio benefitted from these long-term trends by holding investment companies with significant exposure in these areas. However, towards the end of 2021 it became clear that rising inflation was not "transitory" but would be more "sustained" and that, in order to combat this, a decade of stimulative monetary policy known as "quantitative easing" would have to end and ultimately interest rates, which had been at very low levels since the financial crash of 2008/9, would have to rise. In bond markets, yields moved upwards as did the perception that both interest rates and bond yields would have to move markedly higher in the future, as monetary authorities sought to catch up with what was happening in the real economy. The Russian invasion of Ukraine exacerbated

matters and with sharply rising oil and commodity prices added further upwards momentum to inflation.

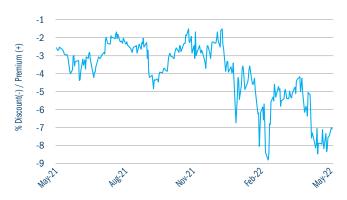
This caused a sharp compression of valuations among "growth companies", the very sectors and companies that had driven performance for most of the decade. Investment companies with holdings in the technology/biotechnology sectors and high growth companies more generally, experienced a sharp pull back in asset values and also a widening of discounts. This is illustrated by the performance of the Nasdaq Composite and Dow Jones World Technology Indices in the preceding table. Even in the UK, which does not have a large technology sector as in the US, the FTSE 250 Mid Cap Index, which is home to many of the UK's growth companies, underperformed sharply, after a long period of outperforming the UK equity market.

In December and January, in the Growth Portfolio, the decision was taken to reduce exposure to investment companies with large holdings in these sectors (between one third and a half in most cases). Examples include Allianz Technology Trust, Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust, Polar Capital Technology Trust, Edinburgh Worldwide Investment Trust, Biotech Growth Trust, Monks Investment Trust, Impax Environmental Markets, Herald Investment Trust and Worldwide Healthcare Trust. However, holdings at reduced levels have been maintained as the exposure to secular growth sectors and companies will generate strong performance over the long term. The evidence over the fourteen years that CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust has been listed is that it is from these type of investment companies that returns multiple times the original investment are made.

The Income Portfolio was less heavily exposed in these areas as investment companies exposed to technology and growth companies tend to have either no or very low dividends. There were certain reductions made to Bellevue Healthcare Trust and Scottish American Investment Company whilst the holding in Monks Investment Trust was sold completely.

Changes in discounts can often be a significant factor behind the performance of investment companies. For most of the last decade the average discount for the sector has traded in a tight range between 3%-5% except for the period immediately following the Brexit referendum in June 2016 and the start of the pandemic in March 2020. In both cases discounts tightened back to their range within weeks. As can be seen from the following chart, for the first six months of the financial year the average sector discount began at 2.6% and then continued within its previous narrow range, however for the second six months, it steadily widened to finish the year at 7%. Whilst no one reason was behind the move, a combination of overall market volatility, uncertain investor sentiment and underperformance from many trusts with a growth investment style could be identified as factors behind this trend.

#### Investment Company - Average Sector Discount for 1 Year to 31 May 2022



Sector average discount (excluding alternatives) (%)

Source: Winterflood Securities

#### **Growth Portfolio – Leaders and Laggards**

An illustration of the change in the macro-economic environment affecting equity markets can be seen in that three of the leading contributors over the past year are from the sub-group of holdings that could be viewed as "portfolio protectors". The common theme is either no or low exposure to equities with the result that they offset other holdings in the portfolio which are affected in adverse market conditions. All three have been held in the portfolio for many years. The best was **BH Macro** which experienced a 25% share price gain. BH Macro is a macro hedge fund which means it exploits opportunities in interest rates, bonds and foreign currencies. The many trades its managers undertake at any one time are tightly managed in terms of risk. When volatility is low, returns tend to be muted however when volatility rises, as has been the case over the past year, returns can be substantial. The Growth Portfolio has held shares since launch in 2008 and they have proved a useful offset when equity markets experience volatility.

Shares in two other "portfolio protectors" Ruffer Investment **Company** and **Capital Gearing Trust** rose 10% and 7% respectively. Both have low exposure to equities at 36% and 45% respectively. Ruffer's largest holdings are BP and Shell, whilst Capital Gearing Trust has 16% in property equities and 8% in infrastructure, which it believes are good hedges against inflation. Both investment companies have substantial exposure to index-linked bonds which do well when inflation is a threat to many other asset classes.

Perhaps surprisingly, long-time holding JPMorgan American **Investment Trust** delivered a 17% share price gain. The portfolio of this trust was reorganised two years ago and split equally between two managers, one of whom runs a "growth portfolio" and the other a "value portfolio". The mix between the two different styles of management led to the growth element of the portfolio performing well in the first half whilst the value element

more than offset the sell-off experienced by many US growth companies in the second half of the past year.

Finally, HgCapital Trust, the leading private equity trust rose by 17%. The company has built an exceptional record of longterm growth in asset value (44% in 2021) through a focus on business-critical software companies, much of whose revenue is subscription based. Core areas of focus are payroll, accounting, tax, legal and regulatory compliance. These sectors offer considerable growth with pricing power and predictable earnings in an inflationary environment.

Of the laggards, there was a clear common theme which was exposure to technology/biotechnology and high growth companies focused on the internet and digital transformation. In an environment of rising inflation with central banks belatedly increasing interest rates and bond markets selling off sharply in response, such that yields on bonds moved rapidly upwards, equity markets were adversely affected. In particular, the sectors mentioned previously which had led equity markets higher for a number of years sold off sharply. The high valuations many companies in these sectors had been accorded were vulnerable and quickly compressed, which resulted in share price declines. Edinburgh Worldwide Investment Trust which specialises in growth companies under \$5 billion in market value, many of which are in the technology/biotechnology and healthcare sectors, experienced a 46% fall in its share price.

Biotech Growth Trust, which has been a long time holding and generated strong returns over that time, had a 40% share price fall. Baillie Gifford China Growth Trust, with significant holdings in a number of well-known Chinese technology companies, which were also affected by restrictions on some activities imposed by the Chinese government, experienced a 40% share price fall.

As an investment manager, the Baillie Gifford strategy of identifying structural winners with long-term secular growth characteristics had resulted in outstanding performance over the last five years, however investment companies with these characteristics were the very trusts in the eye of the hurricane, in terms of the sell-off over the last six months. Another example was Baillie Gifford European Growth Trust which fell 39%. Perhaps the most notable is the biggest investment company by market value, Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust, which experienced a 32% fall in its share price. Famous for its holdings in Tesla and Amazon, which were significantly reduced last year, the technology sell-off impacted the trust negatively. However, it should be noted that the holding in the Growth Portfolio which was taken in 2008 has still made over six times the original investment.

#### Income Portfolio – Leaders and Laggards

The leading performer in the Income Portfolio with a 28% share price rise was **Secure Income REIT**, a holding which was added to during the year. The company has three main assets, where they own 19 private hospitals which Ramsay Healthcare operate, the visitor attractions operated by Merlin Entertainment (Legoland, Alton Towers etc) and a portfolio of Travelodge Hotels. The WAULT (Weighted Average Unsecured Lease Term) is over 30 years, the longest in the property sector and the most recent net asset value for the first quarter of 2022 showed a 12% gain, well ahead of expectations. In May, the company agreed to merge with LXI REIT, the other listed long lease property company, also with a strong record. The merged portfolio has 64% of rents indexed-linked, with a further 19% fixed uplifts. The shares in Secure Income REIT responded positively to the deal.

3i Infrastructure has been an outstanding performer over the long term for the Income Portfolio and achieved a 17% gain in share price. The NAV total return for the year to 31 March 2022 was 17%, with a 7% rise in the dividend. A further 7% uplift to the dividend is forecast for the coming year. Supermarket **Income REIT** had a 18% rise in share price over the past year. It has rapidly built a unique portfolio of assets with strong tenant covenants and the majority on indexed-linked leases. The company offers a 5% dividend yield with good growth prospects.

NB Private Equity Partners managed a 17% rise in share price and a second consecutive year in the leaders for the Income Portfolio. A series of higher than expected realisations from the portfolio led to an over 40% gain in the net asset value for calendar 2021. Prospects remain good for this year, yet, due to the de-rating many private equity trusts have endured, the shares are currently on an undeserved 40% discount to net asset value.

As with the Growth Portfolio, only one of the leading performers was an investment company fully invested in listed companies on global equity markets. In this case it was long time holding Murray International Trust which favours large mature dividend paying companies. The asset allocation is 32% in Asia (ex Japan) 27% in North America, 19% in Europe, 16% in Latin America and only 6% in UK equities. The trust is 11% geared and around 9% is invested in bonds. The current environment favours the value style Murray International Trust employs and is reflected in the better relative share price performance. The trust has strong revenue reserves, an excellent record of dividend growth and an attractive 4.8% yield.

With the laggards, certain similar themes that were apparent in the Growth Portfolio were also evident in the Income Portfolio. Shares in JPMorgan China Growth & Income declined by 41% whilst **BB Biotech** fell by 21%. Both are exposed to technology/ biotechnology companies which were badly affected by the compression of valuations due to rising inflation, interest rates and bond yields. In addition, the JPMorgan trust had to deal with regulatory interventions from the Chinese government, directed at companies in the technology and education sectors and then severe lockdowns in many Chinese cities as the Chinese government brought to bear their zero COVID-19 policy. Neither of these factors were positive for the Chinese equity market.

Mercantile Investment Trust has assets of over £1.5 billion and is invested in UK companies, most of which are listed in the FTSE 250 Index, which is the trust's benchmark. The FTSE 250 Index is home to many of the UK's leading growth companies and over the long term they have outperformed the FTSE All-Share Index by some distance, however over the second half of the financial year, medium sized growth companies have suffered from the trends outlined earlier as highlighted by the FTSE 250 Index having declined by 8% in the last six months. The Mercantile Investment Trust share price fell by 24% and was also impacted by a widening discount which moved from 4% to 15% at the end of May 2022.

European Assets Trust has similarities to Mercantile in that it is mainly invested in medium sized companies, though in this case in continental Europe, and has growth bias in the investment approach employed. Whilst this served the trust well in previous years, recent months has seen a sharp reversal in performance which has resulted in a 21% fall in the share price, most of which happened in the second six months.

Civitas Social Housing REIT is the one non-equity investment company amongst the laggards. Whilst the net asset performance has been in line with expectations as has the dividend, such that the shares yield 6.7% as at 31 May 2022, they have yet to recover from a short seller attack last year. Although management made a strong rebuttal to the allegations made by the short seller, regulatory concerns around the financial strength of some of its Housing Association tenants continue to persist and has resulted in a discount of over 20%. The fundamentals remain positive with strong demand for specialist supported social housing for people, many with highacuity care needs, who are stuck in care homes or in hospitals costing the taxpayer far more than if they were in the type of accommodation offered by Civitas.

(all share prices are total return)

#### **Investment Strategy and Prospects**

The prospects for equity markets are perhaps the most challenging for many years. A number of headwinds, mentioned earlier in this review, will continue over the next year and when viewed together have increased the chances of a recession either later in 2022 or in 2023.

Across developed markets inflation is high, the causes of which are outwith the control of central banks. However, the longer inflation remains at high levels, the more destructive it is to economies, and the wealth of savers and consumers alike. When inflation first became apparent last year, monetary authorities were too slow to react, believing it to be "transitory". Having been late to change policy to combat the inflationary threat, the danger is they over-react and move up interest rates too far, too fast, with the risk that economies are pushed into recession.

As explained earlier, during the second half of the financial year the decision was taken to reduce the exposure in the Growth Portfolio to investment companies mainly exposed to technology/biotechnology and high growth companies who were most affected by the compression of valuations and widespread de-rating caused by rising inflation and interest rates. In most cases the size of these holdings were cut by between a third and a half. Examples of reductions include: Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust, Allianz Technology Trust, Polar Capital Technology Trust, Monks Investment Trust, Edinburgh Worldwide Investment Trust, Biotech Growth Trust, Herald Investment Trust, Impax Environmental Markets and Worldwide Healthcare Trust.

The other side of this move was the decision to re-deploy the proceeds of the above sales into an increase in holdings of investment companies invested in UK equities, all of whom have a "value bias" to their investment style. The UK equity market has been a long-time relative underperformer when compared to other equity markets and is the only major equity market valued below historic long run averages. Part of the reason for the underperformance was due to substantial weightings in the index of "old" economy sectors like oil, mining, banks, tobacco, telecoms and utilities. However, it is this very exposure which has boosted UK equity performance as the macro environment has changed to become very favourable for these sectors. UK medium and smaller companies, which have materially outperformed larger UK companies in the FTSE 100 Index over the years, markedly lagged UK larger companies during the second six months of the financial year and are back to highly attractive valuations. The strategy to raise UK equity exposure seeks to capture better performance from the UK stock market and a recovery from UK medium and smaller companies.

Examples of additions to existing holdings are: Fidelity Special Values, Law Debenture Corporation, Aurora Investment Trust, Diverse Income Trust, Lowland Investment Company, Henderson Opportunities Trust and Artemis Alpha Trust.

These broad themes were also reflected in the Income Portfolio, however because of the lack of dividend yield from investment companies with holdings in the technology and high growth companies segments of the market, the level of activity was much lower. Examples of sales/reductions were Monks Investment Trust, Bellevue Healthcare Trust and Scottish American Investment Company. There were some additions to holdings amongst the UK equity income sector with examples being: City of London Investment Trust, Diverse Income Trust, Law Debenture Corporation, Lowland Investment Company and Murray Income Trust. There was one new holding in this area, that of **Temple Bar Investment Trust**. Additions were also made to two long time holdings in the global equity income sector: Murray International Trust and Henderson International Income Trust. Both trusts employ a value investment style which has also been leading most other global equity markets.

A positive feature over the past year has been the revenue performance from many holdings, in particular in the Income Portfolio. A number of UK equity investment trusts restarted growth in dividends after a pause due to the pandemic, whilst holdings in the alternatives sector within the Income Portfolio have continued to deliver dividend growth.

The reduction of a series of investment companies with holdings in the technology sector (which typically paid little in the way of dividends) and the reinvestment of proceeds into UK equity trusts with higher dividends was also an important factor. A combination of the above allowed the total annual dividend

to Income shareholders for the year to 31 May 2022 to be increased by 7.3%. This represents the eleventh consecutive year of dividend growth for Income shareholders and the Income shares have been awarded the status of a next generation dividend hero by the Association of Investment Companies.

Looking ahead, the coming year will be both challenging and volatile for equity markets. High levels of inflation globally, rising interest rates and bond yields along with geopolitical instability are all headwinds. All of these factors have raised the chances of a recession at some point in late 2022 or 2023. However, it is important to also have a focus on the longer term. It is for this reason that, while the Growth Portfolio has pared back its previous significant exposure in investment companies with substantial underlying holdings in companies with secular growth characteristics, it is not the intention to exit these holdings entirely. At some stage, though not in the immediate future, it is likely they will be re-built in size. It is the experience of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust, since its listing over fourteen years ago, that it is from investment companies with these characteristics that returns many times the original investment can be achieved. Meantime, caution is the watchword in these uncertain times and the focus for both Portfolios will be on holding only the highest quality investment companies with strong balance sheets and experienced, proven management.

**Peter Hewitt Investment Manager** Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited 8 August 2022

## **Income Shares – Investment** Portfolio

#### At 31 May 2022

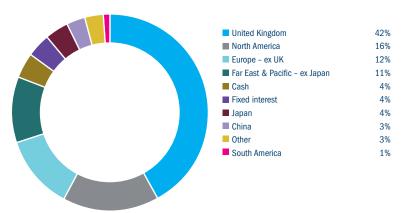
Investment	Sector	Valuation £'000	% of net assets of Income Portfolio
Law Debenture Corporation	UK Equity Income	3,026	4.7
Secure Income REIT	Property Specialist	2,817	4.3
Murray International Trust	Global Equity Income	2,628	4.1
NB Private Equity Partners	Private Equity	2,625	4.1
3i Infrastructure	Infrastructure	2,313	3.6
Henderson International Income Trust	Global Equity Income	2,294	3.5
HBM Healthcare Investments	Biotechnology & Healthcare	2,260	3.5
JPMorgan Global Growth & Income	Global Equity Income	2,178	3.4
City of London Investment Trust	UK Equity Income	2,110	3.2
Bellevue Healthcare Trust	Biotechnology & Healthcare	1,989	3.1
Ten largest investments		24,240	37.5
Princess Private Equity Holding	Private Equity	1,946	3.0
Schroder Oriental Income Fund	Asia Pacific Equity Income	1,873	2.9
Supermarket Income REIT	Property – UK Commercial	1,863	2.9
Invesco Perpetual UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust	UK Smaller Companies	1,834	2.8
Hipgnosis Songs Fund	Royalties	1,832	2.8
The Bankers Investment Trust	Global	1,793	2.8
Impact Healthcare REIT	Property - UK Healthcare	1,785	2.8
Temple Bar Investment Trust	UK Equity Income	1,766	2.7
CC Japan Income & Growth Trust	Japan	1,739	2.7
Digital 9 Infrastructure	Infrastructure	1,716	2.6
Twenty largest investments		42,387	65.5
Scottish American Investment Company	Global Equity Income	1,690	2.6
Lowland Investment Company	UK Equity Income	1,687	2.6
Henderson Far East Income	Asia Pacific Equity Income	1,584	2.5
Mercantile Investment Trust	UK All Companies	1,530	2.4
Renewables Infrastrusture Group	Renewable Energy Infrastructure	1,478	2.3
Murray Income Trust	UK Equity Income	1,447	2.2
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	Debt - Direct Lending	1,443	2.2
Diverse Income Trust	UK Equity Income	1,442	2.2
BB Biotech	Biotechnology & Healthcare	1,413	2.2
CQS New City High Yield Fund	Debt - Loans & Bonds	1,394	2.2
Thirty largest investments		57,495	88.9

#### At 31 May 2022

Investment	Sector	Valuation £'000	% of net assets of Income Portfolio
Jupiter Emerging & Frontier Income Trust	Global Emerging Markets	1,386	2.1
Henderson High Income Trust	UK Equity & Bond Income	1,324	2.1
JPMorgan Global Emerging Markets Income Trust	Global Emerging Markets	1,300	2.0
Invesco Bond Income Plus	Debt - Loans & Bonds	1,262	1.9
European Assets Trust†	European Smaller Companies	1,256	1.9
Biopharma Credit	Debt – Direct Lending	1,229	1.9
Civitas Social Housing REIT	Property - UK Residential	1,225	1.9
Assura	Property – UK Healthcare	1,216	1.9
abrdn Asian Income Fund	Asia Pacific Equity Income	1,085	1.7
JPMorgan China Growth & Income	China / Greater China	559	0.9
Forty largest investments		69,337	107.2
Atrato Onsite Energy	Renewable Energy Infrastructure	537	0.8
Total investments		69,874	108.0
Net current assets (excluding borrowing)		1,818	2.8
Borrowing		(7,000)	(10.8)
Net assets		64,692	100.0

<sup>†</sup> Investment managed by the Manager, Columbia Threadneedle Investments

#### Analysis of the Investment Areas of the Income Portfolio's Investments on a 'Look-through' Basis



Note: This analysis is gross of any gearing in the underlying investee companies. Source: AIC (underlying data at 31 May 2022)

## **Growth Shares -Investment** Portfolio

#### At 31 May 2022

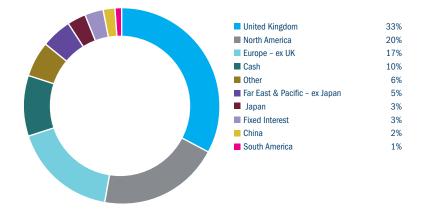
Investment	Sector	Valuation £'000	% of net assets of Growth Portfolio
HgCapital Trust	Private Equity	3,810	4.0
Fidelity Special Values	UK All Companies	3,384	3.6
Law Debenture Corporation	UK Equity Income	3,107	3.3
Mid Wynd International Investment Trust	Global	2,839	3.0
Ruffer Investment Company	Flexible Investment	2,737	2.9
RIT Capital Partners	Flexible Investment	2,551	2.7
BH Macro	Hedge Funds	2,526	2.6
Personal Assets Trust	Flexible Investment	2,442	2.6
Capital Gearing Trust	Flexible Investment	2,421	2.5
Aurora Investment Trust	UK All Companies	2,365	2.5
Ten largest investments		28,182	29.7
TR Property Investment Trust <sup>†</sup>	Property Securities	2,308	2.4
Polar Capital Global Financials Trust	Financials	2,286	2.4
Monks Investment Trust	Global	2,212	2.3
JPMorgan American Investment Trust	North America	2,193	2.3
AVI Global Trust	Global	2,167	2.3
Worldwide Healthcare Trust	Biotechnology & Healthcare	2,121	2.2
Urban Logistics REIT	Property - UK Logistics	2,082	2.2
ICG Enterprise Trust	Private Equity	2,067	2.2
Allianz Technology Trust	Technology & Media	2,056	2.2
Polar Capital Technology Trust	Technology & Media	2,037	2.1
Twenty largest investments		49,711	52.3
Impax Environmental Markets	Environmental	2,009	2.1
Lowland Investment Company	UK Equity Income	2,000	2.1
Henderson Opportunities Trust	UK All Companies	1,989	2.1
Herald Investment Trust	Global Smaller Companies	1,941	2.1
Oakley Capital Investments	Private Equity	1,925	2.0
Chrysalis Investments	Growth Capital	1,890	2.0
Syncona	Biotechnology & Healthcare	1,884	2.0
Henderson Smaller Companies Investment Trust	UK Smaller Companies	1,834	1.9
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	Global	1,814	1.9
Henderson European Focus Trust	Europe	1,794	1.9
Thirty largest investments		68,791	72.4

#### At 31 May 2022

Investment	Sector	Valuation £'000	% of net assets of Growth Portfolio
Finsbury Growth & Income Trust	UK Equity Income	1,789	1.9
Baillie Gifford Japan Trust	Japan	1,727	1.8
Diverse Income Trust	UK Equity Income	1,700	1.8
Schroder Asian Total Return Investment Company	Asia Pacific	1,692	1.8
European Opportunities Trust	Europe	1,674	1.8
Artemis Alpha Trust	UK All Companies	1,590	1.7
Hipgnosis Songs Fund	Royalties	1,514	1.6
Baillie Gifford European Growth Trust	Europe	1,348	1.4
Baillie Gifford UK Growth Fund	UK All Companies	1,304	1.4
Mobius Investment Trust	Global Emerging Markets	1,275	1.3
Forty largest investments		84,404	88.9
Edinburgh Worldwide Investment Trust	Global Smaller Companies	1,248	1.3
Biotech Growth Trust	Biotechnology & Healthcare	1,215	1.3
Schiehallion Fund	Growth Capital	1,028	1.1
Baillie Gifford China Growth Trust	China / Greater China	926	1.0
Schroder UK Public Private Trust	Growth Capital	437	0.4
Total investments		89,258	94.0
Net current assets		5,721	6.0
Net assets		94,979	100.0

<sup>†</sup> Investment managed by the Manager, Columbia Threadneedle Investments

#### Analysis of the Investment Areas of the Growth Portfolio's Investments on a 'Look-through' Basis



Note: This analysis is gross of any gearing in the underlying investee companies. Source: AIC (underlying data at 31 May 2022)

### **Sustainability** and ESG

As stewards of more than £165 million of gross assets, we support positive change and the Company benefits from the Manager's leadership in this field.

#### **Our Approach**

Environmental, Social and Governance ('ESG') issues are the three central factors in measuring sustainability and can present both opportunities and threats to the long-term investment performance the Company aims to deliver to shareholders. We believe in the power of engaged, long-term ownership as a force for positive change. We have a Manager that applies high standards of Responsible Investment in managing the Company's investments on behalf of our shareholders.

The Board and Manager are therefore committed to taking a responsible approach to ESG matters, for which there are two strands. Firstly, there are the Company's own responsibilities on matters such as governance and, secondly, the impact it has through the investments that are made on its behalf by its Manager. The Company's compliance with the AIC Code of Corporate Governance is detailed in the Corporate Governance Statement on pages 41 to 43. In addition, the Policy Summary statement on pages 31 and 32 includes the Company's policies towards Board diversity and tenure, integrity and business ethics and prevention of the facilitation of tax evasion.

The Board recognises that the most material way in which the Company can have an impact is through responsible ownership of its investments. The Manager engages actively with the management of investee companies to encourage that high standards of ESG practice are adopted. The Manager has long been at the forefront of the investment industry in its consideration of these issues and has one of the longest established and largest teams focused solely on ESG. The Manager is a signatory of the UK Stewardship Code and its statement of compliance can be found on its website at columbiathreadneedle.co.uk.

As explained in the Chairman's Statement, during 2021, Columbia Threadneedle Investments acquired our Manager, BMO GAM (EMEA). Our Manager believes that this combination will allow it to make use of complementary strengths in the ESG arena and to create a world class Responsible Investment capability. Its aim is to drive real-world change through active ownership and partnering with clients to deliver innovative Responsible Investing solutions. Creating an aligned, firmwide approach to stewardship is a strategic priority for the enlarged business.

#### **Responsible Ownership**

Engaging actively with companies on significant ESG matters to reduce risk, improve performance, encourage best practice and underpin long-term investor value forms a fundamental part of the Manager's approach towards Responsible Investment. Engagement in the first instance rather than simply divesting or excluding investment opportunities is also part of this approach.

An example of company engagement during the year was Syncona, which is held in the Growth Portfolio, whereby our Manager met the company to discuss its approach to managing and mitigating ESG risks, as well as disclosure on ESG issues.

The Manager's Corporate Governance Guidelines set out its expectations of the management of investee companies in terms of good corporate governance. This includes the affirmation of responsibility for reviewing internal business ethics policies and ensuring that there is an effective mechanism for the internal reporting of wrongdoing, whether within the investee company itself or involving other parties, such as suppliers, customers, contractors or business partners.

The Manager is also a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment ('UNPRI') under which signatories contribute to the development of a more sustainable global financial system. As a signatory, the Manager aims to incorporate ESG factors into its investment processes.

#### **ESG** and the Investment Process

ESG issues are an integral part of the Manager's investment process, forming part of the assessment of the Quality and Management criteria for possible and ongoing investments. The Manager's ESG teams work closely with the portfolio managers to create an internally generated assessment of the relevant ESG issues for each company. As part of the review process, the Manager will also note if the investment is aligned explicitly with any of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Details of these goals can be found at un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainabledevelopment-goals/. The Manager's own ESG assessment is cross-referenced against external sources, for example MSCI ESG Research, to check it is comprehensive. There are two main outcomes of this research. First, the research is used to initiate discussions with the investee company, to clarify the Manager's understanding of the issues involved, to create a dialogue and to encourage higher standards where appropriate. In this the

Manager may join with other major investors in order to be a yet more powerful force to drive change. Secondly, it is used to adjust the Manager's assessment of the weighted average cost of capital for the investee company; this is an important component of the valuation model, such that companies with higher ESG standards will warrant a lower cost of capital and in turn a higher valuation, and vice-versa. In these ways, ESG affects each of the cornerstones of the investment process (Quality, Management and Valuation), as well as driving an ongoing dialogue between the Manager and the investee company.

The Manager is committed to engaging with the underlying fund managers of your Company's investments to encourage them to bring ESG to the forefront of their investment processes. During the year under review, the Manager has begun a process of evaluating the stewardship credentials of the various investment companies within the Income Portfolio and Growth Portfolio. The survey will assist in understanding the stewardship approach taken by each company, allowing evaluation of the strategy and rating and progress on ESG policies and reporting. This will form part of a regular review process allowing the Manager to track progress and alignment with the Manager's stewardship principles.

#### **Climate Change**

Climate change is one of the defining challenges of modern times and presents potentially significant financial risks and opportunities for CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust. We expect the managers of the investment companies in the Portfolios to be proactive in integrating climate change into their investment and stewardship processes. It is important to consider not only the potential investment downsides, but also the opportunities that the energy transition will bring and the Income Portfolio's investment in The Renewables Infrastructure Group gives focused exposure to climate change solutions (see Portfolio Case Study below).

In 2020 your Company's Manager became a founder signatory to the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative and set out its ambition to achieve net zero emissions across all assets under management by 2050. During 2021, the Manager developed an implementation methodology, initially for equities and bonds, that emphasises the importance of stewardship in implementing its goals. Amongst the managers of the investment companies held by CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust, we have been pleased to see abrdn, Allianz Global Investors, Artemis, Baillie Gifford & Co, Fidelity, Hg, Impax Asset Management, Invesco, JPMorgan AM, Jupiter AM, Ruffer, Schroders and Troy Asset Management also making this commitment. We look forward to seeing further details on how these commitments will be implemented, and how they will affect the management of these investment companies over time.

#### **Voting on Portfolio Investments**

As noted previously, the Manager's Corporate Governance Guidelines set out expectations of the boards of investee companies in terms of good corporate governance. The Board expects to be informed by the Manager of any sensitive voting issues involving the Company's investments. In the absence of explicit instructions from the Board, the Manager is empowered to exercise discretion in the use of the Company's voting rights and reports to the Board on its voting record. The Manager will vote on all investee company resolutions. During the year, the Manager voted at 102 meetings of investee companies held by the Company. The Manager did not support management's recommendations on at least one resolution at approximately 8% of all meetings. With respect to all items voted, the Manager supported over 98% of all management resolutions. Approaching half of the votes against management related to the election of directors. As in previous years, boards lacking sufficient independent oversight and directors considered to be nonindependent sitting on key board committees were the most common reasons for not supporting an individual's re-election.

### Portfolio Case Study

#### The Renewables Infrastructure Group ('TRIG')

TRIG is a London-listed investment company whose purpose is to generate sustainable returns from a diversified portfolio of renewables infrastructure that contributes towards a net zero carbon future. TRIG's diversified portfolio includes onshore and offshore wind farms and solar parks in the UK and Europe. These assets generate revenues from the sale of electricity and governmentbacked green benefits. The company aims to provide investors with long-term, stable dividends and to retain the portfolio's capital through re-investment of surplus cash flows after payment of dividends. TRIG's £2.9 billion renewable energy portfolio is spread across six European countries.

### **Promoting** the Success of the Company

#### Section 172 Statement

Under Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006, the Directors have a duty to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole and, in doing so, have regard (amongst other matters) to:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long-term;
- the interests of the Company's shareholders;
- the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the Company's operations on the community and environment;
- the desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between members of the Company.

As explained on page 11, the Company is an externally managed investment company and has no employees, customers or premises.

The Board believes that the optimum basis for meeting its duty to promote the success of the Company is by appointing and managing third parties with the requisite performance records, resources, infrastructure, experience and control environments to deliver the services required to achieve the investment objective and successfully operate the Company. By developing strong and constructive working relationships with these parties, the Board seeks to ensure high standards of business conduct are adhered to at all times and service levels are enhanced whenever possible. This combined with the careful management of costs is for the benefit of all shareholders who are also key stakeholders.

As set out on page 11, the Board's principal working relationship is with the Manager which is responsible for the management of the Company's assets in line with the investment objective and policy set by the Board. The Manager also provides ancillary functions such as administration, marketing, accounting and company secretarial services to the Company and acts as the AIFM.

The Board works closely with the Manager and oversees the various matters which have been delegated to it, and to ensure the Company's daily operations run smoothly for the benefit of all stakeholders. The Portfolio activities undertaken by our Manager are set out in the Investment Manager's Review on pages 14 to 19.

While the Company's direct impact on the community and environment is limited, its indirect ESG impact occurs through the investment companies in which it invests. The Board gives effect to this through the Manager's Responsible Investment approach which is set out on pages 24 and 25. The Board is very supportive of the Manager's approach, which focuses on engagement with the investee companies on ESG issues and how these link with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"). Information on the annual evaluation of the Manager, to ensure its continued appointment remains in the best interests of shareholders, is set out on page 45.

In addition to the Company's shareholders, Manager and bankers, other key stakeholders include its service providers such as the Custodian, Depositary, Broker and Registrar. The Board receives regular reports from the Company's key service providers on an ongoing basis and evaluates them to ensure expectations on service delivery are met.

The Board places great importance on communication with shareholders and further information is set out on page 12.

The Company's stakeholders are always considered when the Board makes decisions and examples include:

#### **Dividends**

The Board recognises that providing an attractive level of income with the potential for growth is important to the Company's Income shareholders. Following the payment of the fourth interim dividend on 8 July 2022, dividends with respect to the financial year to 31 May 2022 total 6.65p per Income share. This represents an increase of 7.3% compared to the prior year and a yield of 5.1% at 31 May 2022 as compared to the yield on the FTSE All-Share Index of 3.3% at that date.

#### **Cancellation of the Share Premium Account**

On 30 September 2021, the Company's shareholders approved the Board's proposal to cancel the Company's share premium account and create a new distributable reserve (2022 special reserve), subject to the sanction by the Scottish Court of Session. This was ultimately approved and took effect on 26 May 2022. The creation of the 2022 special reserve provides the Company with further flexibility in the future for the benefit of shareholders. It can be used to pay or supplement the payment of dividends to the Income shareholders and fund share buy-backs of both Income shares or Growth shares.

#### **Conversion facility**

The Board recognises that providing shareholders with an annual opportunity to convert their shares into the other class without incurring UK capital gains tax should be an attractive facility for shareholders who wish to do so. Over the last few years, the Board has taken steps to enhance the operation of the conversion facility while managing the related costs to ensure it could operate when there was meaningful demand. Conversions have occurred in the last four financial years for the benefit of shareholders.

#### Share issuance and buy-backs

The Board believes that the ability to issue and buy back shares is in the interests of all shareholders as it helps to reduce the volatility in the premium or discount of the Company's share prices relative to their respective NAVs. During the year the Company issued 1,480,000 new Income shares and 1,085,000 new Growth shares at an average premium to their NAVs of 1.6% and 1.6% respectively. This helps to enhance the NAV for ongoing shareholders and to grow the size of the Company and allows operating costs to be spread over a wider shareholder base for the benefit of all shareholders. During the year no Income shares or Growth shares were bought back.

#### **Borrowings**

During the year, the Company's borrowing facilities were renewed with The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited and it entered into an unsecured loan facility for £5 million for a three-year term at a fixed rate of 2.78% and also a three-year unsecured revolving credit facility for £5 million. These facilities can be utilised in both the Income Portfolio or Growth Portfolio when the Board and Manager consider it appropriate.

#### **Retail investors**

The Company's shareholders are predominantly retail investors who invest through savings or execution-only platforms. A significant proportion invest through the Manager's retail savings plans and the Board remains focused with the Manager on the optimal delivery of the Company's investment proposition for the benefit of all shareholders. The Manager remains committed to its savings plans and its relationship with its customers and has invested significantly in its offering to enhance the digital experience in order to meet its customers' expectations. Columbia Threadneedle Investments, the new owner of the Manager, has also expressed its commitment to the investment trust business and the savings plans.

#### **Increasing awareness of the Company**

Following the year end, the Board established a Marketing Committee. Simon Longfellow, who has extensive experience of marketing investment trusts to retail investors, will chair the Committee, which will meet at least twice a year. The objective of the Committee is to increase investors' awareness of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust and its key attributes through appropriate initiatives. We believe the Company, which provides investors with access to a broad spread of investment companies, covering a variety of geographies, sectors and investment managers, together with its strong long-term performance is particularly well suited to the retail segment of the market.

#### **Board succession plan**

The Board is committed to ensuring that its composition is compliant with best corporate governance practice under the AIC Code, including guidance on tenure. As such, on 9 June 2022 as part of the ongoing Board succession plan, the Board appointed Shauna Bevan as a non-executive Director. Her biography is included on page 33 and the process which was followed is set out on page 44. This recruitment will now allow for the retirement of David Harris, who has served on the Board since the launch of the Company in 2008. David will retire following the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. An objective of the succession plan has been to ensure an adequate level of continuity and experience on the Board thereby acting in the best interests of stakeholders.

## **Principal Risks** and Uncertainties and Viability Statement

Most of the Company's principal risks and uncertainties that could threaten the achievement of its objective, strategy, future performance, liquidity and solvency are market-related and comparable to those of other investment companies investing primarily in listed securities.

A summary of the Company's risk management and internal controls arrangements is included within the Report of the Audit Committee on pages 47 and 48. By means of the procedures set out in that summary, the Board has established an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Company. Any emerging risks that are identified and that are considered to be of significance would be included on the Company's risk register with any mitigations. These significant risks, emerging risks and other risks are regularly reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Board. Ongoing consideration has been given to the impact from Coronavirus (COVID-19) and is referred to below in Market Risk and Operational Risk. They have also regularly reviewed the effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control systems for the period.

As explained in the Chairman's Statement on page 9, BMO GAM (EMEA) was acquired by Ameriprise Financial and its business is being merged with Columbia Threadneedle Investments. The Board looks favourably upon this transaction and expects there to be little change for your Company. Nevertheless, an acquisition such as this may introduce some uncertainty, until the integration of systems is fully implemented. Therefore the Board is treating this aspect as an emerging risk that it will monitor closely. In addition the Company faces emerging risks from the uncertainties in economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical unrest, climate change and rising inflation.

The principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company, and the Board's mitigation approach, are described below.

Notes 17 to 22 to the financial statements provide detailed explanations of the risks associated with the Company's financial instruments and their management.

#### **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

#### Market Risk

The Company's assets consist mainly of listed closed-end investment companies and its principal risks are therefore market-related and include market risk (comprising currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), liquidity risk and credit risk.

Since early 2020 there has been increased uncertainty in markets due to the effect of COVID-19 and more recently the war in Ukraine and rising inflation, which has led to falls and volatility in the Company's NAV.



Increase in overall risk during the year, given the war in Ukraine, continuing economic and market uncertainty, climate change and rising inflation

#### Mitigation

The Board regularly considers the composition and diversification of the Income Portfolio and the Growth Portfolio and considers individual stock performance together with purchases and sales of investments. Investments and markets are discussed with the Investment Manager on a regular basis.

The Board has, in particular, considered the impact of market volatility during the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine and from rising inflation and is discussed in the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review. Engagement on ESG matters are undertaken by the Manager. As a closed-end investment company, it is not constrained by asset sales to meet redemptions so can remain invested through volatile market conditions and is well suited to investors seeking longer term returns.

An explanation of these risks and the way in which they are managed are contained in notes 17 to 22 to the financial statements.

#### **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

#### **Investment Risk**

Incorrect strategy, asset allocation, stock selection, inappropriate capital structure, insufficient monitoring of costs, failure to maintain an appropriate level of discount/ premium and the use of gearing could all lead to poor returns for shareholders.



Increase in overall risk during the year, due to geopolitical unrest and rising inflation

#### Mitigation

The investment strategy and performance against peers and the benchmark are considered by the Board at each meeting and reviewed with the Investment Manager. The Board is responsible for setting the gearing range within which the Manager may operate and gearing is discussed at every meeting and related covenant limits are closely monitored.

The Income Portfolio and Growth Portfolio are diversified and comprise listed closed-end investment companies and their compositions are reviewed regularly by the Board.

The Manager's Investment Risk team provide oversight on investment risk management.

The Board regularly considers ongoing charges and a discount/premium management policy has operated since the launch of the Company. Underlying dividends from investee companies are also closely monitored.

#### **Custody Risk**

Safe custody of the Company's assets may be compromised through control failures by the Custodian.



No change in overall risk during the year

#### **Operational Risk**

Failure of the Manager as the Company's main service provider or disruption to its business, or that of an outsourced or third party service provider, could lead to an inability to provide accurate reporting and monitoring, leading to a potential breach of the Company's investment mandate or loss of shareholders' confidence.

The risk includes failure or disruption as a consequence of external events such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

External cyber attacks could cause such failure or could lead to the loss or sabotage of data.



No change in overall risk during the year, but due to the impact of COVID-19 on working practices and the eventual integration with Columbia Threadneedle Investments' systems this risk remains heightened

The Board receives quarterly reports from the Depositary confirming safe custody of the Company's assets and cash and holdings are reconciled to the Custodian's records. The Custodian's internal controls reports are also reviewed by the Manager and key points reported to the Audit Committee. The Board also receives periodic updates from the Custodian on its own cyber-security controls.

The Depositary is specifically liable for loss of any of the Company's assets that constitute financial instruments under the AIFMD.

The Board has considered the acquisition of BMO GAM (EMEA) by Columbia Threadneedle Investments during the year and has met with senior management to discuss this. Comfort was taken from its long-term financial strength and resources and commitment towards the Manager's investment trust business.

The Board meets regularly with the management of the Manager and its Business Risk team to review internal control and risk reports, which includes oversight of its own third party service providers. The Manager's appointment is reviewed annually and the contract can be terminated with six months' notice. The Manager has a business continuity plan in place to ensure that it is able to respond quickly and effectively to an unplanned event that could affect the continuity of its business.

The Manager has outsourced trade processing, valuation and middle office tasks and systems to State Street Bank and Trust Company ('State Street') and supervision of such third party service providers, including SS&C who adminster the Manager's savings plans, has been maintained by the Manager. This includes the review of IT security and heightened cyber threats which was discussed with the Board during the financial year.

Following the easing of government COVID-19 related restrictions, the Manager has moved from a remote 'working from home' arrangement to a hybrid model with staff also returning to work in office locations. Throughout the pandemic the Manager has continued to serve clients and keep operations running effectively and in compliance with its regulatory obligations. These arrangements have and continue to operate without incident or interruption. The Manager also closely monitors the performance of its technology platform to ensure it is functioning within acceptable service levels. The Company's other third party service providers have also implemented similar arrangements to ensure no disruption to their service. Having considered these arrangements and reviewed the service levels over the last year, the Board is confident that the Company continues to operate as normal and expected service levels are being maintained.

#### **Viability Assessment and Statement**

In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code, the Board is required to assess the future prospects for the Company and considered that a number of characteristics of the Company's business model and strategy were relevant to this assessment:

- The Company's investment objective and policy, which are subject to regular Board monitoring, means that the Company is invested principally in two diversified Portfolios of listed closed-end investment companies and the level of borrowing is restricted.
- These investments are principally in listed securities which are traded in the UK or another Regulated Exchange and which are expected to be readily realisable.
- The Company is a listed closed-end investment company whose shares are not subject to redemptions by shareholders.
- Subject to shareholder continuation votes, the next of which will be at the AGM in 2023 and five yearly thereafter, the Company's business model and strategy is not time limited.

Also relevant were a number of aspects of the Company's operational arrangements:

- The Company retains title to all assets held by the Custodian under the terms of a formal agreement with the Custodian and Depositary.
- The borrowing facilities, which remain available until February 2025, are subject to formal agreements, including financial covenants with which the Company complied in full during the year.
- Revenue and expenditure forecasts are reviewed by the Directors at each Board meeting.
- The operational robustness of key service providers and the effectiveness of alternative working arrangements in particular given the impact of COVID-19.
- That alternative service providers can be engaged at relatively short notice if necessary.

In considering the viability of the Company, the Directors carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks and uncertainties which could threaten the Company's objective and strategy, future performance and solvency. This included the impact of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine and the impact of a significant fall in equity markets on the Company's investment Portfolios. These risks, their mitigations and the processes for monitoring them are set out on pages 28 and 29 in Principal Risks and Uncertainties, on pages 47 and 48 in the Report of the Audit Committee and in Notes 17 to 22 to the financial statements.

The Directors also considered:

- The level of ongoing charges incurred by the Company which are modest and predictable and (at 31 May 2022), excluding any performance fee and ongoing charges of underlying funds, total 1.04% and 0.96% of average net assets for the Income shares and Growth shares respectively.
- Future revenue and expenditure projections.
- Its ability to meet liquidity requirements given the Company's investment Portfolios consist principally of listed investment companies which can be realised if required.
- The ability to undertake share buy-backs if required.
- Whether the Company's investment objective and policy continue to be relevant to investors.
- Directors are non-executive and the Company has no employees and consequently the Company does not have redundancy or other employment-related liabilities or responsibilities.
- The uncertainty in markets due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and more recently the war in Ukraine, the impact on the global economy and the prospects for the Company's investment Portfolios.

These matters were assessed over a three year period to August 2025, and the Board will continue to assess viability over three year rolling periods.

As part of this assessment the Board considered a number of stress tests and scenarios which considered the impact of severe stock market volatility on shareholders' funds over a three-year period. The results demonstrated the impact on the Company's net assets and its expenses and its ability to meet its liabilities over that period.

A rolling three year period represents the horizon over which the Directors believe they can form a reasonable expectation of the Company's prospects, although they do have due regard to viability over the longer term.

Based on their assessment, and in the context of the Company's business model, strategy and operational arrangements set out above, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the three year period to August 2025.

## **Policy** Summary

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The Company's investment objective is to provide an attractive level of income with the potential for income and capital growth to Income shareholders and to provide capital growth for Growth shareholders, in each case through investing principally in a diversified Portfolio of investment companies.

The Income Portfolio invests in a diversified Portfolio of at least 25 investment companies that have underlying investment exposures across a range of geographic regions and sectors and that focus on offering an income yield above the yield of the FTSE All-Share Index.

The **Growth** Portfolio invests in a diversified Portfolio of at least 25 investment companies that have underlying investment exposures across a range of geographic regions and sectors and that the focus of which is to maximise total returns, principally through capital growth.

The Company invests principally in closed-end investment companies, wherever incorporated, which are listed on the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority. The majority of the Company's holdings comprise equity investments although it is permitted to invest in other securities issued by investment companies.

The Company is permitted to invest in other closed-end investment companies, wherever incorporated, whose shares are traded on AIM or a Regulated Exchange (other than the London Stock Exchange's Main Market) up to a maximum of 25% of the total assets of the relevant Portfolio.

In accordance with the Listing Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority, the Company will not invest more than 10% in aggregate of its total assets in other UK listed investment companies that themselves may invest more than 15% of their total assets in other UK listed investment companies.

There are no maximum levels set for underlying exposures to geographic regions or sectors.

No investment in either Portfolio may exceed 15% of the relevant Portfolio's total assets at the time of the latest purchase.

The Manager may invest the assets of the Company in other investment companies managed by the Manager or another member of the Columbia Threadneedle Group, provided that such investments in the Income or Growth Portfolios shall not exceed 20% of the total assets of the relevant Portfolio at the time of investment.

There are no defined limits on securities and accordingly the Company may invest up to 100% of total assets in any particular type of security.

The Company may use derivatives, principally for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, including protecting the Portfolios against market falls.

The Company may use gearing in either Portfolio. Borrowings are not normally expected to exceed 20% of the total assets of the relevant Portfolio. Under the Company's Articles of Association, the maximum borrowing limit is 50% of the total assets of the relevant Portfolio.

#### **Gearing Policy**

As explained under Investment Objective and Policy, the Company has the flexibility to borrow money with the aim of generating a return greater than the cost of that borrowing.

The Board receives recommendations on gearing levels from the Manager and it is responsible for setting the gearing range within which the Manager may operate.

The Company has a £5 million unsecured fixed rate term loan and a £5 million unsecured revolving credit facility, both of which are available until 10 February 2025 with The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited. At 31 May 2022, the fixed rate term loan and £2 million of the revolving credit facility were drawn down in the Income Portfolio. The facilities are described in more detail in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Dividend Policy**

Within the Company's investment objective is the aim to provide an attractive level of income for Income shareholders.

In determining dividend payments, the Board takes account of income forecasts, brought forward revenue and other relevant distributable reserves, the Company's dividend payment record, the yield of the FTSE All-Share Index and the corporation tax rules governing investment trust status. Risks to the dividend policy have been considered as part of the Principal Risks and Uncertainties and Viability Review on pages 28 to 30 and include financial risks leading to a deterioration in the level of income received by the Company, or a significant change to the Company's regulatory environment.

Dividends are currently paid as interim dividends, quarterly in October, January, April and July.

#### Share Issuance and Buy-back Strategy

Share issuance and buy-backs help reduce the volatility of the share price premium or discount to net asset value per share and enhance the net asset value per share for continuing shareholders.

In normal circumstances, the Board aims to maintain the discount to NAV at which the Company's shares trade at not more than 5%. In practice over the years the shares have generally traded close to NAV. Shares will not be bought back at a premium to net asset value. Shares which are bought back by the Company may be cancelled or may be held in treasury. Shares held in treasury may be resold at a price not less than the net asset value. For further details see pages 38 and 39.

#### **Prevention of the Facilitation of Tax Evasion**

The Board is fully committed to complying with the UK's Criminal Finances Act 2017, designed to prevent tax evasion and the facilitation of tax evasion in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates. The policy is based upon a risk assessment undertaken by the Board and professional advice is sought as and when deemed necessary.

#### **Taxation**

The policy towards taxation is one of full commitment to complying with applicable legislation and statutory guidelines.

The Company has received approval from HMRC as an investment trust under Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 ("Section 1158") and has since continued to comply with the eligibility conditions such that it does not suffer UK corporation tax on capital gains. The Manager ensures that the Company submits correct taxation returns annually to HMRC, settles promptly any taxation due and claims back, where possible, taxes suffered in excess of taxation treaty rates on non-UK dividend receipts.

#### **Board Diversity and Tenure**

The Board is composed solely of non-executive Directors and its approach to the appointment of non-executive Directors is based on its belief in the benefits of having a diverse range of experience, skills, length of service and backgrounds, including gender. The Board is conscious of the diversity targets set out in the FCA Listing Rules and the Board complies with the AIC Code of Corporate Governance in appointing appropriately diverse, independent non-executive Directors who set the operational and moral standards of the Company. The Board will always appoint the best person for the role and will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, ethnicity, socio-economic background, religion, sexual orientation, age or physical ability.

Although the Company is not required to report against the diversity targets under the Listing Rules until its 31 May 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements, the Board has resolved to do so on a voluntary basis as at 8 August 2022 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of the Annual Report and Financial Statements). In accordance with Listing Rule 9.8.6R (9), (10) and (11) the Board has provided the following information in relation to its diversity.

#### Board Gender as at 8 August 2022(1)

	Number of Board members	Percentage of the Board	Number of senior positions on the Board
Men	3	60%	2
Women	2	40%(2)	_ (3)

- (1) The Company has opted not to disclose against the number of Directors in executive management as this is not applicable for an investment trust.
- (2) This meets the Listing Rules target of 40%.
- (3) The position of the Chairman of the Audit Committee is held by a woman however this is not currently defined as a senior position. Following the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM, it is intended that the position of Senior Independent Director will be held by a woman. This will meet the Listing Rules target of 1.

#### Board Ethnic Background as at 8 August 2022(1)

	Number of Board members	Percentage of the Board	Number of senior positions on the Board
White British or other White (including minority-white groups)	4	80%	2
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups	1 <sup>(2)</sup>	20%	-

- (1) The Company has opted not to disclose against the number of Directors in executive management as this is not applicable for an investment trust.
- $^{\left(2\right)}$  This meets the Listing Rules target of 1.

The information included in the above tables has been obtained following confirmation from the individual Directors.

As shown in the above tables, the Company has already met the targets, which formally come into force for the financial year ending 31 May 2023, in relation to the gender and the ethnic background of the Board. The Board will continue to take all matters of diversity into account as part of its succession planning.

The Board is committed to maintaining the highest levels of corporate governance in terms of independence and once the Board's succession plan is complete would expect that in future the Directors serve for a nine-year term, but this may be adjusted for reasons of flexibility and continuity.

#### **Integrity and Business Ethics**

The Board applies a strict anti-bribery and anti-corruption policy insofar as it applies to any directors or employees of the Manager or any other organisation with which the Company conducts business. The Board also ensures that adequate procedures are in place and followed in respect of third-party appointments, acceptance of gifts, hospitality and similar matters.

The Strategic Report, contained on pages 7 to 32, has been approved by the Board of Directors.

#### By order of the Board

For Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited **Company Secretary** 6th Floor

**Ouartermile 4** 7a Nightingale Way Edinburgh EH3 9EG 8 August 2022

Governance Report

### **Board** of Directors



**David Warnock** 

Chairman of the Board, Nomination **Committee and Management Engagement Committee** 

Appointed on 1 January 2019 and as Chairman on 30 September 2021.

Experience and contribution: David co-founded the investment firm of Aberforth Partners and was a partner for 19 years until his retirement in 2008. Before Aberforth, he was with Ivory & Sime plc and 3i Group plc.

Other appointments: David is currently a non-executive director and chairman of Troy Income & Growth Trust plc and the senior independent non-executive director of ICG Enterprise Trust plc.



Shauna Bevan

Appointed on 9 June 2022.

Experience and contribution: Shauna is Head of Investment Advisory at RiverPeak Wealth Limited where she is responsible for fund research and portfolio construction. She has over twenty years of investment experience having previously worked for Charles Stanley and Merrill Lynch and is a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute for Securities and

Other appointments: Shauna is currently a director of a number of private companies.



**David Harris** Senior Independent Director

Appointed on 21 February 2008.

David will retire at the conclusion of the AGM to be held on 29 September 2022.

Experience and contribution: David is Chief Executive of InvaTrust Consultancy Ltd, a specialist investment and marketing consultancy group that undertakes a variety of projects within the investment fund management industry.

Other appointments: David is currently a nonexecutive director of The Character Group plc and Bens Creek Group plc.



Susan (Sue) Inglis

**Chairman of the Audit Committee** Appointed on 9 July 2018 and as Chairman of

the Audit Committee on 24 September 2020. It is intended that Sue will become the Senior Independent Director when David Harris retires.

Experience and contribution: Sue has more than 30 years of experience as an adviser to asset management groups and investment companies. She is a qualified lawyer and was a partner and head of funds and financial services at Shepherd & Wedderburn. In 1999, she co-founded Intelli Corporate Finance and, from 2009 until retiring from executive employment in 2018, held senior positions in Canaccord Genuity's financial institutions and investment companies teams and Cantor Fitzgerald's investment companies team.

Other appointments: Sue is currently a nonexecutive director and chairman of ThomasLloyd Energy Impact Trust PLC and the senior independent non-executive director of Baillie Gifford US Growth Trust plc, Momentum Multi-Asset Value Trust plc and Seraphim Space Investment Trust plc.



**Simon Longfellow** 

Chairman of the Marketing Committee Appointed on 14 July 2021 and as Chairman of the Marketing Committee on 19 July 2022.

**Experience and contribution:** Simon co-founded Steps to Investing which launched in 2020 with the aim of helping inexperienced investors get started on their investment journeys. He also runs marketing consultancy Neo. Prior to that he was Head of Marketing at Janus Henderson Investors, focused entirely on marketing investment trusts to retail investors.

Other appointments: Simon is currently a non-executive director of Electric and General Investment Fund and a director of a number of other private companies.

All of the Directors are non-executive. All of the Directors are considered by the Board to be independent. All of the Directors are members of the Audit Committee, Management Engagement Committee, Nomination Committee and Marketing Committee. No Director holds a directorship elsewhere in common with other members of the Board.

### **Report** of the Directors

The Directors submit the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 May 2022. The Directors' biographies, Corporate Governance Statement, the Report of the Nomination Committee, the Report of the Management Engagement Committee, the Report of the Audit Committee and the Directors' Remuneration Report form part of this Report of the Directors.

#### Statement Regarding Annual Report and Financial **Statements**

The Directors consider that, following a detailed review and advice from the Audit Committee, the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 May 2022, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's position and performance, business model and strategy. The Audit Committee reviewed the draft Annual Report and Financial Statements for the purpose of this assessment and, in reaching this conclusion, the Directors have assumed that the reader of the Annual Report and Financial Statements would have a reasonable level of knowledge of the investment industry in general and investment companies in particular. The outlook for the Company can be found on pages 9, 10, 18 and 19. Principal risks and uncertainties can be found on pages 28 and 29 with further information in notes 17 to 22 to the financial statements. There are no instances where the Company is required to make disclosures in respect of Listing Rule 9.8.4R.

#### **Results and Dividends**

The results for the year are set out in the financial statements on pages 60 to 86. The return attributable to shareholders was £(13,372,000), of which £(1,000,000) was attributable to the Income Portfolio and £(12,372,000) to the Growth Portfolio.

The Company has paid quarterly interim dividends in the year ended 31 May 2022 as follows:

#### **Interim Dividend Payments**

	Payment date	Rate per Income share
Fourth interim for 2021	9 July 2021	2.00p
First interim for 2022	8 October 2021	1.55p
Second interim for 2022	7 January 2022	1.55p
Third interim for 2022	8 April 2022	1.55p

A fourth interim dividend of 2.00p per Income share was paid after the year-end, on 8 July 2022, to Income shareholders on the register at close of business on 17 June 2022. The total dividend for the financial year to 31 May 2022 of 6.65p per Income share

represents an increase of 7.3% over the 6.20p per Income share paid in respect of the previous financial year to 31 May 2021.

As set out in the Company's dividend policy on page 31, payments are made quarterly as interim dividends and the Company does not currently pay a final dividend that would require formal shareholder approval at the AGM. This enables the fourth interim dividend payment to be made in July and earlier than would be possible if that dividend was classed as a final dividend and subject to shareholder approval at the AGM in September. As an alternative, the Board proposes to seek formal shareholder approval at the Annual General Meeting ('AGM') to continue quarterly payments (Resolution 8).

#### **Principal Activity and Status**

The Company is registered in Scotland as a public limited company in terms of the Companies Act 2006 (Company Number: SC338196). The Company is an investment company within the terms of Section 833 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Company carries on business as an investment trust and has been approved as such by HM Revenue & Customs ('HMRC'), subject to it continuing to meet the relevant eligibility conditions and ongoing requirements. As a result, it is not liable for corporation tax on capital gains. The Company intends to continue to conduct its affairs so as to enable it to comply with the requirements.

The Company is required to comply with company law, the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority and other legislation and regulations, including financial reporting standards, and its Articles of Association.

The Company is a member of the Association of Investment Companies (the 'AIC').

#### **Accounting and Going Concern**

Shareholders will be asked to approve the adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statements at the AGM (**Resolution 1**).

The financial statements start on page 60 and the unqualified Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements is on pages 54 to 59. The significant accounting policies of the Company are set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

In assessing the going concern basis of accounting, the Directors have had regard to the guidance issued by the Financial Reporting Council and have undertaken a rigorous review of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and specifically in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most of the Company's principal risks and uncertainties are market-related and comparable to other investment companies investing primarily in listed securities. An explanation of these risks and how they are managed is set out on pages 28 and 29. The Board has, in particular, considered the impact of increased market volatility and the present uncertainties in economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical unrest, but does not believe the Company's ability to continue as a going concern is affected.

The Company's investment objective and policy, which is described on page 31 and which is subject to regular Board monitoring processes, is designed to ensure that the Company is invested principally in listed securities. The value of these investments exceeds the Company's liabilities by a significant margin. The Company retains title to all assets held by its Custodian and has agreements relating to its borrowing facilities with which it has complied during the year. Cash is only held with banks approved and regularly reviewed by the Manager.

As part of the going concern review, the Directors noted that a £5 million fixed rate term loan and a £5 million revolving credit facility are committed to the Company until 10 February 2025 and loan covenants are reviewed by the Board on a regular basis. Further details are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

Notes 17 to 22 to the financial statements set out the financial risk profile of the Company and indicate the effect on the assets and liabilities of falls (and rises) in the value of securities and market rates of interest.

The Directors believe, having assessed the principal risks and other matters, including the COVID-19 pandemic and in light of the controls and review processes noted and bearing in mind the nature of the Company's business and assets and revenue and expenditure projections, that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The Company's longer term viability is considered in the 'Viability Assessment and Statement' section on page 30.

The Company does not have a fixed life. However, the Company's Articles of Association require the Board to next put a resolution to shareholders at the 2023 Annual General Meeting (and fiveyearly thereafter) to continue the Company. The continuation vote will be proposed as an ordinary resolution. The first such resolution was put to shareholders and passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 19 September 2018.

#### **Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditor**

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's Auditor is unaware, and each Director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditor is aware of that information.

### **Re-appointment of Auditor**

KPMG LLP was re-appointed as the Company's Auditor at the Annual General Meeting on 30 September 2021 and it has expressed its willingness to continue in office as the Company's Auditor. A resolution proposing its re-appointment and authorising the Directors to determine its remuneration will be submitted at the AGM (Resolution 7).

Further information in relation to the re-appointment can be found on page 48.

# **Capital Structure and Voting Rights**

The Company's capital structure is explained in the 'Capital Structure' section on page 93 of this Annual Report and details of the share capital are set out in note 13 to the financial statements. Details of voting rights are also set out in the notes to the notice of Annual General Meeting. At 31 May 2022 there were 48,397,165 Income shares and 38,860,148 Growth shares listed and the total issued share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares) was represented 55.5% by Income shares and 44.5% by Growth shares.

There are: no significant restrictions concerning the transfer of securities in the Company (other than certain restrictions imposed by laws and regulations such as insider trading laws); no agreements known to the Company concerning restrictions on the transfer of securities in the Company or on voting rights; and no special rights with regard to control attached to securities. Pursuant to the Company's loan facility agreement, repayment may be required in the event of a change in control of the Company. There are no other significant agreements which the Company is a party to that might be affected by a change of control of the Company following a takeover bid.

# **Substantial Interests in Share Capital**

At 31 May 2022 the Company had 48,397,165 Income shares and 38,860,148 Growth shares in issue. As at and since that date the Company had received no notifications of significant voting rights (under the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules) in respect of the Company's share capital.

#### **Manager's Savings Plans**

Since the launch of the Company, the majority of the Income shares and Growth shares have been held through the Manager's retail savings plans. Approximately 67% of the Income shares and 83% of the Growth shares are held in this manner. The voting arrangements for these shares is explained on page 93.

#### **Share Conversion**

During the year the Company's annual share conversion facility proceeded for those shareholders who had elected to do so. The net result of those conversions, which took effect on 4 November 2021, was a decrease of 27,625 Income shares in issue and an increase of 13,595 Growth shares in issue.

## **Directors' Remuneration Report**

The Directors' Remuneration Report, which can be found on pages 50 to 52, provides detailed information on the remuneration arrangements for the Directors of the Company including the Directors' Remuneration Policy. Shareholders will be asked to approve the Annual Report on Directors' Remuneration (Resolution 2) at the AGM on 29 September 2022.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 24 September 2020, shareholders approved the Directors' Remuneration Policy and it is intended that this policy will continue for the three year period ending at the AGM in 2023, when shareholders will next be asked for their approval. There have been no material changes to the Remuneration Policy since approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 24 September 2020.

### **Director Election and Re-Elections**

Biographical details of the Directors, all of whom are nonexecutive, can be found on page 33 and are incorporated into this report by reference.

With the exception of Simon Longfellow and Shauna Bevan, who were appointed on 14 July 2021 and 9 June 2022 respectively, and Colin McGill who retired on 30 September 2021, all of the Directors held office throughout the year under review. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for election. Accordingly, Shauna Bevan will retire at the AGM, being the first such meeting following her appointment and, being eligible, offers herself for election (Resolution 3).

As explained under the Corporate Governance Statement on page 42, the Board has agreed that all Directors will retire annually. David Harris is not standing for re-election and will therefore retire at the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Accordingly, Sue Inglis, Simon Longfellow and David Warnock will retire at the AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. (Resolutions 4, 5 and 6).

The skills and experience each Director brings to the Board for the long-term sustainable success of the Company are set out below.

- **Resolution 3** relates to the election of Shauna Bevan who was appointed on 9 June 2022 and has in-depth investment experience and industry knowledge.
- Resolution 4 relates to the re-election of Sue Inglis who was appointed on 9 July 2018. She has extensive and in-depth knowledge and experience in the investment companies sector having been a senior corporate financier and, prior to that, a senior lawyer specialising in investment companies and also from her other non-executive director roles.
- **Resolution 5** relates to the re-election of Simon Longfellow who was appointed on 14 July 2021 and has extensive marketing experience in the investment trust sector.
- **Resolution 6** relates to the re-election of David Warnock who was appointed on 1 January 2019 and has in-depth knowledge, expertise and experience in investment management and with investment companies.

The Board believes that longer serving Directors should not be prevented from forming part of an independent majority, which is consistent with the view expressed within the AIC Code. The Board does not consider that a Director's tenure necessarily reduces his or her ability to act independently and, following formal performance evaluations, the Board believes that each Director is independent in character and judgement, that they perform their duties at all times in an independent manner and that there are no relationships or circumstances which are likely to affect the judgement of any Director. The Board believes that continuity and experience add significantly to the strength of the Board. For these reasons and those set out on page 44, the tenure of David Harris, who has served on the Board for 14 years, is not considered to compromise his independence. David Harris will retire at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM. Additional information on diversity and tenure is set out on pages 32 and 44.

The Directors believe that the Board has an appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the Company to enable it to provide effective strategic leadership and proper governance of the Company. The Chairman and the Board confirms that, following formal performance evaluations, the performance of each of the Directors continues to be effective and demonstrates commitment to the role and, having considered the Directors' other time commitments and Board positions, are satisfied that each Director has the capacity to be fully engaged with the Company's business. The Chairman and the Board therefore believe that it is in the interests of shareholders that each of those Directors seeking election and re-election are elected/re-elected.

There are no service contracts in existence between the Company and any Directors but each of the Directors has been issued with, and accepted, the terms of a letter of appointment that sets out the main terms of his or her appointment. Amongst other things, the letter includes confirmation that the Director has a sufficient understanding of the Company and the sector in which it operates, and sufficient time available to discharge their duties effectively taking into account their other commitments. These letters are available for inspection upon request at the Company's registered office during normal business hours and will be available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting.

# **Directors' Interests and Letters of Indemnity**

There were no contracts of significance to which the Company was a party and in which a Director is, or was, materially interested during the year.

The Company has entered into letters of indemnity in favour of each of the Directors and these were in force throughout the year ended 31 May 2022 and, in the case of Shauna Bevan, from her appointment on 9 June 2022. Following the year end, the Company has refreshed its letters of indemnity with each of the Directors to account for legislative updates and changes in market practice. These letters give each Director the benefit of an indemnity to the extent permitted by the Companies Act 2006 against liabilities incurred by each of them in the execution of their duties and the exercise of their powers. A copy of each letter of indemnity is available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours and will be available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting. The Company also maintains Directors' and officers' liability insurance.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Under the Companies Act 2006 a Director must avoid a situation where he or she has, or could have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the Company's interests. The requirement is very broad and could apply, for example, if a Director becomes a director of another company or a trustee of another organisation. The Companies Act 2006 allows directors of public companies to authorise conflicts and potential conflicts, where appropriate, where the Articles of Association contain a provision to this effect. The Company's Articles of Association give the Directors authority to approve such situations.

The Board therefore has procedures in place for the authorisation and review of potential conflicts relating to the Directors.

The Company maintains a register of Directors' conflicts of interest which have been disclosed and approved by the other Directors. Other than authorisation of Directors' other directorships, no authorisations have been sought. This register is kept up-to-date and the Directors are required to disclose to the Company Secretary any changes to conflicts or any potential new conflicts.

### **Safe Custody of Assets**

The Company's investments are held in safe custody by JPMorgan Chase Bank (the 'Custodian'). Operational matters with the Custodian are carried out on the Company's behalf by the Manager in accordance with the provisions of the investment management agreement. The Custodian is paid a variable fee dependent on the number of trades and location of the securities held.

#### **Depositary**

JPMorgan Europe Limited (the 'Depositary') acts as the Company's depositary in accordance with the AIFMD. The Depositary's responsibilities, which are set out in an Investor Disclosure Document on the Company's website, include, but are not limited to, cash monitoring, segregation and safe keeping of the Company's financial instruments and monitoring the Company's compliance with investment and leverage limit requirements. The Depositary receives for its services a fee of 0.01% per annum on the value of the Company's net assets, payable monthly in arrears.

Although the Depositary has delegated the safekeeping of all assets held within the Company's investment Portfolios to the Custodian, in the event of loss of those assets that constitute financial instruments under the AIFMD, the Depositary will be obliged to return to the Company financial instruments of an identical type, or the corresponding amount of money, unless it can demonstrate that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

#### **Management and Administration**

The Manager provides management, administration, marketing, accounting and company secretarial services to the Company. A summary of the investment management agreement between the Company and the Manager in respect of the services provided is given in notes 4 and 5 to the financial statements. The Manager is the Company's AIFM, for which it does not receive any additional remuneration.

Since the end of the year, the Management Engagement Committee has reviewed the appropriateness of the Manager's appointment. In carrying out its review the Committee considered the past investment performance of the Company and the ability of the Manager to produce satisfactory investment performance in the future. It also considered the length of the notice period of the investment management agreement and the fees payable to the Manager, together with the standard of other services provided, which include administration, marketing, accounting and company secretarial services. Following this review, which included a comparison against the terms of appointment of investment managers for similar investment companies, it is the Directors' opinion that the continuing appointment of the Manager on the terms agreed is in the interests of shareholders as a whole.

#### Other Companies Act Disclosures

- The rules for appointment and replacement of Directors are contained in the Articles of Association of the Company. In respect of periodic retirement, the Articles of Association provide that each Director is required to retire at the third Annual General Meeting after the Annual General Meeting at which last elected. As mentioned earlier in this Report, the Board has agreed that all Directors will retire annually.
- Amendment of the Articles of Association and powers to issue and buy-back shares require shareholder authority.
- There are no agreements between the Company and the Directors providing for compensation for loss of office that occurs because of a takeover bid.

### **Future Developments of the Company**

The future success of the Company in pursuit of its investment objective is dependent primarily on the performance of its investments and the outlook for the Company is set out in the Chairman's Statement on pages 9 and 10 and the Investment Manager's Review on pages 18 and 19.

### **Environmental, Social and Governance**

Details on the Company's Environmental, Social and Governance policies, including voting on Portfolio investments, is set out on pages 24 and 25.

The Company seeks to conduct its affairs responsibly and environmental factors are, where appropriate, taken into consideration with regard to investment decisions taken on behalf of the Company.

#### Modern Slavery Act 2015

As an investment company with no employees or customers and which does not provide goods or services in the normal course of business, the Company considers that it does not fall within the scope of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and it is not, therefore, obliged to make a human trafficking statement. The Company's own supply chain, which consists predominantly of professional advisers and service providers in the financial services industry, is considered to be low risk in relation to this matter. A statement by the Manager under the Act has been published on its website at columbiathreadneedle.co.uk.

# **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

All of the Company's activities are outsourced to third parties. As such it does not have any physical assets, property, employees or operations of its own and does not generate any greenhouse gas or other emissions.

#### **Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments comprise its investment Portfolios, cash balances, bank borrowings and debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations such as sales and purchases awaiting settlement and accrued income.

The financial risk management objectives and policies arising from its financial instruments and the exposure of the Company to risk are disclosed in notes 17 to 22 to the financial statements.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2NY, on Thursday 29 September 2022 at 11.30am. The notice of Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 88 to 92. Peter Hewitt, the Investment Manager, will give a presentation at the AGM and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions. If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may submit any questions you may have with regard to the resolutions proposed at the AGM or the performance of the Company in advance of the meeting to the following email address: MPTCoSec@columbiathreadneedle.com. The Investment Manager's presentation will be available to view on the Company's website, ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk, following the meeting.

The AGM is currently proposed to be held in person and voting on all resolutions will be conducted by way of a poll. Shareholders are encouraged to exercise their votes either through the Registrar's online portal or by completing and returning their Form of Proxy or Form of Direction. The results of the poll will be announced via a regulatory announcement and posted on the Company's website at ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk after the meeting. Any changes to the AGM arrangements will be announced via a regulatory announcement and will be included on the Company's website.

Resolutions 9 to 13 are explained below.

# **Directors' Authority to Allot Shares and Sell Shares** from Treasury (Resolutions 9, 10 and 11)

Since the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 30 September 2021, and in accordance with the authorities granted, the Board has exercised its powers by issuing 1,195,000 new Income shares and 990,000 new Growth shares (representing 2.5% and 2.5% of the Company's total issued Income share and Growth share capital respectively (excluding treasury shares) as at 8 August 2022) on a non pre-emptive basis at a premium to the net asset value per share.

The Directors believe that the Company's continuing ability to issue shares at a premium to net asset value or sell shares from treasury will increase liquidity and reduce volatility by preventing the build-up of excessive demand for shares.

The sale of shares from treasury is to be at a price not less than the net asset value per share of the Income shares (in the case of a sale of Income shares) or Growth shares (in the case of a sale of Growth shares).

The Directors are seeking authority to allot Income shares and Growth shares.

Resolution 9 (authority to allot shares) will, if passed, authorise the Directors to allot new Income shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £921,933.02 (consisting of 9,707,000 Income shares) and new Growth shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £741,763.35 (consisting of 7,810,000 Growth shares), being approximately 20% of the Company's total issued Income shares and approximately 20% of the Company's total issued Growth shares (excluding treasury shares) as at 8 August 2022.

Resolution 10 (power to disapply pre-emption rights) will, if passed, authorise the Directors to allot new Income shares, or resell Income shares held in treasury, up to an aggregate nominal amount of £460,966.51 (consisting of 4,853,500 Income shares) and allot new Growth shares, or resell Growth shares held in treasury, up to an aggregate nominal amount of £370,881.67 (consisting of 3,905,000 Growth shares), being approximately 10% of the Company's total issued Income shares and approximately 10% of the Company's total issued Growth shares (including treasury shares), as at 8 August 2022, for cash without first offering such shares to existing shareholders pro rata to their existing holdings.

**Resolution 11** (additional power to dissaply pre-emption rights) will, if passed, and in addition to Resolution 10, authorise the Directors to allot further new Income shares, or resell Income shares held in treasury, up to an aggregate nominal amount of £460,966.51 (consisting of 4,853,500 Income shares) and allot new Growth shares, or resell Growth shares held in treasury, up to an aggregate nominal amount of £370,881.67 (consisting of 3,905,000 Growth shares) being approximately 10% of the Company's total issued Income shares and approximately 10% of the Company's total issued Growth shares (including treasury shares), as at 8 August 2022, for cash without first offering such shares to existing shareholders pro rata to their existing holdings.

These authorities will continue until the earlier of 29 December 2023 (being 15 months from the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2022) and the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in 2023. The Directors will only allot new shares pursuant to these authorities if they believe it is advantageous to the Company's shareholders to do so and will not result in a dilution of net asset value per share.

# **Directors' Authority to Buy Back Shares (Resolution 12)**

At the last Annual General Meeting held on 30 September 2021 shareholders gave the Company authority to make market purchases of up to 7,074,000 Income shares and 5,684,000 Growth shares (being 14.99% of each of the issued Income shares and Growth shares, in each case excluding treasury shares).

During the year to 31 May 2022, the Company did not purchase through the market any Income shares or Growth shares for treasury.

The current authority of the Company to make market purchases of up to 14.99% of each of the issued Income shares and Growth shares (in each case, excluding shares held in treasury) expires at the end of the Annual General Meeting and Resolution 12, as set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting, seeks renewal of that authority. The renewed authority to make market purchases will be in respect of a maximum of 14.99% of each of the issued Income shares and issued Growth shares (in each case, excluding treasury shares) of the Company on the date of the passing of the resolution. The price paid for shares will not be less than the nominal value of £0.094976101 per share nor more than the higher of (a) 5% above the average of the middle market price of those shares for the five business days before the shares are purchased and (b) the higher of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the London Stock Exchange. This power will only be exercised if, in the opinion of the Directors, a purchase will result in an increase in net asset value per share and is in the interests of the shareholders. Any shares purchased under this authority will either be held in treasury or cancelled at the determination of the Directors. This authority will expire on the earlier of 29 December 2023 and the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

There is no limit on the number of shares that a company can hold in treasury at any one time and the Board has not set a limit on the number of shares that can be held in treasury by the Company.

There were 87,587,313 Income shares and Growth shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) as at 8 August 2022 of which 48,537,165 (55.4%) are Income shares and 39,050,148 (44.6%) are Growth shares. At that date, the Company held nil Income shares and nil Growth shares in treasury.

# **Approval of the Proposed Purchase Contract** (Resolution 13)

Resolution 13 gives the Company authority to buy its deferred shares, arising on the conversion of any of the Growth shares or Income shares into the other class of shares, by way of an offmarket purchase in accordance with Sections 693 and 694 of the Companies Act 2006. The deferred shares will be purchased for nil consideration as they have no economic value in order to keep the balance sheet straight forward. The exact number of deferred shares which will arise as a result of any conversions is not yet known and therefore the Purchase Contract constitutes a contract under Section 694(3) of the Companies Act 2006. By law the Company will only be able to purchase these shares off-market if the Purchase Contract is approved by special resolution at a general meeting of the Company.

#### Recommendation

The Board considers that the passing of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole and they unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of those resolutions. Information on shareholder voting rights is set out in the notes to the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Individual Savings Accounts**

The Company's shares are qualifying investments for Individual Savings Accounts. It is the current intention of the Directors that the Company will continue to conduct its affairs to satisfy this requirement.

By order of the Board For Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited **Company Secretary** Quartermile 4 7a Nightingale Way Edinburgh EH3 9EG 8 August 2022

# **Corporate Governance** Statement

The biographical details of the Directors responsible for the governance of the Company are set out on page 33. Committee membership is also included and the respective terms of reference and biographies are also available on the Company's website ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk

In maintaining the confidence and trust of the Company's shareholders, the Board sets out to adhere to the highest standards of corporate governance, business and ethics transparency and it remains committed to doing so. As the Board believes that good governance creates value, it expects the investment companies in which it invests to apply similar standards.

### **Governance Overview**

Throughout the financial year, an Audit Committee, Management Engagement Committee and Nomination Committee were in place. The role and responsibilities of these committees are set out in their respective reports, which follow, and their terms of reference are also available on the Company's website. Each of the committees comprises all of the Directors. The Board considers that, given its size, it would be unnecessarily burdensome to establish separate committees which did not include the entire Board and believes that this enables all Directors to be kept fully informed of any issues that arise.

Since the year-end, on 19 July 2022, the Board also established a new Marketing Committee. Chaired by Simon Longfellow, the Committee comprises all of the Directors and intends to meet at least twice a year. The objective of the Committee is to increase investors' awareness of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust and to promote its key attributes through appropriate initiatives. Its terms of reference are also available on the Company's website.

As set out in the Strategic Report the Board has appointed the Manager to manage the investment Portfolios as well as to carry out the day to day management and administrative functions. Reporting from the Manager is set out on pages 14 to 19 and in the Report of the Audit Committee in respect of internal controls on pages 47 and 48. The Board's evaluation of the Manager can be found on page 45.

The Board has direct access to company secretarial advice and services of the Manager which, through the Company Secretary, is responsible for ensuring that Board and committee procedures are followed and applicable laws, regulations and best practice requirements are complied with. The proceedings at all Board and Committee meetings are fully recorded through a process that allows any Director's concerns to be recorded by the Company Secretary in the minutes.

# **Compliance with the AIC Code of Corporate Governance** (the "AIC Code")

The Board of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC has considered and supports the principles and provisions of the AIC Code published in February 2019. The AIC code addresses the principles and provisions set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code (the "UK Code") as well as setting out additional provisions on issues that are of specific relevance to investment companies. There are also two main differences. In the AIC Code, both the nine year limit on chair tenure and the restriction on the chair of the Board being a member of the Audit Committee have been removed.

Colin McGill retired following the conclusion of the AGM on 30 September 2021. He was appointed to the Board in February 2008 and then as Chairman in January 2019. Following Colin McGill's retirement, David Warnock was then appointed Chairman. David Warnock was appointed to the Board on 1 January 2019 and has therefore served for less than nine years. The tenure policy relating to the Directors, which includes the Chairman, is set out on page 32.

None of the Directors standing for re-election at the forthcoming AGM has served in excess of nine years.

The Board considers that reporting against the principles and provisions of the AIC Code, which has been endorsed by the Financial Reporting Council, provides more relevant information to shareholders.

By reporting against the AIC Code, the Company meets its obligations in relation to the UK Code (and associated disclosure requirements under paragraph 9.8.6 of the Listing Rules) and as such does not need to report further on issues contained in the UK Code which are not relevant to it as an externally managed investment company.

The Board believes that the Company has complied with the recommendations of the AIC Code during the year under review and up to the date of this report and, except as regards the provisions of the UK Code set out below, has thereby complied with the relevant provisions of the UK Code:

- the role of the Chief Executive;
- executive Directors' remuneration;
- the need for an internal audit function;
- membership of the Audit Committee by the Chairman of the Board: and
- workforce engagement

For the reasons set out in the AIC Code, the Board considers these provisions as not being relevant to the position of the

Company, being an externally managed investment company. In particular, all of the Company's daily management and administrative functions have been delegated to the Manager. As a result, the Company has no executive Directors, employees or internal operations. As explained in the Report of the Audit Committee, the Chairman of the Board is also a member of the Audit Committee, as permitted by the AIC Code. Therefore, with the exception of the need for an internal audit function, which is addressed on page 48, we have not reported further in respect of these provisions.

The AIC Code can be found on theaic.co.uk and the UK Code on frc.org.uk

#### **Company Purpose**

The Company's purpose, values and culture and the basis on which it aims to generate value over the longer term is set out within the Purpose, Strategy and Business Model on pages 11 to 12. How the Board seeks to promote the success of the Company is set out on pages 26 to 27.

#### **Board Leadership**

The Board consists solely of non-executive Directors and David Warnock is the Chairman. The Board is responsible for the effective stewardship of the Company's affairs and has in place a schedule of matters that it has reserved for its decision, which is reviewed periodically.

The Board currently meets at least four times a year and at each meeting the Board reviews the Company's investment performance and considers financial analyses and other reports of an operational nature. The Board monitors compliance with the Company's objectives and is responsible for setting investment and gearing limits within which the Manager has discretion to act, and thus supervises the management of the investment Portfolios which is contractually delegated to the Manager.

An investment management agreement between the Company and its Manager, Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited, sets out the matters over which the Manager has authority and the limits beyond which Board approval must be sought. All other matters, including strategy, investment and dividend policies, gearing and corporate governance procedures, are reserved for the approval of the Board of Directors.

# **Division of Board Responsibilities**

As an externally managed investment company, all the Directors are non-executive and there are no employees. David Warnock, as Chairman, is responsible for the leadership and management of the Board and promotes a culture of openness, challenge and debate. The Chairman sets the agenda for all Board meetings under a regular programme of matters in conjunction with the Company Secretary. There is a strong working relationship with the Manager and the Investment Manager and related personnel attended the meetings throughout the year and reported to the Board. Discussions are held in a constructive and supportive

manner, with appropriate challenge and strategic guidance and advice from the Board whenever necessary, consistent with the culture and values.

Currently, David Harris is the Senior Independent Director and acts as an experienced sounding board for the Chairman or as an intermediary for shareholders. He also leads the annual evaluation of the Chairman. David Harris will retire following the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM on 29 September 2022 and Sue Inglis has agreed to fulfil this role, following David's retirement.

In order to enable them to discharge their responsibilities, all Directors have full and timely access to relevant information. Directors may, at the expense of the Company, seek independent professional advice on any matter that concerns them in the furtherance of their duties. No such advice was taken during the year under review. The Company maintains appropriate Directors' and officers' liability insurance.

Under the Articles of Association of the Company, the number of Directors on the Board may be no less than two and no more than seven. Directors may be appointed by the Company by ordinary resolution or by the Board. Any Director appointed by the Board would hold office only until the next general meeting and then be eligible for re-election by shareholders. The Board has agreed that all Directors will retire annually and, if appropriate, seek re-election.

Full details of the duties of Directors are provided at the time of appointment. New Directors receive an induction from the Manager on joining the Board, and all Directors are encouraged to attend relevant training courses and seminars and receive regular updates on the industry and changes to laws, regulations and best practice requirements from the Company Secretary and other parties, including the AIC. All of the Directors consider that they have sufficient time to discharge their duties.

All Directors are considered by the Board to be independent of the Company's Manager and the Board believes that each Director is independent in character and judgement and that they perform their duties at all times in an independent manner and that there are no relationships or circumstances which are likely to affect the judgement of any Director.

Directors' Attendance During the Year Ended 31 May 2022

	Board of Directors	Audit Committee	Management Engagement Committee	Nomination Committee
No. of meetings	4	3	1	4
D Warnock	4	3	1	4
C S McGill <sup>(1)</sup>	2	1	1	1
D Harris	4	3	1	4
S P Inglis	4	3	1	4
S M Longfellow <sup>(2)</sup>	4	3	1	4

<sup>(1)</sup> Retired on 30 September 2021

<sup>(2)</sup> Appointed on 14 July 2021

In addition, during the year, meetings were held to approve the interim dividends and also with respect to the annual share conversion facility and new borrowing facilities.

#### **Composition and Succession**

The composition of the Board and Committees together with the experience of the members is set out on page 33. The Company's diversity and tenure policy is set out on page 32.

David Harris has served on the Board since the launch of the Company in 2008 and will retire following the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM on 29 September 2022. A succession plan to allow for the retirement of the longer serving Directors has been in progress over the last few years and following the year-end, on 9 June 2022, a new non-executive Director Shauna Bevan was appointed to the Board. An objective of the succession plan was to ensure an adequate level of continuity and experience on the Board while changes were made, thereby acting in the best interests of shareholders. The Report of the Nomination Committee on page 44 sets out the process carried out in respect of the appointment of Shauna Bevan as a non-executive Director of the Company.

#### **Board Evaluation and Effectiveness**

During the year the performance of the Board and Committees, including the performance of each individual Director and the Chairman, was evaluated through a formal assessment process, led by the Senior Independent Director. This process involved consideration of completed questionnaires tailored to suit the nature of the Company and discussion of the points arising amongst the Directors.

Following this process, it was concluded that the performance of each Director and the Chairman continues to be effective and each remains committed to the Company and that the Board oversees the management of the Company effectively and has the requisite skills and expertise to safeguard shareholders' interests.

The conclusion from the assessment process was also that the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Management Engagement Committee were operating effectively, with the right balance of membership, experience and skills.

# Audit. Risk and Internal Control

The Board has a well established and effective Audit Committee, the report of which is set out on pages 46 to 49. There is an explanation of the procedures under which risk is managed and how the Board oversees the internal control framework and determines the nature and extent of the principal risks the Company is willing to take in order to achieve its long-term strategic objectives. In the current year this also included the assessment of the operational risks posed by COVID-19 and the implementation of contingency plans by the Manager and other third party service providers. Details of the principal risks and uncertainties are set out on pages 28 and 29 and further

information on the Company's risk management and internal control framework can be found on pages 47 to 48.

The rationale for the Company not having established its own internal audit function is also explained.

The report of the Audit Committee explains how the independence and effectiveness of the external Auditor is assessed and how the Board satisfies itself on the integrity of financial statements. The report also covers the process under which the Board satisfied itself that the Annual Report and Financial Statements, taken as a whole, presents a fair, balanced and understandable assessment of the Company's position and prospects.

# **Relations with Shareholders and Other Stakeholders**

Communication with the Company's key stakeholders, who are its shareholders, the Manager, bankers and other key service providers, is set out on page 12.

#### Remuneration

Information on the remuneration arrangements for the nonexecutive Directors of the Company can be found in the Remuneration Report on pages 50 to 52 and in note 5 to the financial statements.

The remuneration policy is explained on page 50 and that, as non-executive Directors, their fees are set at a level commensurate with the skills and experience necessary for the effective stewardship of the Company and the contribution towards the delivery of the investment objective. While there are no executive Directors and no employees, shareholders should expect that the fees paid to the Manager are aligned with the Company's purpose and values and the successful delivery of its long-term strategy.

#### **Share Capital and Companies Act 2006 Disclosures**

Details of the Company's share capital structure are set out on page 35 and other Companies Act 2006 disclosures are included on page 38.

By order of the Board For Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited **Company Secretary** Quartermile 4 7a Nightingale Way Edinburgh EH3 9EG 8 August 2022

# **Report of the** Nomination Committee

# **Composition of the Committee**

The Committee comprises the full Board and is chaired by David Warnock and its terms of reference can be found on the website at ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk

#### **Role of the Committee**

The primary role of the Nomination Committee is to review and make recommendations with regard to Board structure, size and composition. It takes into account the ongoing requirements of the Company and the need to have a balance of skills, experience, diversity (including gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, sexual orientation, age or physical ability), independence and knowledge of the Company within the Board and ensuring succession planning is carefully managed.

The Committee met on four occasions during the year and considered matters such as:

- the size of the Board and its composition, particularly in terms of succession planning and the experience and skills of individual Directors and diversity of the Board as a whole;
- tenure;
- the criteria for future Board appointments and the methods of recruitment, selection and appointment; and
- future retirement of Directors.

# **Diversity and Tenure**

The Company's Board diversity and tenure policy is shown on page 32 and recruitment searches are open to a diverse range of candidates. Other than the diversity targets set out in the Listing Rules, the Directors have not set any measurable objectives in relation to diversity of the Board and will always appoint the best person for the role.

The Board believes that a Director's tenure does not necessarily reduce his or her contribution or ability to act independently and that continuity and experience can add significantly to the strength of investment trust Boards where the characteristics and relationships tend to differ from those of other companies. However, the Board is committed to maintaining the highest levels of corporate governance in terms of independence and once the Board's succession plan is complete would expect that, in future, Directors would normally serve for not more than nine years, but this may be adjusted for reasons of flexibility and continuity.

#### Appointments and Succession Planning

Appointments of all new non-executive Directors are made on a formal basis, using professional search consultants as appropriate, with the Nomination Committee agreeing the selection criteria and the method of recruitment, selection and appointment.

A succession plan, to allow for the retirement of the longer serving Directors, has been in progress over the last few years. The emphasis has been on ensuring the highest level of skills, knowledge and experience of the Board and when recruiting a new Director consideration is given to the current skills and experience of the Board and the remaining tenure of each Director. This assists in identifying the desired attributes of the new Director and ensures that the Board continues to comprise individuals with appropriate and complementary skills and experience and continuity.

David Harris, one of the Directors, has served on the Board since the launch of the Company in 2008 and has therefore served for more than nine years and during the year a search for a new non-executive Director was undertaken.

An external search agency, Cornforth Consulting (which has no connection to the Company or the Directors), was engaged to assist with the process. The Committee defined the criteria that was required and the selection process took into consideration the applications received and interviews with the short-listed candidates.

Following the recruitment process it was agreed to appoint Shauna Bevan to the Board with effect from 9 June 2022.

Having served on the Board since 2008, Colin McGill retired following the Annual General Meeting held on 30 September 2021 and it has been agreed that David Harris will retire following the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM to be held on 29 September 2022. It is intended that Sue Inglis will then become the Senior Independent Director.

#### **Committee Evaluation**

The activities of the Committee were considered as part of the Board appraisal process completed in accordance with standard governance arrangements as summarised on page 43. The conclusion from the process was that the Committee was operating effectively, with the right balance of experience and skills.

**David Warnock** Chairman of the Nomination Committee 8 August 2022

# **Report of the Management Engagement Committee**

### **Composition of the Committee**

The Committee comprises the full Board and is chaired by David Warnock and its terms of reference can be found on the website at ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk

### **Role of the Committee**

The Committee meets at least annually and its role is to review the terms and conditions of the Manager's appointment and the services it and other key service providers provide and the fees charged.

The Committee met on one occasion during the year.

### **Manager Evaluation Process and Re-appointment**

Since the end of the year, the Committee has reviewed the appropriateness of the Manager's appointment. In carrying out its review the Committee considered the past investment performance of the Company and the skills, experience and depth of the Manager's team involved in managing the Company's assets and its ability to produce satisfactory investment performance in the future.

Its performance is considered by the Board at every meeting, with a formal evaluation by the Committee each year. For the purposes of its ongoing monitoring, the Board receives reports from the Manager on investment activity, attribution, gearing, risk and performance. This allows the Board to assess the management of the investment Portfolios against the Company's investment objective on an ongoing basis together with performance against the Company's key performance indicators.

The annual evaluation that took place in July 2022 included a presentation from the Investment Manager and the Manager's Head of Investment Trusts. This included reporting on the investment performance over the last year and its ability to successfully deliver the investment strategy for shareholders. The Manager also reported on the strength of its current business, progress of the integration of its business with that of Columbia Threadneedle Investments, the resources and opportunities that can be expected as part of the enlarged business and the continued support of the investment trust business.

The Committee also considered the length of the notice period of the investment management agreement and fees payable to the Manager, together with the standard of other services provided which include ESG, administration, marketing, accounting and company secretarial services.

Following this review, it was the Committee's view that the continuing appointment of the Manager on the terms agreed was in the interests of shareholders as a whole. The Board ratified this recommendation.

#### **Committee Evaluation**

The activities of the Committee were considered as part of the Board appraisal process completed in accordance with standard governance arrangements as summarised on page 43. The conclusion from the process was that the Committee was operating effectively, with the right balance of experience and skills.

#### **David Warnock**

Chairman of the Management Engagement Committee 8 August 2022

# Report of the Audit Committee

## **Composition of the Committee**

The Board recognises the requirement for the Audit Committee as a whole to have competence relevant to the sector in which the Company operates and at least one member with recent and relevant experience.

The Audit Committee is chaired by Sue Inglis who has recent and relevant financial experience. The Audit Committee operates within clearly defined terms of reference and comprises the full Board. These Directors have a combination of financial, investment and business experience and specifically with respect to the investment trust sector and accordingly have sufficient experience to discharge their responsibilities. Given the relevant financial and investment experience of the Chairman of the Board, his continued independence and valued contribution, the Audit Committee considers it appropriate that he is a member. Details of the members can be found on page 33 and the Committee's terms of reference are available at the website ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk.

The performance of the Committee was evaluated as part of the Board appraisal process.

# **Role of the Committee**

The duties of the Audit Committee include ensuring the integrity of the financial reporting and financial statements of the Company, reviewing the annual and interim financial statements, the risk management and internal controls process and the terms of appointment and remuneration of the Auditor, KPMG LLP ('KPMG'), including its independence and objectivity. It also provides a forum through which the Auditor reports to the Board of Directors and meets at least twice a year including at least two meetings with KPMG.

The Audit Committee met on three occasions during the year and the attendance of each of the members is set out on page 42. In the due course of its duties, the Committee had direct access to KPMG and senior members of the Manager's Fund Management, Investment Trust and Business Risk teams. Amongst other things, the Audit Committee considered and reviewed the following matters and reported thereon to the Board:

- the annual and half-yearly results announcements, and annual and half-yearly reports and financial statements;
- the accounting policies of the Company and the allocation of management expenses and interest costs between capital and revenue;
- the principal and emerging risks and uncertainties faced by the Company and the effectiveness of the Company's

- internal control and risk management environment, including consideration of the assumptions underlying the Board's statements on going concern and viability;
- the effectiveness of the external audit process and any related non-audit services and the independence and objectivity of KPMG, its re-appointment, remuneration and terms of engagement;
- the policy on the engagement of KPMG to supply non-audit services and approval of any such services;
- the implications of proposed new accounting standards and regulatory changes;
- the need for the Company to have its own internal audit
- the ISAE/AAF and SSAE16 reports or their equivalent from the Manager, the Custodian and other significant third party service providers;
- whether the Annual Report and Financial Statements are fair, balanced and understandable;
- the operational arrangements and performance of the Manager and other third party service providers in terms of business continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- the acquisition of BMO GAM by Columbia Threadneedle Investments and the expected integration of its systems, risk management and internal control infrastructure.

During the preparation of both the half-yearly report for the six month period ended 30 November 2021 and the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2022 the Committee has considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic upon the risks, operations and accounting basis of the Company. As noted within Principal Risks and Uncertainties and Viability Statement on pages 28 to 30 the Directors have reviewed the risk register of the Company and agreed that the overall risk from some of its principal risks remain heightened as a consequence of the pandemic. The Committee has noted that at the onset of the pandemic the Manager implemented 'working from home' arrangements for its staff and the Company's other third party service providers also implemented similar arrangements to ensure no disruption to their service. Following the easing of government COVID-19 related restrictions, the Manager has moved to a hybrid model with staff also returning to work in office locations. The Committee continues to monitor this and is confident that the Company continues to operate as normal with service levels maintained.

With regard to the change of ownership of the Manager that took effect on 8 November 2021, the Audit Committee has received confirmation that the existing systems and controls are unchanged and continued to operate effectively throughout the year under review and thereafter without any material change to the date of this report. The merger of the Manager and Columbia Threadneedle Investments will entail the progressive integration of the two organisations, which the Audit Committee will monitor closely from a risk management and internal control perspective.

The Board retains ultimate responsibility for all aspects relating to external financial statements and other significant published financial information as noted in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 53.

# **Risk Management**

The Board has established an ongoing process designed to meet the particular needs of the Company in managing the risks to which it is exposed, consistent with the related guidance issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The Manager's Business Risk department provides regular control reports to the Audit Committee and the Board covering risk and compliance and any significant issues of direct relevance to the Company are required to be reported to the Audit Committee and Board immediately.

For the management of risk, a key risk summary is produced to help identify the risks to which the Company is exposed, the controls in place and the actions being taken to mitigate them. The Audit Committee and Board has a robust process for considering the resulting risk control assessment and reviews the significance of the risks and reasons for any changes.

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties and their mitigations are set out on pages 28 and 29 with additional information provided in notes 17 to 22 to the financial statements. The integration of these risks into the consideration of the Viability Statement on page 30 was also fully considered and the Audit Committee concluded that the Board's Statement was soundly based. The period of three years was also agreed as remaining appropriate for the reasons given in the Statement.

# **Internal Controls**

The Board has overall responsibility for the Company's systems of risk management and internal control, for reviewing its effectiveness and ensuring that risk management and internal control processes are embedded in the daily operations, which are managed by the Manager.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and reported to the Board on these controls which aim to ensure that the assets of the Company are safeguarded, proper accounting records are maintained and the financial information used within the business and for publication is reliable.

Control of the risks identified, including financial, operational, compliance and overall risk management, is exercised by the Audit Committee and the Board through regular reports provided by the Manager. The reports cover investment performance, attribution, compliance with agreed and regulatory investment restrictions, financial analyses, revenue estimates, performance of the third party administrator of the Manager's savings plans and other relevant issues.

At each Board meeting, the Board monitors the investment performance of the Company in comparison to its objective and relevant equity market indices. The Board also reviews the Company's activities since the last Board meeting to ensure that the Manager adheres to the agreed investment policy and approved investment guidelines and, if appropriate, approves changes to such policy and guidelines.

The system of risk management and internal control is designed to manage, rather than eliminate, risk and, by its nature, can only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement, loss or fraud. Further to the review by the Audit Committee, the Board has assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control systems.

The assessment included a review of the Manager's risk management infrastructure and the Report on Internal Controls in accordance with ISAE 3402 and AAF (01/20) for the year to 31 October 2021 (the 'ISAE/AAF Report') that has been prepared for its clients. The Audit Committee also received confirmation from the Manager that, subsequent to this date, there had been no material changes to the control environment. Containing a report and an unqualified opinion from independent reporting accountants KPMG LLP, it sets out the Manager's control environment and procedures with respect to the management of its clients' investments and maintenance of their financial records. The effectiveness of these controls is monitored by the Manager's Group Audit and Risk Committee which receives regular internal audit reports from its Risk and Control Services function. Procedures are also in place to capture and evaluate any failings and weaknesses within the Manager's control environment and those extending to any outsourced service provider to ensure that action would be taken to remedy any significant issues identified and which would be reported to the Board. Any errors or breaches relating to the Company are reported at each Audit Committee and Board meeting by the Manager. No failings or weaknesses material to the overall control environment and financial statements in respect of the Company were identified in the year under review nor to the date of this report.

The Audit Committee also reviewed appropriate reports on the internal controls of other significant service providers, such as the Custodian and Registrar, and was satisfied that there were no material exceptions.

The review procedures have been in place throughout the financial year and up to the date of approval of the financial statements, and the Board is satisfied with their effectiveness.

Through the reviews and reporting arrangements set out above and by direct enquiry of the Manager and other relevant parties, the Committee and the Board have satisfied themselves that there were no material control failures or exceptions affecting the Company's operations during the financial year or to the date of this report.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the need for an internal audit function. Based on review, observation and enquiry, the Audit Committee and the Board have concluded that the systems and procedures employed by the Manager provide sufficient assurance that a sound system of internal control, which safeguards shareholders' investments and the Company's assets, is maintained. In addition, the Company's financial statements are audited by an external Auditor. An internal audit function, specific to the Company, is therefore considered unnecessary but this decision will be kept under review.

# **External Audit Process and Significant Matters Considered by the Audit Committee**

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Audit Committee has considered the planning arrangements, scope, materiality levels and conclusion of the year ended 31 May 2022 external audit of the financial statements. The significant matters considered by the Audit Committee are discussed in the table on the following page.

The Audit Committee met in July 2022 to discuss the draft Annual Report and Financial Statements, with representatives of KPMG and the Manager in attendance and KPMG presented their year-end report to the Audit Committee. At the conclusion of the audit KPMG did not highlight any issues to the Audit Committee which would cause it to qualify its audit report. KPMG issued an unqualified audit report which is included on pages 54 to 59.

#### **Non-audit Services**

The Committee regards the continued independence of the Auditor to be a matter of the highest priority. The Company's policy with regard to the provision of non-audit services by the external Auditor ensures that no engagement will be permitted if:

- the provision of the services would contravene any regulation or ethical standard;
- the Auditor is not considered to be expert providers of the non- audit services;
- the provision of such services by the Auditor creates a conflict of interest for either the Board or the Manager; and
- the services are considered to be likely to inhibit the Auditor's independence or objectivity as Auditor.

In particular, the Committee has a policy that the accumulated costs of all non-audit services sought from the Auditor in any one year should not exceed 30% of the likely audit fees for that year and not exceed 70% of the average audit fee for the previous three years.

In relation to the provision of non-audit services by the Auditor it has been agreed that all non-audit work to be carried out by the Auditor must be approved in advance by the Audit Committee. In addition to statutory audit fees, KPMG received fees, excluding VAT, for non-audit services of £nil for the year (2021: £3,500). In the prior year these related to agreed upon procedures in relation to the annual share conversion facility. The Audit Committee did not consider that the provision of such non-audit services was a threat to the objectivity and independence of the conduct of the audit.

#### **Auditor Assessment, Independence and Appointment**

The Audit Committee reviews the re-appointment of the Auditor every year and has been satisfied with the effectiveness of KPMG's performance on the audit just completed.

As part of the review of Auditor independence and effectiveness, KPMG has confirmed that it is independent of the Company and has complied with relevant auditing standards. In evaluating KPMG, the Audit Committee has taken into consideration the standing, skills and experience of the firm and the audit team. The Audit Committee, from direct observation and enquiry of the Manager, remains satisfied that KPMG continues to provide effective independent challenge in carrying out its responsibilities. KPMG's fee for the audit, excluding VAT, was £42,760 (2021: £40,000).

Following professional guidelines, the senior statutory auditor rotates at least every five years. Bryan Shepka, the current senior statutory auditor, was engaged for the first time during the current year ended 31 May 2022, which was KPMG's fifth year as Auditor. The Audit Committee also considered the evaluation of KPMG's audit performance through the Audit Quality Review performed by the Financial Reporting Council.

As part of its annual review, the Committee considers the need for putting the audit out to tender for reasons including quality, cost or independence. While the Company is required to carry out a tender at least every ten years, and by no later than 31 May 2027, in view of increases in audit fees, the Audit Committee intends to conduct a competitive audit tender in the forthcoming year. This is no reflection on the quality of the existing Auditor's work or any issue other than cost.

In the meantime, on the basis of this assessment, the Audit Committee has recommended the re-appointment of KPMG to the Board.

# Significant Matters Considered by the Audit Committee in Relation to the Financial Statements

Matter	Action
Investment Portfolio Valuation	
The Company's Portfolios are invested predominantly in listed securities. Errors in the Portfolio valuations could have a material impact on the Company's net asset value per share.	The Board reviews the full Portfolio valuations at each Board meeting and receives quarterly monitoring and control reports from the AIFM and Depositary. The Audit Committee reviewed the Manager's annual ISAE/AAF Report, as referred to on page 47, which is reported on by independent external accountants and details the systems, processes and controls around the daily pricing of equity and fixed interest securities, including the application of exchange rate movements. The Manager has provided further assurance that controls have operated satisfactorily since that date.
Misappropriation of Assets	
Misappropriation of the Company's investments or cash balances could have a material impact on its net asset value per share.	The Audit Committee reviewed the Manager's ISAE/AAF Report, as referred to on page 47, which details the controls around the reconciliation of the Manager's records to those of the Custodian. The Audit Committee also reviewed the Custodian's annual internal controls report, which is reported on by independent external accountants, and provides details regarding its control environment. The Depositary has issued reports confirming, amongst other matters, the safe custody of the Company's assets for the periods since implementation of AIFMD to 31 May 2022.

The Audit Committee read and discussed this Annual Report and Financial Statements and concluded that it is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's performance, objective and strategy.

Sue P Inglis **Chairman of the Audit Committee** 8 August 2022

# **Directors' Remuneration** Report

Full details of the Company's policy with regards to Directors' fees, and fees paid during the year ended 31 May 2022, are shown below. This shows all major decisions on Directors' remuneration, and any substantial changes made during the year relating to Directors' remuneration, including the context in which any changes occurred.

Under company law, the Auditor is required to audit certain disclosures provided. Where disclosures have been audited they are indicated as such. The Auditor's opinion is included in its report on pages 54 to 59.

The Board consists solely of independent non-executive Directors. The Company has no executive Directors or employees. The Board is responsible for determining the level of Directors' fees and will consider these at least annually.

A comprehensive review of comparative Directors' fees is considered in advance of each review.

#### **Directors' Remuneration Policy**

The Company's policy is that the remuneration of non-executive Directors should be set at a level commensurate with the skills and experience necessary for the effective stewardship of the Company and the expected contribution of the Board as a whole, their responsibilities, duties and time commitment required and be fair and comparable to that of other investment companies that are similar in size and have similar investment objectives. The policy also provides for the Company's reimbursement of all reasonable travel and associated expenses incurred by the Directors in attending Board and Committee meetings, including those treated as a benefit in kind subject to tax and national insurance.

The Company has not received any views from its shareholders in respect of the levels of Directors' remuneration. It is intended that the policy will continue for the three year period ending at the AGM in 2023.

The fees for the non-executive Directors are determined within the limits set out in the Company's Articles of Association. The present limit is £150,000 per annum and may not be changed without seeking shareholder approval at a general meeting. Directors are not eligible for bonuses, pension benefits, share options, long-term incentive schemes or other benefits.

The non-executive Directors are engaged under letters of appointment and do not have service contracts. Each Director has a letter of appointment setting out the terms and conditions of his or her appointment and such letters are available for inspection at the Company's registered office during business hours.

The dates on which each Director was appointed to the Board are set out under their biographies on page 33. The terms of appointment provide that a Director shall retire and be subject to election at the first Annual General Meeting after his or her appointment. Directors are thereafter obliged to retire periodically and, if they wish, to offer themselves for election, by shareholders at the third Annual General Meeting after the Annual General Meeting at which last elected. However, in accordance with the recommendations of the UK Code and the AIC Code, the Board has agreed that all Directors will retire annually and, if appropriate, seek re-election. With the exception of Shauna Bevan, all the Directors were last re-elected at the AGM held on 30 September 2021 and, with the exception of David Harris, will stand for election or re-election at the AGM on 29 September 2022. There is no notice period and no provision for compensation upon termination of appointment.

# **Voting at Annual General Meeting on Directors' Remuneration Policy**

The Directors' Remuneration Policy was last approved by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting held on 24 September 2020. 95.0% of votes were in favour of the resolution and 5.0% were against.

# **Annual Statement**

As Chairman of the Board, I confirm that effective 1 June 2021 the amounts paid to Directors increased by £600 per annum for the Chairman, £500 per annum for the Audit Committee Chairman and £450 per annum for each of the other Directors.

# **Future Policy Table**

Following a review of the level of Directors' fees for the year to 31 May 2023, the Board concluded that the amounts paid to Directors would increase by approximately 5% and therefore by £1,500 per annum for the Chairman, £1,350 per annum for the Audit Committee Chairman and £1,150 per annum for each of the other Directors. It was agreed that the amount paid to the Marketing Committee chairman would be £27,300 per annum.

Based on this, Directors' fees for the financial year to 31 May 2023 will be as follows:

Director	31 May 2023 £	31 May 2022 <sup>(1)</sup> £	
Chairman	31,600	30,100	
Audit Committee chairman	27,300	25,950	
Marketing Committee chairman	27,300	n/a	
Director	24,000	22,850	

<sup>(1)</sup> Actual Directors' remuneration for the year ended 31 May 2021.

# **Annual Report on Directors' Remuneration Directors' Emoluments for the Year (Audited)**

The Directors who served during the financial year received the following amounts for services as non-executive Directors for the years ended 31 May 2022 and 2021 and can expect to receive the fees indicated for 2023 as well as reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred. No other forms of remuneration were paid during the year.

# Fees for services to the Company (audited)

		Fees (audited)			Taxable benefits <sup>(1)</sup> (audited)			Total (audited)		
Director	31 May 2022 £	31 May 2021 £	% change	31 May 2022 £	31 May 2021 £	% change <sup>(7)</sup>	31 May 2022 £	31 May 2021 £	% change	31 May 2023 £
D Warnock (Chairman)(3)	27,677	22,400	+23.6	-	-	0.0	27,677	22,400	+23.6	31,600
C S McGill <sup>(3)</sup>	10,061	29,500	-65.9	-	-	0.0	10,061	29,500	-65.9	n/a
S L Bevan <sup>(4)</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	23,474
D Harris	22,850	22,400	+2.0	1,648	94	+1,653.2	24,498	22,494	+8.9	7,956
S P Inglis	25,950	24,480	+6.0	-	-	0.0	25,950	24,480	+6.0	27,300
S M Longfellow <sup>(5)</sup>	20,158	n/a	n/a	1,596	n/a	n/a	21,754	n/a	n/a	26,866
A G Stewart <sup>(6)</sup>	n/a	8,117	n/a	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	8,117	n/a	n/a
Total	106,696	106,897	-0.2	3,244	94	+3,351.1	109,940	106,991	+2.8	117,196

<sup>(1)</sup> Comprises amounts reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out business for the Company, which have been grossed up to include PAYE and NI contributions.

# **Relative Importance of Spend on Pay**

The table below shows the actual expenditure during the year in relation to Directors' remuneration (excluding taxable benefits), other expenses and shareholder distributions:

	31 May 2022 £	31 May 2021 £	Change %
Aggregate Directors' remuneration	106,696	106,897	-0.2
Management and other expenses, excluding performance fee	1,756,000	1,507,000	+16.5
Performance fee	-	625,000	n/a
Quarterly dividends paid to shareholders (relating to the year) <sup>(1)</sup>	3,184,000	2,908,000	+9.5
Aggregate cost of Income shares and Growth shares repurchased	-	557,000	n/a

<sup>(1)</sup> The annual dividend increased by 7.3% from 6.20p to 6.65p per Income share, however, the cost of the dividend increased by 9.5% due to the issuance of new Income shares during the year to 31 May 2022.

# **Directors' Shareholdings (Audited)**

The Directors who held office at the year-end and their interests in the shares of the Company at 31 May 2022 (all of which were beneficially held) were as follows:

	31 May	2022	31 May 2021			
Director	Income Shares	Growth Shares	Income Shares	Growth Shares		
D Harris	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000		
S M Longfellow	_	10,950	n/a	n/a		
S P Inglis	3,000	12,000	3,000	12,000		
D Warnock (Chairman)	30,000	20,000	30,000	20,000		

There have been no changes in the Directors' interests in the shares of the Company between 31 May 2022 and 8 August

Following the year-end, S L Bevan was appointed to the Board on 9 June 2022. S L Bevan does not hold any Income shares or Growth shares in the Company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Fees expected to be payable to the Directors during the year ended 31 May 2023. Taxable benefits are also anticipated but are not currently quantifiable. The anticipated fees reflect that D Harris will retire following the AGM.

<sup>(3)</sup> C S McGill was the Chairman until he retired following the AGM on 30 September 2021. D Warnock was then appointed Chairman.

<sup>(4)</sup> Appointed on 9 June 2022.

<sup>(5)</sup> Appointed on 14 July 2021.

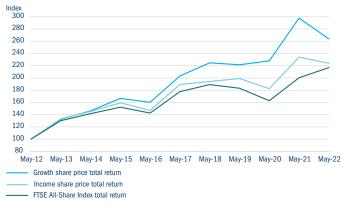
<sup>(6)</sup> Retired on 24 September 2020.

<sup>(7)</sup> The increase in taxable benefits is due to the low level of travel related expenses incurred in the year to 31 May 2021 due to COVID-19 related restrictions.

#### **Company Performance**

The graph below compares, for the ten financial years ended 31 May 2022, the total return (assuming all dividends are reinvested) to Income shareholders and Growth shareholders compared to the total return on the FTSE All-Share Index. This index was chosen for comparison purposes as it is the Company's benchmark. An explanation of the performance of the Company is given in the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review.

# Share Price Total Return and the FTSE All-Share Index Total Return (Rebased to 100 at 31 May 2012)



Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments and Refinitive Fikon

# **Voting at Annual General Meeting on Annual Remuneration Report**

At the Company's last Annual General Meeting, held on 30 September 2021, shareholders approved the Directors' Remuneration Report in respect of the year ended 31 May 2021. 94.2% of votes were in favour of the resolution and 5.8% were against.

An ordinary resolution for the approval of this Annual Report on Directors' Remuneration will be put to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (Resolution 2).

On behalf of the Board **David Warnock** Chairman 8 August 2022

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in Respect of the Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its profit or loss for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent:
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether

due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Under applicable law and regulations, the Directors are also responsible for preparing a Strategic Report, Report of the Directors, Directors' Remuneration Report and Corporate Governance Statement that complies with that law and those regulations.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# **Responsibility Statement of the Directors in Respect of** the Annual Report and Financial Statements

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the financial statements, prepared in accordance with the applicable set of accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company;
- the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors include a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Company faces; and
- we consider the Annual Report and Financial Statements. taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's position and performance, business model and strategy.

On behalf of the Board **David Warnock** Chairman 8 August 2022

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

to the members of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC

# 1. Our opinion is unmodified

We have audited the financial statements of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC ("the Company") for the year ended 31 May 2022 which comprise the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

#### In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of Company's affairs as at 31 May 2022 and of its return for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion. Our audit opinion is consistent with our report to the audit committee.

We were first appointed as auditor by the shareholders on 21 September 2017. The period of total uninterrupted engagement is for the five financial years ended 31 May 2022. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and we remain independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard as applied to listed public interest entities. No non-audit services prohibited by that standard were provided.

Recurring risks Carrying Value of Quot	and Investments
Key audit matters	vs 2021
financial statements as a whole	1% (2021: 1%) of total assets
Materiality:	£1.67m (2021: £1.8m)
Overview	

# 2. Key audit matters: our assessment of risks of material misstatement

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by us, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy; the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. We summarise below the key audit matter (unchanged from 2021), in arriving at our audit opinion above, together with our key audit procedures to address this matter and, as required for public interest entities, our results from those procedures. This matter was addressed, and our results are based on procedures undertaken, in the context of, and solely for the purpose of, our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and consequently are incidental to that opinion, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

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#### The risk Our response **Carrying Value of Quoted** Low risk, high value: We performed the detailed tests below rather Investments than seeking to rely on controls, because the The Company's portfolio of quoted nature of the balance is such that detailed testing (£159.1 million; 2021: investments makes up 95.1% (2021: is determined to be the most effective manner of £173.2 million) 96.6%) of the Company's total assets obtaining evidence. (by value) and is one of the key drivers Refer to page 49 (Audit of results. We do not consider these Our procedures included: Committee Report), page 66 investments to be at a high risk of Tests of detail: Agreed the valuation of 100% (accounting policy) and pages significant misstatement, or to be subject 75-76 (financial disclosures). of investments in the portfolio to externally to a significant level of judgement quoted prices; and because they comprise liquid, quoted investments. However, due to their Enquiry of depository: Agreed 100% materiality in the context of the financial of investment holdings in the portfolio statements as a whole, they are to independently received third party considered to be one of the areas which confirmations from the Depository had the greatest effect on our overall Our results audit strategy and allocation of resources in planning and completing our audit. We found the carrying amount of quoted

# 3. Our application of materiality and an overview of the scope of our audit

Materiality for the financial statements as a whole was set at £1.67m (2021: £1.8m), determined with reference to a benchmark of total assets, of which it represents 1% (2021: 1%).

In line with our audit methodology, our procedures on individual account balances and disclosures were performed to a lower threshold, performance materiality, so as to reduce to an acceptable level the risk that individually immaterial misstatements in individual account balances add up to a material amount across the financial statements as a whole.

Performance materiality was set at 75% (2021: 75%) of materiality for the financial statements as a whole, which equates to £1.26m (2021: £1.34m). We applied this percentage in our determination of performance materiality because we did not identify any factors indicating an elevated level of risk.

In addition, we applied materiality of £218k (2021: £210k) and performance materiality of £164k (2021: £150k) to investment income, and materiality of £1k {2021: £1k} to Directors' remuneration, for which we believe misstatements of lesser amounts than materiality for the financial statements as a whole could reasonably be expected to influence the Company's members' assessment of the financial performance of the Company.

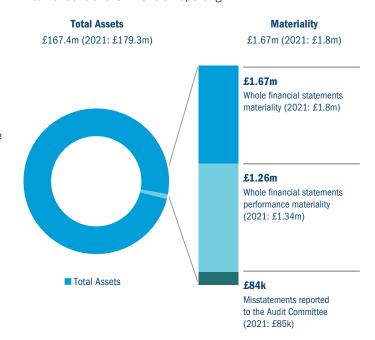
We agreed to report to the Audit Committee any corrected or uncorrected identified misstatements exceeding £84k (2021: £85k), in addition to other identified misstatements that warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

Our audit of the Company was undertaken to the materiality and performance materiality levels specified above and was performed by a single audit team.

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investments to be acceptable (2021:

The scope of the audit work performed was predominately substantive as we placed limited reliance upon the Company's internal control over financial reporting.



#### 4. Going concern

The Directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Company's financial position means that this is realistic.

They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We used our knowledge of the Company, its industry, and the general economic environment to identify the inherent risks to its business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. The risks that we considered most likely to adversely affect the Company's available financial resources and its ability to operate over this period were:

- The impact of a significant reduction in the valuation of investments and the implications for the Company's debt covenants;
- The liquidity of the investment portfolio and its ability to meet the liabilities of the Company as and when they fall due; and
- The operational resilience of key service organisations.

We considered whether these risks could plausibly affect the liquidity in the going concern period by assessing the degree of downside assumption that, individually and collectively, could result in a liquidity issue, taking into account the Company's current and projected cash and liquid investment position.

We considered whether the going concern disclosure in note  $\ensuremath{\mathbf{1}}$ to the financial statements gives a full and accurate description of the Directors' assessment of going concern, including the identified risks and related sensitivities.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- We consider that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- We have not identified, and concur with the Directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period;
- We have nothing material to add or draw attention to in relation to the Directors' statement in note 1 to the financial statements on the use of the going concern basis of accounting with no material uncertainties that may cast

- significant doubt over the Company's use of that basis for the going concern period, and we found the going concern disclosure in note 1 to be acceptable; and
- The related statement under the Listing Rules set out on pages 34-35 is materially consistent with the financial statements and our audit knowledge.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation.

# 5. Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

## Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of Directors as to the Company's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Assessing the segregation of duties in place between the Directors, the Administrator and the Company's Investment Manager; and
- Reading Board and Audit Committee minutes.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries.

We evaluated the design and implementation of the controls over journal entries and other adjustments and made inquiries of the Administrator about inappropriate or unusual activity relating to the processing of journal entries and other adjustments. We substantively tested all material post-closing entries and, based on the results of our risk assessment procedures and understanding of the process, including the segregation of duties between the Directors and the Administrator, no further high-risk journal entries or other adjustments were identified.

On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the revenue is non-judgemental and straightforward, with limited opportunity for manipulation.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

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# Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the Directors and the investment manager (as required by auditing standards), and inquired of the Directors if there had been any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations in the period.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation and its qualification as an Investment Trust under UK taxation legislation, any breach of which could lead to the Company losing various deductions and exemptions from UK corporation tax, and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

We assessed the legality of the distributions made by the Company in the period based on comparing the dividends paid to the distributable reserves prior to each distribution, including consideration of accounts filed during the year.

Secondly, the Company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: money laundering, data protection, bribery and corruption legislation. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Directors and the Administrator and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

# Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed noncompliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect noncompliance with all laws and regulations.

# 6. We have nothing to report on the other information in the Annual Report

The Directors are responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work we have not identified material misstatements in the other information.

#### Strategic Report and Directors' Report

Based solely on our work on the other information:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report:
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Directors' Remuneration Report**

In our opinion the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

# Disclosures of emerging and principal risks and longer-term viability

We are required to perform procedures to identify whether there is a material inconsistency between the Directors' disclosures in respect of emerging and principal risks and the viability statement, and the financial statements and our audit knowledge.

Based on those procedures, we have nothing material to add or draw attention to in relation to:

- the Directors' confirmation within the viability statement on page 30 that they have carried out a robust assessment of the emerging and principal risks facing the Company, including those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency and liquidity;
- the Principal Risks disclosures describing these risks and how emerging risks are identified, and explaining how they are being managed and mitigated; and
- the Directors' explanation in the viability statement of how they have assessed the prospects of the Company, over what period they have done so and why they considered that period to be appropriate, and their statement as to whether they have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period of their assessment, including any related disclosures drawing attention to any necessary qualifications or assumptions.

We are also required to review the Viability Statement, set out on page 30 under the Listing Rules. Based on the above procedures, we have concluded that the above disclosures are materially consistent with the financial statements and our audit knowledge.

Our work is limited to assessing these matters in the context of only the knowledge acquired during our financial statements audit. As we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of anything to report on these statements is not a guarantee as to the Company's longer-term viability.

# Corporate governance disclosures

We are required to perform procedures to identify whether there is a material inconsistency between the directors' corporate governance disclosures and the financial statements and our audit knowledge.

Based on those procedures, we have concluded that each of the following is materially consistent with the financial statements and our audit knowledge:

— the Directors' statement that they consider that the annual report and financial statements taken as a whole is fair, balanced and understandable, and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's position and performance, business model and strategy;

- the section of the annual report describing the work of the Audit Committee, including the significant issues that the Audit Committee considered in relation to the financial statements, and how these issues were addressed; and
- the section of the annual report that describes the review of the effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control systems.

We are required to review the part of the Corporate Governance Statement relating to the Company's compliance with the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code specified by the Listing Rules for our review. We have nothing to report in this respect.

# 7. We have nothing to report on the other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

#### 8. Respective responsibilities

## **Directors' responsibilities**

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 53, the Directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Company'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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Report

#### **Auditor's responsibilities**

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

The Company is required to include these financial statements in an annual financial report prepared using the single electronic reporting format specified in the TD ESEF Regulation. This auditor's report provides no assurance over whether the annual financial report has been prepared in accordance with that format.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

# 9. The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members 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 Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# Bryan Shepka (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants 319 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5AS

8 August 2022

# **Income** Statement

# For the Year ended 31 May

Notes		Revenue 2022 £'000	Capital 2022 £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Revenue 2021 £'000	Capital 2021 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
10	(Losses)/gains on investments	-	(15,724)	(15,724)	-	38,132	38,132
	Foreign exchange losses	-	(2)	(2)	-	(17)	(17)
3	Income	4,384	-	4,384	4,022	-	4,022
4	Investment management and performance fees	(322)	(818)	(1,140)	(290)	(1,360)	(1,650)
5	Other expenses	(723)	-	(723)	(589)	-	(589)
	Return on ordinary activities before finance costs and tax	3,339	(16,544)	(13,205)	3,143	36,755	39,898
6	Finance costs	(61)	(92)	(153)	(47)	(69)	(116)
	Return on ordinary activities before tax	3,278	(16,636)	(13,358)	3,096	36,686	39,782
7	Tax on ordinary activities	(14)	-	(14)	(16)	-	(16)
	Return attributable to shareholders	3,264	(16,636)	(13,372)	3,080	36,686	39,766
9	Return per Income share	6.85p	(8.95p)	(2.10p)	6.59p	25.94p	32.53p
9	Return per Growth share	-	(32.28p)	(32.28p)	-	67.27p	67.27p

The total column of this statement is the Profit and Loss Account of the Company. The supplementary revenue and capital columns are prepared under guidance published by The Association of Investment Companies.

Segmental analysis, illustrating the two separate Portfolios of assets, the Income Portfolio and the Growth Portfolio, is shown in note 2 to the financial statements.

All revenue and capital items in the Income Statement derive from continuing operations.

Return attributable to shareholders represents the profit/(loss) for the year and also total comprehensive income.

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# **Balance** Sheet

# As at 31 May

Notes		Income shares 2022 £'000	Growth shares 2022 £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Income shares 2021 £'000	Growth shares 2021 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
	Fixed assets						
10	Investments at fair value	69,874	89,258	159,132	72,121	101,052	173,173
		69,874	89,258	159,132	72,121	101,052	173,173
	Current assets						
11	Debtors	697	95	792	272	54	326
	Cash at bank and on deposit	1,549	5,929	7,478	2,040	3,769	5,809
		2,246	6,024	8,270	2,312	3,823	6,135
	Creditors						
12	Amounts falling due within one year	(2,428)	(303)	(2,731)	(7,667)	(649)	(8,316)
	Net current (liabilities)/assets	(182)	5,721	5,539	(5,355)	3,174	(2,181)
	Creditors						
12	Amounts falling due in more than one year	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	-	-	
	Net assets	64,692	94,979	159,671	66,766	104,226	170,992
	Capital and reserves						
13	Called-up share capital	4,596	3,692	8,288	4,459	3,586	8,045
14	Share premium	-	-	-	27,608	26,599	54,207
14	Capital redemption reserve	257	365	622	256	365	621
14	2022 special reserve	29,588	29,581	59,169	-	-	-
14	2008 special reserve	18,980	17,199	36,179	19,017	17,162	36,179
14	Capital reserves	8,109	44,142	52,251	12,373	56,514	68,887
14	Revenue reserve	3,162		3,162	3,053		3,053
15	Shareholders' funds	64,692	94,979	159,671	66,766	104,226	170,992
15	Net asset value per share (pence)	133.67p	244.41p		142.22p	276.01p	

Company Number: SC338196

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 8 August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

# David Warnock, Director.

# **Cash Flow** Statement

For the Year ended 31 May

Notes		Income shares 2022	Growth shares 2022	Total 2022 £'000	Income shares 2021	Growth shares 2021 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
16	Net cash outflow from operations before dividends and interest	(1,234)	(1,463)	(2,697)	(606)	(1,413)	(2,019)
	Dividends received	3,126	1,174	4,300	2,891	1,072	3,963
	Interest received	1	9	10	1	-	1
	Interest paid	(181)	-	(181)	(118)	-	(118)
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	1,712	(280)	1,432	2,168	(341)	1,827
	Investing activities						
	Purchases of investments	(5,154)	(15,865)	(21,019)	(4,363)	(8,174)	(12,537)
	Sales of investments	4,025	15,180	19,205	3,409	4,313	7,722
	Net cash flows from investing activities	(1,129)	(685)	(1,814)	(954)	(3,861)	(4,815)
	Net cash flows before financing activities	583	(965)	(382)	1,214	(4,202)	(2,988)
	Financing activities						
8	Equity dividends paid	(3,155)	-	(3,155)	(2,852)	-	(2,852)
	Proceeds from issuance of new shares	2,120	3,086	5,206	710	4,765	5,475
	Share conversion - Income to Growth	(212)	212	-	(300)	300	-
	Share conversion - Growth to Income	173	(173)	-	165	(165)	-
	Sale of shares from treasury	-	-	-	599	-	599
	Shares purchased to be held in treasury	-	-	-	(557)	-	(557)
	Loan drawn down	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
	Net cash flows from financing activities	(1,074)	3,125	2,051	(235)	4,900	4,665
	Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	(491)	2,160	1,669	979	698	1,677
	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	2,040	3,769	5,809	1,061	3,071	4,132
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,549	5,929	7,478	2,040	3,769	5,809
	Represented by:						
	Cash at bank and short-term deposits	1,549	5,929	7,478	2,040	3,769	5,809

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# **Statement of Changes** in Equity

For the Year ended 31 May

					Income	e shares			
Notes		Share capital	Share premium £'000	Capital redemption reserve £000	2022 special reserve £000	2008 special reserve £000	Capital reserves	Revenue reserve	Total shareholders' funds £000
	As at 31 May 2021	4,459	27,608	256	-	19,017	12,373	3,053	66,766
13	Increase in share capital in issue, net of share issuance expenses	140	1,980	-	-	-	-	-	2,120
13	Share conversion	(2)	-	-	-	(37)	-	-	(39)
13	Cancellation of deferred shares Transfer of net income from Growth to Income Portfolio	(1) -	-	1 -	-	-	-	644	644
	Transfer of capital from Income to Growth Portfolio	_	_	_	_	_	(644)	_	(644)
	Share premium cancellation	-	(29,588)	_	29,588	_	_	-	_
8	Dividends paid	_	_	_	_	_	_	(3,155)	(3,155)
	Return attributable to shareholders	-	-	_	-	_	(3,620)	2,620	(1,000)
	As at 31 May 2022	4,596	-	257	29,588	18,980	8,109	3,162	64,692
					Growth	ı shares			
		Share capital	Share premium £'000	Capital redemption reserve £000	2022 special reserve £000	2008 special reserve £000	Capital reserves	Revenue reserve £000	Total shareholders' funds £000
	As at 31 May 2021	3,586	26,599	365	_	17,162	56,514	_	104,226
13	Increase in share capital in issue, net of share issuance expenses	104	2,982	_	-	_	_	-	3,086
13	Share conversion	2	_	_	_	37	_	_	39
13	Cancellation of deferred shares Transfer of net income from Growth to Income Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-	-	- (644)	- (644)
	Transfer of capital from Income to Growth Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-	644	-	644
	Share premium cancellation	-	(29,581)	-	29,581	-	-	-	-
	Return attributable to shareholders	-		-	-	-	(13,016)	644	(12,372)
	As at 31 May 2022	3,692		365	29,581	17,199	44,142		94,979
					To	otal			
		Share capital	Share premium £'000	Capital redemption reserve £000	2022 special reserve £000	2008 special reserve £000	Capital reserves	Revenue reserve	Total shareholders' funds £000
	As at 31 May 2021	8,045	54,207	621	_	36,179	68,887	3,053	170,992
	Increase in share capital in issue, net of share issuance expenses	244	4,962	-	-	-	-	-	5,206
	Share conversion	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-
	Cancellation of deferred shares	(1)	-	1	-	_	_	-	_
	Share premium cancellation	-	(59,169)	-	59,169	_	_	-	_
8	Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	_		(3,155)	(3,155)
	Return attributable to shareholders	-	_	-	-	-	(16,636)	3,264	(13,372)
	Total Company as at 31 May 2022	8,288	-	622	59,169	36,179	52,251	3,162	159,671

# **Statement of Changes** in Equity – continued

For the Year ended 31 May

				Income share	es		
	Share capital	Share premium account £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	2008 special reserve £000	Capital reserves	Revenue reserve	Total shareholders' funds
As at 31 May 2020	4,415	26,909	252	19,147	240	2,825	53,788
Increase in share capital in issue, net of share issuance expenses	55	655	_	-	-	-	710
Shares sold from treasury	-	44	_	555	-	-	599
Shares purchased for treasury	-	-	_	(557)	-	-	(557
Share conversion	(7)	-	_	(128)	-	-	(135
Cancellation of deferred shares	(4)	-	4	-	-	-	-
Transfer of net income from Growth to Income Portfolio	-	-	_	_	-	564	564
Transfer of capital from Income to Growth Portfolio	-	-	_	_	(564)	-	(564
Dividends paid	-	-	_	_	-	(2,852)	(2,852
Return attributable to shareholders	-	-	_	-	12,697	2,516	15,213
As at 31 May 2021	4,459	27,608	256	19,017	12,373	3,053	66,766
	·			Growth share	es		
	Share capital	Share premium account £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	2008 special reserve £000	Capital reserves	Revenue reserve	Tota shareholders funds £000
As at 31 May 2020	3,408	22,006	364	17,034	31,961	_	74,773
Increase in share capital in issue, net of share issuance expenses	172	4,593	_	_	_	_	4,765
Share conversion	7	_	_	128	_	_	135
Cancellation of deferred shares	(1)	_	1	_	_	_	
Transfer of net income from Growth to Income Portfolio	_	_	_	_	_	(564)	(564
Transfer of capital from Income to Growth Portfolio	_	_	_	_	564	_	564
Return attributable to shareholders	_	_	_	_	23,989	564	24,553
As at 31 May 2021	3,586	26,599	365	17,162	56,514	_	104,226
				Total			
	Share capital	Share premium account £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	2008 special reserve £000	Capital reserves	Revenue reserve £000	Total shareholders' funds £000
As at 31 May 2020	7,823	48,915	616	36,181	32,201	2,825	128,561
Increase in share capital in issue, net of share issuance expenses	227	5,248	_	-	-	-	5,475
Shares sold from treasury	-	44	_	555	-	-	599
Shares purchased for treasury	-	-	_	(557)	-	-	(557
Share conversion	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
Cancellation of deferred shares	(5)	-	5	_	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	_	_	-	(2,852)	(2,852
Return attributable to shareholders	-	_	_	-	36,686	3,080	39,766
Total Company as at 31 May 2021	8,045	54,207	621	36,179	68,887	3,053	170,992

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# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

# 1. Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted is set out below.

#### (a) Basis of accounting and going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority, Financial Reporting Standards (FRS 102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts" issued by The Association of Investment Companies (AIC). The audited financial statements for the Company comprise the Income Statement and the total columns of the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Company totals shown in the notes to the financial statements.

There have been no significant changes to the Company's accounting policies during the year ended 31 May 2022.

The preparation of the Company's financial statements on occasion requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the primary financial statements and accompanying disclosures. These assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in the current or future periods, depending on the circumstance. Management do not believe that any significant accounting judgements or estimates have been applied to this set of financial statements that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

The Company's assets consist mainly of equity shares in closed-end investment companies which are traded in the UK or another Regulated Stock Exchange and in most circumstances, including in the current market environment, are expected to be readily realisable.

The Board has considered the Company's principal risks and uncertainties and other matters, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine and has considered a number of stress tests and scenarios which considered the impact of severe stock market volatility on shareholders' funds and demonstrated that if required the Company had the ability to raise sufficient funds so as to remain within its debt covenants and meet its liabilities.

As such, and in light of the controls and review processes in place and the operational robustness of key service providers, and bearing in mind the nature of the Company's business and assets and revenue and expenditure projections, the Directors believe that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. For this reason, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

# **Presentation of the Income Statement**

In order to reflect better the activities of an investment company and in accordance with the SORP, supplementary information which analyses the Income Statement between items of a revenue and capital nature has been presented alongside the Income Statement. The net revenue return is the measure the Directors believe to be appropriate in assessing the Company's compliance with certain requirements set out in Chapter 4, Part 24 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

The notes and financial statements are presented in pounds sterling (functional and reporting currency) and are rounded to the nearest thousand except where otherwise indicated.

#### 1. Accounting Policies (Continued)

### (b) Valuation of investments

The Company has chosen to adopt sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

The Company's business is investing in financial assets with a view to profiting from their total return in the form of income and capital growth. The Portfolios of financial assets are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the documented investment strategy, and information about the Portfolios is provided on that basis to the Company's Board of Directors. Accordingly, upon initial recognition the Company designates the investments "at fair value through profit or loss". Fair value is taken to be the investment cost at the trade date excluding expenses incidental to purchase which are written off to capital at the time of acquisition.

Listed and quoted investments are subsequently valued at their fair value which is represented by the bid price at the close of business on the relevant date on the exchange on which the investment is quoted.

As investments have been categorised as "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss," gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in the Income Statement as a capital item.

#### (c) Income

Dividends are recognised as income on the date that the related investments are marked ex-dividend.

Dividends receivable on equity shares where no ex-dividend date is quoted are brought into account when the Company's right to receive payment is established. Dividends from overseas companies are shown gross of any withholding tax.

Where the Company has elected to receive its dividends in the form of additional shares rather than cash, the amount of the cash dividend foregone is recognised as revenue.

Special dividends are recognised in the revenue account unless they are of a capital nature, following which they will be recognised in the capital account.

Interest income from fixed interest securities is accrued on a time apportioned basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable.

Other investment income and deposit interest are included on an accruals basis.

## (d) Expenses

All expenses and finance costs are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses are charged to the Income Statement as a revenue item except where incurred in connection with the maintenance or enhancement of the value of the Company's investment Portfolios and taking account of the expected long-term returns as follows:

- management fees and finance costs are allocated 40 per cent to revenue and 60 per cent to capital in the Income Portfolio and 20 per cent to revenue and 80 per cent to capital in the Growth Portfolio; and
- performance fees are charged wholly to capital.

Expenses charged to the Company common to both Portfolios are allocated to the Portfolios in the same proportion as their net assets at the quarter end immediately preceding the date on which the cost is to be accounted for.

Expenses charged to the Company in relation to a specific Portfolio are charged directly to that Portfolio, with the other Portfolio remaining unaffected.

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### 1. Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (e) Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable, overseas tax suffered and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the period. Taxable profit differs from profit before tax as reported in the Income Statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Balance Sheet date.

Tax is computed for each Portfolio separately, however the Company is the taxable entity. A Portfolio which generates taxable revenues in excess of tax deductible expenses may benefit from the excess of tax deductible expenses in the other Portfolio. In return, by way of compensation, there would be a transfer from the Portfolio with taxable profits to the Portfolio with taxable losses.

# (f) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the Balance Sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more, or right to pay less, tax in future have occurred at the Balance Sheet date. This is subject to deferred tax assets only being recognised if it is considered more likely than not there will be suitable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Timing differences are differences arising between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the accounts which are capable of reversal in one or more subsequent periods.

Investment trusts which have approval under Chapter 4, Part 24 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 are not liable for taxation on capital gains.

#### (g) Borrowings

Interest-bearing loans and overdrafts are recorded at the proceeds received. Finance costs, including interest, are accrued using the effective interest rate method. See note 1(d) for the allocation of finance costs.

# (h) Foreign currencies

The Company is required to identify its functional currency, being the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The Board, having regard to the currency of the Company's share capital and the predominant currency in which its shareholders operate, has determined that sterling is the functional currency. Sterling is also the currency in which the financial statements are presented.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in the functional currency at actual exchange rates as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets, liabilities and equity investments held at fair value and denominated in foreign currencies at the year-end are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at the year-end. Any gain or loss arising from a change in exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is included as an exchange gain or loss in either the capital or revenue column of the Income Statement depending on whether the gain or loss is of a capital or revenue nature respectively.

Dates of evaluate at 24 May	2022	2021
Rates of exchange at 31 May	2022	2021
US Dollar	1.26	1.42
Swiss Franc	1.21	1.28
Euro	1.18	1.16

# (i) Reserves

- (i) Share premium the surplus of net proceeds received from the issuance of new shares is credited to this account and the related issue costs are deducted from this account. Gains arising on the resale of shares from treasury are credited to this reserve. The reserve is non-distributable. The initial balance of this account which arose as a result of the shares issued at launch was subsequently cancelled by the Court of Session to create the 2008 special reserve. On 25 May 2022, approval was granted by an Order of the Court of Session, Scotland, that the balance of the share premium account which had subsequently arisen be cancelled and a new distributable reserve (2022 special reserve) was created. This took effect on 26 May 2022.
- (ii) Capital redemption reserve the nominal value of any of the shares bought back for cancellation is added to this reserve. This reserve is non-distributable.

# 1. Accounting Policies (Continued)

- (iii) 2022 special reserve created on 26 May 2022 from the Court cancellation of the share premium account which had arisen since it was last cancelled on 23 June 2008. The portion of the 2022 special reserve attributable to the Income shares may be used to fund or supplement dividends to the Income shareholders and fund buy-backs of Income shares and the portion of the 2022 special reserve attributable to the Growth shares may be used to fund buy-backs of Growth shares.
- (iv) 2008 special reserve created from the Court cancellation of the share premium account in 2008 which had arisen from premiums paid on the Income shares and Growth shares at launch. Available to be used as distributable profits (except by way of dividend). The cost of any shares bought back and the value of shares submitted for conversion are reflected through this reserve. The cost of any shares resold from treasury is added back to this reserve. (2008 has been added to the name of this special reserve to differentiate it from the 2022 special reserve.)

#### (v) Capital reserves

Capital reserve – investments sold – gains and losses on realisation of investments and losses on transactions in own shares are dealt with in this reserve together with the proportion of management and performance fees, finance costs and taxation allocated to capital. This reserve also includes dividends received of a capital nature.

Capital reserve – investments held – increases and decreases in the valuation of investments held are accounted for in this reserve.

The Company's Articles of Association allow distributions to be made to the holders of the Income shares out of the capital profits attributable to the Income Portfolio.

(vi) Revenue reserve – the net profit/(loss) arising in the revenue column of the Income Statement is added to or deducted from this reserve. This is available for paying dividends on the Income shares.

#### (j) Transfer of capital and revenue

All net revenue of the Company attributable to the Growth Portfolio is, immediately following recognition in accordance with the Company's accounting policies, reallocated, applied and transferred to, and treated as revenue attributable to, the Income Portfolio. Contemporaneously with any such reallocation, application and transfer of any revenue to the Income Portfolio, such assets comprising part of the Income Portfolio as have a value equal to the net revenue so reallocated, applied and transferred shall be reallocated, applied, transferred and treated as capital attributable to the Growth Portfolio.

# 2. Segmental Analysis

The Company carries on business as an investment trust and manages two separate Portfolios of assets: the Income Portfolio and the Growth Portfolio.

The Company's Income Statement, on page 60, can be analysed as follows. This has been disclosed to assist shareholders' understanding, but this analysis is additional to that required by FRS 102:

#### Year ended 31 May 2022

		Inc	ome Portfoli	0	<b>Growth Portfolio</b>			Total		
	Notes	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Losses on investments	10	-	(3,245)	(3,245)	_	(12,479)	(12,479)	_	(15,724)	(15,724)
Foreign exchange losses		-	(2)	(2)	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)
Income	3	3,176	-	3,176	1,208	-	1,208	4,384	-	4,384
Investment management fee	4	(188)	(281)	(469)	(134)	(537)	(671)	(322)	(818)	(1,140)
Other expenses	5	(293)	-	(293)	(430)	-	(430)	(723)	-	(723)
Return on ordinary activities before finance costs and tax		2,695	(3,528)	(833)	644	(13,016)	(12,372)	3,339	(16,544)	(13,205)
Finance costs	6	(61)	(92)	(153)	-	-	-	(61)	(92)	(153)
Return on ordinary activities before tax		2,634	(3,620)	(986)	644	(13,016)	(12,372)	3,278	(16,636)	(13,358)
Tax on ordinary activities	7	(14)	-	(14)	-	-	-	(14)	-	(14)
Return <sup>(1)</sup>	9	2,620	(3,620)	(1,000)	644	(13,016)	(12,372)	3,264	(16,636)	(13,372)

<sup>(1)</sup> Any net revenue return attributable to the Growth Portfolio is transferred to the Income Portfolio and a corresponding transfer of an identical amount of capital is made from the Income Portfolio to the Growth Portfolio and accordingly the whole return in the Growth Portfolio is capital. Refer to the Statement of Changes in Equity.

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# 2. Segmental Analysis (Continued)

Year ended 31 May 2021

	Notes	Income Portfolio Growth Portfolio				io	Total			
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains on investments	10	-	13,297	13,297	-	24,835	24,835	-	38,132	38,132
Foreign exchange losses		-	(17)	(17)	-	-	-	-	(17)	(17)
Income	3	2,982	-	2,982	1,040	-	1,040	4,022	-	4,022
Investment management and performance fees	4	(170)	(514)	(684)	(120)	(846)	(966)	(290)	(1,360)	(1,650)
Other expenses	5	(233)	-	(233)	(356)	_	(356)	(589)	-	(589)
Return on ordinary activities before finance costs and tax		2,579	12,766	15,345	564	23,989	24,553	3,143	36,755	39,898
Finance costs	6	(47)	(69)	(116)	-	-	-	(47)	(69)	(116)
Return on ordinary activities before tax		2,532	12,697	15,229	564	23,989	24,553	3,096	36,686	39,782
Tax on ordinary activities	7	(16)	-	(16)	-	-	-	(16)	-	(16)
Return <sup>(1)</sup>	9	2,516	12,697	15,213	564	23,989	24,553	3,080	36,686	39,766

<sup>(1)</sup> Any net revenue return attributable to the Growth Portfolio is transferred to the Income Portfolio and a corresponding transfer of an identical amount of capital is made from the Income Portfolio to the Growth Portfolio and accordingly the whole return in the Growth Portfolio is capital. Refer to the Statement of Changes in Equity.

# 3. Income

		2022				2021			
	Income Portfolio £'000	Growth Portfolio £'000	Total £'000	Income Portfolio £'000	Growth Portfolio £'000	Total £'000			
Income from listed and quoted investments(1)									
UK dividend income	1,930	1,120	3,050	1,784	988	2,772			
Overseas dividends	1,245	79	1,324	1,197	52	1,249			
	3,175	1,199	4,374	2,981	1,040	4,021			
Other income <sup>(2)</sup>									
Deposit interest	1	9	10	1	-	1			
Total income	3,176	1,208	4,384	2,982	1,040	4,022			
Total income comprises:									
Dividends	3,175	1,199	4,374	2,981	1,040	4,021			
Other income	1	9	10	1	-	1			
	3,176	1,208	4,384	2,982	1,040	4,022			

<sup>(1)</sup> All investments have been designated as fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition, therefore all investment income arises on investments at fair value through profit or loss.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle{(2)}}$  Other income on financial assets not designated as fair value through profit or loss.

#### 4. Investment Management and Performance Fees

Year ended 31 May 2022

	Inc	Income Portfolio			Growth Portfolio			Total		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	
Investment management fee	188	281	469	134	537	671	322	818	1,140	
	188	281	469	134	537	671	322	818	1,140	

Year ended 31 May 2021

	Income Portfolio			Gr	owth Portfoli	0	Total		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Investment management fee	170	255	425	120	480	600	290	735	1,025
Performance fee	-	259	259	-	366	366	-	625	625
	170	514	684	120	846	966	290	1,360	1,650

The Company's manager is Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited. Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited receives an investment management fee comprising a base fee and, if certain conditions are met, a performance fee.

The base fee is a management fee at the rate of 0.65% per annum of the total assets of each Portfolio payable quarterly in arrears, subject to being reduced to 0.325% per annum on any assets which are invested in other investment vehicles managed by the Manager.

For the purposes of the revenue and capital columns in the Income Statement, the management fee has been allocated 60% to capital and 40% to revenue in the Income Portfolio. In respect of the Growth Portfolio, the management fee has been charged 80% to capital and 20% to revenue.

A performance fee may be payable annually and is equal to 10% of the monetary amount by which the adjusted total return of the relevant Portfolio over that year (after all costs and expenses excluding the performance fee) exceeds the total return on the FTSE All-Share Index (in each case with dividends reinvested).

The performance fee payable in respect of any one year is capped at 0.35% of the total assets of the relevant Portfolio, although outperformance in excess of this cap is taken into account in calculating the performance fee in the next four financial years. It is charged wholly to capital.

In the event that a Portfolio has outperformed the benchmark index such that a performance fee would be payable as described above, but the NAV per share for the relevant Portfolio at the end of the financial period is less than the NAV per share at the start of the financial period, (the "Watermark NAV") payment of the performance fee in respect of that financial period is deferred until the end of the next financial year when the NAV per share for the relevant Portfolio is in excess of the Watermark NAV. If the Watermark NAV is not reached by the end of the fourth financial year subsequently, it will no longer be payable. Any underperformance of the relevant Portfolio in relation to the FTSE All-Share Index in any financial year must be made up in any subsequent financial year before any performance fee is payable, thereby creating a "high watermark" for the relative performance against the FTSE All-Share Index.

#### 4. Investment Management and Performance Fees (Continued)

At 31 May 2022 the adjusted total return of the Income Portfolio for the year since 31 May 2021 (being the date a performance fee was last payable and including the adjustment to the NAV for the element which was disregarded in the last four financial years in order to scale back the performance fee to the cap of 0.35 per cent of total assets) did not exceed that of the FTSE All-Share Index and no performance fee has been recognised in the Income Portfolio at 31 May 2022 (31 May 2021: £259,000). A total of 1.2p, which relates to the financial year to 31 May 2020 (0.4p) and to 31 May 2021 (0.8p), is currently available to be carried forward and added to the closing NAV for the purposes of the performance fee calculation, if not used before, for the next four financial years ending after these respective financial years. On an ongoing basis throughout the year this amount (of 1.2p) is accounted for when calculating the need for a performance fee accrual.

At 31 May 2022 the adjusted total return of the Growth Portfolio for the year since 31 May 2021 (being the date a performance fee was last payable and including the adjustment to the NAV for the element which was disregarded in the last four financial years in order to scale back the performance fee to the cap of 0.35 per cent of total assets) did not exceed that of the FTSE All-Share Index and no performance fee has been recognised in the Growth Portfolio at 31 May 2022 (31 May 2021: £366,000). A total of 29.7p, which relates to the financial year to 31 May 2020 (19.3p) and to 31 May 2021 (10.4p), is currently available to be carried forward and added to the closing NAV for the purposes of the performance fee calculation, if not used before, for the next four financial years ending after these respective financial years. On an ongoing basis throughout the year this amount (of 29.7p) is accounted for when calculating the need for a performance fee accrual.

Details of outstanding management fees at 31 May 2022 are included in note 12.

#### 5. Other Expenses

		2022			2021	
	Income Portfolio £'000	Growth Portfolio £'000	Total £'000	Income Portfolio £'000	Growth Portfolio £'000	Total £'000
Auditor's remuneration for:						
- statutory audit <sup>(1)</sup>	21	30	51	22	34	56
- other services (non-audit) <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	2	2	4
Directors' fees	41	66	107	42	65	107
Secretarial fees	40	64	104	40	63	103
Marketing	31	50	81	23	35	58
Printing and postage	27	41	68	22	34	56
Registrars' fees	14	18	32	15	20	35
Custody and depositary fees	11	15	26	11	13	24
Other expenses including listing fees and legal fees(3)	108	146	254	56	90	146
	293	430	723	233	356	589

All expenses are stated gross of irrecoverable VAT, where applicable.

The Manager, Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited, receives a secretarial and administrative fee of £87,394 per annum (2021: £85,580), subject to annual changes in line with the Consumer Price Index. During the year the Company has incurred secretarial and administrative fees, inclusive of irrecoverable VAT, of £104,000 (2021: £103,000), of which £26,000 (2021: £25,000) is payable to the Manager at the year-end.

The emoluments of the Chairman, the highest paid Director, were at the rate of £30,100 per annum. Full details are provided in the Directors' Remuneration Report.

<sup>(1)</sup> Auditor's remuneration for audit services, exclusive of VAT, amounts to £42,760 (2021: £40,000). The prior year expense included £7,205, exclusive of VAT, relating to costs with respect to the prior year audit.

<sup>(2)</sup> The prior year Auditor's remuneration for non-audit services was in relation to the review of the annual share conversion calculation (£3,500, exclusive of VAT).

<sup>(3)</sup> The current year expense includes costs of £110,000 (inclusive of VAT) in relation to the cancellation of the Company's share premium account.

### **6. Finance Costs**

Year ended 31 May 2022

	Inc	Income Portfolio		Gr	Growth Portfolio			Total		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	
Interest on bank borrowings	61	92	153	-	-	-	61	92	153	

Year ended 31 May 2021

	Inc	Income Portfolio		Gr	Growth Portfolio			Total		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	
Interest on bank borrowings	47	69	116	_	_	_	47	69	116	

Interest payable on bank borrowings has been allocated 60% to capital and 40% to revenue in the Income Portfolio and 80% to capital and 20% to revenue in the Growth Portfolio.

# 7. (a) Tax on Ordinary Activities

Year ended 31 May 2022

	Inc	ome Portfoli	0	Gr	rowth Portfolio			Total		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	
Current tax charge for the year										
(all irrecoverable overseas tax)										
being taxation on ordinary activities	14	-	14	-	-	-	14	-	14	

Year ended 31 May 2021

	Inc	Income Portfolio		Growth Portfolio			Total		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Current tax charge for the year (all irrecoverable overseas tax)									
being taxation on ordinary activities	16	-	16	-	-	-	16	-	16

#### 7. (b) Reconciliation of Tax Charge

The tax charge for the year is higher (2021: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021: 19%).

		2022			2021	
	Income shares	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000
(Loss)/return on ordinary activities before tax:	(986)	(12,372)	(13,358)	15,229	24,553	39,782
Corporation tax at standard rate of 19% (2020: 19%)	(187)	(2,351)	(2,538)	2,893	4,665	7,558
Effects of:						
Losses/(gains) on investments not taxable	617	2,371	2,988	(2,523)	(4,718)	(7,241)
Overseas tax suffered	14	-	14	16	-	16
Non-taxable UK dividend income	(294)	(213)	(507)	(293)	(188)	(481)
Non-taxable overseas dividend income	(237)	(15)	(252)	(227)	(10)	(237)
Expenses not utilised	101	208	309	150	251	401
Current year tax charge (note 7(a))	14	-	14	16	-	16

As at 31 May 2022, the Company had unutilised expenses of £14,956,000 (2021: £13,312,000). The deferred tax asset of £3,739,000 (2021: £3,328,000) in respect of unutilised expenses at 31 May 2022 has not been recognised as it is unlikely that the Company will generate future taxable profits from which the carried forward tax losses could be deducted. The unrecognised deferred tax asset as at 31 May 2022 has been computed using a rate of 25% given the increase in the UK corporation tax rate to 25% from 1 April 2023.

#### 8. Dividends

Dividends on Income shares	Register date	Payment date	2022 Income shares Total £'000	2021 Income shares Total £'000
Amounts recognised as distributions to shareholders during the year:				
For the year ended 31 May 2021				
- fourth interim dividend of 2.0p per Income share (2020: 1.9p)	18 June 2021	9 July 2021	939	883
For the year ended 31 May 2022				
- first interim dividend of 1.55p per Income share (2021: 1.4p)	17 September 2021	8 October 2021	731	657
- second interim dividend of 1.55p per Income share (2021: 1.4p)	17 December 2021	7 January 2022	741	655
- third interim dividend of 1.55p per Income share (2021: 1.4p)	18 March 2022	8 April 2022	744	657
			3,155	2,852
Amounts relating to the year but not paid at the year-end:				
- fourth interim dividend of 2.0p per Income share <sup>(1)</sup> (2021: 2.0p)	17 June 2022	8 July 2022	968	939

The Growth shares do not carry an entitlement to receive dividends.

# 8. Dividends (Continued)

The dividends paid and payable in respect of the financial year ended 31 May 2022, which form the basis of the retention test under Chapter 4, Part 24 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010, are as follows:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Revenue available for distribution by way of dividends for the year	3,264	3,080
First interim dividend of 1.55p per Income share in respect of the year ended 31 May 2022 (2021: 1.4p)	(731)	(657)
Second interim dividend of 1.55p per Income share in respect of the year ended 31 May 2022 (2021: 1.4p)	(741)	(655)
Third interim dividend of 1.55p per Income share in respect of the year ended 31 May 2022 (2021: 1.4p)	(744)	(657)
Fourth interim dividend of 2.0p per Income share <sup>(1)</sup> in respect of the year ended 31 May 2022 (2021: 2.0p)	(968)	(939)
Revenue reserve transfer	80	172

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on 48,397,165 Income shares in issue at the record date of 17 June 2022.

### 9. Return per Share

The return per share is as follows:

#### Year ended 31 May 2022

	Income shares			Growth shares			
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	
Return attributable to Portfolios	2,620	(3,620)	(1,000)	644	(13,016)	(12,372)	
Transfer of net income from Growth Portfolio to Income Portfolio	644	-	644	(644)	-	(644)	
Transfer of capital from Income Portfolio to Growth Portfolio	-	(644)	(644)	-	644	644	
Return attributable to shareholders	3,264	(4,264)	(1,000)	-	(12,372)	(12,372)	
Return per share	6.85p	(8.95p)	(2.10p)	-	(32.28p)	(32.28p)	
Weighted average number of shares in issue during the year (excluding shares held in treasury)	4	7,655,020		;	38,325,735		

Year ended 31 May 2021

	Income shares			Growth shares			
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	
Return attributable to Portfolios	2,516	12,697	15,213	564	23,989	24,553	
Transfer of net income from Growth Portfolio to Income Portfolio	564	-	564	(564)	-	(564)	
Transfer of capital from Income Portfolio to Growth Portfolio	-	(564)	(564)	-	564	564	
Return attributable to shareholders	3,080	12,133	15,213	-	24,553	24,553	
Return per share	6.59p	25.94p	32.53p	-	67.27p	67.27p	
Weighted average number of shares in issue during the year (excluding shares held in treasury)	4	16,772,385		3	6,497,458		

#### 10. Investments

All investments held in the Income Portfolio and Growth Portfolio have been classified as "at fair value through profit or loss" and all changes in fair value arise in respect of these investments only.

FRS 102 requires an analysis of investments valued at fair value based on the subjectivity and significance of information used to measure their fair value. The level is determined by the lowest (that is the least reliable or independently observable) level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement for the individual investment in its entirety as follows:

- Level 1 quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets;
- Level 2 investments whose value is evidenced by comparison with other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables includes only data from observable markets; and
- Level 3 investments whose value is not based on observable market data.

In the year to 31 May 2022, all of the Company's investments were classified as Level 1. In the prior year to 31 May 2021, all of the Company's investments were also classified as Level 1.

#### Year ended 31 May 2022

		Level 1		
Income shares	Listed in the UK £'000	Listed overseas £'000	Quoted on AIM/SFS £'000	Total £'000
Opening book cost	43,886	1,999	6,784	52,669
Opening fair value adjustment	16,681	2,557	214	19,452
Opening valuation	60,567	4,556	6,998	72,121
Movements in the year:				
Transfer from Quoted on AIM/SFS to Listed in the UK				
- cost	2,594	-	(2,594)	-
- fair value adjustment	2,523	-	(2,523)	-
Purchases at cost	4,884	-	465	5,349
Sales - proceeds	(3,383)	-	(968)	(4,351)
- gains/(losses) on sales based on historical cost	1,160	-	(473)	687
(Decrease)/increase in fair value adjustment	(6,677)	(883)	3,628	(3,932)
Closing valuation at 31 May 2022	61,668	3,673	4,533	69,874
Closing book cost	49,141	1,999	3,214	54,354
Closing fair value adjustment	12,527	1,674	1,319	15,520
Closing valuation at 31 May 2022	61,668	3,673	4,533	69,874

During the year the Income Portfolio incurred transaction costs on purchases of 22,000 (2021: £17,000) and transaction costs on sales of £3,000 (2021: £1,000).

# 10. Investments (Continued)

Year ended 31 May 2022

		Level 1			
Growth shares	Listed in the UK £'000	Listed overseas £'000	Quoted on AIM/SFS £'000	Total £'000	
Opening cost	50,417	-	1,184	51,601	
Opening fair value adjustment	49,285	-	166	49,451	
Opening valuation	99,702	-	1,350	101,052	
Movements in the year:					
Purchases at cost	13,825	-	2,040	15,865	
Sales – proceeds	(15,180)	-	-	(15,180)	
- gains on sales based on historical cost	7,731	-	-	7,731	
Decrease in fair value adjustment	(19,773)	-	(437)	(20,210)	
Closing valuation at 31 May 2022	86,305	-	2,953	89,258	
Closing book cost	56,793	-	3,224	60,017	
Closing fair value adjustment	29,512	-	(271)	29,241	
Closing valuation at 31 May 2022	86,305	-	2,953	89,258	

During the year the Growth Portfolio incurred transaction costs on purchases of £51,000 (2021: £31,000) and transaction costs on sales of £7,000 (2021: £2,000).

	2022			2021		
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000
Equity shares	69,874	89,258	159,132	72,121	101,052	173,173
	69,874	89,258	159,132	72,121	101,052	173,173

		2022			2021		
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	
Gains on sales in the year	687	7,731	8,418	129	882	1,011	
Movement in fair value of investments held	(3,932)	(20,210)	(24,142)	13,168	23,953	37,121	
(Losses)/gains on investments	(3,245)	(12,479)	(15,724)	13,297	24,835	38,132	

## 11. Debtors

		2022			2021			
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000		
Accrued income	274	57	331	225	31	256		
Due from brokers	326	-	326	-	-	-		
Other debtors and prepayments	97	38	135	47	23	70		
	697	95	792	272	54	326		

The carrying value of the balances above approximates to fair value. There are no amounts which were past due or impaired at the year-end (2021: £nil).

#### 12. Creditors:

#### Amounts falling due within one year

	2022			2021			
	Income shares	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	
£5 million fixed rate term loan maturing 10 February 2022	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	
Revolving credit facility	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	
Management fee accrued	114	155	269	119	169	288	
Performance fee accrued	-	-	-	465	366	831	
Secretarial fee accrued	10	16	26	10	15	25	
Due to brokers	197	-	197	-	-	-	
Other accruals	107	132	239	73	99	172	
	2,428	303	2,731	7,667	649	8,316	

#### Amounts falling due in more than one year

	2022			2021		
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000
£5 million fixed rate term loan maturing 10 February 2025	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-

At 31 May 2022 the Company had a £5 million unsecured fixed rate term loan and a £5 million unsecured revolving credit facility with The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited. These facilities were put in place effective 10 February 2022 when the previous facilities matured. The fixed rate term loan and the unsecured revolving credit facility are available until 10 February 2025. £5 million of the fixed rate term loan was drawn down as at 31 May 2022 (2021: £5 million) and the interest rate on the amount drawn down is fixed at 2.78% per annum (2021: 2.03% per annum). £2 million of the unsecured revolving credit facility was drawn down as at 31 May 2022 (2021: £2 milllion). The interest rate on the amounts drawn down are variable, based on SONIA plus a margin, and a non-utilisation fee is payable on undrawn amounts.

Under the covenants which relate to the borrowing facilities, the Company is required to ensure that at all times:

- gross borrowings of the Company do not exceed 20% of the adjusted Portfolio value; and
- net tangible assets are not less than £50 million.

The Company met all covenant conditions during the year.

#### 13. Share Capital

Allotted, issued and fully paid

	Listed		Held in trea	sury	In issue	
	Number	£'000	Number	£'000	Number	£'000
Income shares						
Balance at 1 June 2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	46,944,790	4,459	-	-	46,944,790	4,459
Share conversion:						
- Income to Growth	(150,027)	(15)	-	-	(150,027)	(15)
- Growth to Income	122,402	12	-	-	122,402	12
Issued	1,480,000	140	-	-	1,480,000	140
Balance at 31 May 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	48,397,165	4,596	-	_	48,397,165	4,596

	Deferred shares	Deferred shares - Income				
	Number	£'000				
Deferred shares - Income						
Balance at 1 June 2021	-	-				
Issue of 150,027 shares <sup>(2)</sup>	150,027	1				
Repurchase of 150,027 shares <sup>(2)</sup>	(150,027)	(1)				
Balance at 31 May 2022	-	-				

<sup>(1)</sup> The nominal value of each Income share is £0.094976101 per Income share.

During the year, the Company issued 1,480,000 (2021: 575,000) Income shares from the block listing facility receiving net proceeds of £2,120,000 (2021: £710,000).

During the year, valid conversion notices were received to convert 150,027 Income shares (which represented a value of £212,000). These were converted into 73,833 Growth shares in accordance with the Company's Articles and by reference to the ratio of the relative underlying net asset values of the Growth shares and Income shares on the conversion date.

The Company's Articles allow for Deferred shares to be allotted as part of the share conversion to ensure that the conversion does not result in a reduction of the aggregate par value of the Company's issued share capital. The Deferred shares issued as part of the share conversion in the current period are set out above. The Deferred shares were subsequently repurchased by the Company for nil consideration (as they have no economic value) and as authorised by shareholders at the 2021 AGM.

Since the year-end, the Company has issued a further 140,000 Income shares from the block listing facility for net proceeds of £179,000.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle{(2)}}$  The nominal value of a Deferred share is £0.00633731 per share.

#### 13. Share Capital (Continued)

	Listed		Held in trea	sury	In issue	
	Number	£'000	Number	£'000	Number	£'000
Growth shares						
Balance at 1 June 2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	37,761,553	3,586	-	-	37,761,553	3,586
Share conversion:						
- Growth to Income	(60,238)	(5)	-	-	(60,238)	(5)
- Income to Growth	73,833	7	-	-	73,833	7
Issued	1,085,000	104	-	-	1,085,000	104
Balance at 31 May 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	38,860,148	3,692	-	-	38,860,148	3,692

	Deferred shares - Growth				
	Number	£'000			
Deferred shares – Growth					
Balance at 1 June 2021	-	-			
Issue of 60,238 shares(2)	60,238	-			
Repurchase of 60,238 shares <sup>(2)</sup>	(60,238)	-			
Balance at 31 May 2022	-	_			

<sup>(1)</sup> The nominal value of each Growth share is £0.094976101 per Growth share.

During the year, the Company issued 1,085,000 (2021: 1,815,000) Growth shares from the block listing facility receiving net proceeds of £3,086,000 (2021: £4,765,000).

During the year, valid conversions were received to convert 60,238 Growth shares (which represented a value of £173,000). These were converted into 122,402 Income shares in accordance with the Company's Articles and by reference to the ratio of the relative underlying net asset values of the Growth shares and Income shares on the conversion date.

The Company's Articles allow for Deferred shares to be allotted as part of the share conversion to ensure that the conversion does not result in a reduction of the aggregate par value of the Company's issued share capital. The Deferred shares issued as part of the share conversion in the current period are set out above. The Deferred shares were subsequently repurchased by the Company for nil consideration (as they have no economic value) and as authorised by shareholders at the 2021 AGM.

Since the year-end, the Company has issued a further 190,000 Growth shares from the block listing facility for net proceeds of £446.000.

#### **Shareholder entitlements**

The Company has two classes of shares: Income shares and Growth shares.

The entitlements of the Income shares and the Growth shares are set out in the Capital Structure section on page 93 of this report.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle{(2)}}$  The nominal value of a Deferred share is £0.00633731 per share.

#### 14. Reserves

Income shares	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	2022 special reserve £'000	2008 special reserve £'000	Capital reserve – investments sold £'000	Capital reserve – investments held £'000	Revenue reserve £'000
At 1 June 2021	27,608	256	-	19,017	(7,079)	19,452	3,053
Gains on investments	-	-	-	-	687	(3,932)	-
Issuance of Income shares	1,980	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share conversion	-	-	-	(37)	-	-	-
Buy-back of deferred shares for cancellation	-	1	-	-	-	-	_
Management fees charged to capital	-	-	-	-	(281)	-	-
Interest charged to capital	-	-	-	-	(92)	-	-
Foreign exchange losses	-	-	-	-	(2)	-	-
Transfer of net income from Growth Portfolio to Income Portfolio	-	-			-	-	644
Transfer of capital from Income Portfolio to Growth Portfolio	-	-	-	-	(644)	-	-
Share premium cancellation	(29,588)	-	29,588	-	-	-	-
Net revenue for the year	-	-	-		-	-	2,620
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,155)
At 31 May 2022	-	257	29,588	18,980	(7,411)	15,520	3,162

Growth shares	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	2022 special reserve £'000	2008 special reserve £'000	Capital reserve – investments sold £'000	Capital reserve – investments held £'000	Revenue reserve £'000
At 1 June 2021	26,599	365	-	17,162	7,063	49,451	-
Gains on investments	-	-	-	-	7,731	(20,210)	-
Issuance of Growth shares	2,982	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share conversion	-	-	-	37	-	-	-
Buy-back of deferred shares for cancellation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management fees charged to capital	-	-	-	-	(537)	-	-
Transfer of net income from Growth Portfolio to Income Portfolio	-	-	-	-	-	-	(644)
Transfer of capital from Income Portfolio to Growth Portfolio	-	-	-	-	644	-	-
Share premium cancellation	(29,581)	-	29,581	-	-	-	-
Net revenue for the year	-	-		-	-	-	644
At 31 May 2022	-	365	29,581	17,199	14,901	29,241	-

#### **Capital management**

The Company's capital is represented by the issued share capital, share premium account, capital redemption reserve, 2022 special reserve, 2008 special reserve, capital reserve – investments sold, capital reserve – investments held and revenue reserve. Details of the movement through each reserve are shown on pages 78 to 80. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. The nature of the reserves are explained in note 1(i) on pages 67 and 68.

The capital of the Company is managed in accordance with its investment policy, in pursuit of its investment objective, both of which are detailed in the Strategic Report.

### 15. Net Asset Value per Share

The net asset value per share and the net asset value attributable to the shares at the year-end are calculated as follows:

#### Year ended 31 May 2022

	Net asset value per share		Net asset value attributable	
	Income Growth shares shares		Income	Growth shares
			shares	
	pence	pence	£'000	£'000
	133.67p 244.41p		64,692	94,979

Year ended 31 May 2021

Net asset value	per share	Net asset value attributable	
Income	Growth	Income	Growth
shares shares		shares	shares
pence	pence	£'000	£'000
142.22p	276.01p	66,766	104,226

The net asset value per Income share is calculated on net assets of £64,692,000 (2021: £66,766,000), divided by 48,397,165 (2021: 46,944,790) Income shares, being the number of Income shares in issue at the year-end (excluding any shares held in treasury).

The net asset value per Growth share is calculated on net assets of £94,979,000 (2021: £104,226,000), divided by 38,860,148 (2021: 37,761,553) Growth shares, being the number of Growth shares in issue at the year-end (excluding any shares held in treasury).

### 16. Reconciliation of Return on Ordinary Activities Before Tax to Net Cash Outflow from Operations

	2022			2021		
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000
(Loss)/return on ordinary activities before tax	(986)	(12,372)	(13,358)	15,229	24,553	39,782
Adjust for returns from non-operating activities:						
Losses/(gains) on investments	3,245	12,479	15,724	(13,297)	(24,835)	(38,132)
Foreign exchange losses	2	-	2	17		17
Return from operating activities	2,261	107	2,368	1,949	(282)	1,667
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	-	(15)	(15)	2	(7)	(5)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(436)	(346)	(782)	288	(84)	204
Withholding tax (suffered)/recovered	(34)	-	(34)	21	-	21
Dividend income	(3,176)	(1,200)	(4,376)	(2,981)	(1,040)	(4,021)
Interest income	(1)	(9)	(10)	(1)		(1)
Interest expense	152	-	152	116	-	116
Net cash outflows from operations before dividends and interest	(1,234)	(1,463)	(2,697)	(606)	(1,413)	(2,019)

#### 17. Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments comprise its investment Portfolios, cash balances, bank borrowings and debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations. The Company, which is an investment trust, holds two Portfolios of financial assets in pursuit of its investment objective.

Listed and quoted fixed asset investments held (see note 10) are valued at fair value.

The fair value of the financial assets and liabilities of the Company at 31 May 2022 and 31 May 2021 is not materially different from their carrying value in the financial statements.

The main risks that the Company faces arising from its financial instruments are:

- (i) market price risk, being the risk that the value of investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or currency rate movements;
- (ii) interest rate risk, being the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates;
- (iii) foreign currency risk, being the risk that the value of investment holdings, investment purchases, investment sales and income will fluctuate because of movements in currency rates;
- (iv) credit risk, being the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Company; and
- (v) liquidity risk, being the risk that the Company may not be able to liquidate its investments quickly or otherwise raise funds to meet financial commitments.

The Company held the following categories of financial instruments as at 31 May:

	2022			2021		
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000
Financial instruments						
Investment Portfolio - Level 1 (refer to note 10)	69,874	89,258	159,132	72,121	101,052	173,173
Cash at bank and on deposit	1,549	5,929	7,478	2,040	3,769	5,809
Due from brokers	326	-	326	-	-	-
Accrued income	274	57	331	225	31	256
Financial liabilities						
Other creditors and accruals	428	303	731	667	649	1,316
Fixed term loan	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Revolving credit facility	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000

#### **18. Market Price Risk**

The management of market price risk is part of the fund management process and is typical of equity and debt investment. The Portfolios are managed with an awareness of the effects of adverse price movements through detailed and continuing analysis with an objective of maximising overall returns to shareholders. Further information on the investment Portfolios is set out on pages 20 to 23.

If the investment Portfolio valuation fell by 10% at 31 May 2022, the impact on the profit or loss and the net asset value would have been negative £7.0 million (Income shares) (2021: negative £7.2 million (Income shares)) and negative £8.9 million (Growth shares) (2021: negative £10.1 million (Growth shares)). If the investment Portfolio valuation rose by 10% at 31 May 2022, the effect would have been equal and opposite (2021: equal and opposite). The calculations are based on the Portfolio valuations as at the respective Balance Sheet dates, are not representative of the period as a whole and may not be reflective of future market conditions.

#### 19. Interest Rate Risk

The exposure of the financial assets and liabilities to interest rate movements as at 31 May 2022 was:

	2022			2021		
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares	Growth shares £'000	Total
Exposure to floating rates:						
Cash	1,549	5,929	7,478	2,040	3,769	5,809
Revolving credit facility	(2,000)	-	(2,000)	-	-	-
Net exposure	(451)	5,929	5,478	2,040	3,769	5,809
Maximum net exposure during the year	365	7,645		2,646	3,769	
Minimum net exposure during the year	(865)	2,567		992	363	

Exposures vary throughout the year as a consequence of changes in the composition of the net assets of the Company arising from the investment and risk management processes. If interest rates rose by 0.5%, the impact on the profit and loss and the net asset value would have been on the Income shares a decrease of £2,000 (2021: increase of £10,000) and on the Growth shares an increase of £30,000 (2021: increase of £19,000). If interest rates fell by 0.5%, the effect would have been equal and opposite. The calculations are based on the financial assets and liabilities held and the interest rates ruling at each Balance Sheet date and are not representative of the year as a whole.

#### **Floating Rate**

When the Company retains cash balances the majority of the cash is held in variable rate bank accounts yielding rates of interest linked to the UK base rate which was 1.0% at 31 May 2022 (2021: 0.1%). There are no other assets which are directly exposed to floating interest rate risk.

When the Company draws down amounts under its new revolving credit facility, interest is payable based on SONIA (which can vary on a daily basis) plus a margin. In the prior year, interest was based on LIBOR and was fixed at the time of drawdown.

# **Fixed Rate**

Movements in market interest rates will affect the market value of fixed interest investments. Refer to the market price risk note 18.

Neither the Income Portfolio nor the Growth Portfolio holds any fixed interest investments and accordingly no sensitivity analysis has been presented.

The Company has a £5 million fixed rate term loan with an interest rate of 2.78% per annum.

#### **Non-interest Bearing Investments**

The Company's non-interest bearing investments are its equity investments which had a value of £69,874,000 (2021: £72,121,000) for the Income Portfolio and £89,258,000 (2021: £101,052,000) for the Growth Portfolio.

#### 20. Foreign Currency Risk

The Company may invest in overseas securities which give rise to currency risks. At 31 May, direct foreign currency exposure was:

	2022			2021			
	Income shares investments £'000	Growth shares investments £'000	Total	Income shares investments £'000	Growth shares investments £'000	Total	
Swiss Franc	3,673	-	3,673	4,556	-	4,556	
Euro	1,946	-	1,946	2,228	-	2,228	
US Dollar	1,229	1,028	2,257	1,092	1,350	2,442	
	6,848	1,028	7,876	7,876	1,350	9,226	

If the value of sterling had weakened against the Swiss Franc by 10%, the impact on the profit or loss and the net asset value would have been an increase of £367,000 (Income shares) (2021: £456,000). If the value of sterling had strengthened against the Swiss Franc by 10% the effect would have been equal and opposite.

If the value of sterling had weakened against the Euro by 10%, the impact on the profit or loss and the net asset value would have been an increase of £195,000 (Income shares) (2021: £223,000). If the value of sterling had strengthened against the Euro by 10% the effect would have been equal and opposite.

If the value of sterling had weakened against the US Dollar by 10%, the impact on the profit or loss and the net asset value would have been an increase of £123,000 (Income shares) (2021: £109,000) and an increase of £103,000 (Growth shares) (2021: £135,000). If the value of sterling had strengthened against the US Dollar by 10% the effect would have been equal and opposite.

As the remainder of the Company's investments and all other assets and liabilities are denominated in sterling there is no other direct foreign currency risk. However, although the Company's performance is measured in sterling and the Company's investments (other than the above) are denominated in sterling, a proportion of their underlying assets are quoted in currencies other than sterling. Therefore movements in the rates of exchange between sterling and other currencies may affect the market price of the Company's investments and therefore the market price risk note 18 includes an element of currency exposure.

#### 21. Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Company. The Manager has in place a monitoring procedure in respect of counterparty risk which is reviewed on an ongoing basis. The carrying amounts of financial assets best represents the maximum credit risk exposure at the Balance Sheet date.

At the reporting date, the Company's financial assets exposed to credit risk amounted to the following:

		2022			2021			
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000	Income shares	Growth shares £'000	Total £'000		
Cash at bank and on deposit	1,549	5,929	7,478	2,040	3,769	5,809		
Due from brokers	326	_	326	-	_	-		
Accrued income	274	57	331	225	31	256		
	2,149	5,986	8,135	2,265	3,800	6,065		

Credit risk arising on transactions with brokers relates to transactions awaiting settlement. Risk relating to unsettled transactions is considered to be small due to the short settlement period involved and the acceptable credit quality of the brokers used. The Manager monitors the quality of service provided by the brokers used to further mitigate this risk.

### 21. Credit Risk (Continued)

All the assets of the Company which are traded on a recognised exchange are held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, the Company's Custodian. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Custodian may cause the Company's rights with respect to securities held by the Custodian to be delayed or limited. The Board monitors the Company's risk by reviewing the Custodian's internal control reports as described in the Report of the Audit Committee.

The credit risk on liquid funds is controlled because the counterparties are banks with acceptable credit ratings, normally rated A or higher, assigned by international credit rating agencies. Bankruptcy or insolvency of such financial institutions may cause the Company's ability to access cash placed on deposit to be delayed, limited or lost.

#### 22. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in realising assets or otherwise raising funds to meet financial commitments. The risk of the Company not having sufficient liquidity at any time is not considered by the Board to be significant, given that the Company's listed and quoted securities are considered to be readily realisable.

The Company's liquidity risk is managed on an ongoing basis by the Manager in accordance with policies and procedures in place as described in the Report of the Directors. The Company's overall liquidity risks are monitored on a quarterly basis by the Board.

The Company maintains sufficient investments in cash and readily realisable securities to pay accounts payable and accrued expenses which are settled in accordance with suppliers stated terms. The Company has a £5 million fixed rate term loan and a £5 million unsecured revolving credit facility which are both available until 10 February 2025 with The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited. As at 31 May 2022, £5 million of the fixed rate term loan was drawn down (2021: £5 million) and £2 million of the unsecured revolving credit facility was drawn down (2021: £2 million). The interest rate on the fixed rate term loan, which is fully drawn, is 2.78% per annum. The interest rate on the unsecured revolving credit facility is variable, and a non-utilisation fee is payable on undrawn amounts.

The contractual maturities of the financial liabilities at each Balance Sheet date, based on the earliest date on which payment can be required, were as follows:

One month or less £'000s	More than one month but less than one year £'000s	More than one year £'000s	Total £'000s
-	-	5,000	5,000
2,000	-	-	2,000
428	-	-	428
2,428	-	5,000	7,428
303	-	-	303
303	-	-	303
2,731	-	5,000	7,731
	month or less £'000s	One month but less than one year £'000s  2,000 - 428 - 2,428   303 303 303	One month month or less £'000s         one year £'000s         More than one year £'000s           -         -         5,000           2,000         -         -           428         -         -           2,428         -         5,000

#### 22. Liquidity Risk (Continued)

2021	One month or less £'000s	More than one month but less than one year £'000s	More than one year £'000s	Total £'000s
Income shares				
Liabilities				
Bank borrowing (fixed rate term loan)	-	5,000	-	5,000
Bank borrowing (revolving credit facility)	-	2,000	-	2,000
Other creditors	667	-	-	667
	667	7,000	-	7,667
Growth shares				
Liabilities				
Other creditors	649	-	-	649
	649	-	-	649
Total	1,316	7,000	-	8,316

#### 23. Related Parties and Transactions with the Manager

The Board of Directors is considered a related party. There are no transactions with the Board other than aggregated remuneration for services as Directors as disclosed in the Directors' Remuneration Report on pages 50 to 52 and as set out in note 5 to the financial statements. The beneficial interests of the Directors in the Income shares and Growth shares of the Company are disclosed on page 51. There are no outstanding balances with the Board at the year-end.

Until 24 February 2022, Sue Inglis was also a non-executive director and chairman of The Bankers Investment Trust. The Income Portfolio has a holding of 1,730,470 shares in this company valued at £1,793,000 at 31 May 2022. David Warnock is also a non-executive director of ICG Enterprise Trust plc. The Growth Portfolio has a holding of 190,000 shares in this company valued at £2,067,000 at 31 May 2022.

Transactions between the Company and the Manager are detailed in note 4 on investment management and performance fees, note 5 and note 12 on fees owed to the Manager at the Balance Sheet date. The existence of an independent Board of Directors demonstrates that the Company is free to pursue its own financial and operating policies and therefore, under the AIC SORP, the Manager is not considered to be a related party.

### 24. Post-balance Sheet Events

Since 31 May 2022, there are no post Balance Sheet events which would require adjustment of or disclosure in the financial statements.

# **AIFMD** Disclosures

#### Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('AIFMD')

In accordance with the AIFM Directive, information in relation to the Company's leverage and the remuneration of the Company's AIFM, Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited, is required to be made available to investors. Detailed regulatory disclosures, including those on the AIFM's remuneration policy and costs, are available on the Company's website or from Columbia Threadneedle Investments on request.

The Company's maximum and average actual leverage levels at 31 May 2022 are shown below:

Leverage exposure	Gross method	Commitment method
Maximum limit	200%	200%
Actual	100%	104%

For the purposes of the AIFM Directive, leverage is any method which increases the Company's exposure, including the borrowing of cash and the use of derivatives. It is expressed as a percentage of the Company's exposure to its net asset value and is calculated on both a gross and commitment method.

Under the gross method, exposure represents the sum of the Company's positions after deduction of cash balances, without taking account of any hedging or netting arrangements. Under the commitment method, exposure is calculated without the deduction of cash balances and after certain hedging and netting positions are offset against each other.

The leverage limits are set by the AIFM and approved by the Board and are in line with the maximum leverage levels permitted in the Company's Articles of Association. The AIFM is also required to comply with the gearing parameters set by the Board in relation to borrowings.

Detailed regulatory disclosures to investors in accordance with the AIFM Directive are contained on the Company's website under Key Documents.

# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the fourteenth Annual General Meeting of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC will be held at Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2NY on Thursday 29 September 2022 at 11.30am for the following purposes. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following Resolutions, of which Resolutions 1 to 9 will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions and Resolutions 10 to 13 as Special Resolutions:

#### **Ordinary Resolutions**

- 1. That the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 May 2022 be received.
- 2. That the Annual Report on Directors' Remuneration for the year to 31 May 2022 be approved.
- 3. That Shauna L Bevan, who was appointed as a Director on 9 June 2022, be elected as a Director.
- 4. That Sue P Inglis, who retires annually, be re-elected as a Director.
- 5. That Simon M Longfellow, who retires annually, be re-elected as a Director.
- 6. That David Warnock, who retires annually, be re-elected as
- 7. That KPMG LLP be re-appointed as Auditor of the Company and the Directors be authorised to determine its remuneration.
- 8. That the Company's dividend policy with regard to quarterly payments as set out in the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 May 2022 be approved.
- 9. Authority to allot shares

That, in substitution for any existing authority, but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company ('Rights") provided that such authority shall be limited to the allotment of shares and the grant of Rights in respect of shares with an aggregate nominal value of up to £921,933.02 in respect of Income shares and £741,763.35 in respect of Growth shares, such authority to expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution or on the expiry of 15 months from the passing

of this resolution, whichever is the earlier, unless previously revoked, varied or extended by the Company in a general meeting, save that the Company may at any time prior to the expiry of this authority make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require shares in the Company to be allotted or Rights to be granted after the expiry of such authority and the Directors shall be entitled to allot shares in the Company or grant Rights in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not

#### **Special Resolutions**

10. Power to allot shares and sell treasury shares without rights of pre-emption

That, subject to the passing of Resolution 9, and in substitution for any existing power but without prejudice to the exercise of any such power prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby generally empowered, pursuant to Section 570 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 560 of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority given by Resolution 9 and/ or to sell Income shares and/or Growth shares held by the Company as treasury shares as if Section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to any such allotment or sale, provided that this power:

- expires at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution or on the expiry of 15 months from the passing of this resolution, whichever is the earlier, save that the Company may, before such expiry, make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted or treasury shares to be sold after such expiry and the Directors may allot equity securities or sell treasury shares in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the power conferred hereby had not expired; and
- shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities or sale of treasury shares up to an aggregate nominal value of 460,966.51 in respect of Income shares and £370,881.67 in respect of Growth shares (being approximately 10.0% of the nominal value of the issued Income share capital of the Company and approximately 10.0% of the nominal value of the issued Growth share capital of the Company as at 8 August 2022) at a price of not less than the net asset value per share of the existing Income shares (in the case of an allotment or sale of Income shares) or

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Growth shares (in the case of an allotment or sale of Growth shares).

This power applies in relation to the sale of Income shares and/or Growth shares which is an allotment of equity securities that immediately before the allotment are held by the Company as treasury shares as if in the opening paragraph of this resolution the words "subject to the passing of Resolution 9" and "pursuant to the authority given by Resolution 9" were omitted.

11. Additional power to allot shares and sell treasury shares without rights of pre-emption

That, subject to the passing of Resolution 9, and in addition to any power granted under Resolution 10 above, the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby generally empowered, pursuant to Section 570 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 560 of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority given by Resolution 9 and/or sell Income shares and/or Growth shares held by the Company as treasury shares as if Section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to any such allotment or sale, provided that this power:

- expires at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution or on the expiry of 15 months from the passing of this resolution, whichever is the earlier, save that the Company may, before such expiry, make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted or treasury shares to be sold after such expiry and the Directors may allot equity securities or sell treasury shares in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the power conferred hereby had not expired; and
- shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities or sale of treasury shares up to an aggregate nominal value of £460,966.51 in respect of Income shares and £370.881.67 in respect of Growth shares (being approximately 10.0% of the nominal value of the issued Income share capital of the Company, and approximately 10.0% of the nominal value of the issued Growth share capital of the Company as at 8 August 2022) at a price of not less than the net asset value per share of the existing Income shares (in the case of an allotment or sale of Income shares) or Growth shares (in the case of an allotment or sale of Growth shares).

This power applies in relation to the sale of Income shares and/or Growth shares which is an allotment of equity securities that immediately before the allotment are held by the Company as treasury shares as if in the opening

paragraph of this resolution the words "subject to the passing of Resolution 9" and "pursuant to the authority given by Resolution 9" were omitted.

#### 12. Authority to buy back shares

That, in substitution for any existing authority but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date of the passing of this resolution, the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act) of fully paid Income shares in the share capital of the Company and fully paid Growth shares in the share capital of the Company ("Income shares and/or Growth shares") (either for retention as treasury shares for future reissue, resale or transfer or cancellation), provided that:

- the maximum aggregate number of Income shares and Growth shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 14.99% of the issued Income shares and 14.99% of the issued Growth shares (excluding Income shares and Growth shares held in treasury) immediately prior to the passing of this resolution<sup>(1)</sup>;
- the minimum price (excluding expenses) which may be paid for an Income share or Growth share is £0.094976101;
- the maximum price (excluding expenses) which may be paid for an Income share or Growth share shall not be more than the higher of:
  - 5% above the average middle market price on the London Stock Exchange of an Income share or Growth share over the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase; and
  - the higher of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the London Stock Exchange; and
- unless previously varied, revoked or renewed by the Company in a general meeting, the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the Company's next Annual General Meeting or on 29 December 2023, whichever is the earlier, save that the Company may, prior to such expiry, enter into a contract to purchase Income shares and/or Growth shares under such authority which will or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of Income shares and/or Growth shares pursuant to any such contract.

<sup>(1)</sup> Following Resolution 12 becoming effective the maximum aggregate number of shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be 7,275,000 Income shares and 5,853,000 Growth shares (or, if less, 14.99% of the number of Income shares and 14.99% of the Growth shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) immediately prior to the passing of this resolution)

#### 13. Purchase Contract

That the proposed Purchase Contract (as defined in the Annual Report and Financial Statements published by the Company on 8 August 2022) to enable the Company to make off-market purchases of its own deferred shares pursuant to Sections 693 and 694 of the Companies Act 2006 in the form produced at the meeting and initialled by the Chairman be and is hereby approved and the Company be and is hereby authorised to enter into, execute and perform such contract, but so that the approval and authority conferred by this resolution shall expire on the day immediately preceding the date which is 18 months after the passing of this resolution or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

By order of the Board For Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited **Company Secretary** Quartermile 4 7a Nightingale Way Edinburgh EH3 9EG 8 August 2022

Notice of Meeting

#### **Notes**

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting may appoint one or more persons as his/her proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her behalf at the meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. If multiple proxies are appointed they must not be appointed in respect of the same shares. To be effective, the duly executed enclosed Form of Proxy, together with any power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof, should be lodged at the address shown on the proxy form not later than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time of the meeting or, in the case of an adjourned meeting, no later than 48 hours (excluding non-working days) before the holding of that adjourned meeting (or in the case of a poll taken subsequent to the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting, no later than 24 hours (excluding non-working days) before the time appointed for the taking of the poll). The appointment of a proxy will not prevent a member from attending the meeting and voting in person if he/she so wishes.
- 2. A corporation, which is a shareholder, may appoint an individual(s) to act as its representative(s) and to vote in person at the meeting (see instructions given on the proxy form). In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, each such representative may exercise (on behalf of the corporation) the same powers as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company, provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.
- CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for this meeting by following the procedures described in the CREST Manual and by logging on to www.euroclear.com. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.
- In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & International Limited's ("Euroclear") specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, in order to be valid, must be transmitted so as to be received by the Company's agent (ID RA19) by the latest time for receipt of proxy appointments specified in Note 1 above. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the Company's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time, any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.
- 5. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.
- 6. Alternatively, shareholders can submit proxy instructions online by logging onto www.sharevote.co.uk. To use this service shareholders will need their Voting ID, Task ID and Shareholder Reference Number printed on the accompanying Form of Proxy. Full details of the procedure are given on the website. Alternatively, shareholders who have already registered with Equiniti's online portfolio service, Shareview, can submit proxy instructions by logging on to their portfolio at www.shareview.co.uk using your usual user ID and password. Once logged in simply click "view" on the "My

- Investments" page, click on the link to vote, then follow the on screen instructions. Electronic proxy votes must be received by Equiniti, by no later than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.
- 7. A person to whom this notice is sent who is a person nominated under Section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 to enjoy information rights (a "Nominated Person") may, under an agreement between him/her and the shareholder by whom he/she was nominated, have a right to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy for the Annual General Meeting. If a Nominated Person has no such proxy appointment right or does not wish to exercise it, he/she may, under any such agreement, have a right to give instructions to the shareholder as to the exercise of voting rights.

The statements of the rights of members in relation to the appointment of proxies in Notes 1 and 3 above do not apply to a Nominated Person. The rights described in this Note can only be exercised by registered members of the Company.

- 8. Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, the Company specifies that only those holders of shares entered on the Register of Members of the Company as at 6.30pm on 27 September 2022 or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, on the Register of Members as at 6.30pm on the day two business days prior to any adjourned meeting, shall be entitled to attend or vote at the meeting in respect of the number of shares registered in their names at that time. Changes to the entries on the Register of Members after 6.30pm on 27 September 2022 or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, in the Register of Members as at 6.30pm on the day two business days prior to any adjourned meeting, shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the meeting, notwithstanding any provisions in any enactment, the Articles of Association of the Company or other instrument to the contrary.
- 9. As at 8 August 2022 (being the last business day prior to the publication of this notice) the Company's issued share capital consists of 48,537,165 Income shares carrying one vote each and 39,050,148 Growth shares carrying one vote each (in each case, in respect of a general meeting of the Company, on a show of hands only). The Company holds nil Income shares and nil Growth shares in treasury. Therefore the total number of voting rights in the Company as at 8 August 2022 on a show of hands was 87,587,313 votes. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the voting rights attributable to each class of shares on a poll is equal to the number of shares of that class in issue multiplied by the Share Voting Number (which is defined in the Articles of Association as the net asset value of the relevant Portfolio divided by the number of shares in that Portfolio, calculated at the Voting Calculation Date).

Given a Voting Calculation Date of 5 August 2022, the Share Voting Number for the Income shares is 1.31 and the Share Voting Number for the Growth shares is 2.45.

For illustrative purposes only, on a poll, there would therefore be 63,583,686 votes attributable to the Income shares, 95,672,863 votes attributable to the Growth shares and the total voting rights in the Company would be 159,256,549. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the applicable Share Voting Numbers for the Income shares and the Growth shares at the Annual General Meeting will be displayed at the meeting venue.

Any power of attorney or any other authority under which this proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy form. The voting on all resolutions will be conducted by way of a poll. On a poll each Income shareholder and each Growth shareholder is entitled to a weighted vote determined in accordance with the underlying NAV of the relevant shares as specified in the Articles of Association. Any person holding 3% of the total voting rights in the Company who appoints a person other than the Chairman as his/her proxy will need to ensure that both he/she and such third party complies with their respective disclosure obligations under the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

- 10. The proposed Purchase Contract referred to in Resolution 13 will be available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting. The proposed Purchase Contract will also be available at the Company's registered office from 15 days prior to the AGM.
- 11. No Director has a contract of service with the Company. The Directors' letters of appointment will be available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) and from 15 minutes prior to, and during, the Annual General Meeting.
- 12. Information regarding the Annual General Meeting, including information required by Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, is available from ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk.
- 13. Under Section 319A of the Companies Act 2006, the Company must answer any question relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting put by a member attending the meeting unless:
  - (a) answering the question would interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information;
  - (b) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or
  - (c) it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered.
- 14. The members of the Company may require the Company to publish, on its website (without payment), a statement (which is also passed to the Company's Auditor) setting out any matter relating to the audit of the Company's accounts, including the Auditor's Report and the conduct of the audit. The Company will be required to do so once it has received such requests from either members representing at least 5% of the total voting rights of the Company or at least 100 members who have a relevant right to vote and hold shares in the Company on which there has been paid up an average sum per member of at least £100. Such requests must be made in writing and must state your full name and address and be sent to Quartermile 4, 7a Nightingale Way, Edinburgh EH3 9EG.

- 15. You may not use any electronic address provided either in this Notice of Annual General Meeting or any related documents (including the Form of Proxy) to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
- 16. Under Section 338 of the Companies Act 2006, a member or members meeting the qualification criteria set out at Note 18 below, may, subject to certain conditions, require the Company to circulate to members notice of a resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at that meeting. The conditions are that: (i) the resolution must not, if passed, be ineffective (whether by reason of inconsistency with any enactment or the Company's constitution or otherwise); (ii) the resolution must not be defamatory of any person, frivolous or vexatious; and (iii) the request: (a) may be in hard copy form or in electronic form; (b) must identify the resolution of which notice is to be given by either setting out the resolution in full or, if supporting a resolution sent by another member, clearly identifying the resolution which is being supported; (c) must be authenticated by the person or persons making it; and (d) must be received by the Company not later than six weeks before the meeting to which the requests relate.
- 17. Under Section 338A of the Companies Act 2006, a member or members meeting the qualification criteria set out at Note 18 below. may, subject to certain conditions, require the Company to include in the business to be dealt with at the meeting a matter (other than a proposed resolution) which may properly be included in the business (a matter of business). The conditions are that: (i) the matter of business must not be defamatory of any person, frivolous or vexatious; and (ii) the request: (a) may be in hard copy form or in electronic form; (b) must identify the matter of business by either setting it out in full or, if supporting a statement sent by another member, clearly identify the matter of business which is being supported; (c) must be accompanied by a statement setting out the grounds for the request; (d) must be authenticated by the person or persons making it; and (e) must be received by the Company not later than six weeks before the meeting to which the requests relate.
- 18. In order to be able to exercise the members' right to require: (i) circulation of a resolution to be proposed at the meeting (see Note 16); or (ii) a matter of business to be dealt with at the meeting (see Note 17), the relevant request must be made by: (a) a member or members having a right to vote at the meeting and holding at least 5% of total voting rights of the Company; or (b) at least 100 members have a right to vote at the meeting and holding, on average, at least £100 of paid up share capital.

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# Capital Structure At 31 May 2022

The Company has two classes of shares, Income shares and Growth shares, each with distinct investment objectives. investment policies and underlying investment Portfolios. Both the Income shares and Growth shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange. There is no fixed ratio of Income shares to Growth shares and the relative sizes of the Income and Growth Portfolios may vary over time.

Neither the Income shares nor the Growth shares represent capital gearing for the other share class.

#### **Dividends**

Income shares are entitled to all dividends of the Company. The Company typically pays four quarterly dividends per financial year in October, January, April and July. The Growth shares do not carry an entitlement to receive dividends.

Any net income arising in the Growth Portfolio is transferred to the Income Portfolio, and a corresponding transfer of an identical amount made from the capital attributable to the Income Portfolio to the Growth Portfolio. It is expected that this will benefit both the income prospects of the Income shares and the capital growth prospects of the Growth shares.

The net asset value of the Income shares is based on the Income Portfolio and the net asset value of the Growth shares is based on the Growth Portfolio.

As a matter of law, the Company is a single entity and, while under the Articles of Association the assets of the Income Portfolio are separated for the benefit of the Income shareholders and the assets of the Growth Portfolio are separated for the benefit of the Growth shareholders, there is no distinction between the assets of the Income Portfolio and the Growth Portfolio as far as creditors of the Company are concerned.

On a return of assets, on a liquidation or otherwise, the surplus assets of the Company comprised in either of the Income Portfolio or the Growth Portfolio, after payment of all debts and satisfaction of all the liabilities associated with that Portfolio and any other relevant liabilities, shall be paid to the holders of the shares of the particular Portfolio and distributed amongst such holders rateably according to the amounts paid up on the relevant shares held by them respectively.

If, in the course of liquidation of the Company the assets attributable to a particular Portfolio are insufficient to satisfy the liabilities attributable to that Portfolio and that Portfolio's pro rata share of the Company's general liabilities, the outstanding liabilities shall be attributable to the other Portfolio.

#### **Voting**

At any general meeting of the Company, on a show of hands, each Income shareholder and each Growth shareholder shall have one vote and, upon a poll, a weighted vote determined in accordance with the underlying NAV of the relevant share as specified in the Articles.

At any class meeting of Income shareholders, on a show of hands, each Income shareholder shall have one vote and, upon a poll, one vote for each Income share held and at any class meeting of Growth shareholders, on a show of hands, each Growth shareholder shall have one vote and, upon a poll, one vote for each Growth share held.

Any material change to the investment policy of the Company will only be made with the prior class consent of shareholders of the class to which the change relates (where the proposed material change only relates to a particular class) and with the prior approval of the shareholders of the Company.

#### **Voting of Shares Held in the Savings Plans**

Since the launch of the Company, the majority of the Income shares and Growth shares in the Company have been held through the savings plans which are administered by the Manager. The Manager does not have discretion to exercise any voting rights in respect of the shares held through the savings plans. The shares are voted in accordance with the instructions of the underlying planholders. The Manager has undertaken that, subject to any regulatory restrictions, it would operate a proportional voting system whereby, provided that the nominee company holding the shares received instructions to vote in respect of more than 10% of the shares held in these savings plans, it would vote all the shares in respect of which it had not received instructions proportionately to those for which it had received instructions. Any shares held by the underlying holder in excess of 0.25% of the issued shares of the relevant class would not be counted for the purposes of pro rating the voting of non-directed shares. Any shares voted by an underlying planholder in excess of the maximum limit would remain valid, but would not form part of the proportional voting basis.

#### **Conversion Between Income Shares and Growth Shares**

Subject to certain minimum and maximum thresholds which may be set at the discretion of the Board, shareholders have the right to convert their Income shares into Growth shares and/or their Growth shares into Income shares upon certain dates, the next of which will be on 27 October 2022 and then annually or close to annually thereafter. Under current law, such conversions will not be treated as disposals for UK capital gains tax purposes.

Full details are provided in the Shareholder Information section on pages 94 and 95.

# **Shareholder** Information

#### **Conversion Facility**

Subject to certain minimum and maximum thresholds which may be set by the Board of CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust PLC (the "Board") from time to time, shareholders have the right to convert their Income shares into Growth shares and/or their Growth shares into Income shares upon certain dates, the next of which will be 27 October 2022 and then annually or close to annually thereafter (subject to the Articles of Association of the Company). Under current law, such conversions will not be treated as disposals for UK capital gains tax purposes.

#### **Conversion Process**

#### Minimum level

The Board may, in its sole and absolute discretion, specify a minimum number of converting shares which are to be converted by a shareholder in the case of either the Income shares or Growth shares.

The minimum amount for the 27 October 2022 Conversion is 1,000 shares per shareholder or the whole shareholding, whichever is lower.

The Board will specify a minimum net value of assets to be transferred from a Portfolio on any Conversion Date, and may change any such minimum from time to time. If, on any Conversion Date, the value of the assets to be so transferred is less than such specified minimum, then the Board may, in its sole and absolute discretion, cancel any such conversion.

The minimum net value of assets in aggregate for the 27 October 2022 Conversion is £250,000. A significant minimum has to be set in order to justify the costs of the exercise.

#### Maximum level

The Board may set a maximum number of Growth shares or Income shares which may be converted on any Conversion Date and may change such maximum from time to time. If on a Conversion Date, the number of Growth shares or Income shares for which conversion notices have been delivered would exceed the limit, the shares will be reduced pro rata.

The maximum amount for the 27 October 2022 Conversion is 10% of the Income shares and 10% of the Growth shares in issue.

#### **Conversion ratio**

Shares will be converted into the other share class by reference to the ratio of the relative underlying NAVs of the Growth shares

and Income shares (as set out in more detail in the Company's Articles of Association). Only the Income shareholders are entitled to receive dividends. The Company shall announce the Conversion Ratio applicable on the Conversion Date or Deferred Conversion Date and the number of resulting shares. The Board has discretion to defer the Conversion Date, inter alia, in the event that the level of conversions is above a certain materiality threshold in order to facilitate realignment of the Company's Portfolios in order to effect the conversions in as effective a manner as possible. The Deferred Conversion Date will under normal circumstances not be more than one month later than the originally stated Conversion Date.

#### Result

Within the Company announcement referenced above, the date CREST accounts will be credited will be confirmed.

It is anticipated that, within nine working days of the Conversion Date or the Deferred Conversion Date, the Company will send:

- to each holder of converting shares that are in certificated form a definitive certificate for the appropriate number of shares arising on conversion and a new certificate for any unconverted shares; and
- to each holder of converting shares held in the Manager's savings plans, confirmation of the number of shares converted and the number of shares arising on conversion.

No share certificates will be issued in respect of any Deferred shares arising as a result of the conversion. These Deferred shares have no economic value and will be transferred to a nominee holder and bought back for nil consideration by the Company and cancelled in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

Income shares arising on Conversion will carry the right to receive all dividends declared by reference to a record date falling after the Conversion Date or Deferred Conversion Date. Income shares which are converted into Growth shares will carry the right to receive all dividends declared by reference to a record date falling prior to the Conversion Date or Deferred Conversion Date but not on or thereafter.

#### Market price of Income shares & Growth shares

The mid-market price for the Income shares and Growth shares on the first dealing day in each of the last six months, and

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5 August 2022, being the latest practicable date before the approval of the Annual Report and Financial Statements, were:

	Income shares (p)	Growth shares (p)
1 February 2022	140.5	270.0
1 March 2022	134.0	259.0
1 April 2022	136.0	263.0
2 May 2022	136.0	257.0
1 June 2022	131.0	244.0
1 July 2022	126.5	235.0
5 August 2022	129.5	245.0

This is not a recommendation to convert, or not to convert, any of your shares. The conversion facility is not available to overseas shareholders except where appropriate confirmation has been provided to the Directors and the Directors are satisfied that it would be lawful for the conversion facility to apply under the relevant overseas laws and regulations.

#### **Future conversions**

It is intended that, following the next conversion on 27 October 2022, the conversion facility will be offered annually or close to annually thereafter.

#### How do I convert?

If you hold your shares:

- 1. Through a savings plan managed or marketed by Columbia Threadneedle Management Limited please download a "PLAN CONVERSION INSTRUCTION" Form from the website at ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk, which will be available from 11 August 2022.
  - This "Plan Conversion Instruction" Form must be received by 5pm on Friday 23 September 2022 in respect of the 27 October 2022 Conversion Date.
- 2. In certificated form, please download a "CERTIFICATED CONVERSION NOTICE" Form from the website at ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk, which will be available from 11 August 2022.

This "CERTIFICATED CONVERSION NOTICE" Form must be received by 5pm on Friday 30 September 2022 in respect of the 27 October 2022 Conversion Date.

Information on what to do if you have lost any or all of your share certificates and how to obtain a letter of indemnity is also included on the form.

- 3. In uncertificated form (that is in CREST) then please follow the instructions on the website at ctglobalmanagedportfolio.co.uk, which will be available from 11 August 2022.
- 4. Through an investment platform, such as Hargreaves Lansdown or Interactive Investor, then the platform may contact you regarding the conversion process. In the event that you wish to make a conversion, but have not been contacted by your platform, you should contact them directly.

This is not a recommendation to convert, or not to convert, any of your shares.

# **Share Prices and Daily Net Asset Value**

The Company's Income shares and Growth shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. Prices are given daily in the Financial Times and other newspapers. The net asset value of the Company's shares are released to the market daily, on the working day following the calculation date. They are available, with other regulatory information, through the National Storage Mechanism at data.fca.org.uk or can be obtained by contacting Columbia Threadneedle's Investor Services Team on 0345 600 3030.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends on Income shares are paid quarterly in July, October, January and April each year. Shareholders on the main register, who wish to have dividends paid directly into a bank account rather than by cheque to their registered address, can complete a mandate form for the purpose. Mandates may be obtained from the Company's Registrar, Equiniti Limited (see back cover page for contact details), on request.

### **Change of Address**

Communications with shareholders are mailed to the address held on the share register. In the event of a change of address or other amendment for main register holders this should be notified to Equiniti Limited, under the signature of the registered holder.

The Company conducts its affairs so that its Income shares and Growth shares can be recommended by IFAs to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's rules relating to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so.

#### **Data Protection**

The Company is committed to protecting and respecting the confidentiality, integrity and security of the personal data it holds. For information on the processing of personal data, please see the privacy policy on the Company's website.

Profile of the Company's Ownership			
% of Income shares held at 31 May 2022		% of Growth shares held at 31 May 2022	
Columbia Threadneedle Investments Retail Savings Plans	67.2%	Columbia Threadneedle Investments Retail Savings Plans	82.9%
Individuals and Private Client Wealth Managers	32.8%	Individuals and Private Client Wealth Managers	17.1%
	100.0%		100.0%

# **How to** Invest

One of the most convenient ways to invest in CT Global Managed Portfolio Trust is through one of the savings plans run by Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

#### CT Individual Savings Account (ISA)

You can use your ISA allowance to make an annual tax efficient investment of up to £20,000 for the current tax year with a lump sum from £100 or regular savings from £25 a month. You can also transfer any existing ISAs to us whilst maintaining the tax benefits.

#### CT Junior Individual Savings Account (JISA)\*

A tax efficient way to invest up to £9,000 per tax year for a child. Contributions start from £100 lump sum or £25 a month. JISAs or CTFs with other providers can be transferred to Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

#### **CT Lifetime Individual Savings Account (LISA)**

For those aged 18-39, a LISA could help towards purchasing your first home or retirement in later life. Invest up to £4,000 for the current tax year and receive a 25% Government bonus up to £1,000 per year. Invest with a lump sum from £100 or regular savings from £25 a month.

#### CT Child Trust Fund (CTF)\*

If your child already has a CTF, you can invest up to £9,000 per birthday year, from £100 lump sum or £25 a month. CTFs with other providers can be transferred to Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

#### **CT General Investment Account (GIA)**

This is a flexible way to invest in our range of Investment Trusts. There are no maximum contributions, and investments can be made from £100 lump sum or £25 a month.

#### **CT Junior Investment Account (JIA)**

This is a flexible way to save for a child in our range of Investment Trusts. There are no maximum contributions, and the plan can easily be set up under bare trust (where the child is noted as the beneficial owner) or kept in your name if you wish to retain control over the investment. Investments can be made from a £100 lump sum or £25 a month per account. You can also make additional lump sum top-ups at any time from £100 per account.

#### \*The CTF and JISA accounts are opened by parents in the child's name and they have access to the money at age 18. \*\*Calls may be recorded or monitored for training and quality purposes.

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**0345 600 3030**, 9.00am – 5.00pm, weekdays, calls may be recorded or monitored for training and quality purposes.

**Charges** 

Annual management charges and other charges apply according to the type of plan.

**Annual account charge** 

ISA/LISA: £60+VAT GIA: £40+VAT

JISA/JIA/CTF: £25+VAT

You can pay the annual charge from your account, or by direct debit (in addition to any annual subscription limits).

#### **Dealing charges**

£12 per fund (reduced to £0 for deals placed through the online Columbia Threadneedle Investor Portal) for ISA/GIA/LISA/JIA and JISA. There are no dealing charges on a CTF.

Dealing charges apply when shares are bought or sold but not on the reinvestment of dividends or the investment of monthly direct debits. Government stamp duty of 0.5% also applies on the purchase of shares (where applicable).

The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment. Tax benefits depend on your individual circumstances and tax allowances and rules may change. Please ensure you have read the full Terms and Conditions, Privacy Policy and relevant Key Features documents before investing. For regulatory purposes, please ensure you have read the Pre-sales Cost & Charges disclosure related to the product you are applying for, and the relevant Key Information Document (KID) for the investment trusts in which you want to invest. These can be found at ctinvest.co.uk/documents.

To open a new Columbia Threadneedle Investments plan, apply online at ctinvest.co.uk Online applications are not available if you are transferring an existing plan with another provider to Columbia Threadneedle Investments, or if you are applying for a new plan in more than one name but paper applications are available at ctinvest.co.uk/documents or by contacting Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

#### **New Customers**

Call: **0800 136 420**\*\* (8.30am – 5.30pm, weekdays)

Email: invest@columbiathreadneedle.com

#### **Existing Plan Holders**

Call: **0345 600 3030**\*\* (9.00am – 5.00pm, weekdays) Email: investor.enquiries@columbiathreadneedle.com By post: Columbia Threadneedle Management Limited, PO Box

11114, Chelmsford, CM99 2DG

You can also invest in the trust through online dealing platforms for private investors that offer share dealing and ISAs. Companies include: AJ Bell Youinvest, Barclays Smart Investor, Freetrade, Halifax Share Dealing, Hargreaves Lansdown and Interactive Investor



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# **Historic** Record

#### **Income Shares**

As at 31 May	Financial year net asset value total return	Financial year benchmark index total return	Net asset value per share	Share price	+Premium/ -discount	Revenue return per share	Dividend per share	Total expenses/ ongoing charges <sup>(3)</sup>	Net gearing/ -net cash
2009	-20.8%	-23.2%	73.86p	75.0p	+1.5%	5.33p	4.9p <sup>(1)</sup>	1.47%	-6.5%
2010	23.9%	22.9%	86.81p	89.5p	+3.1%	4.58p	4.4p	1.51%	-3.8%
2011	24.4%	20.4%	103.09p	103.0p	-0.1%	4.20p	4.4p	1.42%	4.2%
2012	-6.6%	-8.0%	91.86p	91.5p	-0.4%	5.04p	4.5p	1.44%	1.8%
2013	34.2%	30.1%	117.68p	116.5p	-1.0%	5.20p	4.6p	1.24%	1.3%
2014	6.0%	8.9%	119.85p	122.0p	+1.8%	5.56p	4.8p	1.16%	1.4%
2015	10.0%	7.5%	126.37p	128.5p	+1.7%	5.87p	5.0p	1.16%	0.3%
2016	-4.8%	-6.3%	114.98p	113.5p	-1.3%	5.62p	5.2p	1.09%	0.5%
2017	24.5%	24.5%	136.93p	140.0p	+2.2%	5.89p	5.45p	1.12%	7.3%
2018	3.0%	6.5%	135.29p	138.0p	+2.0%	7.32p	6.5p <sup>(2)</sup>	1.07%	5.3%
2019	2.5%	-3.2%	131.81p	134.5p	+2.0%	6.59p	5.95p	1.08%	6.5%
2020	-7.3%	-11.2%	115.71p	117.5p	+1.5%	6.69p	6.1p	1.10%	7.3%
2021	29.0%	23.1%	142.22p	143.5p	+0.9%	6.59p	6.2p	1.08%	7.4%
2022	-1.5%	8.3%	133.67p	131.0p	-2.0%	6.85p	6.65p	1.04%	8.4%

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  4.9p was paid in respect of the first 13½ month period from launch.

#### **Growth Shares**

As at 31 May	Financial year net asset value total return	Financial year benchmark index total return	Net asset value per share	Share price	+Premium/ -discount	Total expenses/ ongoing charges <sup>(1)</sup>	Net gearing/ -net cash
2009	-28.8%	-23.2%	69.79p	68.5p	-1.8%	1.45%	-4.7%
2010	24.2%	22.9%	86.70p	87.0p	+0.3%	1.53%	-2.4%
2011	24.0%	20.4%	107.52p	109.0p	+1.4%	1.55%	-1.6%
2012	-12.6%	-8.0%	93.97p	93.0p	-1.0%	1.59%	-1.1%
2013	32.8%	30.1%	124.78p	123.0p	-1.4%	1.24%	1.4%
2014	9.3%	8.9%	136.41p	136.0p	-0.3%	1.17%	-1.0%
2015	12.8%	7.5%	153.92p	155.0p	+0.7%	1.15%	0.8%
2016	-4.5%	-6.3%	147.02p	149.0p	+1.4%	1.09%	-2.0%
2017	26.4%	24.5%	185.78p	189.0p	+1.7%	1.08%	-4.2%
2018	11.0%	6.5%	206.23p	209.0p	+1.3%	1.02%	-4.4%
2019	-0.5%	-3.2%	205.17p	206.0p	+0.4%	1.01%	-6.3%
2020	1.5%	-11.2%	208.35p	212.0p	+1.8%	1.03%	-4.1%
2021	32.5%	23.1%	276.01p	277.0p	+0.4%	1.03%	-3.6%
2022	-11.4%	8.3%	244.41p	244.0p	-0.2%	0.96%	-6.2%

 $<sup>\,^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle{(1)}}$  Excluding performance fee and ongoing charges of underlying funds.

<sup>(2)</sup> Including special dividend of 0.8p per share.

 $<sup>\,^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle{(3)}}$  Excluding performance fee and ongoing charges of underlying funds.

# **Alternative** Performance Measures ("APMs')

The Company uses the following APMs,

Discount/premium – the share price of an investment company is derived from buyers and sellers trading their shares on the stock market. This price is not identical to the net asset value (NAV) per share of the underlying assets less liabilities of the Company. If the share price is lower than the NAV per share, the shares are trading at a discount. This usually indicates that there are more sellers of shares than buyers. Shares trading at a price above NAV per share are deemed to be at a premium, usually indicating there are more buyers of shares than sellers.

		31 May 2022		31 May 2021		
		Income shares	Growth shares	Income shares	Growth shares	
Net asset value per share	(a)	133.67p	244.41p	142.22p	276.01p	
Share price	(b)	131.00p	244.00p	143.50p	277.00p	
-Discount/+premium (c = (b-a)/(a))	(c)	-2.0%	-0.2%	+0.9%	+0.4%	

Ongoing charges – all operating costs (attributable to the relevant share class of the Company), incurred and expected to be incurred in the foreseeable future, whether charged to capital or revenue in the Company's Income Statement, expressed as a proportion of the average daily net assets (of the relevant share class of the Company) over the reporting year. In accordance with the AIC methodology, the costs of buying and selling investments are excluded in calculating ongoing charges, as are any performance fee, the cost of the Company's borrowings, taxation, non-recurring costs and the costs of buying back or issuing shares. The Company's ongoing charges calculated in accordance with this methodology are shown in column A in the following tables.

The AIC recommends that investment companies also disclose ongoing charges including any performance fee. These calculations are shown in column B in the following tables.

In addition, the AIC recommends that investment companies with a substantial proportion of their portfolio invested in other funds and where the relevant information is readily available should consider incorporating a relevant proportion of ongoing charges of the underlying funds into its own ongoing charges figure. These calculations are shown in column C in the following tables.

The Key Information Document ('KID') on the Company's website contains a measure of costs calculated in accordance with the UK version of the EU PRIIPs regulation as it forms part of UK law following Brexit. In addition to the costs included within the Company's ongoing charges figure in column A in the following tables, the KID methodology for calculating costs (attributable to the relevant share class of the Company) includes the costs of buying and selling investments, the cost of the Company's borrowings, any performance fee and a relevant proportion of the ongoing costs of the underlying funds. These underlying costs cover operational costs, performance fees and borrowing costs. The aggregate KID costs are expressed as a proportion of the average daily net assets (of the relevant share class of the Company) over the period. For completeness the Company has included a reconciliation in the following tables, between the methodologies.

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#### Ongoing charges calculations – Income Portfolio

		31 May 2022			31 May 2021		
		Column A <sup>(1)</sup> £'000	Column B <sup>(2)</sup> £'000	Column C <sup>(3)</sup> £'000	Column A <sup>(1)</sup> £'000	Column B <sup>(2)</sup> £'000	Column C <sup>(3)</sup> £'000
Investment management fee		469	469	469	425	425	425
Other expenses		293	293	293	233	233	233
Performance fee		-	_	-	-	259	_
Less non-recurring costs		(68)	(68)	(68)	(14)	(14)	(14)
Ongoing charges of underlying funds		-	_	683	-	-	707
Total	(a)	694	694	1,377	644	903	1,351
Average daily net assets	(b)	66,622	66,622	66,622	59,711	59,711	59,711
Ongoing charges (c = a/b)	(c)	1.04%	1.04%	2.07%	1.08%	1.51%	2.26%

Ongoing charges above	1.04%
Non-recurring costs above	0.10%
Borrowing costs (Company level)	0.23%
Costs of underlying funds (including borrowing costs)	1.48%
Performance fees (five year Company average & underlying funds)	0.23%
Portfolio transaction costs	0.34%
Costs per KID methodology	3.42%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle{(1)}}$  Excluding performance fee and ongoing charges of underlying funds

#### Ongoing charges calculations - Growth Portfolio

	31 May 2022			31 May 2021			
	_	Column A <sup>(1)</sup> £'000	Column B <sup>(2)</sup> £'000	Column C <sup>(3)</sup> £'000	Column A <sup>(1)</sup> £'000	Column B <sup>(2)</sup> £'000	Column C <sup>(3)</sup> £'000
Investment management fee		671	671	671	600	600	600
Other expenses		430	430	430	356	356	356
Performance fee		_	_	_	_	366	-
Less non-recurring costs		(84)	(84)	(84)	(22)	(22)	(22)
Ongoing charges of underlying funds		_	_	792	_	_	839
Total	(a)	1,017	1,017	1,809	934	1,300	1,773
Average daily net assets	(b)	105,577	105,577	105,577	90,603	90,603	90,603
Ongoing charges (c = a/b)	(c)	0.96%	0.96%	1.71%	1.03%	1.43%	1.96%

Ongoing charges above	0.96%
Non-recurring costs above	0.08%
Borrowing costs (Company level)	n/a
Costs of underlying funds (including borrowing costs)	1.04%
Performance fees (five year Company average & underlying funds)	0.54%
Portfolio transaction costs	0.16%
Costs per KID methodology	2.78%

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding performance fee and ongoing charges of underlying funds

 $<sup>^{(2)}</sup>$  Including performance fee (if applicable) but excluding ongoing charges of underlying funds

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptsize{(3)}}$  AIC methodology, excluding performance fee but including ongoing charges of underlying funds

<sup>(2)</sup> Including performance fee (if applicable) but excluding ongoing charges of underlying funds

<sup>(3)</sup> AIC methodology, excluding performance fee but including ongoing charges of underlying funds

Total return – the return to shareholders calculated on a per share basis taking into account both any dividends paid in the period and the increase or decrease in the share price or NAV in the period. The dividends are assumed to have been re-invested in the form of shares or net assets, respectively, on the date on which the shares were quoted ex-dividend.

The effect of reinvesting these dividends on the respective ex-dividend dates and the share price total returns and NAV total returns are shown below.

	31 May 2022		31 May 2021	
	Income shares	Growth shares	Income Shares	Growth Shares
NAV per share at start of financial year	142.22p	276.01p	115.71p	208.35p
NAV per share at end of financial year	133.67p	244.41p	142.22p	276.01p
Change in the year	-6.0%	-11.4%	+22.9%	+32.5%
Impact of dividend reinvestments <sup>(1)</sup>	4.5%	n/a	6.1%	n/a
NAV total return for the year	-1.5%	-11.4%	+29.0%	+32.5%

During the year to 31 May 2022 dividends totalling 6.65p went ex-dividend with respect to the Income shares. During the year to 31 May 2021 the equivalent figure was 6.1p.

	31 May 2022		31 May 2021	
	Income shares	Growth shares	Income Shares	Growth Shares
Share price per share at start of financial year	143.5p	277.0p	117.5p	212.0p
Share price per share at end of financial year	131.00p	244.00p	143.5p	277.0p
Change in the year	-8.7%	-11.9%	+22.1%	+30.7%
Impact of dividend reinvestment <sup>(1)</sup>	4.3%	n/a	6.1%	n/a
Share price total return for the year	-4.4%	-11.9%	+28.2%	+30.7%

<sup>(1)</sup> During the year to 31 May 2022 dividends totalling 6.65p went ex-dividend with respect to the Income shares. During the year to 31 May 2021 the equivalent figure

Compound Annual Growth Rate - converts the total return over a period of more than one year to a constant annual rate of return applied to the compounded value at the start of each year.

	31 May 2	31 May 2022		31 May 2021	
	Income shares	Growth shares	Income Shares	Growth Shares	
Indexed total return at launch	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Indexed total return at end of financial year	262.9	249.4	266.8	281.6	
Period (years)	14.125	14.125	13.125	13.125	
Compound annual growth rate	7.1%	6.7%	7.8%	8.2%	

Yield – the total annual dividend expressed as a percentage of the year-end share price.

		31 May 2022	31 May 2021
Annual dividend	(a)	6.65p	6.20p
Income share price	(b)	131.00p	143.50p
Yield (c = a/b)	(c)	5.1%	4.3%

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Net gearing/net cash – this is calculated by expressing the Company's borrowings less cash and cash equivalents as a percentage of shareholders' funds. If the amount calculated is positive, this is described as net gearing. If the amount calculated is negative, this is described as net cash.

	31 May	31 May 2022		31 May 2021	
	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	Income shares £'000	Growth shares £'000	
Borrowings	7,000	_	7,000	-	
Less cash and cash equivalents	(1,549)	(5,929)	(2,040)	(3,769)	
	5,451	(5,929)	4,960	(3,769)	
Shareholders' funds	64,692	94,979	66,766	104,226	
Net gearing/-net cash	8.4%	-6.2%	7.4%	-3.6%	

# **Glossary** of Terms

AAF - Audit and Assurance Faculty guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

AIC - Association of Investment Companies, the trade body for listed closed-end investment companies.

AIFMD - the UK version of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (including all implementing and delegated legislation and as it forms part of UK law following Brexit). Issued by the European Parliament in 2012 and 2013, the Directive required that all alternative investment vehicles in the European Union, including investment trusts, appoint a Depositary and an Alternative Investment Fund Manager before 22 July 2014. The Board of Directors of an investment trust, nevertheless, remain fully responsible for all aspects of the company's strategy, operations and compliance with regulations.

Benchmark – the FTSE All-Share Index is the benchmark against which the increase or decrease in the Company's net asset values and share prices are measured.

Closed-end company – a company, including an investment trust, with a fixed issued ordinary share capital which is traded on an exchange at a price not necessarily related to the net asset value of the company and in which shares can only be issued or bought back by the company in certain circumstances. This contrasts with an open-ended company or fund, which has shares or units not traded on an exchange but issued or bought back from investors at a price directly related to net asset value.

Compound annual growth rate – the compound annual return converts the total return over a period of more than one year to a constant annual rate of total return applied to the compounded value at the start of each year.

Cum-dividend – shares are classified as cum-dividend when the buyer of a security is entitled to receive a dividend that has been declared, but not paid. Shares which are not cum-dividend are described as ex-dividend.

Custodian – a specialised financial institution responsible for safeguarding, worldwide, the listed securities and certain cash assets of the Company, as well as the income arising therefrom, through provision of custodial, settlement and associated services. The Company's Custodian is JPMorgan Chase Bank.

**Depositary** – under AIFMD rules which have applied from July 2014, the Company must appoint a Depositary, whose duties in respect of investments, cash and similar assets include: safekeeping; verification of ownership and valuation; and cash monitoring. The Depositary has strict liability for the loss of assets that constitute financial instruments under the AIFMD in its custody and is obliged to maintain oversight of matters such as

share buy-backs, dividend payments and adherence to investment limits. The Company's Depositary is JPMorgan Europe Limited.

Derivative – a contract between two or more parties, the value of which fluctuates in accordance with the value of an underlying security. The contract is usually short-term (for less than one year). Examples of derivatives are Put and Call Options, Swap Contracts, Futures and Contracts for Difference. A derivative can be an asset or a liability and is a form of gearing because the fluctuations in its value are usually greater than the fluctuations in the underlying security's value.

Dividend dates - Reference is made in announcements of dividends to three dates. The "ex-dividend" or "XD" date is the date up to which the shareholder needs to hold the shares in order to be entitled to receive the next dividend. As it takes time for a stock purchase to be recorded on the register, dividends are actually paid to the holders of shares on the share register on the "record" date. If a share transfer prior to the ex-dividend date is not recorded on the register before the record date, the selling party will need to pass on the benefit or dividend to the buying party. The "ex-dividend" date is currently the business day prior to the record date. The "payment" date is the date that dividends are credited to shareholders' bank accounts. This may be several weeks or even months after the record date.

Ex-dividend – shares are classified as ex-dividend when the buyer of a security is not entitled to receive a dividend that has been declared, but not paid.

Gearing – this is the ratio of the borrowings of the Company to its net assets. Borrowings have a "prior charge" over the assets of a company, ranking before shareholders in their entitlement to capital and/or income. They include: overdrafts and short and long-term loans from banks; and derivative contracts. If the Company has cash assets, these may be assumed either to net off against borrowings, giving a "net" or "effective" gearing percentage, or to be used to buy investments, giving a "gross" or "fully invested" gearing figure. Where cash assets exceed borrowings, the Company is described as having "net cash". The Company's maximum permitted level of gearing is set by the Board and is described within the Strategic Report.

Growth shares - a form of Ordinary share issued by the Company. The net asset value attributable to each Growth share is equal to the net asset value of the Growth Portfolio divided by the total number of Growth shares in issue. The Growth shares are not entitled to dividends paid by the Company.

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Income shares – a form of Ordinary share issued by the Company. The net asset value attributable to each Income share is equal to the net asset value of the Income Portfolio divided by the total number of Income shares in issue. The Income shares are entitled to dividends paid by the Company.

Investment company (Section 833) – UK company law allows an investment company to make dividend distributions out of realised distributable reserves, even in circumstances where it has made capital losses in any year provided the company's assets remaining after payment of the dividend exceed 150% of its liabilities. An investment company is defined as investing its funds in shares, land or other assets with the aim of spreading investment risk.

Investment trust taxation status (Section 1158) – UK

corporation tax law allows an investment company (referred to in tax law as an investment trust) to be exempted from tax on its profits realised on investment transactions, provided it complies with certain rules. These are similar to Section 833 company law rules but further require that the Company must be listed on a regulated market and that it cannot retain more than 15% of income received (set out in note 8 to the financial statements). The Report of the Directors contains confirmation of the Company's compliance with this law and its consequent exemption from taxation on capital gains.

Manager - Columbia Threadneedle Investment Business Limited (formerly called BMO Investment Business Limited), which is ultimately owned by Columbia Threadneedle Investments, the global investment management business of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. a company incorporated in the United States. The responsibilities and remuneration of the Manager are set out in the Purpose, Strategy and Business Model, Report of the Directors and notes 4 and 5 to the financial statements.

Market capitalisation – the stock market quoted price of the Company's shares multiplied by the number of shares in issue. If the Company's shares trade at a discount to NAV, the market capitalisation will be lower than the net asset value.

Net asset value (NAV) - the assets less the liabilities of the Company, as set out on the Balance Sheet, all valued in accordance with the Company's accounting policies (see note 1 to the financial statements) and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The net assets correspond to equity shareholders' funds, which comprise the share capital account, share premium, capital redemption reserve, 2022 special reserve, 2008 special reserve and capital and revenue reserves.

Net asset value (NAV), Debt at par - the Company's bank borrowings are valued in the financial statements at par (the actual amount borrowed) and this NAV including this number is referred to as "NAV, Debt at par".

Non-executive Director – a Director who has a contract for services, rather than a contract of employment, with the Company. The Company does not have any executive Directors. Non-executive Directors' remuneration is described in detail in the Remuneration Report. The duties of the Directors, who govern the Company through the auspices of a Board and Committees of the Board, are set out in the Statement of Corporate Governance.

**SORP** – Statement of Recommended Practice. Where consistent with the requirements of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the financial statements of the Company are drawn up in accordance with the Investment Trust SORP, issued by the AIC, as described in note 1 to the financial statements.

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