

Investment Objective: Achieving long term capital growth in real terms and steadily increasing income. Our aim is to achieve a higher rate of total return than the FTSE Actuaries All-Share Index Total Return through investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks.

# **Fund Managers' Comments**

In November the Trust's net asset value (with debt at fair value) rose 0.4%, in line with the FTSE All-Share benchmark (which also rose 0.4%). It was a subdued month for UK equities ahead of the Budget, as investors anticipated tax increases, but their scale, implementation and timing remained unclear. Following the Budget there was modest relief in UK equities, with the market taking the view that the Budget was non-inflationary and should, therefore, allow further interest rate cuts from the Bank of England.

From a stock specific perspective, there is (from what we have seen so far), a notable impact on two portfolio holdings - Whitbread (owner of Premier Inn) and Flutter Entertainment (owner of brands such as Paddy Power). Whitbread is likely to have to pay materially higher business rates, impacting future years profitability. For Flutter, while much of their earnings growth is coming from overseas (and particularly the US market), in the UK the increase in gambling taxation is likely to impact earnings. Both Flutter Entertainment and Whitbread were among the largest detractors during November because of this additional taxation.

The best performer was Ceres Power, a fuel cell developer. This rose on the expectation that the need for power will be a constraint on data centre growth and therefore they may increasingly turn to alternative power sources such as fuel cells. The banks also continued their recent strong performance following the lack of any additional taxes on the sector in the Budget.

From a transactions perspective, we added to the holding in Marks & Spencer following recent poor share price performance. We also continued our recent additions to the commercial property sector, adding to the holding in Workspace.

James Henderson and Laura Foll Janus Henderson

Annual dividend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dividends (pence per share)	27.50	29.00	30.50	32.00	33.50
Annual dividend yield	3.80%	3.70%	3.70%	4.10%	3.80%

Dividends (pence per share) reflect dividends declared with respect to each year. Annual dividend yield is calculated on closing share price on the day prior year-end results announcement.

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Launch date12 December 1889Financial year end31 DecemberMarket cap£1,374.09mBenchmarkFTSE All ShareAIC sectorUK Equity Income

#### **Portfolio Information**

NAV (debt at fair value)	£1,423.67m
NAV per ordinary share	1,069.24p
Share price	1,032.00p
Premium/(Discount)	(3.48)%
AIC gross total assets	£1,540m
AIC gearing - AIC (net)	12.30%
Quarterly dividend	8.375p

Next expected dividend declaration 11 December 2025

Ongoing charges<sup>†</sup> 0.54%
Management fee 0.30%
Performance fee None

The NAV reflects the fair value of the IPS business in the latest published interim report.

The share price source is Refinitiv. All other information is produced based on performance data held by The Law Debenture Corporation p.l.c. Where applicable, our performance metrics, including the NAV, are calculated in accordance with AIC methodology.

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	YTD %	1 year %	3 years %	5 years %	10 years %
NAV total return (with debt at par) <sup>1</sup>	26.6	25.6	55.0	91.5	172.4
NAV total return (with debt at fair value) <sup>1</sup>	26.0	25.5	56.4	111.2	188.3
FTSE Actuaries All-Share Index total return <sup>2</sup>	21.4	20.0	41.3	76.8	115.9
Share price total return <sup>2</sup>	18.7	19.7	48.2	102.5	200.4
Change in Retail Price Index <sup>3</sup>	3.9	4.3	13.7	38.8	56.8

Please remember that past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the income from it can rise as well as fall as a result of market and currency fluctuations, and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

For those statistics which include the fair valuation of the IPS business, the IPS valuation is based on the latest published interim report.

- 1. NAV is calculated in accordance with the Association of Investment Companies (AIC) methodology, based on performance data held by Law Debenture including the fair value of the IPS business and long-term.
- 2. Source: Refinitiv.
- 3. Source: Office for National Statistics, subject to latest published RPI, October 2025



+72%

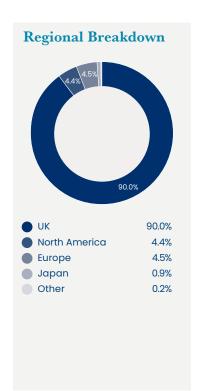
46 years
of increasing or maintaining

 $<sup>^\</sup>dagger$  Ongoing charges based on the latest published interim or annual report.

#### **Top Equity Portfolio Holdings (%)** Barclays 3.8 2 HSBC 35 3. Shell 26 GlaxoSmithKline 4. 2.2 5. Rio Tinto 21 6 19 Standard Chartered 7. 1.9 8. Ceres Power 1.8 9. Rolls Royce 1.7 Flutter Entertainment 1.7 10 1.5 11. **Balfour Beatty** 12. National Grid 1.5 13. Kier 1.5 14. Lloyds Banking Group 1.4 15.

References made to individual securities do not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, investment strategy or market sector, and should not be assumed to be profitable.

# Sector Breakdown Oil & Gas 9.8% **Basic Materials** 5.8% 21.4% Industrials Consumer Goods 7.1% **Health Care** 6.0% Consumer Services 9.8% Telecommunications 1.9% Utilities 3.9%



# **Equity Portfolio**

Managed by James Henderson and Laura Foll of Janus Henderson

#### **OBJECTIVE: LONG-TERM CAPITAL GROWTH** IN REAL TERMS AND STEADILY INCREASING INCOME

- · Focused on long-term returns
- · Predominantly UK weighted investment style:
  - High quality companies with strong competitive advantage at attractive valuations
  - Out of favour equities standing at valuation discounts to their long-term historical average
- · Selective, bottom-up approach
- · Diversified portfolio by sector

# **Independent Professional** Services ('IPS') business

32.7%

1.6%

#### **PENSIONS**

Financials

Technology

The longest established and one of the largest **UK** providers of pension trustee services

#### CORPORATE **TRUST**

A leading independent corporate trustee across international capital markets

#### CORPORATE **SERVICES**

Range of outsourced solutions to corporates internationally

### **INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE**

United Kingdom, New York, Ireland, Hong Kong, Delaware, Cayman Islands and Channel Islands

We believe that all divisions have potential for further growth in expanding markets. Our plan to achieve this is by increasing our market share through better leveraging of technology, our strong relationships and our brand

Significant, consistent income contribution from IPS gives greater flexibility in stock selection

# James Henderson and Laura Foll - Joint Portfolio Managers

James and Laura have been working together for over ten years managing UK income portfolios. They have a valuation-focused, moderately contrarian approach, aiming to identify good quality companies at the point where they are temporarily out of favour.

# Denis Jackson -**CEO**

Appointed as CEO in 2018. Denis was formerly the director of new business enterprise at Capita and joined Law Debenture as Chief Commercial Officer in 2017. Prior to that, he spent 20 years at Citigroup before becoming regional general manager for Tibra Trading Europe Limited.

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# Trish Houston -COO

Trish was appointed COO in September 2020. She is a Chartered Accountant and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments, with previous experience at JDX Consulting Limited, Ruffer LLP, and PwC.

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### Isla Pickering -**CFO**

Isla was appointed as CFO in January 2025. A chartered accountant with over 20 years of finance experience, including leadership roles at international professional services firms, bringing expertise from KPMG, LEK Consulting, and Linklaters LLP.

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#### Spencer Knightsbridge -CTO

Spencer was appointed as CTO in September 2024. He has a background in driving technology transformation, with experience at both the London Metal Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange.

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### Company specific risks

- This trust is suitable to be used as one component in several in a diversified investment portfolio. Circa 18 per cent. of the net asset value ('NAV') of the trust's portfolio is an investment in an independent professional service company. Investors should consider carefully the proportion of their portfolio invested into this trust.
- Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or detrimental at other times.
- The trust could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the trust.
- Shares can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your
  investment may fall as a result.
- The return on your investment is directly related to the prevailing market price of the trust's shares, which will trade at a varying discount (or premium) relative to the value of the underlying assets of the trust. As a result losses (or gains) may be higher or lower than those of the trust's assets.
- The trust holds an investment in the IPS business which are wholly owned subsidiaries and private shares.
- If a trust's portfolio is concentrated towards a particular country or geographical region, the investment carries greater risk than a portfolio diversified across more countries.
- The trust may use gearing as part of its investment strategy. If the trust utilises its ability to gear, the profits and losses incurred by the trust can be greater than those of a trust that does not use gearing.

## **Important information**

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Pension Trustees including Corporate Sole Trusteeship

Safecall: whistleblowing hotline, training and investigations

Service of Process Agent

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