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## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") and registered office of Premier Miton Growth Funds ICVC ("the Company"):

#### PREMIER PORTFOLIO MANAGERS LIMITED

Eastgate Court, High Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3DE

Premier Portfolio Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and is a member of The Investment Association ("IA"). Premier Fund Managers Limited and Premier Portfolio Managers Limited are members of the 'Premier Miton Investors' Marketing group and subsidiaries of Premier Miton Group Plc.

#### **DIRECTORS OF THE ACD:**

Mike O'Shea (Chairman)
Ian West (Chief Operating Officer)
Piers Harrison (Chief Financial Officer)
Rosamond Borer (Chief Risk Officer)
Gregor Craig (Head of Compliance and Legal)
Niamh Dempsey (HR Director)
Robert Colthorpe (Director)
William Smith (Director)

#### INVESTMENT ADVISER:

Premier Fund Managers Limited is the Investment Adviser to Premier Miton Growth Funds ICVC.

#### **DEPOSITARY:**

Northern Trust Global Services SE, UK Branch 50 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5NT

Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

#### AUDITOR:

KPMG LLP 15 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5GL

#### ADMINISTRATOR & REGISTRAR:

Northern Trust Global Services SE, UK Branch 50 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5NT

#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

Premier Miton Growth Funds ICVC is an Open-Ended Investment Company with Variable Capital under regulation 12 of the Open-Ended Investment Company Regulations and incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC62 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 22 February 2000. Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. At the period end, the Company contained three sub-funds, the Premier Miton Ethical Fund, the Premier Global Infrastructure Income Fund, and the Premier Miton UK Growth Fund.

The Company is a UCITS scheme which complies with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and is structured as an umbrella company so that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA and the agreement of the Depositary.

#### REPORT OF THE ACD TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The ACD, as sole director, presents its report and the unaudited financial statements of the Company for the period from 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021.

The Company is a UCITS scheme which complies with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook. The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Investment Objectives and Policies of each sub-fund of the Company are covered in the section for each sub-fund. The sub-funds of an umbrella company should be invested as if they were a single company. The names and addresses of the ACD, the Depositary, the Registrar and the Auditor are detailed on this page.

In the future there may be other sub-funds of the Company. As a sub-fund is not a legal entity, if the assets attributable to any sub-fund were insufficient to meet the liabilities attributable to it, the shortfall might have to be met out of the assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the Company.

#### **SUB-FUND CROSS HOLDINGS**

At the period end, none of the shares in the sub-funds were held by any other sub-funds or the Company.

#### **DIRECTORS' STATEMENT**

In accordance with the Regulations, we hereby certify the report on behalf of the Directors of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

Gregor Craig Head of Compliance and Legal

(of the ACD) 30 April 2021 Ian West Chief Operating Officer (of the ACD)

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

#### **Value Assessment Report**

It is our duty as Authorised Fund Manager ("AFM") to act in the best interests of our investors. As part of fulfilling this duty, we need to consider whether the charges taken from our funds are justified in the context of the overall service and value that we provide to our investors. The FCA have introduced new rules requiring the Boards of AFMs to consider robustly and in detail whether they are delivering value for money to their investors and to explain the assessment annually in a Value Statement made available to the public. The Value Assessment Report is available on the Premier Miton website www.premiermiton.com and can be found within the Literature section of the website under Funds, select any of the sub-funds of the Premier Miton Growth Funds ICVC, Regulatory documents.

#### Impact of COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19 since the start of January 2020 has had a significant impact on the way of life of people all over the world and on global financial markets and economic stability. The ACD remains focused on achieving their fund's specific longer term objectives and are continuing to actively manage their funds, including taking advantage of new investment opportunities arising from the current financial markets volatility, looking after clients and their assets. To keep the team safe and ensure that Premier Portfolio Managers Ltd can operate business as usual, the ACD is following the guidance of the authorities in each region. In line with that guidance, colleagues in the UK are now working remotely and Premier Portfolio Managers Ltd is operating business as usual.

## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

In line with the Premier Portfolio Managers Ltd flexible working policy, team members are equipped with the technology and support to work remotely. All core processes can be undertaken remotely, and the IT infrastructure can support large-scale remote working in the event of disruption. The dealers have the technology to support remote working, as do the investment teams. The remote-working technologies have been designed and deployed in a way that replicates the same key system controls that are operational in the office environment. The ongoing oversight of outsourced arrangements includes a periodic review of the outsourcer's business-continuity processes, as well as testing to ensure that the risk of disruption is minimised.

Specifically related to COVID-19, Premier Portfolio Managers Ltd is in regular contact with key providers, which are supplying updates on their own plans and circumstances. Premier Portfolio Managers Ltd is currently satisfied with the plans of all of key providers, and continue to monitor developments closely.

The Premier Miton COVID-19 client update is available on the Premier Miton website www.premiermiton.com and can be found on the home page: COVID-19 updates.

#### **OEIC & Fund Name Changes**

On 27 November 2020, 'Miton' was added to the name of the Fund to reflect the merger of Premier Asset Management Group plc and Miton Group plc which took place in November 2019 to form the Premier Miton Group.

Premier Growth Funds ICVC has been renamed Premier Miton Growth Funds ICVC, Premier Ethical Fund and Premier UK Growth Fund have been renamed Premier Miton Ethical Fund and Premier Miton UK Growth Fund.

Premier Global Infrastructure Income Fund has not changed as there is already a Premier Miton Global Infrastructure Income Fund that was previously the LF Miton Global Infrastructure Income Fund, which transferred to Premier Portfolio Managers as ACD on 27 November 2020.

#### **Going Concern Assessment**

Due to the ongoing uncertainty and current volatility in the financial markets, the following statement has been provided for the Premier Miton Growth Funds ICVC: The manager is not aware of any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt upon the Premier Miton Growth Funds ICVC ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **New Fund Launch**

On 22 March 2021, the Premier Miton Global Smaller Companies Fund was launched.

The sub-fund aims to provide investors with long-term capital growth by investing in an actively managed portfolio of smaller company shares from a range of geographical regions and industry sectors around the world.

#### Key points:

- Actively managed smaller companies fund with a truly global approach
- Investment process based on screening for stocks with quality, growth and momentum characteristics
- Experienced management team with a strong track record
- Leveraging Premier Miton's strong small cap expertise across different, specialist teams
- Flexibility to invest in genuine small cap companies

| COMPARATI                   | VE TABLES |                |                                    |            |               |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
|                             |           |                | Income/Accumulation Record continu | ued        | Net Income pe |
| Performance Record          |           |                | Calendar Year                      |            | Share (       |
| Calendar Year               | High (p)  | Low (p)        | Class A Accumulation Shares        |            |               |
| Class A Income Shares       |           |                | 2016                               |            | 4.347         |
| 2016                        | 271.49    | 222.86         | 2017                               |            | 4.193         |
| 2017                        | 314.64    | 267.18         | 2018                               |            | 3.939         |
| 2018                        | 328.15    | 250.89         | 2019                               |            | 3.440         |
| 2019                        | 351.15    | 256.38         | 2020                               |            | 0.431         |
| 2020                        | 384.98    | 213.93         | 20211                              |            |               |
| 20211                       | 393.33    | 377.80         | Class B Income Shares              |            |               |
| Class A Accumulation Shares |           |                | 2016                               |            | 5.299         |
| 2016                        | 300.86    | 243.82         | 2017                               |            | 5.238         |
| 2017                        | 353.13    | 296.08         |                                    |            | 5.117         |
| 2018                        | 368.30    | 284.80         | 2018                               |            |               |
| 2019                        | 402.85    | 291.04         | 2019                               |            | 4.497         |
| 2020                        | 442.03    | 245.46         | 2020                               |            | 1.927         |
| 20211                       | 451.64    | 433.79         | 20211                              |            | 0.520         |
| Class B Income Shares       |           |                | Class C Income Shares              |            |               |
| 2016                        | 274.08    | 225.22         | 2016                               |            | 5.944         |
| 2017                        | 318.07    | 270.14         | 2017                               |            | 5.949         |
| 2018                        | 331.69    | 253.60         | 2018                               |            | 5.904         |
| 2019                        | 354.97    | 259.18         | 2019                               |            | 5.216         |
| 2020                        | 389.29    | 216.03         | 2020                               |            | 2.713         |
| 20211                       | 398.00    | 382.18         | 20211                              |            | 0.977         |
| Class C Income Shares       |           |                | Class C Accumulation Shares        |            |               |
| 2016                        | 274.02    | 225.30         | 2016                               |            | 6.106         |
| 2017                        | 318.21    | 270.29         | 2017                               |            | 6.246         |
| 2018                        | 331.74    | 253.70         | 2018                               |            | 6.314         |
| 2019                        | 355.11    | 259.29         | 2019                               |            | 5.689         |
| 2020                        | 389.60    | 216.02         | 2020                               |            | 3.009         |
| 20211                       | 398.48    | 382.56         | 20211                              |            | 1.084         |
| Class C Accumulation Shares |           |                | 2021                               |            | 1.004         |
| 2016                        | 286.36    | 231.59         | Net Asset Value (NAV)              |            |               |
| 2017                        | 339.26    | 282.46         |                                    | Shares in  | NAV per Shar  |
| 2018                        | 354.87    | 275.66         | As at                              | Issue      | (p)           |
| 2019                        | 392.90    | 281.74         | Class A Income Shares              |            |               |
| 2020                        | 435.40    | 239.91         | 31/08/19                           | 11,024,668 | 285.4         |
| 20211                       | 445.32    | 427.56         | 31/08/20                           | 10,839,653 | 318.5         |
|                             |           |                | 28/02/21                           | 10,463,252 | 378.7         |
| Income/Accumulation Record  |           |                | Class A Accumulation Shares        |            |               |
|                             |           | Net Income per | 31/08/19                           | 998,044    | 327.4         |
| Calendar Year               |           | Share (p)      | 31/08/20                           | 976,676    | 365.7         |
| Class A Income Shares       |           |                | 28/02/21                           | 1,010,845  | 434.9         |
| 2016                        |           | 3.9757         | Class B Income Shares              |            |               |
| 2017                        |           | 3.7822         | 31/08/19                           | 1,160,763  | 288.0         |
| 2018                        |           | 3.5097         | 31/08/20                           | 861,736    | 321.4         |
| 2019                        |           | 3.0271         | 28/02/21                           | 768,774    | 382.8         |
| 2020                        |           | 0.3732         |                                    |            |               |
| 20211                       |           | _              |                                    |            |               |

#### Net Asset Value (NAV) continued

| As at                              | Shares in Issue | NAV per Share (p) <sup>2</sup> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Class C Income Shares              |                 |                                |
| 31/08/19                           | 24,673,148      | 287.90                         |
| 31/08/20                           | 18,935,844      | 321.43                         |
| 28/02/21                           | 21,672,956      | 382.85                         |
| <b>Class C Accumulation Shares</b> |                 |                                |
| 31/08/19                           | 13,876,947      | 318.58                         |
| 31/08/20                           | 15,270,723      | 359.10                         |
| 28/02/21                           | 14,940,466      | 428.94                         |
| Total NAV                          |                 | NAV of Sub-Fund<br>(£)         |
| 31/08/19                           |                 | 153,321,072                    |
| 31/08/20                           |                 | 156,570,932                    |
| 28/02/21                           |                 | 194,031,395                    |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To 28 February 2021.

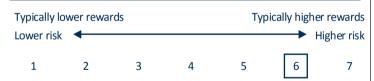
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The net asset value per share is calculated on a bid basis and excludes any distribution payable.

| ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF)         |          |          |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|--|
|                                      | 28/02/21 | 31/08/20 |  |
| Class A Income & Accumulation Shares | 1.65%    | 1.70%    |  |
| Class B Income                       | 1.15%    | 1.20%    |  |
| Class C Income & Accumulation Shares | 0.90%    | 0.95%    |  |

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six month's expenses for the period ended 28 February 2021 and may vary from year to year.

It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the sub-fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund).

#### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (SRRI)



The sub-fund is ranked as 6 because it has experienced relatively high rises and falls in value over the past five years. Please note that even the lowest ranking does not mean a risk-free investment.

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates where the sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Premier Miton Ethical Fund is to achieve capital growth over the long term.

The sub-fund's investment policy is to invest in companies which meet defined ethical criteria predominately in the UK, although the Investment Adviser may invest internationally when appropriate. The sub-fund has an independent Committee of Reference, which meets regularly to discuss research on topical issues relating to the ethical criteria. Under some guidance from the Committee of Reference, the Investment Adviser will at all times:

- (a) Seek to invest in companies which benefit the community in which they operate or the environment in general;
- (b) Avoid investing in companies with any significant involvement in gambling, the arms trade or any other activities considered to have an adverse overall effect on health, the environment or human dignity.

The sub-fund may also invest in companies quoted on the Alternative Investment Market in the UK and on similar stock markets overseas.

#### **INVESTMENT REVIEW**

#### **PERFORMANCE**

Over the period, the Premier Miton Ethical Fund's (Class A accumulation shares) return was +20.50%, which was significantly ahead of the FTSE4Good UK Index return of +10.70%.

To help investors assess the performance of the sub-fund, the FTSE4Good UK Index is used for comparison purposes. This index represents the performance of companies, traded on the London Stock Exchange, which meet globally recognised environmental, social and corporate governance criteria. As these are characteristics that the managers broadly look for when selecting companies in which to invest, we believe this is a meaningful comparator to help assess the performance of the sub-fund.

#### **MARKET REVIEW**

Global equity markets continued their strong performance following the COVID-19 induced declines in March. By September, they had regained their pre-COVID levels and they pushed on significantly from there, as vaccines were approved and their rollouts commenced. The unprecedented levels of government support for businesses and households, through a massive liquidity injection, supported the initial recovery. The baton has been passed to the economic recovery, which has been swifter than expected in developed economies such as the USA and China, as well as parts of Europe.

The US dollar weakened, benefitting commodities and oil, which were already rising as the global economy emerges from the shock of COVID. The pound sterling was a strong performer amongst G7 currencies, with post-Brexit trading less hampered than many had feared.

#### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Over the period, new positions added include asset management and insurance consultant Alpha Financial Markets, rail technology provider Tracsis, and remote radiology firm, Medica Group.

Initial public offering (IPO) activity has picked up materially in 2021, after animal spirits were depressed in 2020, by lockdowns and the uncertainty they created. The UK market has seen a number of new entrants, some of which the sub-fund has bought positions in. These include software consultant Bytes Technology Group and specialty line insurer, Conduit. Bytes was founded in 1982 and has a fantastic growth track record thanks to the growing importance of IT, an experienced management team and an excellent culture.

More recently the sub-fund took part in the IPO of Moonpig Group, the UK's largest online card retailer, which continues to win share from the high street.

Two IPO's the sub-fund participated in, e-commerce giant The Hut Group and materials technology firm HeiQ, both saw their share prices rise rapidly in a short period. Due to the sub-fund's disciplined valuation approach, both positions were exited for substantial profits.

#### OUTLOOK

Economic forecasts on the outlook for the UK have so far proven too pessimistic. The labour market is holding up better than expected, with unemployment at 5.1% and initial estimates for a dramatic spike have now been tempered. The UK housing market is showing signs of strengthening, supported by the government's decision to extend the cut to stamp duty. The UK's GDP growth in January exceeded economists' expectations.

That said, the sub-fund is not solely reliant upon a strong UK economy. Our investment process remains focussed on investing in quality companies that we believe can grow their earnings regardless of the economic cycle, by taking advantage of weaker competitors and changing business and consumer behaviour.

Increasing inflation expectations and government bond yields mean that valuations of bonds and equity markets have come under pressure, in recent weeks. This has led to share price declines from some of the most promising companies the sub-fund owns. The fund managers will endeavour to diligently assess the value in these companies and capitalise on such periods of share price weakness.

Risks to the global economy remain, as ever. These include sustained inflation, Middle East tensions and a protracted trade war between the US and China, which has clear ramifications for global trade. The sub-fund's focus is on high returns businesses that tend to be fairly capital light, on average, thereby nimble enough to negotiate major supply chain shocks.

Source: Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, March 2021. The information provided and opinions expressed are those of the investment manager and can change. This information should not be interpreted as investment advice.

Performance data taken from FE Analytics. Basis: total return, net income reinvested, UK Sterling, Class A accumulation shares as at 28 February 2021. Reference to any particular investment does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell the investment. On 20 January 2020, this sub-fund moved from a single pricing basis (mid) to a swing pricing basis. Performance could be shown on a combination of bid, mid or offer prices, depending on the period of reporting, and is shown net of fees with net income reinvested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns and there is a risk of loss to capital.

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The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

| Purchases                              | Costs<br>£'000 | Sales                              | Proceeds<br>£'000 |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ubisoft Entertainment                  | 3,924          | Just Eat                           | 3,951             |
| Conduit                                | 3,425          | HeiQ                               | 3,524             |
| Topps Tiles                            | 2,943          | Frontier Developments              | 2,271             |
| HeiQ                                   | 2,684          | Dropbox                            | 2,098             |
| Reach                                  | 2,414          | Jet2                               | 2,006             |
| Bytes Technology Group                 | 2,301          | Sumo                               | 1,741             |
| Moonpig Group                          | 1,965          | Bellway                            | 1,476             |
| Purplebricks Group                     | 1,894          | B&M European Value                 |                   |
| JD Sports Fashion                      | 1,772          | Retail                             | 1,405             |
| Gear4Music                             | 1,621          | Trainline                          | 1,308             |
|  | ·              | Meggitt                            | 1,229             |
| Total purchases during the period were | 36,859         | Total sales during the period were | 35,898            |

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 28 February 2021

| As at 28 Februa      | ry 2021   |                |                     |
|----------------------|---|----------------|---------------------|
|                      |   |                | Total               |
|                      |   | Market         | Value of            |
|                      |   | Value          | Sub-Fund            |
| Holding              | Investment  | £'000          | %                   |
|                      | BERMUDA 3.52% (0.90%)                             |                |                     |
| 684,955              | Conduit   | 3,671          | 1.89                |
| 2,524,741            | Sylvania Platinum                                 | 3,156          | 1.63                |
|                      | _   | 6,827          | 3.52                |
|                      |   |                |                     |
|                      | FRANCE 1.74% (0.00%)                              |                |                     |
| 56,910               | Ubisoft Entertainment                             | 3,382          | 1.74                |
|                      |   | 3,382          | 1.74                |
|                      |   |                |                     |
|                      | JAPAN 1.62% (1.86%)                               |                |                     |
| 7,200                | Nintendo  | 3,149          | 1.62                |
|                      |   | 3,149          | 1.62                |
|                      |   |                |                     |
|                      | NETHERLANDS 2.20% (0.00%)                         |                |                     |
| 153,965              | STMicroelectronics                                | 4,267          | 2.20                |
|                      |   | 4,267          | 2.20                |
|                      |   |                |                     |
|                      | SWITZERLAND 0.00% (2.23%)                         |                |                     |
|                      | UNITED STATES 0.00% (1.49%)                       |                |                     |
|                      | UNITED KINGDOM 86.44% (93.46%)                    |                |                     |
|                      | CONSUMER GOODS 15.49% (14.65%)                    |                |                     |
|                      | Household Goods & Home Construction 4.25% (1.68%) |                |                     |
| 100,282              | Bellway   | 2,841          | 1.46                |
| 392,818              | Countryside Properties                            | 1,809          | 0.93                |
| 663,905              | Redrow  | 3,605          | 1.86<br><b>4.25</b> |
|                      |   | 8,255          | 4.25                |
|                      | Leisure Goods 11.24% (12.97%)                     |                |                     |
| 260,147              | Frontier Developments                             | 6,543          | 3.38                |
| 61,328               | Games Workshop Group                              | 5,826          | 3.00                |
| 281,916              | Gear4Music  | 2,143          | 1.10                |
| 320,766<br>1,717,460 | Nacon<br>Sumo                                     | 2,128<br>5,152 | 1.10<br>2.66        |
| 1,717,400            |   | 21,792         | 11.24               |
|                      | CONSUMER SERVICES 18.27% (22.12%)                 | ·              |                     |
|                      | Food & Drug Retailers 1.56% (2.70%)               |                |                     |
| 79,593               | Unilever  | 3,032          | 1.56                |
|                      | _   | 3,032          | 1.56                |
|                      | General Retailers 6.87% (9.52%)                   |                |                     |
| 869,308              | B&M European Value Retail                         | 4,742          | 2.45                |
| 372,599              | JD Sports Fashion                                 | 3,098          | 1.60                |
| 561,462              | Moonpig Group                                     | 2,545          | 1.31                |
| 4,598,452            | Topps Tiles                                       | 2,925          | 1.51                |
|                      | _   | 13,310         | 6.87                |
|                      | Media 3.89% (3.69%)                               |                |                     |
| 1,148,067            | Moneysupermarket.com                              | 3,353          | 1.73                |
| 1,097,907            | Reach   | 2,536          | 1.31                |
|                      |   |                |                     |

| Holding              | Investment                                     | Market<br>Value<br>£'000 | Tota<br>Value o<br>Sub-Fund |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                      |  |                          |                             |
| 202 204              | Media continued                                | 1.055                    | 0.81                        |
| 392,204              | S4 Capital                                     | 1,655                    | 0.8                         |
|                      |  | 7,544                    | 3.8                         |
|                      | Travel & Leisure 5.95% (6.21%)                 |                          |                             |
| 423,733              | Jet2   | 6,140                    | 3.1                         |
| 2,272,343            | Gym Group                                      | 5,408<br><b>11,548</b>   | 2.79<br><b>5.9</b> 9        |
|                      | FINANCIALS 16.83% (19.82%)                     | ·                        |                             |
|                      | Banks 0.00% (0.51%)                            |                          |                             |
|                      | Financial Services 5.17% (5.65%)               |                          |                             |
| 273,407              | Alpha FX Group                                 | 3,581                    | 1.8                         |
| 929,032              | Argentex Group                                 | 1,073                    | 0.5                         |
| 155,802              | Liontrust Asset Management                     | 1,940                    | 1.0                         |
| 210,155              | Mortgage Advice Bureau                         | 1,959                    | 1.0                         |
| 329,794              | OSB Group                                      | 1,468                    | 0.7                         |
|                      |  | 10,021                   | 5.1                         |
|                      | Investment Services 1.61% (2.24%)              |                          |                             |
| 1,036,219            | John Laing Group                               | 3,131                    | 1.6                         |
|                      |  | 3,131                    | 1.6                         |
|                      | Life Insurance/Assurance 4.45% (4.66%)         |                          |                             |
| 1,848,504            | Legal & General                                | 4,821                    | 2.4                         |
| 269,134              | Prudential                                     | 3,822                    | 1.9                         |
|                      |  | 8,643                    | 4.4                         |
|                      | Real Estate 5.60% (6.76%)                      |                          |                             |
| 4,596,797            | Purplebricks Group                             | 4,275                    | 2.20                        |
| 265,341              | Segro  | 2,417                    | 1.2                         |
| 4,538,263            | Sirius Real Estate                             | 4,162                    | 2.1                         |
|                      |  | 10,854                   | 5.6                         |
|                      | HEALTH CARE 16.21% (15.08%)                    |                          |                             |
|                      | Health Care Equipment & Services 7.36% (4.24%) |                          |                             |
| 675,000              | CareTech                                       | 3,456                    | 1.7                         |
| 287,162              | CVS Group                                      | 4,839                    | 2.4                         |
| 900,000              | Kooth  | 2,520                    | 1.3                         |
| 1,294,881<br>425,000 | Medica Group PureTech Health                   | 1,722<br>1,740           | 0.8                         |
| 423,000              |  | 14,277                   | 0.9<br><b>7.3</b>           |
|                      | Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 8.85%          | _ 1,                     | 7.0                         |
|                      | (10.84%)                                       |                          |                             |
| 750,000              | Eco Animal Health Group                        | 2,400                    | 1.2                         |
| 180,657              | Ergomed  | 2,150                    | 1.1                         |
| 320,071              | GlaxoSmithKline                                | 3,880                    | 2.0                         |
| 225,127              | Hikma Pharmaceuticals                          | 5,263                    | 2.7                         |
| 3,097,731            | Vectura Group                                  | 3,488                    | 1.8                         |
|                      |  | 17,181                   | 8.8                         |

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 28 February 2021

| Holding   | Investment  | Market<br>Value<br>£'000 | Total<br>Value of<br>Sub-Fund<br>% |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
|           | INDUSTRIALS 10.31% (10.91%)                       |                          |                                    |
|           | Aerospace & Defence 0.00% (0.86%)                 |                          |                                    |
|           | Construction & Materials 1.07% (0.80%)            |                          |                                    |
| 793,762   | Forterra  | 2,068                    | 1.07                               |
|           | -   | 2,068                    | 1.07                               |
|           | Electronic & Electrical Equipment 1.02% (1.24%)   | ŕ                        |                                    |
| 828,655   | Luceco  | 1,980                    | 1.02                               |
|           | -   | 1,980                    | 1.02                               |
|           | Household Goods & Home Construction 0.00% (2.46%) | ·                        |                                    |
|           | Support Services 8.22% (5.55%)                    |                          |                                    |
| 392,482   | Alpha Financial Markets Consulting                | 942                      | 0.49                               |
| 62,226    | Experian  | 1,430                    | 0.74                               |
| 1,468,184 | Gateley Holdings                                  | 2,584                    | 1.33                               |
| 325,219   | Marlowe   | 2,198                    | 1.13                               |
| 410,013   | Pagegroup   | 1,977                    | 1.02                               |
| 317,647   | Robert Walters                                    | 1,658                    | 0.85                               |
| 856,581   | RWS   | 5,175                    | 2.66                               |
|           | -   | 15,964                   | 8.22                               |
|           | TECHNOLOGY 9.33% (10.88%)                         |                          |                                    |
|           |   |                          |                                    |
|           | Software & Computer Services 7.24% (7.67%)        |                          |                                    |
| 233,708   | Auction Technology Group                          | 1,847                    | 0.95                               |
| 852,134   | Bytes Technology Group                            | 3,407                    | 1.76                               |
| 1,108,173 | DotDigital  | 1,768                    | 0.91                               |
| 151,835   | FDM   | 1,511                    | 0.78                               |
| 1,534,846 | NCC   | 4,074                    | 2.09                               |
| 230,000   | Tracsis   | 1,449                    | 0.75                               |
|           |   | 14,056                   | 7.24                               |
|           | Technology Hardware & Equipment 2.09% (3.21%)     |                          |                                    |
| 1,726,106 | Spirent Communications                            | 4,048                    | 2.09                               |
|           |   | 4,048                    | 2.09                               |
|           | Total Value of Investments                        | 185,329                  | 95.52                              |
|           | Net Other Assets                                  | 8,702                    | 4.48                               |
|           | Total Net Assets                                  | 194,031                  | 100.00                             |
|           | :   | 134,031                  |                                    |

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 31 August 2020.

Securities are admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on another regulated market unless otherwise stated.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the period ended 28 February 2021

|   | £'000 | 28/02/21<br>£'000 | £'000 | 29/02/20<br>£'000 |
|---|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Income  |       |                   |       |                   |
| Net capital gains                                 |       | 28,725            |       | 14,383            |
| Revenue   | 1,307 |                   | 1,235 |                   |
| Expenses  | (929) |                   | (904) |                   |
| Interest payable and similar charges              |       | -                 |       |                   |
| Net revenue before taxation                       | 378   |                   | 331   |                   |
| Taxation  | (78)  | _                 | (4)   |                   |
| Net revenue after taxation                        | _     | 300               | -     | 327               |
| Total return before                               |       |                   |       |                   |
| distributions                                     |       | 29,025            |       | 14,710            |
| Distributions                                     | _     | (342)             | _     | (357)             |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | _     |                   |       |                   |
| from investment activities                        | =     | 28,683            | =     | 14,353            |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the period ended 28 February 2021

|  | £'000    | 28/02/21 <sup>1</sup><br>£'000 | £'000    | 29/02/20<br>£'000 |
|--|----------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              |          | 156,571                        |          | 153,321           |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares  | 31,216   |                                | 19,849   |                   |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares                                    | (22,601) |                                | (32,663) |                   |
|  |          | 8,615                          |          | (12,814)          |
| Dilution levy  |          | _                              |          | 25                |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |          | 28,683                         |          | 14,353            |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares                                |          | 162                            |          | 155               |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              | -        | 194,031                        |          | 155,040           |

Opening net assets attributable to shareholders for current period differs from the comparative period closing balance as they are not consecutive periods.

| As at 28 February 2021                |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | 28/02/21<br>£'000 | 31/08/20<br>£'000 |
| ASSETS                                |                   |                   |
| Fixed assets:                         |                   |                   |
| Investments                           | 185,329           | 156,478           |
| Current assets:                       |                   |                   |
| Debtors                               | 940               | 640               |
| Cash and bank balances                | 9,232             | 4,345             |
| Total assets                          | 195,501           | 161,463           |
| LIABILITIES                           |                   |                   |
| Creditors:                            |                   |                   |
| Distribution payable on income shares | (216)             | (383)             |
| Other creditors                       | (1,254)           | (4,509)           |
| Total liabilities                     | (1,470)           | (4,892)           |
| Net assets attributable to            |                   |                   |

BALANCE SHEET

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

Gregor Craig Head of Compliance and Legal (of the ACD)

30 April 2021

shareholders

lan West

Chief Operating Officer (of the ACD)

194,031

156,571

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by The Investment Association in May 2014, the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

## DISTRIBUTION TABLES

For the period from 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021

Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

#### **Class A Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distribution | Payable/Paid |
|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21*    | 28/04/20*    |
| Group 1 | _          | _            | _            | _            |
| Group 2 | _          | -            | _            | -            |

#### **Class A Accumulation Shares**

|         |            |              | Amount    | Accumulated |
|---------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21* | 28/04/20*   |
| Group 1 | _          | _            | _         | _           |
| Group 2 | _          | _            | _         | _           |

#### **Class B Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distribution | Payable/Paid |
|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21     | 28/04/20     |
| Group 1 | 0.5204     | _            | 0.5204       | 0.5534       |
| Group 2 | 0.4760     | 0.0444       | 0.5204       | 0.5534       |

## **Class C Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distribution | Payable/Paid |
|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21     | 28/04/20     |
| Group 1 | 0.9777     | _            | 0.9777       | 0.9671       |
| Group 2 | 0.3146     | 0.6631       | 0.9777       | 0.9671       |

#### **Class C Accumulation Shares**

|         |            |              | Amount A | ccumulated |
|---------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21 | 28/04/20   |
| Group 1 | 1.0843     | _            | 1.0843   | 1.0729     |
| Group 2 | 0.5129     | 0.5714       | 1.0843   | 1.0729     |

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{*}}$  Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid.

| COMPARAT                 | IVE TABLES |                |                                   |            |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
|                          |            |                | Income/Accumulation Record contin | nued       |
| Performance Record       |            |                | Calendar Year                     |            |
| Calendar Year            | High (p)   | Low (p)        |                                   |            |
| Class A Income Shares    |            |                | Class B Income Shares 2016        |            |
| 2016                     | 127.93     | 94.68          | 2017                              |            |
| 2017                     | 130.60     | 120.34         | 2017                              |            |
| 2018                     | 124.31     | 102.46         | 2019                              |            |
| 2019                     | 121.10     | 103.72         |                                   |            |
| 020                      | 125.80     | 85.79          | 2020                              |            |
| 0211                     | 109.28     | 98.88          | 20211                             |            |
| ass B Income Shares      |            |                | Class C Income Shares             |            |
| 16                       | 131.15     | 96.72          | 2016                              |            |
| 17                       | 134.14     | 124.07         | 2017                              |            |
| 18                       | 128.22     | 106.19         | 2018                              |            |
| 19                       | 125.88     | 107.51         | 2019                              |            |
| 0                        | 131.13     | 89.47          | 2020                              |            |
| $1^1$                    | 114.43     | 103.60         | 20211                             |            |
| ss C Income Shares       |            |                | Class C Accumulation Shares       |            |
| 16                       | 129.84     | 95.59          | 2016                              |            |
| 17                       | 132.92     | 123.18         | 2017                              |            |
| 18                       | 127.33     | 105.71         | 2018                              |            |
| 19                       | 125.50     | 107.03         | 2019                              |            |
| 20                       | 130.92     | 89.36          | 2020                              |            |
| <b>1</b> <sup>1</sup>    | 114.53     | 103.73         | 20211                             |            |
| ss C Accumulation Shares |            |                |                                   |            |
| 16                       | 142.39     | 99.92          | Class S Income Shares             |            |
| 7                        | 149.58     | 136.55         | 2017 <sup>2</sup>                 |            |
| 8                        | 147.97     | 129.13         | 2018                              |            |
| 9                        | 158.81     | 131.08         | 2019                              |            |
| 0                        | 168.98     | 116.48         | 2020                              |            |
| <b>1</b> <sup>1</sup>    | 154.95     | 140.36         | 20211                             |            |
| ss S Income Shares       |            |                | Net Asset Value (NAV)             |            |
| <b>7</b> <sup>2</sup>    | 132.43     | 123.94         | ,                                 | Shares in  |
| 18                       | 128.15     | 106.75         | As at                             | Issue      |
| 19                       | 127.00     | 108.09         | Class A Income Shares             |            |
| 20                       | 132.74     | 90.62          | 31/08/19                          | 8,837,907  |
| 21 <sup>1</sup>          | 116.42     | 105.48         | 31/08/20                          | 8,988,058  |
|                          |            |                | 28/02/21                          | 8,707,481  |
| ome/Accumulation Record  |            |                | Class B Income Shares             |            |
|                          |            | Net Income per | 31/08/19                          | 1,231,216  |
| lendar Year              |            | Share (p)      | 31/08/20                          | 1,166,073  |
| ass A Income Shares      |            |                | 28/02/21                          | 1,151,764  |
| 016                      |            | 6.4510         | Class C Income Shares             |            |
| 017                      |            | 6.1714         | 31/08/19                          | 32,973,919 |
| 018                      |            | 5.8397         | 31/08/20                          | 26,102,041 |
| 019                      |            | 6.0329         | 28/02/21                          | 23,717,708 |
| 020                      |            | 4.8330         | Class C Accumulation Shares       |            |
| 0211                     |            | 0.8306         | 31/08/19                          | 7,195,932  |
|                          |            |                | 31/08/20                          | 4,743,857  |
|                          |            |                | 28/02/21                          | 3,392,060  |

#### Net Asset Value (NAV) continued

| As at                 | Shares in Issue | NAV per Share (p) <sup>3</sup> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Class S Income Shares |                 |                                |
| 31/08/19              | 2,762,623       | 120.95                         |
| 31/08/20              | 108,583         | 103.68                         |
| 28/02/21              | 151,260         | 104.92                         |
| Total NAV             |                 | NAV of Sub-Fund                |
| 31/08/19              |                 | 65,374,196                     |
| 31/08/20              |                 | 43,242,889                     |
| 28/02/21              |                 | 39,157,125                     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To 28 February 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The net asset value per share is calculated on a bid basis and excludes any distribution payable.

| ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF)         |          |          |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|--|--|
|                                      | 28/02/21 | 31/08/20 |  |  |
| Class A Income Shares                | 1.96%    | 1.92%    |  |  |
| Class B Income Shares                | 1.46%    | 1.42%    |  |  |
| Class C Income & Accumulation Shares | 1.21%    | 1.17%    |  |  |
| Class S Income Shares                | 0.86%    | 0.82%    |  |  |

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six month's expenses for the period ended 28 February 2021 and may vary from year to year.

It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the sub-fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund).

#### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (SRRI)

| Typically | lower rewa     | rds |   | Typically higher reward |     |             |
|-----------|----------------|-----|---|-------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Lower ris | k <del>•</del> |     |   |                         | — н | ligher risk |
| 1         | 2              | 3   | 4 | 5                       | 6   | 7           |

The sub-fund is ranked as 5 because funds and portfolio holdings similar assets have experienced medium to high rises and falls in value over the past five years. Please note that even the lowest ranking does not mean a risk-free investment.

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates where the sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Premier Global Infrastructure Income Fund seeks to provide investors with a regular and growing income together with long-term capital growth by investing globally in securities issued by companies operating in the infrastructure industry.

The sub-fund will invest (either directly or indirectly) in companies involved in ownership and operation of infrastructure assets, including (but not limited to) electricity, water, gas, telecommunications, airports, roads, railways, seaports and social infrastructure assets (such as hospitals or prisons). The sub-fund will hold principally listed equities, but also fixed income investments such as bonds (including hybrid and convertible bonds). The sub-fund will seek to maintain a reasonable level of regional and sectoral diversification.

Subject to the above, the sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes, approved money market instruments, cash and near cash, deposits, warrants and bonds in accordance with the rules in COLL. The sub-fund may also borrow and employ stocklending and underwriting techniques as permitted in COLL but currently does not do so. The sub-fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes as well as for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

#### **INVESTMENT REVIEW**

#### PERFORMANCE

The Premier Global Infrastructure Income Fund (Class A Income shares) recorded a total return of 2.0% over the six months to 28 February 2021, compared to the IA Global Equity Income sector return of 8.7%.

Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association, (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to facilitate comparison between funds with broadly similar characteristics. The sub-fund is classified in the IA Global Equity Income sector, which we believe is a meaningful comparator to help investors assess the performance of the sub-fund.

#### **MARKET REVIEW**

Equity markets were buoyant over the six months to February 2021 as the election of President Biden, the further economic stimulus to counteract the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the roll-out of a number of effective vaccines all contributed to drive valuations higher. The subfund's holdings had a very mixed experience, with strong performance from renewable energy and transportation stocks offset by weakness in regulated utilities, leading to underperformance when measured against wider market indices

The sub-fund's renewable energy stocks such as NextEra Energy Partners and Orsted performed well over the six months, as the trend for both governments and large corporations to commit to carbon reduction targets continued to support both the valuation of existing assets and the potential of the growth pipeline. The stocks in this area gave up some of their earlier gains towards the end of the period, but we continue to believe that the energy transition and the electrification and decarbonisation themes present huge opportunities for investors and remain fully committed to our renewable energy holdings.

Transportation stocks have also performed well, as the successful roll-out of effective vaccines against COVID-19 has increased the prospects for the removal of lockdowns and travel restrictions. The airport and bus and coach stocks in the fund have rallied strongly from depressed levels, and we are encouraged that we retained modest holdings in these stocks despite the cancellation of dividends.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From 8 May 2017 to 31 December 2017.

#### **PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

During the six-month period, we have added utilities SSE and Fortum to the sub-fund and fully divested the sub-fund's holdings in the Japanese telecom NTT DOCOMO (the subject of a takeover bid from parent NTT Corp), Spanish-listed toll road and airport stock Ferrovial and Canadian energy infrastructure company Pembina Pipeline. We have used the relative weakness in utilities to add the two holdings at attractive valuations. Otherwise, we have made very few changes to the sub-fund over the period, which is consistent with our long-term buy and hold approach.

#### OUTLOOK

The weakness in regulated utilities over the last six months has been significant, with the sector consistently underperforming the market. Concerns over rising interest rates have weighed on sentiment and depressed the sector valuations, but we believe the market is underestimating both the resilience of regulated utilities and the growth opportunity that the energy transition continues to present for the sector. With valuation multiples for US regulated utilities at a 13-year low relative to the wider market, and with a strong and stable dividend profile, this sector remains core to the subfund. We can also see excellent prospects for the sub-fund's holdings in the other equity infrastructure sectors based on valuation, resilient growth and a steady and growing overall dividend stream, and believe that the fund's relative underperformance will be reversed as these fundamental attributes are recognised.

Source: Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, March 2021. The information provided and opinions expressed are those of the investment manager and can change. This information should not be interpreted as investment advice.

Performance data taken from FE Analytics. Basis: total return, net income reinvested, UK Sterling, Class A Income shares as at 28 February 2021. Reference to any particular investment does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell the investment. On 20 January 2020, this sub-fund moved from a single pricing basis (mid) to a swing pricing basis. Performance could be shown on a combination of bid, mid or offer prices, depending on the period of reporting, and is shown net of fees with net income reinvested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns and there is a risk of loss to capital.

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

| Purchases                              | Costs<br>£'000 | Sales                              | Proceeds<br>£'000 |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| SSE                                    | 667            | NextEra Energy Partners            | 916               |
| Clearway Energy                        | 619            | Orsted                             | 587               |
| KDDI                                   | 336            | NTT DOCOMO                         | 581               |
| Fortum                                 | 312            | Atlantica Sustainable              |                   |
| Orsted                                 | 312            | Infrastructure                     | 463               |
| Vodafone                               | 295            | Norfolk Southern                   | 445               |
| Enterprise Products                    |                | Enel                               | 426               |
| Partners                               | 186            | E.On                               | 370               |
| Atlantica Sustainable                  |                | NextEra Energy                     | 359               |
| Infrastructure                         | 181            | Pembina Pipeline                   | 313               |
| Deutsche Telekom                       | 161            | Ferrovial                          | 311               |
| China Tower                            | 136            |                                    |                   |
| Total purchases during the period were | 3,309          | Total sales during the period were | 8,246             |

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 28 February 2021

| Holding          | Investment                           | Market<br>Value<br>£'000 | Total<br>Value of<br>Sub-Fund<br>% |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                  | ELECTRICITY 17.37% (23.90%)          |                          |                                    |
| 23,800           | Alliant Energy                       | 810                      | 2.07                               |
| 5,000            | DTE Energy                           | 435                      | 1.11                               |
| 85,000           | Enel                                 | 580                      | 1.48                               |
| 17,000           | Fortum                               | 306                      | 0.78                               |
| 47,600           | Iberdrola                            | 431                      | 1.10                               |
| 20,600           | NextEra Energy                       | 1,095                    | 2.80                               |
| 260,000          | Power Assets<br>SSE                  | 1,038<br>604             | 2.65                               |
| 45,000<br>35,000 | Xcel Energy                          | 1,504                    | 1.54<br>3.84                       |
| 33,000           | Acer Ellergy                         | 6,803                    | 17.37                              |
|                  | GAS 15.45% (13.52%)                  |                          |                                    |
| 75,050           | AltaGas                              | 839                      | 2.14                               |
| 76,500           | APA Group                            | 395                      | 1.01                               |
| 82,000           | Enbridge                             | 2,051                    | 5.24                               |
| 41,400           | Enterprise Products Partners         | 646                      | 1.65                               |
| 47,500           | Gibson Energy                        | 598                      | 1.53                               |
| 18,000           | NiSource                             | 286                      | 0.73                               |
| 61,200           | Snam                                 | 231                      | 0.59                               |
| 19,750           | TC Energy                            | 609                      | 1.55                               |
| 23,500           | Williams Cos                         | 395<br><b>6,050</b>      | 1.01<br><b>15.45</b>               |
|                  | INFRASTRUCTURE 0.00% (0.71%)         | 0,030                    | 13.43                              |
|                  | MULTI-UTILITIES 12.07% (21.20%)      |                          |                                    |
| 15,200           | Ameren                               | 779                      | 1.99                               |
| 10,000           | Duke Energy                          | 626                      | 1.60                               |
| 115,000          | E.On                                 | 843                      | 2.15                               |
| 91,800           | National Grid                        | 750                      | 1.92                               |
| 9,200            | Sempra Energy                        | 787                      | 2.01                               |
| 16,000           | WEC Energy                           | 939                      | 2.40                               |
|                  |                                      | 4,724                    | 12.07                              |
| 4.700            | PORTS & AIRPORTS 2.99% (3.21%)       | 200                      | 0.52                               |
| 1,700            | Aena SME                             | 209                      | 0.53                               |
| 4,500<br>118,760 | Flughafen Zurich                     | 576<br>387               | 1.47                               |
| 110,700          | Sydney Airport                       | 1,172                    | 0.99<br><b>2.99</b>                |
|                  | RENEWABLE ENERGY 21.96% (8.60%)      | ·                        |                                    |
| 79,400           | Atlantica Sustainable Infrastructure | 2,048                    | 5.23                               |
| 30,000           | Clearway Energy                      | 607                      | 1.55                               |
| 72,200           | Innergex Renewable Energy            | 987                      | 2.52                               |
| 45,000           | NextEra Energy Partners              | 2,340                    | 5.98                               |
| 33,440           | Northland Power                      | 803                      | 2.05                               |
| 15,700           | Orsted                               | 1,813                    | 4.63                               |
|                  |                                      | 8,598                    | 21.96                              |
|                  | ROADS AND RAIL 8.42% (7.43%)         |                          |                                    |
| 337,500          | National Express Group               | 1,008                    | 2.57                               |
| 5,520<br>8,550   | Norfolk Southern<br>Union Pacific    | 1,007<br>1,283           | 2.57<br>3.28                       |
| -,               |                                      | 3,298                    | 8.42                               |
|                  | TELECOMMUNICATIONS 19.44% (18.62%)   |                          |                                    |
| 8,280            | American Tower                       | 1,336                    | 3.41                               |
| 3,000,000        | China Tower                          | 322                      | 0.82                               |
| 93,500           | Deutsche Telekom                     | 1,223                    | 3.12                               |

| Holding   | Investment                       | Market<br>Value<br>£'000 | Total<br>Value of<br>Sub-Fund<br>% |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
|           | TELECOMMUNICATIONS continued     |                          |                                    |
| 425,000   | Digi.com                         | 279                      | 0.71                               |
| 95,000    | Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane | 712                      | 1.82                               |
| 60,000    | KDDI                             | 1,333                    | 3.41                               |
| 27,000    | Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero | 467                      | 1.19                               |
| 10,200    | Verizon Communications           | 414                      | 1.06                               |
| 1,232,500 | Vodafone                         | 1,525                    | 3.90                               |
|           |                                  | 7,611                    | 19.44                              |
|           | WATER & WASTE 2.02% (2.56%)      |                          |                                    |
| 89,200    | Pennon Group                     | 792                      | 2.02                               |
|           |                                  | 792                      | 2.02                               |
|           |                                  |                          |                                    |
|           | Total Value of Investments       | 39,048                   | 99.72                              |
|           | Net Other Assets                 | 109                      | 0.28                               |
|           | Total Net Assets                 | 39,157                   | 100.00                             |
|           |                                  |                          |                                    |

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 31 August 2020.

Securities are admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on another regulated market unless otherwise stated.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the period ended 28 February 2021

|   | £'000 | 28/02/21<br>£'000 |       | 29/02/20<br>£'000 |
|---|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Income  |       |                   |       |                   |
| Net capital gains                                 |       | 846               |       | 58                |
| Revenue   | 668   |                   | 1,471 |                   |
| Expenses  | (289) |                   | (415) |                   |
| Interest payable and similar charges              |       |                   | (1)   |                   |
| Net revenue before taxation                       | 379   |                   | 1,055 |                   |
| Taxation  | (33)  | -                 | (132) |                   |
| Net revenue after taxation                        | -     | 346               | -     | 923               |
| Total return before                               |       |                   |       |                   |
| distributions                                     |       | 1,192             |       | 981               |
| Distributions                                     | _     | (635)             | _     | (1,339)           |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders |       |                   |       |                   |
| from investment activities                        | =     | 557               | =     | (358)             |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the period ended 28 February 2021

|  | £'000   | 28/02/21 <sup>1</sup><br>£'000 | £'000    | 29/02/20<br>£'000 |
|--|---------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              |         | 43,243                         |          | 65,374            |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares  | 2,557   |                                | 8,328    |                   |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares                                    | (7,279) |                                | (10,810) |                   |
|  |         | (4,722)                        |          | (2,482)           |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |         | 557                            |          | (358)             |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares                                |         | 78                             |          | 225               |
| Unclaimed distributions  |         | 1                              |          | 1                 |
| Closing net assets   | _       |                                | -        |                   |
| attributable to shareholders   | =       | 39,157                         | =        | 62,760            |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Opening net assets attributable to shareholders for current period differs from the comparative period closing balance as they are not consecutive periods.

| BALAN                      | ICE SHEET         |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| As at 28 February 2021     |                   |                   |
|                            | 28/02/21<br>£'000 | 31/08/20<br>£'000 |
| ASSETS                     |                   |                   |
| Fixed assets:              |                   |                   |
| Investments                | 39,048            | 43,133            |
| Current assets:            |                   |                   |
| Debtors                    | 214               | 301               |
| Cash and bank balances     | 488               | 565               |
| Total assets               | 39,750            | 43,999            |
| LIABILITIES                |                   |                   |
| Creditors:                 |                   |                   |
| Distribution payable       | 4                 | 4                 |
| on income shares           | (290)             | (468)             |
| Other creditors            | (303)             | (288)             |
| Total liabilities          | (593)             | (756)             |
| Net assets attributable to |                   |                   |
| shareholders               | <u>39,157</u>     | 43,243            |

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

**Gregor Craig** Head of Compliance and Legal (of the ACD)

30 April 2021

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**Chief Operating Officer** (of the ACD)

#### NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by The Investment Association in May 2014, the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

#### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

For the period from 1 September 2020 to 30 November 2020

First interim dividend distribution in pence per share

#### Class A Income Shares

|         |            | Distribution Paid |          |          |
|---------|------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation      | 28/01/21 | 28/01/20 |
| Group 1 | 0.7023     | _                 | 0.7023   | 1.2463   |
| Group 2 | 0.4955     | 0.2068            | 0.7023   | 1.2463   |

#### **Class B Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Dist     | Distribution Paid |  |  |
|---------|------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|--|--|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/01/21 | 28/01/20          |  |  |
| Group 1 | 0.7345     | _            | 0.7345   | 1.2968            |  |  |
| Group 2 | 0.4273     | 0.3072       | 0.7345   | 1.2968            |  |  |

#### **Class C Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distrik  | oution Paid |
|---------|------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/01/21 | 28/01/20    |
| Group 1 | 0.7351     | _            | 0.7351   | 1.2936      |
| Group 2 | 0.4547     | 0.2804       | 0.7351   | 1.2936      |
|         |            |              |          |             |

#### **Class C Accumulation Shares**

|         |            |              | Amount Ac | cumulated |
|---------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/01/21  | 28/01/20  |
| Group 1 | 0.9878     | _            | 0.9878    | 1.6515    |
| Group 2 | 0.5358     | 0.4520       | 0.9878    | 1.6515    |

#### **Class S Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distrik  | oution Paid |
|---------|------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/01/21 | 28/01/20    |
| Group 1 | 0.7462     | _            | 0.7462   | 1.3101      |
| Group 2 | 0.3207     | 0.4255       | 0.7462   | 1.3101      |

For the period from 1 December 2020 to 28 February 2021

Second interim dividend distribution in pence per share

#### **Class A Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distribution | Payable/Paid |
|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21     | 28/04/20     |
| Group 1 | 0.8306     | _            | 0.8306       | 1.1368       |
| Group 2 | 0.6380     | 0.1926       | 0.8306       | 1.1368       |

#### Class B Income Shares

|         |            |              | Distribution | Payable/Paid |
|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21     | 28/04/20     |
| Group 1 | 0.8699     | _            | 0.8699       | 1.1846       |
| Group 2 | 0.4400     | 0.4299       | 0.8699       | 1.1846       |

#### **Class C Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distributi | on Payable/Paid |
|---------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21   | 28/04/20        |
| Group 1 | 0.8708     | _            | 0.8708     | 1.1825          |
| Group 2 | 0.5348     | 0.3360       | 0.8708     | 1.1825          |

#### **Class C Accumulation Shares**

|         |            |              | Amount Ac | cumulated |
|---------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21  | 28/04/20  |
| Group 1 | 1.1782     | _            | 1.1782    | 1.5261    |
| Group 2 | 0.7924     | 0.3858       | 1.1782    | 1.5261    |

#### **Class S Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distribution | tion Payable/Paid |  |
|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21     | 28/04/20          |  |
| Group 1 | 0.8851     | _            | 0.8851       | 1.1986            |  |
| Group 2 | 0.4645     | 0.4206       | 0.8851       | 1.1986            |  |

| COMPARATIVE TABLES    |          |                             |  |  |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Performance Record    |          |                             |  |  |
| Calendar Year         | High (p) | Low (p)                     |  |  |
| Class A Income Shares |          |                             |  |  |
| 2016                  | 197.96   | 167.65                      |  |  |
| 2017                  | 215.76   | 198.48                      |  |  |
| 2018                  | 235.02   | 193.44                      |  |  |
| 2019                  | 270.00   | 196.79                      |  |  |
| 2020                  | 299.42   | 161.29                      |  |  |
| 20211                 | 309.05   | 293.31                      |  |  |
| Class B Income Shares |          |                             |  |  |
| 2016                  | 198.37   | 167.98                      |  |  |
| 2017                  | 216.23   | 198.97                      |  |  |
| 2018                  | 235.60   | 193.87                      |  |  |
| 2019                  | 270.62   | 197.25                      |  |  |
| 2020                  | 300.03   | 161.50                      |  |  |
| 20211                 | 309.89   | 294.03                      |  |  |
| Class C Income Shares |          |                             |  |  |
| 2016                  | 197.26   | 167.03                      |  |  |
| 2017                  | 215.03   | 197.90                      |  |  |
| 2018                  | 234.32   | 192.80                      |  |  |
| 2019                  | 269.13   | 196.16                      |  |  |
| 2020                  | 299.67   | 160.62                      |  |  |
| 20211                 | 309.78   | 293.86                      |  |  |
| Income Record         |          | Nethermone                  |  |  |
| Calendar Year         |          | Net Income per<br>Share (p) |  |  |
| Class A Income Shares |          |                             |  |  |
| 2016                  |          | 3.5855                      |  |  |
| 2017                  |          | 5.2758                      |  |  |
| 2018                  |          | 2.6467                      |  |  |
| 2019                  |          | 2.7562                      |  |  |
| 2020                  |          | 0.2922                      |  |  |
| 20211                 |          | 0.0517                      |  |  |
| Class B Income Shares |          |                             |  |  |
| 2016                  |          | 4.5221                      |  |  |
| 2017                  |          | 6.2933                      |  |  |
| 2018                  |          | 3.7339                      |  |  |
|                       |          | 3.8524                      |  |  |
| 2019                  |          | 3.0324                      |  |  |
| 2019<br>2020          |          | 1.4930                      |  |  |

#### **Income Record continued**

| Calendar Year         | Net Income per<br>Share (p) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Class C Income Shares |                             |
| 2016                  | 4.9624                      |
| 2017                  | 6.7638                      |
| 2018                  | 4.2524                      |
| 2019                  | 4.3670                      |
| 2020                  | 2.0662                      |
| 20211                 | 1.0860                      |
| Not Asset Value (NAV) |                             |

## Net Asset Value (NAV)

| As at                 | Shares in Issue | NAV per Share (p) <sup>2</sup> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Class A Income Shares |                 |                                |
| 31/08/19              | 36,532,390      | 219.19                         |
| 31/08/20              | 31,521,065      | 246.88                         |
| 28/02/21              | 30,641,660      | 298.35                         |
| Class B Income Shares |                 |                                |
| 31/08/19              | 2,749,360       | 219.44                         |
| 31/08/20              | 5,595,219       | 246.98                         |
| 28/02/21              | 6,002,622       | 298.52                         |
| Class C Income Shares |                 |                                |
| 31/08/19              | 13,871,673      | 217.94                         |
| 31/08/20              | 14,698,347      | 245.96                         |
| 28/02/21              | 30,579,624      | 298.14                         |
|                       |                 | NAV -f Cole Found              |

| Total NAV | NAV of Sub-Fund<br>(£) |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 31/08/19  | 116,340,710            |

 31/08/20
 127,792,184

 28/02/21
 200,506,864

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}{\rm The}$  net asset value per share is calculated on a bid basis and excludes any distribution payable.

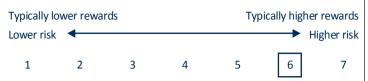
| ONGOING CHA    | ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF) |          |  |  |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------|--|--|
|                | 28/02/21                     | 31/08/20 |  |  |
| Class A Income | 1.67%                        | 1.75%    |  |  |
| Class B Income | 1.17%                        | 1.25%    |  |  |
| Class C Income | 0.92%                        | 1.00%    |  |  |

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six month's expenses for the period ended 28 February 2021 and may vary from year to year.

It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the sub-fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund).

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle 1}\text{To}$  28 February 2021.

#### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (SRRI)



The sub-fund is ranked as 6 because it has experienced relatively high rises and falls in value over the past five years. Please note that even the lowest ranking does not mean a risk-free investment.

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates where the sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund.

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Premier Miton UK Growth Fund is to achieve capital growth.

The sub-fund's investment policy is to invest in equities, primarily in the UK, in order to seek long term capital growth. The sub-fund shall be actively managed and the investment strategies pursued will identify opportunities for growth subject to prevailing market conditions.

Subject to the above, the sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities (including but not limited to warrants and bonds), money market instruments, collective investment schemes, cash and near cash and deposits. The sub-fund may also borrow and employ stock lending and underwriting techniques, however the ACD has decided not to utilise these techniques for the foreseeable future. The sub-fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for the efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

## INVESTMENT REVIEW

#### PERFORMANCE

Over the period, the Premier Miton UK Growth Fund's (class A income shares) total return was +19%, which was ahead of the IA UK All Companies sector return of +15.5% and the FTSE All-Share Index return of +12%.

Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to facilitate comparison between funds with broadly similar characteristics. The sub-fund is classified in the IA UK All Companies sector, which we believe is a meaningful comparator to help investors assess the performance of the sub-fund. As the sub-fund invests in UK companies, we believe the FTSE All-Share Index, which is made up of many of the companies listed on the London Stock Exchange, is also a meaningful comparator to help investors assess performance.

#### **MARKET REVIEW**

Global equity markets continued their strong performance following the COVID-19 induced declines in March. By September, they had regained their pre-COVID levels and they pushed on significantly from there, as vaccines were approved and their rollouts commenced. The unprecedented levels of government support for businesses and households, through a massive liquidity injection, supported the initial recovery. The baton has been passed to the economic recovery, which has been swifter than expected in developed economies such as the USA and China, as well as parts of Europe.

The US dollar weakened, benefitting commodities and oil, which were already rising as the global economy emerges from the shock of COVID. The pound sterling was a strong performer amongst G7 currencies, with post-Brexit trading less hampered than many had feared.

#### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Over the period new positions added include asset management and insurance consultant Alpha Financial Markets, rail technology provider Tracsis, and remote radiology firm, Medica Group.

Initial public offering (IPO) activity has picked up materially in 2021, after animal spirits were depressed in 2020, by lockdowns and the uncertainty they created. The UK market has seen a number of new entrants, some of which the sub-fund has bought positions in. These include software consultant Bytes Technology Group and specialty line insurer, Conduit. Bytes was founded in 1982 and has a fantastic growth track record thanks to the growing importance of IT, an experienced management team and an excellent culture.

More recently the sub-fund took part in the IPO of Moonpig Group, the UK's largest online card retailer, which continues to win share from the high street.

Two IPO's the sub-fund participated in, e-commerce giant The Hut Group and materials technology firm HeiQ, both saw their share prices rise rapidly in a short period. Due to the sub-fund's disciplined valuation approach, both positions were exited for substantial profits.

#### OUTLOOK

Economic forecasts on the outlook for the UK have so far proven too pessimistic. The labour market is holding up better than expected, with unemployment at 5.1% and initial estimates for a dramatic spike have now been tempered. The UK housing market is showing signs of strengthening, supported by the government's decision to extend the cut to stamp duty. The UK's GDP growth in January exceeded economists' expectations.

That said, the sub-fund is not solely reliant upon a strong UK economy. Our investment process remains focussed on investing in quality companies that we believe can grow their earnings regardless of the economic cycle, by taking advantage of weaker competitors and changing business and consumer behaviour.

Increasing inflation expectations and government bond yields mean that valuations of bonds and equity markets have come under pressure, in recent weeks. This has led to share price declines from some of the most promising companies the sub-fund owns. The Fund managers will endeavour to diligently assess the value in these companies and capitalise on such periods of share price weakness.

Risks to the global economy remain, as ever. These include sustained inflation, Middle East tensions and a protracted trade war between the US and China, which has clear ramifications for global trade. The sub-fund's focus is on high returns businesses that tend to be fairly capital light, on average, thereby nimble enough to negotiate major supply chain shocks.

Source: Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, March 2021. The information provided and opinions expressed are those of the investment manager and can change. This information should not be interpreted as investment advice.

Performance data taken from FE Analytics. Basis: total return, net income reinvested, UK Sterling, class D income shares as at 28 February 2021. Reference to any particular investment does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell the investment. On 20 January 2020, this sub-fund moved from a single pricing basis (mid) to a swing pricing basis. Performance could be shown on a combination of bid, mid or offer prices, depending on the period of reporting, and is shown net of fees with net income reinvested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns and there is a risk of loss to capital.

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The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

| Purchases                              | Costs<br>£'000 | Sales                              | Proceeds<br>£'000 |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ubisoft Entertainment                  | 4,193          | HeiQ                               | 3,102             |
| Supreme                                | 3,311          | Just Eat                           | 2,446             |
| Supreme PLC IPO                        | 3,311          | Jet2                               | 2,001             |
| Conduit                                | 3,297          | Kooth                              | 1,998             |
| Cranswick                              | 3,121          | Simplybiz                          | 1,790             |
| Topps Tiles                            | 2,993          | Dropbox                            | 1,749             |
| Reach                                  | 2,824          | Codemasters Group                  | 1,588             |
| Glencore                               | 2,620          | Rio Tinto                          | 1,391             |
| Bytes Technology Group                 | 2,594          | FDM                                | 1,316             |
| Purplebricks Group                     | 2,487          | CVS Group                          | 1,295             |
| Total purchases during the period were | 73,099         | Total sales during the period were | 34,360            |

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

| As at 28 | Februai | ry 2021 |
|----------|---------|---------|
|----------|---------|---------|

| Holding            | Investment  | Market<br>Value<br>£'000 | Total<br>Value of<br>Sub-Fund<br>% |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                    | COMMUNICATION SERVICES 1.04%                      |                          |                                    |
|                    | (1.59%)   |                          |                                    |
|                    | Electronic Gaming & Multimedia 1.04% (1.59%)      |                          |                                    |
| 314,312            | Nacon   | 2,085                    | 1.04                               |
|                    | _   | 2,085                    | 1.04                               |
|                    | CONSUMER GOODS 21.46% (17.27%)                    |                          |                                    |
|                    | Beverages 1.36% (1.48%)                           |                          |                                    |
| 1,024,661          | Stock Spirits Group                               | 2,736                    | 1.36                               |
|                    |   | 2,736                    | 1.36                               |
|                    | Food Disaducare 1 F19/ (0 009/)                   |                          |                                    |
| 97 722             | Food Producers 1.51% (0.00%) Cranswick            | 2.025                    | 1 51                               |
| 87,733             | Cranswick   | 3,025<br><b>3,025</b>    | 1.51<br>1.51                       |
|                    |   | 3,023                    | 1.51                               |
|                    | Household Goods & Home Construction 5.18% (3.12%) |                          |                                    |
| 107,332            | Bellway   | 3,041                    | 1.52                               |
| 700,502            |   | 3,804                    | 1.90                               |
| 1,962,667          | Supreme   | 3,533                    | 1.76                               |
|                    |   | 10,378                   | 5.18                               |
|                    | Leisure Goods 13.41% (12.67%)                     |                          |                                    |
| 59,644             | Bigben Interactive                                | 1,017                    | 0.51                               |
| 263,603            | Frontier Developments                             | 6,629                    | 3.30                               |
| 62,689             | • •   | 5,954                    | 2.97                               |
| 276,578            | Gear4Music  | 2,102                    | 1.05                               |
| 7,200<br>1,489,750 | Nintendo<br>Sumo                                  | 3,149<br>4,469           | 1.57<br>2.23                       |
| 60,000             | Ubisoft Entertainment                             | 3,566                    | 1.78                               |
| 00,000             | _   | 26,886                   | 13.41                              |
|                    | CONSUMER SERVICES 19.02% (21.67%)                 |                          |                                    |
|                    | General Retailers 8.43% (10.91%)                  |                          |                                    |
| 603,093            | B&M European Value Retail                         | 3,290                    | 1.64                               |
| 1,514,286          | Boohoo.com  | 5,052                    | 2.52                               |
| 1,140,000          | Izodia¹   | -                        | -                                  |
| 365,978            | JD Sports Fashion                                 | 3,044                    | 1.52                               |
| 561,462            | Moonpig Group                                     | 2,545                    | 1.27                               |
| 4,675,534          | Topps Tiles                                       | 2,974                    | 1.48                               |
|                    |   | 16,905                   | 8.43                               |
|                    | Media 3.38% (2.68%)                               |                          |                                    |
| 837,918            | Moneysupermarket.com                              | 2,447                    | 1.22                               |
| 1,302,942          | Reach   | 3,010                    | 1.50                               |
| 313,764            | S4 Capital  | 1,324                    | 0.66                               |
|                    |   | 6,781                    | 3.38                               |
|                    | Travel & Leisure 7.21% (8.08%)                    |                          |                                    |
| 426,184            | Jet2  | 6,175                    | 3.08                               |
| 15,769             | Flutter Entertainment                             | 2,178                    | 1.09                               |
| 200,000            | Fuller Smith & Turner                             | 1,704                    | 0.85                               |
| 1,844,038          | Gym Group   | 4,389                    | 2.19                               |
|                    |   | 14,446                   | 7.21                               |

| Holding   | Investment                                     | Market<br>Value<br>£'000 | Total<br>Value of<br>Sub-Fund<br>% |
|-----------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
|           | FINANCIALS 16.86% (19.11%)                     |                          |                                    |
|           | Banks 0.00% (0.49%)                            |                          |                                    |
|           | Financial Services 5.13% (7.73%)               |                          |                                    |
| 205,553   | Alpha FX Group                                 | 2,693                    | 1.34                               |
| 573,431   | Argentex Group                                 | 662                      | 0.33                               |
| 439,361   | IG Group Holdings                              | 3,440                    | 1.72                               |
| 145,502   | Liontrust Asset Management                     | 1,811                    | 0.90                               |
| 379,934   | OSB Group                                      | 1,691                    | 0.84                               |
|           |  | 10,297                   | 5.13                               |
|           | Investment Services 1.24% (1.84%)              |                          |                                    |
| 823,833   | John Laing Group                               | 2,490                    | 1.24                               |
|           |  | 2,490                    | 1.24                               |
|           | Life Insurance/Assurance 3.83% (3.82%)         |                          |                                    |
| 1,871,695 | Legal & General                                | 4,881                    | 2.43                               |
| 197,751   | Prudential                                     | 2,808                    | 1.40                               |
|           |  | 7,689                    | 3.83                               |
|           | Non-life Insurance/Assurance 1.76% (0.00%)     |                          |                                    |
| 658,150   | Conduit  | 3,528                    | 1.76                               |
|           | _  | 3,528                    | 1.76                               |
|           | Real Estate 4.09% (4.04%)                      |                          |                                    |
| 4,797,434 | Purplebricks Group                             | 4,462                    | 2.23                               |
| 4,063,599 | Sirius Real Estate                             | 3,726                    | 1.86                               |
|           | _  | 8,188                    | 4.09                               |
|           | Real Estate Investment & Services 0.81%        |                          |                                    |
|           | (1.19%)  |                          |                                    |
| 500,000   | Phoenix Spree Deutschland                      | 1,618                    | 0.81                               |
|           |  | 1,618                    | 0.81                               |
|           | HEALTH CARE 10.59% (11.62%)                    |                          |                                    |
|           | Health Care Equipment & Services 4.25% (3.10%) |                          |                                    |
| 622,059   | ·  | 3,185                    | 1.59                               |
| 236,755   | CVS Group                                      | 3,989                    | 1.99                               |
| 1,017,003 | Medica Group                                   | 1,353                    | 0.67                               |
|           | _  | 8,527                    | 4.25                               |
|           | Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 6.34% (8.52%)  |                          |                                    |
| 633,467   | Eco Animal Health Group                        | 2,027                    | 1.01                               |
| 146,155   | Ergomed  | 1,739                    | 0.87                               |
| 196,934   | GlaxoSmithKline                                | 2,387                    | 1.19                               |
| 169,757   | Hikma Pharmaceuticals                          | 3,969                    | 1.98                               |
| 2,302,010 | Vectura Group                                  | 2,592                    | 1.29                               |
|           |  | 12,714                   | 6.34                               |
|           | INDUSTRIALS 13.83% (12.82%)                    |                          |                                    |
|           | Aerospace & Defence 1.24% (2.80%)              | <u>.</u>                 |                                    |
| 508,708   | BAE Systems                                    | 2,486                    | 1.24                               |
|           |  | 2,486                    | 1.24                               |

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 28 February 2021

| Holding   | Investment                                      | Market<br>Value<br>£'000 | Total<br>Value of<br>Sub-Fund<br>% |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
|           | Construction & Materials 1.03% (0.86%)          |                          |                                    |
| 795,697   | Forterra  | 2,073                    | 1.03                               |
|           | -   | 2,073                    | 1.03                               |
|           | Electronic & Electrical Equipment 0.81% (1.01%) | ,                        |                                    |
| 677,629   | Luceco  | 1,620                    | 0.81                               |
|           |   | 1,620                    | 0.81                               |
|           | Mining 4.73% (3.72%)                            |                          |                                    |
| 925,739   | Glencore  | 2,708                    | 1.35                               |
| 58,662    | Rio Tinto                                       | 3,678                    | 1.83                               |
| 2,492,433 | Sylvania Platinum                               | 3,116                    | 1.55                               |
|           | · ·   | 9,502                    | 4.73                               |
|           | Support Services 6.02% (4.43%)                  |                          |                                    |
| 806,653   | Alpha Financial Markets Consulting              | 1,936                    | 0.97                               |
| 1,718,888 | Gateley Holdings                                | 3,025                    | 1.51                               |
| 264,934   | Marlowe   | 1,791                    | 0.89                               |
| 277,495   | Robert Walters                                  | 1,449                    | 0.72                               |
| 636,273   | RWS   | 3,842                    | 1.93                               |
|           |   | 12,043                   | 6.02                               |
|           | OIL & GAS 2.03% (1.69%)                         |                          |                                    |
|           | Oil & Gas Producers 2.03% (1.69%)               |                          |                                    |
| 5,290,310 | Jadestone Energy                                | 4,074                    | 2.03                               |
|           |   | 4,074                    | 2.03                               |
|           | TECHNOLOGY 10.22% (14.03%)                      |                          |                                    |
|           | Software & Computer Services 6.32% (8.54%)      |                          |                                    |
| 241,011   | Auction Technology Group                        | 1,905                    | 0.95                               |
| 922,441   | Bytes Technology Group                          | 3,688                    | 1.84                               |
| 994,407   | DotDigital                                      | 1,586                    | 0.79                               |
| 1,542,810 | NCC   | 4,097                    | 2.05                               |
| 220,000   | Tracsis   | 1,386                    | 0.69                               |
|           |   | 12,662                   | 6.32                               |
|           | Technology Hardware & Equipment 3.90% (5.49%)   |                          |                                    |
| 1,619,400 | Spirent Communications                          | 3,797                    | 1.89                               |
| 145,168   | STMicroelectronics                              | 4,023                    | 2.01                               |
|           |   | 7,820                    | 3.90                               |
|           | Total Value of Investments                      | 190,573                  | 95.05                              |
|           | Net Other Assets                                | 9,934                    | 4.95                               |
|           | Total Net Assets                                | 200,507                  | 100.00                             |
|           | iotal NEL Assets                                | 200,307                  | 100.00                             |

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 31 August 2020.

Securities are admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on another regulated market unless otherwise stated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Securities in liquidation/delisted.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the period ended 28 February 2021

|   | £'000   | 28/02/21<br>£'000 | £'000 | 29/02/20<br>£'000 |
|---|---------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Income  |         |                   |       |                   |
| Net capital gains                                 |         | 28,442            |       | 9,846             |
| Revenue   | 1,412   |                   | 1,055 |                   |
| Expenses  | (1,063) |                   | (986) |                   |
| Interest payable and similar charges              |         | -                 |       |                   |
| Net revenue before taxation                       | 349     |                   | 69    |                   |
| Taxation  | (67)    | _                 | (4)   |                   |
| Net revenue after taxation                        | _       | 282               | -     | 65                |
| Total return before                               |         |                   |       |                   |
| distributions                                     |         | 28,724            |       | 9,911             |
| Distributions                                     | _       | (283)             | _     | (133)             |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders |         |                   |       |                   |
| from investment activities                        | =       | 28,441            | =     | 9,778             |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the period ended 28 February 2021

|   | £'000    | 28/02/21 <sup>1</sup><br>£'000 | £'000    | 29/02/20<br>£'000 |
|---|----------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders   |          | 127,792                        |          | 116,341           |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares             | 56,868   |                                | 19,824   |                   |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares         | (12,599) |                                | (10,660) |                   |
|   |          | 44,269                         |          | 9,164             |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders |          |                                |          |                   |
| from investment activities                        |          | 28,441                         |          | 9,778             |
| Unclaimed distributions                           |          | 5                              |          | 2                 |
| Closing net assets                                | -        |                                | •        |                   |
| attributable to shareholders                      |          | 200,507                        |          | 135,285           |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Opening net assets attributable to shareholders for current period differs from the comparative period closing balance as they are not consecutive periods.

| BALANCE SHEET                           |                   |                   |  |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| As at 28 February 2021                  |                   |                   |  |
|   | 28/02/21<br>£'000 | 31/08/20<br>£'000 |  |
| ASSETS                                  |                   |                   |  |
| Fixed assets:                           |                   |                   |  |
| Investments                             | 190,573           | 127,535           |  |
| Current assets:                         |                   |                   |  |
| Debtors                                 | 1,554             | 1,306             |  |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 9,388             | 2,146             |  |
| Total assets                            | 201,515           | 130,987           |  |
| LIABILITIES                             |                   |                   |  |
| Creditors:                              |                   |                   |  |
| Distribution payable on income shares   | (392)             | (348)             |  |
| Other creditors                         | (616)             | (2,847)           |  |
| Total liabilities                       | (1,008)           | (3,195)           |  |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 200,507           | 127,792           |  |

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

**Gregor Craig** (of the ACD)

Head of Compliance and Legal 30 April 2021

Ian West **Chief Operating Officer** (of the ACD)

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by The Investment Association in May 2014, the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

## DISTRIBUTION TABLES

For the period from 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021

Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

#### Class A Income Shares

|         |            |              | Distribution Payable/Paid |           |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21                  | 28/04/20* |
| Group 1 | 0.0517     | _            | 0.0517                    | _         |
| Group 2 | _          | 0.0517       | 0.0517                    | _         |

#### **Class B Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distribution Payable/Paid |          |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21                  | 28/04/20 |
| Group 1 | 0.7395     | _            | 0.7395                    | 0.4336   |
| Group 2 | 0.4866     | 0.2529       | 0.7395                    | 0.4336   |

#### **Class C Income Shares**

|         |            |              | Distribution Payable/Paid |          |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|
|         | Net Income | Equalisation | 28/04/21                  | 28/04/20 |
| Group 1 | 1.0860     | _            | 1.0860                    | 0.7312   |
| Group 2 | 0.3927     | 0.6933       | 1.0860                    | 0.7312   |

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid.