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# MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") and registered office of Premier Miton Income 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 Income 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 Income Funds ICVC is an Investment Company with Variable Capital under regulation 12 of the Open-Ended Investment Company Regulations and incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC63 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 five sub-funds: Premier Miton Corporate Bond Monthly Income Fund, Premier Miton Financials Capital Securities Fund, Premier Miton Income Fund, Premier Miton Monthly Income Fund, and Premier Miton Strategic Monthly Income Bond 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 May 2020 to 31 October 2020.

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.

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

lan West Chief Operating Officer (of the ACD)

18 December 2020

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

# **Change of AMC**

With effect from 10 August 2020, the AMC for all share classes of Premier Miton Corporate Bond Monthly Income Fund were reduced by 0.35%.

## **Change of Fund Managers**

In August 2020, Lloyd Harris became the lead manager of the Premier Miton Corporate Bond Monthly Income Fund, with Simon Prior as co-manager.

Emma Mogford took over as fund manager of the Premier Miton Income Fund and Premier Miton Monthly Income Fund on 19 November 2020. Emma joins Premier Miton from Newton Investment Management where she was lead manager of the BNY Mellon UK Income Fund from November 2017 to September 2020. The income focus of the sub-funds will not change and Emma will continue to manage the sub-funds to meet their objectives through investment in a portfolio of predominantly UK company shares. Emma replaces Eric Moore.

# MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

## **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.

#### 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.

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 information and updates for clients.

## **OEIC & Fund Name Changes**

On 27 November 2020 'Miton' was added to the name of the OEIC & Funds 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 Income Funds ICVC has been renamed Premier Miton Income Funds ICVC. The 5 sub-funds are now called, Premier Miton Corporate Bond Monthly Income Fund, Premier Miton Financials Capital Securities Fund, Premier Miton Income Fund, Premier Miton Monthly Income Fund and Premier Miton Strategic Monthly Income Bond Fund.

## **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 Income Funds ICVC: The manager is not aware of any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt upon the Premier Miton Income Funds ICVC ability to continue as a going concern.

Performance Record		
Calendar Year	High (p)	Low (p)
Class A Income Shares	3 117	
2015	85.34	80.95
2016	83.20	79.11
2017	82.39	81.16
2018	81.66	77.38
2019	79.97	77.33
2020¹	80.27	73.43
Class B Income Shares		
2015	87.31	82.93
2016	85.35	81.06
2017	84.74	83.17
2018	84.07	79.85
2019	82.66	79.81
2020 <sup>1</sup>	83.03	75.97
Class C Income Shares		
2015	89.35	85.02
2016	87.58	83.13
2017	87.05	85.39
2018	86.40	82.13

85.08

85.47

84.97

82.11

78.22

83.63

2019

2020<sup>1</sup>

2020<sup>2</sup>

**Class C Accumulation Shares** 

COMPARATIVE TABLES

Income/Accumulation Record		
Calendar Year		Net Income per Share (p)
Class A Income Shares		47
2015		2.3005
2016		2.0805
2017		2.5336
2018		2.6706
2019		2.2866
2020¹		1.7321
Class B Income Shares		
2015		2.3560
2016		2.1359
2017		2.5978
2018		2.7497
2019		2.3954
2020¹		1.7693
Class C Income Shares		2 4422
2015		2.4122
2016		2.1920
2017		2.6566
2018		2.8282
2019		2.4983
20201		1.7959
Class C Accumulation Shares		
2020 <sup>2</sup>		0.3992
Net Asset Value (NAV)		
	Shares in	NAV per Share
As at	Issue	(p) <sup>3</sup>
Class A Income Shares		
30/04/19	39,256,019	78.04
30/04/20	33,102,605	76.92
31/10/20	34,784,833	78.42
Class B Income Shares		
30/04/19	11,307,210	80.59
30/04/20	15,289,031	79.64
31/10/20	20,248,439	81.30
Class C Income Shares		
30/04/19	9,319,510	82.93
30/04/20	8,784,384	82.06
31/10/20	16,238,132	83.81
Class C Accumulation Shares		
31/10/20	50,963,933	84.24
		NAV of Sub-Fund
Total NAV		(£)
30/04/19		47,474,985
30/04/20		44,847,887
31/10/20		100,284,567

<sup>1</sup>To 31 October 2020.

<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)					
31/10/20 30/0					
Class A Income Shares	0.70%	1.05%			
Class B Income Shares	0.45%	0.80%			
Class C Income & Accumulation Shares	0.35%	0.70%			

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six month's expenses for the period ending 31 October 2020 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 rewards			Тур	ically highe	r rewards	
Lower risk	•				- Н	ligher risk
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The sub-fund is ranked as 3 because it has experienced low to medium 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 sub-fund may hold a limited amount (<20%) in below investment grade debt (also known as high yield debt) which has a higher risk reward profile than senior investment grade debt and may under certain circumstances experience a rapid loss in value. Within this below investment grade debt, the sub-fund may hold investments with loss-absorbing features, including contingent convertible bonds which creates a different type of risk from traditional bonds and may, following certain trigger events, result in a partial or total loss of value or alternatively they may be converted into shares of the issuing company which may also have suffered a loss in value.

The sub-fund invests more than 80% of its assets in higher quality sterling denominated income paying debt securities. High quality debt securities tend to experience lower price volatility than equities or lower quality debt securities and to have a lower credit risk. Geographical exposure is concentrated in the UK due to the requirement to invest in sterling denominated securities. Assets concentrated by geographic location are more vulnerable to market sentiment in that specific location and can carry a higher risk than funds holding more geographically diversified assets.

The level of targeted income is not guaranteed and may not be achieved. The sub-fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

The 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 Corporate Bond Monthly Income Fund is to provide an income paid each month. The minimum recommended term for holding shares in this sub-fund is at least 5 years. This does not mean that the sub-fund will achieve the objective over this, or any other, specific time period and there is a risk of loss to the original capital invested.

The sub-fund aims to achieve the objective of the sub-fund by investing at least 80% in a sterling denominated (or hedged back to sterling, hedging is designed to offset movements in currencies) diversified portfolio of investment grade rated corporate bonds issued by companies.

The sub-fund may invest in non-investment grade (lower quality) bonds, convertible bonds (bonds that can convert into company shares) and other investments that have similar characteristics to bonds. The sub-fun may also invest in structured investments, cash and near cash investments.

The rating of the bonds will be measured by a recognised external credit rating agency. A credit rating agency is an organisation that rates a company's ability to pay back the debt and the interest payable to the owner of the bond. A higher rating indicates greater confidence that the company will be able to pay back the debt and keep paying the interest owed. Investment grade typically indicates that a bond is higher quality.

The sub-fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions (these are contracts whose value is based on the change in price of an underlying investment) for investment purposes as well as for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

## INVESTMENT REVIEW

## **PERFORMANCE**

In the six month period under review, the Premier Miton Corporate Bond Monthly Income Fund (Class A income shares) returned 3.3%, compared with 4.4% for the IA Sterling Corporate Bond sector.

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 Sterling Corporate Bond sector.

## MARKET REVIEW

It was clear that March's low in markets went way beyond the fundamental. Cash is king and when there is a liquidation spiral as we saw back then, the only thing that mattered if you were in the unfortunate position of having to liquidate, was obtaining a bid during what largely amounted to a buyers strike. This clearly all changed with the application of liquidity from central banks in late March. Whilst the fundamentals hadn't changed, the liquidity backdrop had changed markedly giving investors who had been sat on the sidelines the confidence to buy. This liquidity was enough to sustain the rally in risk assets through the remainder of the lockdown and beyond until the end of the summer.

However, with the pending US presidential election, rising COVID cases along with mild Brexit anxiety against the backdrop of lofty equity market valuations, particularly those safe havens that had benefitted so much from the liquidity; it was always going to be hard for central banks to maintain the rally in risk assets. When the Federal Reserve (Fed), European Central Bank (ECB) and Bank of England (BoE) signalled in September that they were on hold, a soft period for risk assets ensued which is likely to come to a halt when we know who the future president is. It is worth noting that during this period cash credit has remained particularly robust helped by positive technicals from central bank purchases of the asset class.

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

As a result of the fund manager change in August, a number of bonds were traded in order to ensure the sub-fund better represented the asset class. Consequently, the sub-fund evolved quickly, to one of a high quality bond fund, to ensure that the portfolio acted as it should and act as a diversifier away from equities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From 10 August 2020 to 31 October 2020.

In addition to the high quality bias, one of the key attributes of the fund managers' philosophy is to generate return through high levels of activity, continuing to look for relative value opportunities as and when they arise. As a consequence, the fund managers continue to rotate the portfolio looking for opportunities on a relative value basis, taking advantage of obvious new issue premium and dislocations in the secondary market. The sub-fund sees obvious opportunity in financials and gets credit beta from a snippet of subordinated paper of investment grade companies. As a consequence, the sub-fund has taken exposure to a number of UK financials, as a Brexit agreement looks ever more likely. HSBC and One Save performed well, tightening circa 20bps in October alone, whilst a small position in Just Group, the pension consolidator, tightened in excess of 100bps over the same period.

The sub-fund rotated out of Imperial Brands and Glencore in the period and took advantage of cheap opportunities in names such as the US insurer Athene, the Danish pharmaceutical Lundbeck and the Italian tower company Inwit, all of which performed excellently on the break. The detractors to the portfolio were KPN as rumours of a private equity deal circulated and also Beazley on the back of a doubling of COVID provisions as they assumed events will be cancelled until the end of June 2021 and having fully utilised their reinsurance capacity.

The sub-fund rotated into credits with stable cash flows, within sectors such as utilities and telecoms companies, both sectors have barely been impacted by the virus. The sub-fund also increased its exposure to high quality UK housing associations and wide and improving credits such as AT&T.

## OUTLOOK

It's our expectation that the US election will coincide with a low point for risk appetite at the beginning of a second wave of COVID cases. This is likely to mark a short-term low point for risk assets and a high point for bond prices. As we get clarity on the election and a flattening off of COVID cases, then we are likely to see an increased risk appetite supported by further central bank easing. The BoE and ECB are almost certain to increase the balance sheet whilst it seems the Fed Reserve may well undertake another Operation Twist, targeting long-end maturities to further ease financial conditions.

This means that the outlook for credit is particularly rosy — ample central bank liquidity including direct purchases of credit together with gradually improving fundamentals during the next six months is likely to see risk assets do very well during this period and good quality credit is no exception. Those sectors that have lagged but have fundamental quality, most notably financials are expected to do particularly well in this environment together with other cyclical sectors.

Source: Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, November 2020. 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, quoted on a total return (income reinvested), bid to bid, UK sterling basis, Class A Income shares as at 31 October 2020. 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 £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
United Kingdom Treasury 0.125% 31/01/2028	6,963	United Kingdom Treasury 0.125% 31/01/2028	5,337
Verizon Communications 1.875% 03/11/2038	2,384	Enel 1.00% 20/10/2027 Santander UK 3.625%	1,502
Midland Heart Capital 5.087% 20/09/2044	2,183	14/01/2026 London & Quadrant	1,221
Electricite de France 6.25% 30/05/2028	2,157	2.00% 20/10/2038 UK Municipal Bond	1,212
Rothesay Life 3.375% 12/07/2026	1,875	1.625% 26/8/2060 Verizon Communications	1,047
Coventry Building Society 1.00% 21/09/2025	1,694	1.875% 19/09/2030 GlaxoSmithKline 1.625%	1,041
Folio Residential Finance 1.246% 31/10/2037	1,666	12/5/2035 Wells Fargo 5.25%	1,017
HSBC 3.00% 29/05/2030 Athene Global Funding	1,625	01/08/2023 South Eastern Power	1,011
1.125% 02/09/2025 Anglian Water Services	1,616	Networks 3.053% 05/06/2023	1,010
Financing 6.625% 15/01/2029	1,574	Karbon Homes 3.375% 15/11/2047	955
Total purchases during the period were	107,499	Total sales during the period were	57,470

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at	31	Octo	ber	20	20
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Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %	Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	CORPORATE BONDS 87.71% (93.40%)				Ireland 1.33% (0.11%)		
	Australia 0.72% (0.76%)			EUR 500,000	AIB Group 2.875% 30/05/2031	452	0.45
GBP 500,000	BHP Billiton Finance 4.30%			GBP 59,771	Eurosail 0.904% 13/06/2045	53	0.05
	25/09/2042	721	0.72	EUR 900,000	OP Corporate Bank 1.625% 09/06/2030	826	0.83
		721	0.72		,,	1,331	1.33
	Austria 0.34% (0.00%)				halv 1 C20/ (0 000/)		
EUR 400,000	BAWAG Group 5.125% Perpetual	344	0.34	EUR 429,000	Italy 1.63% (0.00%) Eni 3.375% Perpetual	381	0.38
		344	0.34	EUR 426,000	Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane 1.625% 21/10/2028	385	0.38
	Belgium 0.54% (0.00%)			GBP 400,000	Intesa Sanpaolo 5.148%		
EUR 600,000	Argenta Spaarbank 1.00% 13/10/2026	538	0.54	5UD 250 000	10/06/2030	435	0.44
		538	0.54	EUR 250,000 EUR 250.000	Intesa Sanpaolo 5.50% Perpetual Intesa Sanpaolo 5.875% Perpetual	211 218	0.21 0.22
	Damarda 0 200/ (0 CEN/)			2011 230,000	intesa sanpasio sio/s/a respetadi	1,630	1.63
GBP 250,000	Bermuda 0.29% (0.65%) Fidelity International 7.125%					•	
GBF 250,000	13/02/2024	294	0.29	1100 202 000	Jersey 1.44% (2.43%)		
	_	294	0.29	USD 293,000	Galaxy Pipeline Assets Bidco 2.625% 31/03/2036	225	0.22
	Canada 0.10% (0.00%)			GBP 300,000	HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 5.844% Perpetual	431	0.43
GBP 100,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 23/09/2021	101	0.10	USD 600,000	HSBC Capital Funding Dollar	704	0.70
		101	0.10		10.176% Perpetual	784 <b>1,440</b>	0.79 <b>1.44</b>
	Denmark 0.45% (0.00%)						
EUR 500,000	Danske Bank 1.50% 02/09/2030	448	0.45	GBP 500,000	<b>Luxembourg 0.93% (1.26%)</b> Aroundtown 3.00% 16/10/2029	519	0.52
	_	448	0.45	GBP 400,000	CK Hutchison Telecom Finance	319	0.32
					2.00% 17/10/2027	413	0.41
GBP 500,000	France 7.15% (5.21%)  AXA 5.453% Perpetual	564	0.56			932	0.93
EUR 1,100,000	Cie Generale des Etablissements	304	0.50		Mexico 0.54% (0.00%)		
	Michelin 0.625% 02/11/2040	975	0.98	GBP 400,000	America Movil 5.75% 28/06/2030	541	0.54
EUR 600,000	Electricite de France 3.375% Perpetual	529	0.53			541	0.54
GBP 600,000	Electricite de France 5.50%				Netherlands 4.91% (1.59%)		
	17/10/2041	884	0.88	USD 750,000	AT Securities 5.25% Perpetual	576	0.57
GBP 150,000	Electricite de France 6.125% 02/06/2034	223	0.22	EUR 400,000	Global Switch Finance 1.375%		
GBP 1,600,000	Electricite de France 6.25%			GBP 700,000	07/10/2030 Koninklijke 5.75% 17/09/2029	361 846	0.36 0.84
CBD 250 000	30/05/2028	2,136	2.14	GBP 600,000	Shell International Finance 1.00%	040	0.84
GBP 350,000	France Telecom 8.125% 20/11/2028	533	0.53		10/12/2030	590	0.59
EUR 800,000	La Mondiale SAM 0.75%			GBP 1,300,000	Shell International Finance 1.75% 10/09/2052	1,237	1.24
CBD 209 000	20/04/2026 Oranga F 75% Parnatual	714	0.71	EUR 200,000	Telefonica Europe 2.875%	1,237	1.24
GBP 398,000 EUR 200,000	Orange 5.75% Perpetual Orano 2.75% 08/03/2028	434 175	0.43 0.17		Perpetual	170	0.17
	_	7,167	7.15	GBP 700,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.125% 18/09/2023	700	0.70
	Germany 0.60% (1.32%)			EUR 500,000	Volkswagen International Finance 2.70% Perpetual	446	0.44
GBP 600,000	Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 1.75%				2.70% Perpetual	4,926	4.91
	21/11/2022	602	0.60			4,320	4.51
		602	0.60		Norway 0.62% (0.00%)		
	Guernsey 1.45% (4.93%)			GBP 400,000	Equinor 6.875% 11/03/2031	618	0.62
GBP 900,000	Credit Suisse Group Funding					618	0.62
USD 600,000	Guernsey 2.75% 08/08/2025 Pershing Square 5.50% 15/07/2022	965 488	0.96 0.49		Spain 1.49% (0.00%)		
032 000,000		1,453	1.45	GBP 700,000	Banco Santander 1.75%	COC	0.70
		2, .53			17/02/2027	698	0.70

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 31 October 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %	Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
Holding	investment	£ 000		Holding	investment	£ 000	70
	Spain continued				United Kingdom continued		
EUR 900,000	Cellnex Telecom 1.75% 23/10/2030	797 <b>1,495</b>	0.79 <b>1.49</b>	GBP 451,000	Moat Homes Finance 5.00% 23/09/2041	653	0.65
	Switzerland 1.03% (0.00%)			GBP 68,000	National Grid Gas 8.75% 27/06/2025	91	0.09
GBP 1,000,000	Credit Suisse Group Funding			GBP 400,000	Northern Powergrid Yorkshire		
GBI 1,000,000	Guernsey 2.25% 09/06/2028	1,033	1.03		4.375% 05/07/2032	524	0.52
	_	1,033	1.03	GBP 300,000	Northern Powergrid Yorkshire 5.125% 04/05/2035	431	0.43
	United Kingdom 46.94% (59.74%)			GBP 466,000	Pension Insurance 3.625%		
GBP 600,000	A2D Funding 4.75% 18/10/2022	635	0.63	000 000 000	21/10/2032	470	0.47
GBP 500,000	A2D Funding II 4.50% 30/09/2026	571	0.57	GBP 600,000	Phoenix 4.125% 20/07/2022	621	0.62
GBP 500,000	Admiral Group 5.50% 25/07/2024	571	0.57	GBP 300,000	Phoenix 5.867% 13/06/2029	345	0.34
GBP 1,108,000	Anglian Water Services Financing			GBP 787,000	Phoenix 6.625% 18/12/2025	927	0.92
22. 1,100,000	6.625% 15/01/2029	1,554	1.55	GBP 1,000,000	RHP Finance 3.25% 05/02/2048	1,256	1.25
GBP 50	APQ Global 3.50% 30/09/2024	218	0.22	GBP 750,000	RL Financial Bonds 6.125%	026	0.00
GBP 347,856	Aspire Defence Finance 'A' 4.674%			600 4 000 000	30/11/2043	836	0.83
,	31/03/2040	475	0.47	GBP 1,800,000	Rothesay Life 3.375% 12/07/2026	1,852	1.86
GBP 869,640	Aspire Defence Finance 'B' 4.674%			GBP 400,000	Rothesay Life 5.50% 17/09/2029	435	0.43
	31/03/2040	1,188	1.18	GBP 426,982	RSL Finance 6.625% 31/03/2038	622	0.62
GBP 850,000	Assura Financing 1.50%			GBP 225,000	SP Distribution 5.875% 17/07/2026	284	0.28
	15/09/2030	856	0.85	GBP 700,000	SSE 3.74% Perpetual	719	0.72
GBP 500,000	Aviva 6.125% 14/11/2036	600	0.60	GBP 575,000	Tesco 6.00% 14/12/2029	749	0.75
GBP 400,000	Aviva 6.875% 20/05/2058	586	0.58	GBP 650,000	Tesco Personal Finance 3.50%		
GBP 813,000	Barclays 1.70% 03/11/2026	812	0.81		25/07/2025	679	0.68
GBP 497,000	Blend Funding 2.922% 05/04/2056	590	0.59	GBP 489,333	Tesco Property Finance 5.661%	640	0.65
GBP 700,000	Blend Funding 3.459% 21/09/2049	896	0.89		13/10/2041	648	0.65
GBP 100,000	British Telecommunications 3.125%			GBP 700,000	THFC Funding No 3 5.20%	4 002	1.00
	21/11/2031	111	0.11	CRR 1 000 000	11/10/2045	1,093	1.09
GBP 300,000	British Telecommunications 3.64% 25/06/2033	336	0.34	GBP 1,000,000 GBP 200,000	TP ICAP 5.25% 26/01/2024 Virgin Money UK 5.125%	1,071	1.07
GBP 350,000	British Telecommunications 5.75%			600 4 404 666	11/12/2030	199	0.20
	07/12/2028	455	0.45	GBP 1,424,000	Virgin Money UK 7.875% 14/12/2028	1,549	1.54
GBP 1,270,000	Bunzl Finance 1.50% 30/10/2030	1,265	1.26	GBP 200,000	Vmed O2 UK Financing I 4.00%	1,349	1.34
GBP 500,000	Bupa Finance 5.00% 25/04/2023	539	0.54	GBF 200,000	31/01/2029	196	0.20
GBP 225,000	Centrica 4.375% 13/03/2029	271	0.27	EUR 100,000	Vodafone Group 2.625%	150	0.20
GBP 600,000	Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75%			2011 100,000	27/08/2080	89	0.09
	Perpetual	1,201	1.20	EUR 100,000	Vodafone Group 3.00%		
GBP 570,018	Connect Plus M25 Issuer 2.607%				27/08/2080	88	0.09
GBP 1,700,000	31/03/2039 Coventry Building Society 1.00%	643	0.64	GBP 500,000			
GDI 1,700,000	21/09/2025	1,688	1.68		01/08/2029	585	0.58
GBP 800,000	Eversholt Funding 2.742%	,		GBP 850,000	Yorkshire Water Services 3.75%	076	0.07
0=1 000,000	30/06/2040	834	0.83	CDD 140 000	22/03/2046	876	0.87
GBP 1,666,000	Folio Residential Finance 1.246%			GBP 140,000	Yorkshire Water Services 6.454% 28/05/2027	183	0.18
	31/10/2037	1,673	1.67	GBP 1,000,000	Yorkshire Water Services 6.601%	165	0.10
GBP 700,000	GlaxoSmithKline Capital 1.25%			GBF 1,000,000	17/04/2031	1,481	1.48
	12/10/2028	717	0.71		1770472031		
GBP 600,000	HSBC 2.256% 13/11/2026	619	0.62			47,087	46.94
GBP 1,000,000	HSBC 3.00% 29/05/2030	1,078	1.07		United States of America 15.21%		
GBP 700,000	HSBC Bank 5.375% 22/08/2033	916	0.91		(15.40%)		
GBP 1,000,000	Hutchison Whampoa Finance UK			GBP 650,000	AT&T 2.90% 04/12/2026	712	0.71
	5.625% 24/11/2026	1,274	1.27	GBP 1,000,000	AT&T 4.375% 14/09/2029	1,210	1.21
GBP 925,000	Just Group 7.00% 15/04/2031	941	0.94	GBP 300,000	AT&T 5.20% 18/11/2033	403	0.40
GBP 397,510	Juturna European Loan Conduit			EUR 1,200,000	Athene Global Funding 1.125%		
	5.064% 10/08/2033	500	0.50		02/09/2025	1,095	1.09
USD 200,000	Lloyds Bank 6.413% Perpetual	182	0.18	EUR 1,000,000	Bank of America 0.654%		
GBP 600,000	Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets				26/10/2031	886	0.88
	1.75% 11/07/2024	614	0.61	GBP 300,000	Bank of America 4.25% 10/12/2026	357	0.36
GBP 1,393,000	Midland Heart Capital 5.087%	2.126	2.12				
	20/09/2044	2,126	2.13				

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 31 October 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	United States of America continued		
GBP 150,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance		
	2.375% 19/06/2039	167	0.17
GBP 1,000,000 GBP 500,000	Citigroup 1.75% 23/10/2026 Citigroup 5.15% 21/05/2026	1,030 605	1.03 0.60
GBP 800,000	Goldman Sachs 3.125% 25/07/2029	905	0.90
GBP 1,400,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 1.625% 21/09/2029	1,455	1.45
GBP 500,000	MPT Operating Partnership/ MPT Finance 2.55% 05/12/2023	500	0.50
GBP 500,000	Prologis 2.25% 30/06/2029	546	0.54
GBP 1,000,000	United Parcel Service 5.50% 12/02/2031	1,393	1.39
GBP 2,400,000	Verizon Communications 1.875% 03/11/2038	2,367	2.36
GBP 800,000	Wells Fargo 3.50% 12/09/2029	922	0.92
GBP 600,000	Welltower 4.80% 20/11/2028	705	0.70
		15,258	15.21
	<b>GOVERNMENT BONDS 2.78% (0.00%)</b>		
	Netherlands 1.13% (0.00%)		
EUR 1,250,000	EnBW International Finance 0.25% 19/10/2030	1,136	1.13
		1,136	1.13
	United Kingdom 1.65% (0.00%)		
GBP 1,650,000	United Kingdom Treasury 0.125% 31/01/2028	1,648	1.65
		1,648	1.65
	EQUITIES 0.00% (0.00%)		
	Guernsey 0.00% (0.00%)		
1,944	FRM Credit Alpha Fund <sup>1</sup>	_	
	FORWARD FX CURRENCY CONTRACTS	_	-
	0.14% (0.16%)		
EUR (11,330,371)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 10,330,477 for settlement on 21/01/2021	140	0.14
EUR (1,000,000)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 909,783 for settlement on 21/01/2021	10	0.01
EUR (900,000)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 814,648 for settlement on 21/01/2021	5	0.01
EUR (300,000)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 271,955 for settlement on 21/01/2021	2	_
USD (470,000)	Sold USD, Bought GBP 361,365 for settlement on 21/01/2021	(1)	_
JSD (2,938,864)	Sold USD, Bought GBP 2,256,804 for		(0.01)
	settlement on 21/01/2021	(11) 145	(0.01) <b>0.14</b>
	DERIVATIVES -0.18% (0.00%)		
	Futures -0.01% (0.00%)		
21	Future Long Gilt December 2020	(25)	(0.02)
(123)	Future 5-Year Treasury Note December 2020	10	0.01
		(15)	(0.01)

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	Credit Default Swaps -0.17% (0.00%)		
3,150,000	CDS JPMorgan 5.00% 20/12/2025	(167)	(0.17)
		(167)	(0.17)
	Total Value of Investments	90,706	90.45
	Net Other Assets	9,579	9.55
	Total Net Assets	100,285	100.00

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 30 April 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 31 October 2020

	£'000	31/10/20 £'000	£'000	31/10/19 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains Revenue	736	1,000	796	766
Expenses Interest payable and	(272)		(319)	
similar charges	(1)	-	(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	463		475	
Taxation		-		
Net revenue after taxation	_	463	_	475
Total return before				
distributions		1,463		1,241
Distributions	_	(649)	_	(659)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities	=	814	=	582

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the period ended 31 October 2020

		31/10/201		31/10/19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		44,848		47,475
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	58,052		1,479	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,609)		(2,466)	
		54,443		(987)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		814		582
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		180		_
Unclaimed distributions		_		7
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		100,285	:	47,077

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 31 October 2020			
	31/10/20	30/04/20	
ASSETS	£'000	£'000	
Fixed assets:			
Investments	90,910	41,961	
Current assets:			
Debtors	11,579	933	
Cash and bank balances	5,881	2,340	
Total assets	108,370	45,234	
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities	(204)	-	
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	(712)	(120)	
Distribution payable on income shares	(81)	(165)	
Other creditors	(7,088)	(101)	
Total liabilities	(8,085)	(386)	
Net assets attributable to			
shareholders	100,285	44,848	

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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

18 December 2020

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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 May 2020 to 31 May 2020

First Monthly interest distribution in pence per share

#### Class A Income Shares

			Distrib	oution Paid
Net Income	Equalisation	26/06/20	28/06/19	
0.1700	_	0.1700	0.1800	
0.0786	0.0914	0.1700	0.1800	
	0.1700	0.1700 –	Net Income         Equalisation         26/06/20           0.1700         -         0.1700	

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	26/06/20	28/06/19
Group 1	0.1800	_	0.1800	0.1900
Group 2	0.0831	0.0969	0.1800	0.1900

## Class C Income Shares

			Distri	bution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	26/06/20	28/06/19
Group 1	0.1900	_	0.1900	0.2000
Group 2	0.0877	0.1023	0.1900	0.2000

For the period from 1 June 2020 to 30 June 2020

Second Monthly interest distribution in pence per share

## Class A Income Shares

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/07/20	26/07/19
Group 1	0.1700	_	0.1700	0.1872
Group 2	0.0813	0.0887	0.1700	0.1872

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Dist	ribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/07/20	26/07/19
Group 1	0.1800	_	0.1800	0.1891
Group 2	0.0879	0.0921	0.1800	0.1891

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Dist	ribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/07/20	26/07/19
Group 1	0.1900	_	0.1900	0.1903
Group 2	0.0949	0.0951	0.1900	0.1903

For the period from 1 July 2020 to 31 July 2020

Third Monthly interest distribution in pence per share

## **Class A Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/08/20	28/08/19
Group 1	0.1600	_	0.1600	0.1800
Group 2	0.0648	0.0952	0.1600	0.1800

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/08/20	28/08/19
Group 1	0.1650	_	0.1650	0.1900
Group 2	0.0698	0.0952	0.1650	0.1900

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Distri	bution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/08/20	28/08/19
Group 1	0.1700	_	0.1700	0.2000
Group 2	0.0757	0.0943	0.1700	0.2000

For the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 August 2020

Fourth Monthly interest distribution in pence per share

## Class A Income Shares

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/09/20	27/09/19
Group 1	0.1180	_	0.1180	0.1800
Group 2	0.0373	0.0807	0.1180	0.1800

## **Class B Income Shares**

		Distr		oution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/09/20	27/09/19
Group 1	0.1190	_	0.1190	0.1900
Group 2	0.0396	0.0794	0.1190	0.1900

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/09/20	27/09/19
Group 1	0.1200	_	0.1200	0.2000
Group 2	0.0427	0.0773	0.1200	0.2000

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount	Accumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/09/20	27/09/19*
Group 1	0.1200	_	0.1200	_
Group 2	0.0083	0.1117	0.1200	_

For the period from 1 September 2020 to 30 September 2020

Fifth Monthly interest distribution in pence per share

## **Class A Income Shares**

			Distrib	oution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19
Group 1	0.1603	_	0.1603	0.1800
Group 2	0.0644	0.0959	0.1603	0.1800

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19
Group 1	0.1622	_	0.1622	0.1900
Group 2	0.0668	0.0954	0.1622	0.1900

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19
Group 1	0.1607	_	0.1607	0.2000
Group 2	0.0688	0.0919	0.1607	0.2000

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount A	ccumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19*
Group 1	0.1610	_	0.1610	_
Group 2	0.1610	_	0.1610	_

For the period from 1 October 2020 to 31 October 2020

Interim interest distribution in pence per share

## **Class A Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19
Group 1	0.1103	_	0.1103	0.1800
Group 2	0.0499	0.0604	0.1103	0.1800

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19
Group 1	0.1142	_	0.1142	0.1900
Group 2	0.0517	0.0625	0.1142	0.1900

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Dis	tribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19
Group 1	0.1178	_	0.1178	0.2000
Group 2	0.0533	0.0645	0.1178	0.2000

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount A	cumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19*
Group 1	0.1182	_	0.1182	_
Group 2	0.0535	0.0647	0.1182	-

<sup>\*</sup> There are no comparative figures shown as the share class launched on 10 August 2020.

COMPARATIVE TABLES				
Performance Record				
Calendar Year	High (p)	Low (p)		
Class C Income Shares				
2020¹	100.30	98.08		
Class C Accumulation Shares				
2020¹	100.45	98.09		
Income/Accumulation Record				
		Net Income per		
Calendar Year		Share (p)		
Class C Income Shares				
2020 <sup>1</sup>		0.5458		
Class C Accumulation Shares				
2020¹		0.5483		
Net Asset Value (NAV)				
	Shares in	NAV per Share		

As at	Shares in Issue	NAV per Share (p) <sup>2</sup>
	issue	(μ)
Class C Income Shares		
31/10/20	505,000	98.88
Class C Accumulation Shares		
31/10/20	64,318,580	99.44

Total NAV (£) 31/10/20 NAV of Sub-Fund (£) 64,456,994

# ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF) 31/10/20 Class C Income & Accumulation Shares 0.80%

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six month's expenses for the period ending 31 October 2020 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 5 because funds and portfolios holding similar assets have experienced medium 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 sub-fund invests in below investment grade interest rate securities issued by financial institutions located in Europe and the UK. Below investment grade (also known as 'high yield') interest rate securities are more likely to experience higher return volatility than investment grade interest rate securities and may under certain circumstances experience a rapid loss in value. The sub-fund holds investments with loss-absorbing features, including contingent convertible bonds which creates a different type of risk from traditional bonds and may following certain trigger events result in a partial or total loss of value or alternatively they may be converted into shares of the issuing company which may also have suffered a loss in value. Funds which have a concentration of exposure to a single asset type, sector (e.g. financial institutions) or geographic location are more vulnerable to adverse market sentiment in that particular asset type, sector or location and can carry a higher risk than funds holding more diverse assets.

The 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 Financials Capital Securities Fund is to provide income together, with capital growth over the long-term, being five years or more. Five years is also the minimum recommended period for holding shares in this sub-fund. This does not mean that the sub-fund will achieve the objective over this, or any other, specific time period and there is a risk of loss to the original capital invested.

The income will be paid through interest distributions on a monthly basis.

The sub-fund aims to achieve its investment objective by investing in a portfolio of fixed and variable interest rate investments, focusing on bonds issued by companies in the financial services sector, such as banks and insurance companies globally.

The sub-fund will typically invest at least 75% in capital securities issued by companies in the financial service sector, such as Tier 1, Tier 2 and subordinated senior securities, focusing on contingent capital bonds, also known as contingent convertible bonds ('CoCos'). CoCos are a form of debt security that can either convert into equity or have the principal value written down resulting from certain events relating to regulatory requirements. The sub-fund will be at least 50% invested in CoCos.

The sub-fund may also invest in other debt securities, such as bonds issued by governments, companies and other institutions not in the financial services sector (including non-investment grade and un-rated bonds), convertible bonds (bonds that can convert into company shares), transferable securities, collective investment schemes (including those managed by the ACD and its affiliates), deposits, cash and near cash.

The sub-fund may invest in derivatives, warrants and forward transactions (whose value is based on the change in price of an underlying investment) for investment purposes as well as for efficient portfolio management, including hedging (hedging is designed to offset the risk of another investment falling in price). The use of derivatives in the sub-fund will be limited in terms of instruments and scale. Forward FX will be used to hedge currency risk and index (possibly single name) CDS may be used for hedging. It is possible that over time and in differing market conditions that options or futures could be used for hedging or investment purposes as well.

# INVESTMENT REVIEW

## **PERFORMANCE**

The Premier Miton Financials Capital Securities Fund launched on the 14 September 2020. As shares in the sub-fund have been available for less than a complete calendar year, there is insufficient data to provide a useful indication of past performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From 14 September 2020 to 31 October 2020.

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

#### MARKET REVIEW

It was clear that March's low in markets went way beyond the fundamental. Cash is king and when there is a liquidation spiral and the only thing that mattered if you were in the unfortunate position of having to liquidate was obtaining a bid during what largely amounted to a buyers strike. This clearly all changed with the following application of liquidity from central banks. Whilst the fundamentals hadn't changed, the liquidity backdrop changed markedly giving investors who had been sat on the side lines the confidence to buy. This liquidity was enough to sustain the rally in risk assets through the remainder of the lockdown and beyond until the end of the summer.

The first half of 2020 had seen banks across Europe all taking heavy provisions for potential losses that the pandemic might lead to in the coming years. With a high degree of uncertainty in the scale of these losses, regulators had instructed banks to stop paying dividends to their equity shareholders in order to conserve capital. At the same time, they made it very clear that coupons on contingent capital should be paid in the normal course of business. While this sounds like a technicality it is a very important distinction, and clarification from regulators has been welcomed by investors in contingent convertible bonds ('CoCos'). Effectively this has established a hierarchy in which CoCo coupons rank above ordinary dividends, although still remain subordinate to other forms of capital.

October brought the start of the third quarter reporting season for the banks across Europe. The banks that have reported so far have shown very uniform trends — market related revenues have continued to be strong, driven by volatility increases compared to last year, while other revenues, particularly interest income, have been hard to come by. Cost control has been exceptionally strong and provisions for bad debts have been significantly lower than expected leading to very large profits relative to consensus. Of course strong profits mean strong capital, and capital ratios across the board are increasing sharply which is good news for CoCo holders.

One important message from the banks has been that the various furlough and job retention schemes have not simply postponed the problems of redundancy and bad debt. They have given businesses time to restructure their operations and working practices, leaving them in stronger positions to weather a second wave. This has been instrumental in leading to the lower provisions taken in the quarter.

## **PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

The sub-fund was active in the new issue market, taking advantage of opportunities in Caixabank and Quintet. The Caixabank issue was superior to the other bonds issued by the same name, screening cheaply to the existing Caixabank AT1 credit curve. The issuance from Quintet on the other hand was an inaugural issue by a pan-European private bank headquartered in Luxembourg. The credit metrics of the bank are solid, with ample capital and liquidity in what is a relatively low risk part of the European banking market.

Further activity in the sub-fund was centred around optimising the sub-fund's holdings with a number of relative value opportunities being taken advantage of One Savings Bank, Phoenix and Bankia were increased and NatWest Group, BNP and ING were reduced. A cross-currency curve trade in Credit Agricole was also undertaken during the month to optimise the position in the name. The sub-fund also benefitted from a CDS index hedge entered into to guard against volatility due to the impending presidential election in the United States.

## OUTLOOK

It's our expectation that the United States presidential election will coincide with a low point for risk appetite at the beginning of a second wave of COVID-19 cases. This is likely to mark a short-term low point for risk assets and a high point for bond prices. As we get clarity on the election and flattening off of COVID-19 cases, then we are likely to see an increased risk appetite supported by further central bank easing. The Bank of England and European Central Bank are almost certain to increase the balance sheet whilst it seems the Federal Reserve may well undertake another Operation Twist, targeting long-end maturities to further ease financial conditions.

From a bank CoCo perspective, the capital strength of the banking system remains of paramount importance. Looked at from this angle, the outlook is fundamentally strong. Banks have taken pre-emptive provisioning which will only feed through their capital accounts over a number of years to be offset by ongoing profitability. Regulatory support has been defined and managers of businesses have been given time to adapt to a new way of working.

We continue to believe that contingent capital offers the optimal trade-off between yield and volatility among the various forms of capital available for investment.

This sub-fund is available for purchase by Professional Clients and Eligible Counterparties who have signed the appropriate investor letter issued by Premier Miton and is subject to minimum initial subscription and minimum holding requirements. The sub-fund is not suitable for Retail Clients.

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Reference to any particular investment does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell the investment. 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 £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
Julius Baer 4.88%		NatWest Group 8.625%	
Perpetual	3,816	Perpetual	1,117
Natwest Group 6.00%		Banco Santander 5.25%	
Perpetual	2,583	Perpetual	1,064
OneSavings Bank 9.13%		Westpac Banking 5.00%	
Perpetual	2,527	Perpetual	987
Intesa Sanpaolo 5.88%		Svenska Handelsbanken	
Perpetual	2,315	5.25% Perpetual	942
Banco Santander 5.25%		Credit Agricole 7.875%	
Perpetual	1,986	Perpetual	853
Credit Agricole 7.50%		Credit Agricole 8.125%	
Perpetual	1,947	Perpetual	728
AIB Group 6.25%		AIB Group 2.875%	
Perpetual	1,867	30/05/2031	684
Nationwide Building		ING Groep 6.875%	
Society 10.25% Perpetual	1,685	Perpetual	639
Rothesay Life 6.88%		Skandinaviska Enskilda	
Perpetual	1,613	Banken 5.125% Perpetual	633
Credit Suisse Group 6.25%		Credit Agricole 6.875%	
Perpetual	1,468	Perpetual	623
Total purchases during the period were	78,252	Total sales during the period were	13,692

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 31 October 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Value of Sub-Fund %
	CORPORATE BONDS 97.98%		
	Australia 1.29%		
USD 950,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking		
	6.75% Perpetual	830 830	1.29 1.29
		830	1.23
	Austria 1.87%		
EUR 1,400,000	BAWAG Group 5.125% Perpetual	1,205	1.87
		1,205	1.87
	Denmark 2.88%		
USD 900,000	Danske Bank 6.125% Perpetual	712	1.10
USD 1,390,000	Danske Bank 7.00% Perpetual	1,148	1.78
		1,860	2.88
	Finland 1.60%		
USD 1,200,000	Nordea Bank Abp 6.625% Perpetual	1,034	1.60
		1,034	1.60
	France 7.22%		
USD 800,000	BNP Paribas 6.625% Perpetual	654	1.01
USD 900,000	BNP Paribas 7.375% Perpetual	774	1.20
GBP 1,700,000	Credit Agricole 7.50% Perpetual	1,915	2.97
USD 500,000	Societe Generale 7.375% Perpetual	396	0.61
USD 700,000	Societe Generale 7.875% Perpetual	575	0.89
USD 400,000	Societe Generale 8.00% Perpetual	4,660	7.22
		4,000	7.22
	Germany 2.83%		
EUR 1,200,000	Commerzbank 6.50% Perpetual	1,073	1.66
USD 1,000,000	Deutsche Bank 7.50% Perpetual	757	1.17
		1,830	2.83
	Ireland 2.80%		
EUR 2,000,000	AIB Group 6.25% Perpetual	1,807	2.80
		1,807	2.80
	Italy 6.31%		
EUR 2,500,000	Intesa Sanpaolo 5.875% Perpetual	2,184	3.39
EUR 900,000	UniCredit 7.50% Perpetual	869	1.35
USD 1,250,000	UniCredit 8.00% Perpetual	1,011	1.57
		4,064	6.31
	Luxembourg 3.77%		
EUR 1,400,000	Banque Internationale à Luxembourg		
	5.25% Perpetual	1,181	1.83
EUR 1,400,000	Quintet Private Bank Europe 7.50% Perpetual	1,248	1.94
	respectual	2,429	3.77
		_,	37
	Netherlands 1.89%		
USD 600,000	ING Groep 5.75% Perpetual	481	0.75
USD 600,000 USD 700,000 USD 200,000	ING Groep 5.75% Perpetual ING Groep 6.50% Perpetual ING Groep 6.75% Perpetual	481 571 163	0.75 0.89 0.25

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	Norway 0.98%		
USD 800,000	DNB Bank 6.50% Perpetual	634	0.98
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		054	0.50
	Spain 8.76%		
EUR 1,600,000	Abanca Bancaria 7.50% Perpetual	1,344	2.09
EUR 1,000,000	Banco Santander 5.25% Perpetual	855	1.33
USD 1,200,000	Banco Santander 7.50% Perpetual	959	1.49
EUR 1,000,000	Bankia 6.00% Perpetual	875	1.36
EUR 800,000	Bankinter 6.25% Perpetual	724	1.12
EUR 1,000,000	CaixaBank 5.875% Perpetual	881	1.37
		5,638	8.76
	Sweden 2.18%		
USD 1,800,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 4.375%		
	Perpetual	1,404	2.18
		1,404	2.18
	Switzerland 17.48%		
USD 500,000	Credit Suisse Group 5.25% Perpetual	388	0.60
USD 1,750,000	Credit Suisse Group 6.25% Perpetual	1,435	2.23
USD 500,000	Credit Suisse Group 6.375% Perpetual	413	0.64
USD 1,500,000	Credit Suisse Group 7.125% Perpetual	1,200	1.86
USD 400,000	Credit Suisse Group 7.25% Perpetual	334	0.52
USD 1,300,000	Credit Suisse Group 7.50% Perpetual	1,075	1.67
USD 4,881,000	Julius Baer 4.875% Perpetual	3,787	5.87
USD 200,000	UBS Group 5.125% Perpetual	160	0.25
USD 1,560,000	UBS Group 6.875% Perpetual	1,325	2.06
USD 1,100,000	UBS Group 7.00% Perpetual	912	1.41
USD 300,000	UBS Group 7.125% Perpetual	236	0.37
		11,265	17.48
	United Kingdom 36.12%		
GBP 1,200,000	Barclays 7.125% Perpetual	1,257	1.95
USD 900,000	Barclays 7.875% Perpetual	715	1.11
USD 1,100,000	Barclays 8.00% Perpetual	909	1.41
GBP 1,400,000	HSBC 5.875% Perpetual	1,444	2.24
USD 1,000,000	HSBC 6.00% Perpetual	798	1.24
USD 1,500,000	HSBC 6.375% Perpetual	1,198	1.86
USD 500,000	HSBC 6.50% Perpetual	412	0.64
GBP 1,230,000	Just Group 7.00% 15/04/2031	1,251	1.94
USD 2,600,000	Lloyds Banking Group 7.50% Perpetual	2,133	3.31
GBP 10,000	Nationwide Building Society 10.25% Perpetual	1,678	2.60
USD 3,220,000	NatWest Group 6.00% Perpetual	2,565	3.97
USD 400,000	NatWest Group 8.00% Perpetual	345	0.54
GBP 2,663,000	OneSavings Bank 9.125% Perpetual	2,507	3.89
GBP 1,000,000	Pension Insurance 7.375% Perpetual	1,123	1.74
GBP 536,000	Phoenix Group 5.75% Perpetual	527	0.82
GBP 1,500,000	Rothesay Life 6.875% Perpetual	1,596	2.48
USD 800,000	Standard Chartered 6.00% Perpetual	633	0.98
USD 1,250,000	Standard Chartered 7.50% Perpetual	994	1.54
USD 600,000	Standard Chartered 7.75% Perpetual	492	0.76
GBP 700,000	Virgin Money UK 9.25% Perpetual	706	1.10
		22 202	26 12

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# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 31 October 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	FORWARD FX CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.01%		
EUR 289,613	Bought EUR, Sold GBP 263,989 for settlement on 21/01/2021	(3)	_
EUR (9,262,033)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 8,445,806 for settlement on 21/01/2021	107	0.17
EUR (5,800,000)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 5,241,773 for settlement on 21/01/2021	20	0.03
EUR (260,000)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 235,350 for settlement on 21/01/2021	1	_
USD (50,010,459)	Sold USD, Bought GBP 38,368,778 for settlement on 21/01/2021	(124)	(0.19)
USD 1,500,000	Bought USD, Sold GBP 1,152,474 for settlement on 21/01/2021	2	_
USD 2,000,000	Bought USD, Sold GBP 1,537,222 for settlement on 21/01/2021	2	_
		5	0.01
	DERIVATIVES -0.40% Credit Default Swaps -0.40%		
4,900,000	iTRAXX EUR 5.00% 20/12/2025	(260)	(0.40)
		(260)	(0.40)
	Total Value of Investments	62,903	97.59
	Net Other Assets	1,554	2.41
	Total Net Assets	64,457	100.00

There are no comparative figures shown as the sub-fund launched on 14 September 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 31 October 2020

	31	L/10/20*
	£'000	£'000
Income		
Net capital losses		(628)
Revenue	437	
Expenses	(66)	
Interest payable and		
similar charges	(82)	
Net revenue before taxation	289	
Taxation		
Net revenue after taxation	_	289
Total loss before distributions		(339)
Distributions	_	(355)
Change in net assets		
attributable to shareholders from investment activities	=	(694)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the period ended 31 October 2020

	3: £'000	L/10/20* £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		_
Amounts receivable on issue of units	64,799	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units		
		64,799
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders		
from investment activities		(694)
Retained distributions on accumulation units		352
Closing net assets	_	
attributable to shareholders	_	64,457

<sup>\*</sup> From 14 September 2020 to 31 October 2020. There are no comparative figures shown as the sub-fund launched on 14 September 2020.

# BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 October 2020	
	31/10/20* £'000
ASSETS	
Fixed assets:	
Investments	63,031
Current assets:	
Debtors	859
Cash and bank balances	1,860
Total assets	65,750
LIABILITIES	
Investment liabilities	(128)
Creditors:	
Bank overdrafts	(514)
Distribution payable	
on income units	(2)
Other creditors	(649)
Total liabilities	(1,293)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	
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On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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

18 December 2020

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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 14 September 2020 to 30 September 2020

Fifth Monthly interest distribution in pence per share

## Class C Income Units

			Distri	bution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19*
Group 1	0.1386	_	0.1386	_
Group 2	0.1386	_	0.1386	_

## **Class C Accumulation Units**

			Amount	Accumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19*
Group 1	0.1406	_	0.1406	_
Group 2	0.1065	0.0341	0.1406	_

For the period from 1 October 2020 to 31 October 2020

Interim interest distribution in pence per share

## **Class C Income Units**

			Distri	bution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19*
Group 1	0.4072	_	0.4072	_
Group 2	0.4072	_	0.4072	_

## **Class C Accumulation Units**

			Amount A	cumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19*
Group 1	0.4077	_	0.4077	_
Group 2	0.4077	_	0.4077	_

<sup>\*</sup> There are no comparative figures shown as the sub-fund launched on 14 September 2020.

COMPARAT	IVE TABLES				
			Income/Accumulation Record of	continued	Not Income non
Performance Record			Calendar Year		Net Income per Share (p)
Calendar Year	High (p)	Low (p)	Class C Income Shares		_
Class A Income Shares			2015		34.5222
2015	729.75	654.92	2016		33.8997
2016	720.56	612.96	2017		38.6121
2017	766.65	722.95	2018		36.0793
2018	775.99	599.40	2019		40.2594
2019	734.76	601.92	2020¹		31.6677
2020¹	735.26	418.30	Class C Accumulation Shares		
Class B Income Shares			2015 <sup>2</sup>		34.9022
2015	771.35	691.29	2015		35.7920
2016	766.87	651.47	2017		42.6447
2017	820.39	770.68	2017		41.7518
2018	831.24	645.17	2019		48.8876
2019	794.92	649.99			
20201	795.52	453.07	20201		40.5170
Class C Income Shares			Net Asset Value (NAV)		
2015	797.55	714.17		Shares in	NAV per Share
2016	795.65	675.46	As at	Issue	(p) <sup>3</sup>
2017	853.49	800.26	Class A Income Shares		
2018	865.23	673.17	30/04/19	20,993,967	669.09
2019	831.48	679.29	30/04/20	19,335,794	501.85
2020¹	832.15	474.21	31/10/20	19,016,528	453.43
Class C Accumulation Shares			Class B Income Shares		
2015 <sup>2</sup>	819.34	714.56	30/04/19	395,030	721.46
2016	868.06	716.70	30/04/20	865,305	543.92
2017	970.10	875.68	31/10/20	847,184	492.62
2018	991.78	808.20	Class C Income Shares		
2019	1,052.48	818.51	30/04/19	20,549,655	753.43
2020¹	1,053.32	600.43	30/04/20	15,426,349	569.56
			31/10/20	13,352,529	516.59
Income/Accumulation Record			Class C Accumulation Shares	4.042.407	022.55
Calendar Year		Net Income per Share (p)	30/04/19	4,843,487	932.55
Class A Income Shares		σα. ε (ρ)	30/04/20 31/10/20	2,348,402 1,830,841	743.55 692.09
2015		31.0666	31/10/20	1,030,041	092.09
2016		30.8072	T-4-1 N/AV/		NAV of Sub-Fund
2017		34.8385	Total NAV		( <u>£</u> )
2018		32.2948	30/04/19		343,315,384
2019		35.7722	30/04/20		207,066,654
2020¹		27.9385	31/10/20		172,048,929
2020		27.5305	<sup>1</sup> To 31 October 2020.		
Class B Income Shares			<sup>2</sup> From 2 February 2015 to 31 De	ecember 2015.	
2015		33.2841	<sup>3</sup> The net asset value per share i		and excludes any
2016		32.7100	distribution payable.		and Encourage unity
2017		37.1690			
2018		34.6386			
2019		38.5578			
2020¹		30.2549			

# ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF) 31/10/20 30/04/20 Class A Income Shares 1.74% 1.69% Class B Income Shares 1.24% 1.19% Class C Income & Accumulation Shares 0.99% 0.94%

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six month's expenses for the period ending 31 October 2020 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 sub-fund holds equities concentrated by location in the UK. Equities, as an asset class, tend to experience higher volatility than many other asset types such as bonds or money market instruments. Funds concentrated in one geographic location are more vulnerable to market sentiment in that specific location and can carry a higher risk than funds holding more geographically diversified assets.

The 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 Income Fund is to provide an income together with capital growth over the long term, being five years or more. Five years is also the minimum recommended term for holding shares in this sub-fund. This does not mean that the sub-fund will achieve the objective over this, or any other, specific time period and there is a risk of loss to the original capital invested.

The Income will be paid twice a year, by dividend distributions.

The sub-fund will achieve this by investing in an actively managed portfolio with a minimum of 80% of its assets in shares in companies listed in the UK.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be in other investments which may include listed company shares in other geographical regions such as Europe and the USA, government and corporate (company) bonds, convertible bonds (bonds that can convert into company shares), collective investment schemes and cash and cash-like investments. The sub-fund will seek to maintain a spread of investments and typically hold between 60 and 90 individual investments, although may exceed this range if they believe market condition make it appropriate to do so. The assets of the sub-fund will also be diversified across a range of different industries and sectors as well as in different sized companies, from very large to smaller companies.

The sub-fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions (these are contracts whose value is based on the change in price of an underlying investment) for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, including hedging (hedging is designed to offset the risk of another investment falling in price).

## **INVESTMENT REVIEW**

#### PERFORMANCE

In the six month period under review, the price of the Premier Miton Income Fund (class A income shares) fell by 9.7%, which compares to a fall of 4.7% in the IA UK Equity Income sector and a fall of 2.0% in the FTSE All-Share Index.

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 Equity Income sector.

To help investors assess the performance of the sub-fund, the FTSE All-Share Index is also used for comparison purposes. This index is made up of many of the companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. As the sub-fund invests in UK companies, the Investment Adviser believes this index will be a meaningful comparator to help investors assess the performance of the sub-fund.

#### MARKET REVIEW

Financial markets continued to be dominated by the impact of the spread of COVID-19 and the ramifications for the global economy. As the lockdown restrictions imposed by governments were eased, there was a sharp recovery in economic activity. However, this had been anticipated by stock markets which had been rallying since March, nonetheless the improving economic data was vital to support market levels.

The UK stock market lagged many others. Brexit remained a constant concern and the domestic market does not have any sizable exposure to large technology and communications companies that drove other markets higher, particularly the US.

## **PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

Many companies across the UK stock market either reduced, suspended or cancelled their dividend payments. This was driven by the economic slowdown having a substantial effect on their profitability and financial strength causing them to consider it necessary to retain cash in the business to provide protection against an uncertain future. In the bank and insurance sectors, the regulator intervened to insist on the suspension of dividends to try to ensure that the economic crisis was not accompanied by a financial crisis.

This was one of the reasons that there was a reasonable amount of activity in the fund through the period; there was an increased focus on companies where there was greater clarity to the sustainability of their dividends in the future. There will be many companies who do not return to paying dividends at the same level they were prior to the crisis. The second reason for activity was a general move to larger companies and away from smaller sized companies with the aim of providing a stable core to the fund and reducing volatility.

Examples of companies that were sold are; Gateley Holdings, which is a legal company that provides services to individuals and companies, Ramsdens, a pawnbroking company and FRP Advisory Group which provides investment advisory services.

The proceeds raised from the disposals were reinvested across a range of sectors and companies. One new purchase was Tesco; supermarkets in the UK have continued to trade well through the economic downturn either through the stores themselves or via home delivery. As a result Tesco has remained financially strong and in a good position to pay dividends. Keller Group was also purchased; this is a medium sized company that provides ground engineering services internationally.

There were also a number of partially sales and purchases of holdings within the fund that were made possible by the volatile market conditions allowing for some profit taking and adding to holdings at attractive prices.

#### OUTLOOK

The constant worry through the summer, whilst lockdown restrictions were eased, was that the winter months would bring another surge in virus cases and the restrictions would be re-introduced. Such an eventuality would have a renewed negative impact on economic activity. Through the month of October those fears began to be realised, as cases rose across Europe and the US, regional and city based lockdowns were applied, culminating in national restrictions in many countries.

This is clearly bad news for society and the economy. However, as has been the case through the crisis, governments will provide support and stimulus through employment schemes, including furlough, and other measures, whilst central banks will maintain ultra-low interest rates and sizeable asset purchasing programmes. These measures will mitigate the problems, but the short-term outlook is uncertain.

In the longer term, economies heal themselves and recover and stock markets react to that in a positive way. However, some caution is appropriate in the outlook for now.

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Performance data taken from FE Analytics, quoted on a total return (income reinvested), bid to bid, UK sterling basis, Class A Income shares as at 31 October 2020. 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 £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
M&G	4,765	GlaxoSmithKline	6,888
Rio Tinto	4,593	Highland Gold Mining	5,506
Highland Gold Mining	4,324	Aviva	5,339
National Grid	4,086	Countryside Properties	4,996
Polymetal International	4,007	Barclays	4,886
Polyus	3,896	Wilmington PLC	4,530
Centamin	3,660	Imperial Brands	4,368
GVC	3,164	ITV	4,048
Vodafone	2,989	Phoenix	4,030
Bristol-Myers Squibb	2,877	Halfords	3,559
Total purchases during the period were	95,114	Total sales during the period were	119,728

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at	31	Octol	ber	20	20
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Holding		Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	OIL & GAS 5.67% (7.19%)		
	Oil & Gas Producers 5.67% (7.19%)		
1,199,000	ВР	2,357	1.37
3,085,000	Diversified Gas & Oil	3,449	2.00
425,000	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	3,946	2.30
		9,752	5.67
	BASIC MATERIALS 0.73% (0.00%)		
	Industrial Materials 0.73% (0.00%)		
86,000	Mondi	1,258	0.73
		1,258	0.73
	INDUSTRIALS 32.31% (33.73%)		
	Aerospace & Defence 4.53% (2.92%)		
1,031,000	BAE Systems	4,092	2.38
758,000	Chemring Group	1,971	1.15
91,500	Ultra Electronics	1,718	1.00
		7,781	4.53
	Chemicals 3.12% (2.41%)		
104,000	Johnson Matthey	2,234	1.30
830,814	Synthomer	3,132	1.82
	_	5,366	3.12
	Construction & Materials 2.81% (5.01%)		
57,000	Bellway	1,331	0.77
45,000	CRH	1,224	0.71
230,000	Keller Group	1,168	0.68
204,347	Vistry Group	1,113	0.65
		4,836	2.81
	Electronic & Electrical Equipment 0.89% (1.51%)		
685,000	Strix	1,538	0.89
		1,538	0.89
	Industrial Engineering 2.50% (0.00%)		
289,000	Euronav	1,628	0.95
447,000	John Wood Group	948	0.55
129,000	Smiths	1,715	1.00
	_	4,291	2.50
	Mining 11.09% (1.66%)		
137,000	Anglo American	2,481	1.44
2,130,000	· ·	2,639	1.53
913,000		1,534	0.89
234,500		3,845	2.23
55,000	Polyus	4,164	2.42
101,500	Rio Tinto	4,423	2.58
		19,086	11.09
	Support Services 7.37% (20.22%)		
68,000	Ashtead	1,903	1.11
533,000	Babcock International	1,157	0.67
664,000	Biffa	1,438	0.84
274,700	Countryside Properties	926	0.54

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	Support Services continued		
2.450.000	• •	4.640	0.05
2,158,000 748,000	DWF	1,640 1,349	0.95 0.78
1,561,777	Forterra Galliford Try	1,109	0.78
1,285,500	SThree	3,162	1.84
_,,	_	12,684	7.37
	CONSUMER GOODS 6.08% (7.75%)		
	Household Goods & Home Construction		
	1.38% (0.00%)		
35,000	Reckitt Benckiser	2,379	1.38
		2,379	1.38
	Tobacco 4.70% (7.75%)		
200,000	British American Tobacco	4,895	2.84
261,000	Imperial Brands	3,195	1.86
	<u>-</u>	8,090	4.70
	HEALTH CARE 7.38% (8.26%)		
	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 7.38% (8.26%)		
59,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb	2,656	1.54
596,000	GlaxoSmithKline	7,700	4.48
33,700	Sanofi	2,344	1.36
		12,700	7.38
	<b>CONSUMER SERVICES 8.19% (12.15%)</b>		
	Food & Drug Retailers 1.19% (2.03%)		
1,000,000	Tesco	2,053	1.19
		2,053	1.19
	General Retailers 0.00% (2.67%)		
	Media 3.30% (6.51%)		
3,524,984	Reach	3,702	2.15
320,000	WPP	1,973	1.15
		5,675	3.30
	Travel & Leisure 3.70% (0.94%)		
1,024,000	888	2,744	1.59
375,000	GVC	3,623	2.11
		6,367	3.70
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 3.24% (3.22%)		
	Mobile Telecommunications 3.24% (3.22%)		
2,946,100	BT	2,986	1.74
2,510,000	Vodafone	2,585	1.50
	1171117175 A 500/ (0 000/)	5,571	3.24
	UTILITIES 4.69% (0.00%)		
	Electricity 2.53% (0.00%)		
690,000	Drax	2,040	1.19
184,000	SSE	2,309	1.34
		4,349	2.53

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 31 October 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	Gas, Water & Multiutilities 2.16%		
404,000	(0.00%) National Grid	3,713	2.16
404,000	National Grid	3,713	2.16
		3,713	2.10
	FINANCIALS 27.01% (27.17%)		
	Banks 4.06% (5.19%)		
3,516,000	Barclays	3,747	2.18
365,000	OneSavings Bank	1,122	0.65
236,600	UBS	2,117	1.23
		6,986	4.06
	General Financial 7.56% (4.09%)		
32,000	BB Biotech	1,607	0.93
528,000	Brewin Dolphin	1,283	0.75
508,000	Jupiter Fund Management	1,179	0.69
3,165,000	M&G	4,640	2.69
2,208,955	Morses Club	718	0.42
203,718	Polar Capital	1,039	0.60
774,000	TP ICAP	1,477	0.86
838,800	XPS Pensions Group	1,065	0.62
		13,008	7.56
	Investment Companies 2.44% (1.94%)		
2,686,000	Man Group	2,889	1.68
1,810,000	Miton UK MicroCap Trust	1,014	0.59
926,250	Sherborne Investors Guernsey 'C'	289	0.17
		4,192	2.44
	Life Insurance/Assurance 10.14% (12.75%)		
1,016,000	Aviva	2,616	1.52
2,725,000	Just Group	1,146	0.67
3,856,000	Legal & General	7,125	4.13
602,000	Phoenix	3,988	2.31
288,000	St James's Place	2,590	1.51
	Non-life Insurance/Assurance 0.74%	17,465	10.14
	(1.70%)		
771,774	Randall & Quilter Investment	1,273	0.74
		1,273	0.74
	Real Estate 2.07% (1.50%)		
1,262,000	Urban Logistics REIT	1,716	1.00
298,000	Workspace Group	1,839	1.07
		3,555	2.07
	Total Value of Investments	162.069	05.30
		163,968	95.30
	Net Other Assets	8,081	4.70
	Total Net Assets	172,049	100.00

			Total
		Market	Value of
		Value	Sub-Fund
Holding	Investment	£′000	%

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 30 April 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 31 October 2020

	£'000	31/10/20 £'000	£'000	31/10/19 £'000
Income				
Net capital losses		(17,449)		(7,411)
Revenue	5,485		9,167	
Expenses	(1,338)		(1,986)	
Interest payable and similar charges		-		
Net revenue before taxation	4,147		7,181	
Taxation	(121)	_	(94)	
Net revenue after taxation	-	4,026	-	7,087
Total loss before				
distributions		(13,423)		(324)
Distributions	_	(4,904)		(7,535)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities	=	(18,327)	:	(7,859)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the period ended 31 October 2020

	3	31/10/201		31/10/19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		207,067		343,315
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	11,990		13,804	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(29,023)		(58,486)	
		(17,033)		(44,682)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(18,327)		(7,859)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		334		631
Unclaimed distributions		8		45
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	=	172,049	:	291,450

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 31 October 2020				
	31/10/20 £'000	30/04/20 £'000		
ASSETS				
Fixed assets:				
Investments	163,968	205,962		
Current assets:				
Debtors	698	1,575		
Cash and bank balances	12,554	6,317		
Total assets	177,220	213,854		
LIABILITIES				
Creditors:				
Distribution payable on income shares	(4,319)	(5,898)		
Other creditors	(852)	(889)		
Total liabilities	(5,171)	(6,787)		
Net assets attributable to shareholders	172,049	207,067		

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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

18 December 2020

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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 May 2020 to 31 October 2020

Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

## **Class A Income Shares**

			Distribution	Payable/Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	24/12/20	27/12/19
Group 1	12.2890	_	12.2890	15.0000
Group 2	2.6027	9.6863	12.2890	15.0000

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Distribution	Payable/Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	24/12/20	27/12/19
Group 1	13.3510	_	13.3510	16.2150
Group 2	8.2635	5.0875	13.3510	16.2150

## Class C Income Shares

			Distribution	on Payable/Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	24/12/20	27/12/19
Group 1	14.0000	_	14.0000	16.9550
Group 2	7.1180	6.8820	14.0000	16.9550

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount .	Accumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	24/12/20	27/12/19
Group 1	18.2610	_	18.2610	20.9830
Group 2	9.7808	8.4802	18.2610	20.9830

COMPARATIVE TABLES				
Performance Record				
Calendar Year	High (p)	Low (p)		
Class A Income Shares				
2015	205.95	184.73		
2016	201.81	172.13		
2017	213.77	202.26		
2018	217.88	168.49		
2019	205.89	167.48		
2020¹	205.35	115.51		
Class A Accumulation Shares				
2020 <sup>2</sup>	138.81	126.73		
Class B Income Shares				
2015	217.81	195.13		
2016	215.15	183.04		
2017	229.06	215.74		
2018	233.52	181.44		
2019	222.85	180.94		
2020¹	222.29	125.18		
Class C Income Shares				
2015	225.41	201.80		
2016	223.56	189.95		
2017	238.63	224.22		
2018	243.30	189.48		
2019	233.31	189.26		
20201	232.72	131.13		
Class C Accumulation Shares				
2015³	229.80	201.94		
2016	243.51	200.59		
2017	272.21	245.66		
2018	278.31	226.35		
2019	294.50	229.23		
20201	294.75	167.30		

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Income/	'Accumulation	Record

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Calendar Year	Share (p)		
Class A Income Shares			
2015	8.7005		
2016	7.5574		
2017	8.4140		
2018	9.2283		
2019	10.1898		
20201	6.5578		
Class A Accumulation Shares			
2020²	1.1400		
Class B Income Shares			
2015	9.3681		
2016	8.0251		
2017	8.9758		
2018	9.9278		
2019	10.9815		
2020¹	7.1239		
Class C Income Shares			
2015	9.7468		
2016	8.3228		
2017	9.3299		
2018	10.3699		
2019	11.4714		
2020¹	7.4657		
Class C Accumulation Shares			
2015	9.2637		
2016	8.7686		
2017	10.2391		
2018	12.3120		
2019	13.8486		
2020¹	9.8006		

Net Asset Value (NAV)		
	Shares in	NAV per Share
As at	Issue	(p) <sup>4</sup>
Class A Income Shares		
30/04/19	45,845,527	188.24
30/04/20	42,064,610	141.16
31/10/20	49,092,792	126.60
Class A Accumulation Shares		
31/10/20	22,104,524	127.55
Class B Income Shares		
30/04/19	833,003	203.02
30/04/20	2,247,387	153.01
31/10/20	2,287,179	137.57
Class C Income Shares		
30/04/19	52,138,612	212.23
30/04/20	44,425,886	160.36
31/10/20	62,625,320	144.38
Class C Accumulation Shares		
30/04/19	4,127,430	261.22
30/04/20	2,879,382	207.44
31/10/20	26,695,644	191.30
		NAV of Sub-Fund
Total NAV		(£)
30/04/19		209,425,809
30/04/20		140,028,837
31/10/20		234,979,365

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To 31 October 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The net asset value per share is calculated on a bid basis and excludes any distribution payable.

ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE (OCF)					
	31/10/20	30/04/20			
Class A Income & Accumulation Shares	1.65%	1.72%			
Class B Income Shares	1.15%	1.22%			
Class C Income & Accumulation Shares	0.90%	0.97%			

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six month's expenses for the period ending 31 October 2020 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).

# Typically lower rewards Lower risk 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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 sub-fund holds equities concentrated by location in the UK. Equities, as an asset class, tend to experience higher volatility than many other asset types such as bonds or money market instruments. Funds concentrated in one geographic location are more vulnerable to market sentiment in that specific location and can carry a higher risk than funds holding more geographically diversified assets.

The level of income is not guaranteed. The sub-fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

The 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 Monthly Income Fund is to provide an income together with capital growth over the long term, being five years or more. Five years is also the minimum recommended term for holding shares in this sub-fund. This does not mean that the sub-fund will achieve the objective over this, or any other, specific time period and there is a risk of loss to the original capital invested.

The income will be paid monthly, by dividend distributions.

The sub-fund will achieve this by investing in an actively managed portfolio with a minimum of 80% of its assets in shares in companies listed in the UK.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund's assets may be in other investments which may include listed company shares in other geographical regions such as Europe and the USA, government and corporate (company) bonds, convertible bonds (bonds that can convert into company shares), collective investment schemes and cash and cash-like investments. The sub-fund will seek to maintain a spread of investments and typically hold between 60 and 90 individual investments, although may exceed this range if they believe market conditions make it appropriate to do so. The assets of the sub-fund will also be diversified across a range of different industries and sectors as well in different sized companies, from very large to smaller companies.

The sub-fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions (these are contracts whose value is based on the change in price of an underlying investment) for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, including hedging (hedging is designed to offset the risk of another investment falling in price).

## **INVESTMENT REVIEW**

## **PERFORMANCE**

In the six month period under review, the price of the Premier Miton Monthly Income Fund (class A income shares) fell by 11.6%, which compares to a fall of 4.7% in the IA UK Equity Income sector and a fall of 2.0% in the FTSE All-Share Index.

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 Equity Income sector.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From 18 September 2020 to 31 October 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> From 2 February 2015 to 31 December 2015.

To help investors assess the performance of the sub-fund, the FTSE All-Share Index is also used for comparison purposes. This index is made up of many of the companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. As the sub-fund invests in UK companies, the Investment Adviser believes this index will be a meaningful comparator to help investors assess the performance of the sub-fund.

#### MARKET REVIEW

Financial markets continued to be dominated by the impact of the spread of COVID-19 and the ramifications for the global economy. As the lockdown restrictions imposed by governments were eased, there was a sharp recovery in economic activity. However, this had been anticipated by stock markets which had been rallying since March, nonetheless the improving economic data was vital to support market levels.

The UK stock market lagged many others. Brexit remained a constant concern and the domestic market does not have any sizable exposure to large technology and communications companies that drove other markets higher, particularly the US.

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Many companies across the UK stock market either reduced, suspended or cancelled their dividend payments. This was driven by the economic slowdown having a substantial effect on their profitability and financial strength causing them to consider it necessary to retain cash in the business to provide protection against an uncertain future. In the bank and insurance sectors, the regulator intervened to insist on the suspension of dividends to try to ensure that the economic crisis was not accompanied by a financial crisis.

This was one of the reasons that there was a reasonable amount of activity in the sub-fund through the period; there was an increased focus on companies where there was greater clarity to the sustainability of their dividends in the future. There will be many companies who do not return to paying dividends at the same level they were prior to the crisis. The second reason for activity was a general move to larger companies and away from smaller sized companies with the aim of providing a stable core to the sub-fund and reducing volatility.

Examples of companies that were sold are; Gateley Holdings, which is a legal company that provides services to individuals and companies, Ramsdens, a pawnbroking company and FRP Advisory Group which provides investment advisory services.

The proceeds raised from the disposals were reinvested across a range of sectors and companies. One new purchase was Tesco; supermarkets in the UK have continued to trade well through the economic downturn either through the stores themselves or via home delivery. As a result, Tesco has remained financially strong and in a good position to pay dividends. Keller Group was also purchased; this is a medium sized company that provides ground engineering services internationally.

There were also a number of partially sales and purchases of holdings within the sub-fund that were made possible by the volatile market conditions allowing for some profit taking and adding to holdings at attractive prices.

## OUTLOOK

The constant worry through the summer, whilst lockdown restrictions were eased, was that the winter months would bring another surge in virus cases and the restrictions would be re-introduced. Such an eventuality would have a renewed negative impact on economic activity. Through the month of October, those fears began to be realised, as cases rose across Europe and the US, regional and city based lockdowns were applied, culminating in national restrictions in many countries.

This is clearly bad news for society and the economy. However, as has been the case through the crisis, governments will provide support and stimulus through employment schemes, including furlough, and other measures, whilst central banks will maintain ultra-low interest rates and sizeable asset purchasing programmes. These measures will mitigate the problems, but the short-term outlook is uncertain.

In the longer term, economies heal themselves and recover and stock markets react to that in a positive way. However, some caution is appropriate in the outlook for now.

Source: Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, November 2020. 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, quoted on a total return (income reinvested), bid to bid, UK sterling basis, Class A Income shares as at 31 October 2020. 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 £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
Rio Tinto	7,618	Highland Gold Mining	6,382
M&G	6,332	GlaxoSmithKline	5,311
GlaxoSmithKline	6,237	Aviva	3,695
Polyus	5,850	Barclays	3,427
Highland Gold Mining	5,575	Countryside Properties	3,265
Polymetal International	5,437	WM Morrison	
Centamin	5,318	Supermarkets	3,105
National Grid	5,215	Wilmington	2,991
GVC	4,382	Imperial Brands	2,850
British American Tobacco	4,188	ITV	2,653
	·	Halfords	2,276
Total purchases during the period were	194,087	Total sales during the period were	91,132

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

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Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	OIL & GAS 5.03% (7.17%)		
	Oil & Gas Producers 5.03% (7.17%)		
1,603,800	ВР	3,152	1.34
3,078,000	Diversified Gas & Oil	3,441	1.46
563,300	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	5,231	2.23
		11,824	5.03
	BASIC MATERIALS 0.73% (0.00%)		
	Forestry & Paper 0.73% (0.00%)		
118,000	Mondi	1,726	0.73
		1,726	0.73
	INDUSTRIALS 30.88% (32.58%)		
	Aerospace & Defence 4.72% (2.90%)		
1,351,000	BAE Systems	5,362	2.28
1,038,000	Chemring Group	2,699	1.15
162,000	Ultra Electronics	3,042	1.29
	_	11,103	4.72
	Chemicals 2.08% (2.38%)		
134,000	Johnson Matthey	2,878	1.22
533,240	Synthomer	2,010	0.86
	_	4,888	2.08
	Construction & Materials 3.19% (6.13%)		
77,000	Bellway	1,798	0.77
60,000	CRH	1,632	0.69
995,000	Forterra	1,795	0.76
311,000	Keller Group	1,580	0.67
130,245	Vistry Group	709	0.30
		7,514	3.19
	Electronic & Electrical Equipment 0.87% (1	.45%)	
912,074	Strix Group	2,048	0.87
		2,048	0.87
	Industrial Engineering 1.73% (0.00%)		
811,000	John Wood Group	1,720	0.73
177,000	Smiths Group	2,353	1.00
		4,073	1.73
	Industrial Transportation 0.89% (0.00%)		
369,400	Euronav	2,081	0.89
		2,081	0.89
	Mining 11.15% (1.60%)		
188,000	Anglo American	3,405	1.45
2,670,000	Centamin	3,308	1.41
1,220,000	Central Asia Metals	2,050	0.87
306,000	Polymetal International	5,017	2.14
71,770 159,500	Polyus Rio Tinto	5,434 6,949	2.31
133,300		6,949	2.97
		26,163	11.15
	Support Services 6.25% (18.12%)		
91,400	Ashtead	2,558	1.09

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	Support Services continued		
705,128	Babcock International	1,531	0.65
863,000	Biffa	1,868	0.79
177,800	Countryside Properties	600	0.26
3,000,000	DWF	2,280	0.97
2,141,853	Galliford Try	1,521	0.65
1,755,000	SThree	4,317	1.84
		14,675	6.25
	CONSUMER GOODS 6.04% (7.65%)		
	Household Goods & Home Construction 1.36% (0.00%)		
47,000	Reckitt Benckiser	3,195	1.36
		3,195	1.36
	Tobacco 4.68% (7.65%)		
267,000	British American Tobacco	6,535	2.78
364,000	Imperial Brands	4,455	1.90
		10,990	4.68
	HEALTH CARE 9.66% (8.30%)		
	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 9.66% (8	.30%)	
77,100	Bristol-Myers Squibb	3,471	1.48
792,000	GlaxoSmithKline	10,232	4.35
13,800	Johnson & Johnson	1,457	0.62
29,900	Merck	1,732	0.74
10,400	Roche	2,574	1.10
46,400	Sanofi	3,228 <b>22,694</b>	9.66
	00 NO. 10 AFR AFRA 100 O CO. (144 TO.)	22,034	3.00
	CONSUMER SERVICES 8.66% (11.73%)		
	Food & Drug Retailers 2.10% (1.93%)		
1,333,000	Tesco	2,737	1.16
50,000	Unilever	2,202	0.94
		4,939	2.10
	General Retailers 0.00% (2.53%)		
	Media 3.02% (6.33%)		
3,553,123	Reach	3,731	1.59
544,000	WPP	3,354	1.43
		7,085	3.02
	Travel & Leisure 3.54% (0.94%)		
1,337,000	888	3,583	1.52
491,000	GVC	4,744	2.02
		8,327	3.54
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 3.19% (3.11%)		
	Mobile Telecommunications 3.19% (3.11%)		
3,887,600	BT	3,940	1.67
3,462,000	Vodafone	3,566	1.52
		7,506	3.19

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 31 October 2020

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ntrica	)	
ntrica		3.22
tional Grid	557	0.24
	4,907	2.09
	5,464	2.33
NANCIALS 25.74% (26.91%)		
nks 2.79% (5.08%)		
rclays	4,928	2.10
ose Brothers Group	1,614	0.69
	6,542	2.79
uity Investment Instruments 1.90% (0.0	00%)	
Biotech	3,055	1.30
ton UK MicroCap Trust	1,416	0.60
	4,471	1.90
nancial Services 6.32% (0.00%)		
ewin Dolphin	1,796	0.76
oiter Fund Management	1,612	0.69
&G	5,912	2.51
neSavings Bank	1,448	0.62
		0.59
		1.15 <b>6.32</b>
neral Financial 1 22% (4 16%)		
	484	0.21
ICAP	1,643	0.70
S Pensions Group	732	0.31
•	2,859	1.22
vestment Companies 1.67% (1.89%)		
an Group	3,732	1.59
erborne Investors Guernsey 'C'	181	0.08
	3,913	1.67
e Insurance/Assurance 9.40% (12.61%)		
iva	2,791	1.19
•		0.65
		3.51
		2.33 1.72
-	22,115	9.40
n-life Insurance/Assurance 0 37% (1 71	1%)	
		0.37
-	872	0.37
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Holding	Investment	Marke Value £'000	Sub-Fund
	Real Estate continued		
398,000	Workspace Group	2,456	5 1.05
		4,844	2.07
	Total Value of Investments	224,354	1 95.48
	Net Other Assets	10,625	4.52
	Total Net Assets	234,979	100.00

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 30 April 2020.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the period ended 31 October 2020

	£'000	31/10/20 £'000	£'000	31/10/19 £'000
Income				
Net capital losses Revenue	4,141	(15,135)	5,599	(4,279)
Expenses Interest payable and similar charges	(1,008)	_	(1,254)	
Net revenue before taxation Taxation	3,133 (87)	_	4,345 (57)	
Net revenue after taxation	_	3,046	_	4,288
Total (loss)/return before distributions		(12,089)		9
Distributions  Change in net assets	-	(3,148)	-	(4,278)
attributable to shareholders from investment activities	=	(15,237)	=	(4,269)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the period ended 31 October 2020

	3	31/10/20 <sup>1</sup>		31/10/19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		140,029		209,426
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	130,411		9,373	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(21,014)		(25,121)	
		109,397		(15,748)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(15,237)		(4,269)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		788		198
Unclaimed distributions		2		19
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	=	234,979	=	189,626

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

BALA	ANCE SHEET	
As at 31 October 2020		
	31/10/20 £'000	30/04/20 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets:		
Investments	224,354	136,456
Current assets:		
Debtors	1,256	1,184
Cash and bank balances	13,491	3,947
Total assets	239,101	141,587
LIABILITIES		
Creditors:		
Distribution payable		
on income shares	(3,318)	(1,177)
Other creditors	(804)	(381)
Total liabilities	(4,122)	(1,558)
Net assets attributable to		
shareholders	<u>234,979</u>	140,029

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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

18 December 2020

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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 May 2020 to 31 May 2020

First Monthly dividend distribution in pence per share

## Class A Income Shares

			Distrib	oution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	26/06/20	28/06/19
Group 1	0.5370	_	0.5370	0.6500
Group 2	0.1931	0.3439	0.5370	0.6500

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	26/06/20	28/06/19
Group 1	0.5820	_	0.5820	0.6990
Group 2	0.2093	0.3727	0.5820	0.6990

# Class C Income Shares

			Distrib	oution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	26/06/20	28/06/19
Group 1	0.6100	_	0.6100	0.7300
Group 2	0.2193	0.3907	0.6100	0.7300

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount Ac	cumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	26/06/20	28/06/19
Group 1	0.7890	_	0.7890	0.8620
Group 2	0.2836	0.5054	0.7890	0.8620

For the period from 1 June 2020 to 30 June 2020

Second Monthly dividend distribution in pence per share

## **Class A Income Shares**

			Dis	tribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/07/20	26/07/19
Group 1	0.5360	_	0.5360	0.6500
Group 2	0.0500	0.4860	0.5360	0.6500

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Dist	ribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/07/20	26/07/19
Group 1	0.5820	_	0.5820	0.6990
Group 2	0.0542	0.5278	0.5820	0.6990

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/07/20	26/07/19
Group 1	0.6100	_	0.6100	0.7300
Group 2	0.0568	0.5532	0.6100	0.7300

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount A	Accumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/07/20	26/07/19
Group 1	0.7920	_	0.7920	0.8620
Group 2	0.0741	0.7179	0.7920	0.8620

For the period from 1 July 2020 to 31 July 2020

Third Monthly dividend distribution in pence per share

## **Class A Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/08/20	28/08/19
Group 1	0.5360	_	0.5360	0.6500
Group 2	0.1170	0.4190	0.5360	0.6500

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Distrik	oution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/08/20	28/08/19
Group 1	0.5820	_	0.5820	0.6990
Group 2	0.1271	0.4549	0.5820	0.6990

## Class C Income Shares

			Dist	ribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/08/20	28/08/19
Group 1	0.6100	_	0.6100	0.7300
Group 2	0.1332	0.4768	0.6100	0.7300

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount Ac	cumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/08/20	28/08/19
Group 1	0.7950	_	0.7950	0.8620
Group 2	0.1747	0.6203	0.7950	0.8620

For the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 August 2020

Fourth Monthly dividend distribution in pence per share

## Class A Income Shares

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/09/20	27/09/19
Group 1	0.5360	_	0.5360	0.6500
Group 2	0.2025	0.3335	0.5360	0.6500

## Class B Income Shares

			Dist	tribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/09/20	27/09/19
Group 1	0.5820	_	0.5820	0.6990
Group 2	0.2200	0.3620	0.5820	0.6990

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Dist	ribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/09/20	27/09/19
Group 1	0.6100	_	0.6100	0.7300
Group 2	0.2306	0.3794	0.6100	0.7300

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount Ac	cumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/09/20	27/09/19
Group 1	0.7980	_	0.7980	0.8620
Group 2	0.3026	0.4954	0.7980	0.8620

For the period from 1 September 2020 to 30 September 2020

Fifth Monthly dividend distribution in pence per share

# Class A Income Shares

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19
Group 1	0.5700	_	0.5700	0.6500
Group 2	0.5522	0.0178	0.5700	0.6500

## **Class A Accumulation Units**

			Amount Ac	cumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19*
Group 1	0.5700	_	0.5700	_
Group 2	0.4577	0.1123	0.5700	_

## **Class B Income Shares**

			Distrib	ution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19
Group 1	0.6200	_	0.6200	0.6990
Group 2	0.6006	0.0194	0.6200	0.6990

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Distri	oution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19
Group 1	0.6500	_	0.6500	0.7300
Group 2	0.6296	0.0204	0.6500	0.7300

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount	Accumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19
Group 1	0.8540	_	0.8540	0.8620
Group 2	0.8271	0.0269	0.8540	0.8620

For the period from 1 October 2020 to 31 October 2020

Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

## **Class A Income Shares**

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19
Group 1	0.5700	_	0.5700	0.6800
Group 2	0.1002	0.4698	0.5700	0.6800

## **Class A Accumulation Units**

			Amount	Accumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/10/19*
Group 1	0.5700	_	0.5700	_
Group 2	0.1004	0.4696	0.5700	_

## **Class B Income Shares**

				<b>Distribution Paid</b>		
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19		
Group 1	0.6190	_	0.6190	0.7350		
Group 2	0.1092	0.5098	0.6190	0.7350		

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Dis	tribution Paid
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19
Group 1	0.6500	_	0.6500	0.7700
Group 2	0.1146	0.5354	0.6500	0.7700

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount	Accumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19
Group 1	0.8570	_	0.8570	0.9650
Group 2	0.1526	0.7044	0.8570	0.9650

<sup>\*</sup>There are no comparatives shown as the share class launched on 18 September 2020.

COMPARAT	COMPARATIVE TABLES					
Performance Record						
Calendar Year	High (p)	Low (p)				
Class C Income Shares						
2020 <sup>1</sup>	100.07	99.27				
Class C Accumulation Shares						
20201	100.13	99.27				
Income/Accumulation Record						
		Net Income per				
Calendar Year		Share (p)				
Class C Income Shares						
20201		0.2175				
Class C Accumulation Shares						
2020¹		0.2175				
Net Asset Value (NAV)						
	Shares in	NAV per Share				
As at	Issue	(p) <sup>2</sup>				
Class C Income Shares						
31/10/20	43,566	99.26				
Class C Accumulation Shares						
31/10/20	54,764,587	99.47				
Total NAV		NAV of Sub-Fund (£)				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>From 14 September 2020 to 31 October 2020.

31/10/20

<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 (O	CF)
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31/10/20

54,519,495

Class C Income & Accumulation Shares

0.45%

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six month's expenses for the period ending 31 October 2020 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 4 because funds and portfolios holding similar assets have experienced medium 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 sub-fund invests in interest rate securities diversified by geography and issuer sector. It may, at any one point in time, hold a concentration of assets in one geographic location or issuer sector. Interest rate securities, as an asset class, tend to experience lower price volatility than many other assets such as equities. The sub-fund may hold a concentration in below investment grade debt (also known as high yield debt) which has a higher risk reward profile than senior investment grade debt and may under certain circumstances experience a rapid loss in value. The sub-fund may also hold investments with loss-absorbing features, including contingent convertible bonds which creates a different type of risk from traditional bonds and may following certain trigger events result in a partial or total loss of value or alternatively they may be converted into shares of the issuing company which may also have suffered a loss in value. Funds concentrated by type of asset and/or geographic location are more vulnerable to market sentiment impacting on one or more of those assets or locations and can carry a higher risk than funds holding more diverse assets. The level of targeted income is not guaranteed and may not be achieved. The sub-fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years. The 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 Strategic Monthly Income Bond Fund is to provide income, together with the potential for capital growth over the long-term, being five years or more. Five years is also the minimum recommended period for holding shares in this sub-fund. This does not mean that the sub-fund will achieve the objective over this, or any other, specific time period and there is a risk of loss to the original capital invested.

The income will be paid through interest distributions on a monthly basis.

The sub-fund aims to achieve its investment objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed, variable and zero interest rate investments, including bonds issued by governments and companies. The sub-fund will invest at least 70% in these investments (although no more than 5% will be invested in zero interest rate investments). The majority of bonds will be allocated to corporates although there may be occasions when, in the Investment Adviser's opinion, market circumstances dictate a higher allocation to government bonds. In normal market conditions, this allocation will typically be 5% - 10%. In extreme market conditions, this allocation could rise to 40%. Examples of extreme markets conditions could include stress in the global financial system, deep economic recession or a significant increase in corporate bond default rates (either interest payments or capital repayments). In such situations, the lower risk nature of government bonds should be attractive.

The sub-fund will have a bias towards investment grade bonds though there may be occasions when, in the Investment Adviser's opinion, it is appropriate to have a higher allocation to sub-investment grade bonds, potentially up to 60% of the sub-fund. This may take place when there are robust economic conditions resulting in strong corporate profitability or when the valuations of sub-investment grade bonds are attractive relative to other fixed income asset classes.

The sub-fund may also invest up to 20% in convertible bonds (bonds that can convert into company shares) and may also invest in collective investment schemes (including those managed or operated by the ACD and its affiliates), deposits, cash and near cash.

The sub-fund may invest in derivatives, warrants and forward transactions (whose value is based on the change in price of an underlying investment) for investment purposes as well as for Efficient Portfolio Management, including hedging (hedging is designed to offset the risk of another investment falling in price). The use of derivatives in the sub-fund will be limited. Forward FX will be used to hedge FX risk whilst index (possibly single name) CDS, futures and possibly options will be used to manage portfolio risk depending on the fund managers market view. Other than FX Forwards, derivative usage will not be a permanent feature of the sub-fund, but will be used when it is viewed as appropriate for hedging and investment purposes to meet the sub-fund's investment objective.

## INVESTMENT REVIEW

#### PERFORMANCE

The Premier Miton Strategic Monthly Income Bond Fund launched on the 14 September 2020. As shares in the sub-fund have been available for less than a complete calendar year, there is insufficient data to provide a useful indication of past performance.

#### **MARKET REVIEW**

It was clear that March's low in markets went way beyond the fundamental. Cash is king and when there is a liquidation spiral and the only thing that mattered if you were in the unfortunate position of having to liquidate was obtaining a bid during what largely amounted to a buyers strike. This clearly all changed with the following application of liquidity from central banks. Whilst the fundamentals hadn't changed, the liquidity backdrop changed markedly giving investors who had been sat on the side lines the confidence to buy. This liquidity was enough to sustain the rally in risk assets through the remainder of the lockdown and beyond until the end of the summer.

However, with the pending presidential election in the United States, rising COVID-19 cases along with mild Brexit anxiety against the backdrop of lofty equity market valuations, particularly those safe havens that had benefitted so much from the liquidity, it was always going to be hard for central banks to maintain the rally in risk assets. When the Federal Reserve, European Central Bank and Bank of England signalled in September that they were on hold, a soft period for risk assets ensued which is likely to come to a halt when we know who will become the next US president. It is worth noting that during this period, cash credit remained particularly robust helped by positive technicals from central bank purchases of the asset class.

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

One of the key attributes of the sub-fund is to remain extremely active. As a consequence, the sub-fund continues to rotate the portfolio looking for opportunities on a relative value basis, taking advantage of obvious new issue premium and dislocations in the credit market. The sub-fund sees obvious opportunity in financials and subordinated paper of investment grade companies. As a consequence, the sub-fund has taken exposure to a number of UK financials as a Brexit agreement looks ever more likely and HSBC, One Save, Barclays and Virgin Money UK all performed well and tightening in excess of 20bps in October alone, whilst a small position in Just Group, the pension consolidator, tightened in excess of 100bps over the same period as it brought a new bond to the market.

The sub-fund rotated out of Imperial Brands and Glencore Funding in the period and took advantage of cheap opportunities in names such as the US insurer Athene Global Funding, the Danish pharmaceutical Lundbeck and the Italian tower company Inwit, all of which performed excellently on the break.

The detractors to the portfolio were KPN as rumours of a Private Equity deal circulated and also Beazley Insurance DAC on the back of a doubling of COVID-19 provisions as they assumed events will be cancelled until the end of June 2021 and having fully utilised their reinsurance capacity.

#### OUTLOOK

It's our expectation that the United States presidential election will coincide with a low point for risk appetite at the beginning of a second wave of COVID-19 cases. This is likely to mark a short-term low point for risk assets and a high point for bond prices. As we get clarity on the election and flattening off of COVID-19 cases, then we are likely to see an increased risk appetite supported by further central bank easing. The Bank of England and European Central Bank are almost certain to increase the balance sheet whilst it seems the Federal Reserve may well undertake another Operation Twist, targeting long-end maturities to further ease financial conditions.

This means that the outlook for credit is particularly rosy — ample central bank liquidity including direct purchases of credit together with gradually improving fundamentals during the next half is likely to see risk assets do very well during this period and good quality credit is no exception. Those sectors that have lagged but have fundamental quality, most notably financials are expected to do particularly well in this environment together with other cyclical sectors.

Source: Premier Portfolio Managers Limited, November 2020. The information provided and opinions expressed are those of the investment manager and can change. This information should not be interpreted as investment advice.

Reference to any particular investment does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell the investment. 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 £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
United States Treasury		United States Treasury	
Note 0.25% 31/08/2025	4,624	Note 0.625% 15/08/2030	4,599
United States Treasury		United States Treasury	
Note 0.625% 15/08/2030	4,607	Note 0.25% 31/08/2025	4,586
United States Treasury		Northumbrian Water	
Note 0.125% 30/09/2022	3,059	2.375% 05/10/2027	909
HSBC 3.00% 22/07/2028	2,148	SP Distribution 5.875%	
Julius Baer 4.88%		17/07/2026	886
Perpetual	1,658	T-Mobile USA 4.50%	
Verizon Communications		01/02/2026	796
1.88% 03/11/2038	1,406	Lloyds Bank 9.625%	
Yorkshire Building Society		06/04/2023	722
13.50% 01/04/2025	1,212	Infrastrutture Wireless	
Heimstaden Bostad 3.38%		Italiane 1.625%	700
Perpetual	1,087	21/10/2028	709
Virgin Money UK 7.88%		Fidelity National Information Services	
14/12/2028	1,085	2.25% 03/12/2029	685
TP ICAP 5.25%		Glencore Capital	063
26/01/2024	1,080	Financing 1.125%	
		10/03/2028	684
		Deutsche Pfandbriefbank	004
		FRN 29/09/2023	612
		1111 25/05/2025	012
Total purchases during	77 676	Total sales during	24.620
the period were	77,676	the period were	24,636

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at	31	Octol	ber	20	20
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	Investment	Value £'000	Sub-Fund %	Holding	Investment	Value £'000	Value of Sub-Fund %
`	CORPORATE BONDS 90.18%						
				USD 600,000	Israel 0.85% Teva Pharmaceutical Finance		
	Austria 0.63%			03D 000,000	Netherlands III 6.00% 15/04/2024	465	0.85
EUR 400,000 E	BAWAG Group 5.125% Perpetual	344	0.63		_	465	0.85
		344	0.63				
F	Belgium 0.66%				Italy 3.40%		
EUR 400,000 A	Argenta Spaarbank 1.00%			EUR 571,000 EUR 400,000	Eni 3.375% Perpetual Intesa Sanpaolo 5.50% Perpetual	508 338	0.93 0.62
1	13/10/2026	359	0.66	USD 1,200,000	Intesa Sanpaolo 5.71% 15/01/2026	1,006	1.85
		359	0.66	,,		1,852	3.40
(	Canada 0.19%					,	
	Royal Bank of Canada FRN				Jersey 1.24%		
	23/09/2021	101	0.19	USD 200,000	Galaxy Pipeline Assets Bidco 2.625% 31/03/2036	154	0.28
	_	101	0.19	USD 400,000	HSBC Capital Funding Dollar	154	0.26
	China a 2007			400,000	10.176% Perpetual	522	0.96
	China 0.29%	450	0.20		_	676	1.24
USD 200,000 T	Tencent 2.39% 03/06/2030	156	0.29				
		156	0.29		Luxembourg 2.24%		
Γ	Denmark 1.30%			EUR 400,000	Banque Internationale à Luxembourg 5.25% Perpetual	337	0.62
GBP 700,000 E	Danske Bank 2.25% 14/01/2028	710	1.30	GBP 500,000	Glencore Finance Europe 3.125%	337	0.02
	_	710	1.30	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	26/03/2026	529	0.97
	France 0 470/			EUR 400,000	Quintet Private Bank Europe 7.50%		
	France 9.47%	451	0.03		Perpetual _	356	0.65
	AXA 5.453% Perpetual Caisse Nationale de Reassurance	451	0.83			1,222	2.24
	Mutuelle Agricole Groupama				Netherlands 6.75%		
	6.375% Perpetual	499	0.92	USD 500,000	AT Securities 5.25% Perpetual	384	0.70
	Cie Generale des Etablissements Michelin 0.25% 02/11/2032	620	1.14	EUR 300,000	Global Switch Finance 1.375%		
	Electricite de France 5.875%	020	1.14	GBP 700,000	07/10/2030	271 846	0.50 1.55
	Perpetual	972	1.78	EUR 200,000	Koninklijke 5.75% 17/09/2029 OCI 3.125% 01/11/2024	177	0.32
•	Electricite de France 6.00%			EUR 500,000	PPF Telecom Group 3.125%	2	0.52
	Perpetual	541 362	0.99		27/03/2026	451	0.83
	Iliad 2.375% 17/06/2026 Orange 5.75% Perpetual	436	0.66 0.80	EUR 500,000	PPF Telecom Group 3.25%	454	0.02
	Orange 8.125% 20/11/2028	932	1.71	EUR 700,000	29/09/2027 Telefonica Europe 5.875%	451	0.83
EUR 400,000 C	Orano 2.75% 08/03/2028	351	0.64	2011 700,000	Perpetual	682	1.25
		5,164	9.47	EUR 500,000	United Group 3.125% 15/02/2026	419	0.77
,	Cormon: 4 279/					3,681	6.75
	Germany 4.27%  Aroundtown 4.75% Perpetual	500	0.92		Spain 2.81%		
	Commerzbank 6.50% Perpetual	358	0.92	EUR 500,000	Abanca Bancaria 6.125%		
	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 16/12/2024	1,024	1.87	LON 300,000	18/01/2029	465	0.85
EUR 300,000 I	IKB Deutsche Industriebank 4.50%			EUR 200,000	Bankinter 6.25% Perpetual	181	0.33
	23/07/2022	270	0.50	EUR 400,000	CaixaBank 5.875% Perpetual	352	0.65
EUR 200,000 F	ProGroup 3.00% 31/03/2026	177	0.32	EUR 600,000	Cellnex Telecom 1.75% 23/10/2030	532	0.98
		2,329	4.27			1,530	2.81
(	Guernsey 0.90%				Sweden 2.79%		
USD 600,000 F	Pershing Square 5.50% 15/07/2022	488	0.90	EUR 1,200,000	Heimstaden Bostad 3.375%		
	_	488	0.90		Perpetual	1,052	1.93
	tuelloud 2 000/			USD 600,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 4.375%	469	0.96
	Ireland 2.89%	670	4.34		Perpetual -	468	0.86
	AIB Group 2.875% 30/05/2031 AIB Group 6.25% Perpetual	678 452	1.24 0.83			1,520	2.79
	eircom Finance DAC 3.50%	432	0.03		Switzerland 3.77%		
•	15/05/2026	448	0.82	USD 500,000	Credit Suisse Group 6.25%		
	_	1,578	2.89		Perpetual	410	0.75

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

Δs	at	31	Octo	her	2020

		Market Value	Total Value of Sub-Fund			Market Value	Total Value of Sub-Fund
Holding	Investment	£'000	<u>%</u>	Holding	Investment	£'000	<u>%</u>
	Switzerland continued				United States of America continued		
USD 2,119,000	Julius Baer 4.875% Perpetual	1,644 <b>2,054</b>	3.02 3.77	GBP 200,000	Ford Motor Credit Co 4.535% 06/03/2025	200	0.37
	United Kingdom 26 949/	,		EUR 500,000	Kraft Heinz Foods 2.25% 25/05/2028	465	0.85
CDD 450 000	United Kingdom 36.84%	450	0.04	GBP 400,000	Kraft Heinz Foods 4.125%	.03	0.05
GBP 459,000	Barclays 1.70% 03/11/2026 Barclays 5.20% 12/05/2026	458	0.84		01/07/2027	437	0.80
USD 500,000 USD 600,000	Beazley Insurance DAC 5.875%	433	0.79	USD 500,000	MPT Operating Partnership 4.625% 01/08/2029	403	0.74
	04/11/2026	489	0.90	USD 500,000	Murphy Oil 4.00% 01/06/2022	372	0.68
GBP 400,000	BP Capital Markets 4.25% Perpetual	416	0.76	EUR 300,000	Netflix 3.625% 15/05/2027	291	0.53
GBP 730,000	Bunzl Finance 1.50% 30/10/2030	727	1.33	GBP 1,415,000	Verizon Communications 1.125%		
GBP 150,000	Close Brothers Group 4.25%	727	1.55		03/11/2028	1,407	2.59
GBF 130,000	24/01/2027	153	0.28			4,848	8.89
GBP 500,000	FCE Bank 3.25% 19/11/2020	500	0.92				
GBP 1,000,000	Folio Residential Finance 1.246% 31/10/2037	1,004	1.84		GOVERNMENT BONDS 5.65% United States of America 5.65%		
GBP 500,000	Galaxy Bidco 6.50% 31/07/2026	511	0.94				
GBP 250,000	Galaxy Finco 9.25% 31/07/2027	254	0.47	USD 4,000,000	United States Treasury Note 0.125% 30/09/2022	3,079	5.65
GBP 2,000,000	HSBC 3.00% 22/07/2028	2,146	3.93		0.125% 50/09/2022	·	
GBP 500,000	Investec 4.50% 05/05/2022	520	0.95			3,079	5.65
USD 200,000	Ithaca Energy North Sea 9.375%				FORWARD FX CURRENCY CONTRACTS		
	15/07/2024	134	0.25		0.18%		
GBP 500,000	J Sainsbury 2.875% Perpetual	501	0.92	JPY	Sold JPY, Bought EUR 405,387 for	(0)	(0.04)
GBP 845,000	Just Group 7.00% 15/04/2031	860	1.58	(50,531,677)	settlement on 21/01/2021	(8)	(0.01)
GBP 200,000 USD 200,000	Just Group 9.00% 26/10/2026 Neptune Energy Bondco 6.625%	229	0.42	EUR (100,000)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 90,424 for settlement on 21/01/2021	3	0.01
	15/05/2025	134	0.25	EUR (500,000)	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 453,132 for		
GBP 500,000	NGG Finance 5.625% 18/06/2073	563	1.03		settlement on 21/01/2021	1	-
GBP 500,000	OneSavings Bank 9.125% Perpetual	471	0.86	EUR	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 12,275,490 for		
GBP 293,000	Pension Insurance 3.625% 21/10/2032	296	0.54	(13,480,210) EUR (190,000)	settlement on 21/01/2021 Sold EUR, Bought GBP 171,979 for	_	_
GBP 900,000	Pension Insurance 7.375%				settlement on 21/01/2021	(74)	(0.14)
	Perpetual	1,010	1.85	USD	Sold USD, Bought GBP 14,349,104 for	450	0.00
USD 600,000	Phoenix Group 4.75% 04/09/2031	481	0.88	(18,692,663)	settlement on 21/01/2021	152	0.28
GBP 500,000	Phoenix Group 6.625% 18/12/2025	589	1.08	EUR (814,357)	Sold EUR, Bought JPY 101,063,354 for settlement on 21/01/2021	12	0.02
GBP 400,000	RL Finance Bonds No. 2 6.125%	446	0.83	UCD 700 20F	· ·	12	0.02
GBP 900,000	30/11/2043 Rothesay Life 3.375% 12/07/2026	926	0.82 1.70	USD 788,295	Bought USD, Sold GBP 600,000 for settlement on 21/01/2021	8	0.01
GBP 500,000	Rothesay Life 6.875% Perpetual	532	0.98	USD 1,400,000	Bought USD, Sold GBP 1,076,271 for	· ·	0.01
GBP 200,000	SSE 3.74% Perpetual	206	0.38	03D 1,400,000	settlement on 21/01/2021	4	0.01
GBP 1,000,000	TP ICAP 5.25% 26/01/2024	1,070	1.96		· · · —	98	0.18
GBP 325,000	Virgin Media Secured Finance 5.00% 15/04/2027	336	0.62		DERIVATIVES -0.40%	30	0.10
GBP 1,000,000	Virgin Money UK 7.875%	330	0.02		Futures 0.01%		
GB: 1,000,000	14/12/2028	1,087	1.99	(50)			
GBP 500,000	Vodafone Group 4.875%	,		(68)	Future 5-Year Treasury Note December 2020	5	0.01
	03/10/2078	531	0.97				
USD 400,000	Vodafone Group 7.00%				Credit Default Surana 0 410/	5	0.01
	04/04/2079	366	0.67		Credit Default Swaps -0.41%	(222)	(0.44)
GBP 500,000	Western Power Distribution 3.50% 16/10/2026	549	1.01	4,200,000	CDS JPMorgan 5.00% 20/12/2025	(223) (223)	(0.41) (0.41)
GBP 830,500	Yorkshire Building Society 13.50%						
	01/04/2025	1,162	2.13				
		20,090	36.84		-	F2 125	
	United States of America 8.89%				Total Value of Investments  Net Other Assets	<b>52,126</b> 2,393	<b>95.61</b> 4.39
GBP 600,000	AT&T 4.375% 14/09/2029	726	1.33		— —	·	
EUR 600,000	Athene Global Funding 1.125% 02/09/2025	547	1.00		Total Net Assets =	54,519	100.00
	02,00/2020	347	1.00				

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 31 October 2020

Holding

		Total
	Market	Value of
	Value	Sub-Fund
Investment	£'000	%

There are no comparative figures shown as the sub-fund launched on 14 September 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 31 October 2020

	3 £'000	1/10/20* £'000
Income		
Net capital losses		(312)
Revenue	119	
Expenses	(33)	
Interest payable and similar charges		
Net revenue before taxation	86	
Taxation		
Net revenue after taxation	_	86
Total loss before distributions		(226)
Distributions	_	(119)
Change in net assets		
attributable to shareholders from investment activities	=	(345)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the period ended 31 October 2020

	£'000	1/10/20* £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		_
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	54,759	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(14)	
		54,745
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders		
from investment activities		(345)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		119
Closing net assets	_	
attributable to shareholders	_	54,519

<sup>\*</sup> From 14 September 2020 to 31 October 2020. There are no comparative figures shown as the sub-fund launched on 14 September 2020.

# BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 October 2020	
	31/10/20* £'000
ASSETS	
Fixed assets:	
Investments	52,431
Current assets:	
Debtors	3,141
Cash and bank balances	3,338
Total assets	58,910
LIABILITIES	
Investment liabilities	(305)
Creditors:	
Bank overdrafts	(483)
Other creditors	(3,603)
Total liabilities	(4,391)
Net assets attributable to	
shareholders	54,519

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

Gregor Craig Head of Compliance and Legal

(of the ACD) 18 December 2020 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 14 September 2020 to 30 September 2020

Fifth Monthly interest distribution in pence per share

## Class C Income Shares

			Distribution Paid		
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19*	
Group 1	0.0510	_	0.0510	_	
Group 2	0.0395	0.0115	0.0510	_	

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			<b>Amount Accumulated</b>		
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/10/20	28/10/19*	
Group 1	0.0509	_	0.0509	_	
Group 2	0.0395	0.0114	0.0509	_	

For the period from 1 October 2020 to 31 October 2020

Interim interest distribution in pence per share

## **Class C Income Shares**

			Distribution Paid		
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19*	
Group 1	0.1665	_	0.1665	_	
Group 2	0.1665	_	0.1665	_	

## **Class C Accumulation Shares**

			Amount A	ccumulated
	Net Income	Equalisation	27/11/20	28/11/19*
Group 1	0.1666	_	0.1666	_
Group 2	0.0795	0.0871	0.1666	_

<sup>\*</sup> There are no comparative figures shown as the sub-fund launched on 14 September 2020.