## Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Ltd

Warwickshire Pension Fund AGM

**30 November 2020** 



### What are we covering today?

- Re-capping our purpose and approach
- Updating you on progress at Border to Coast
- Incorporation of ESG considerations
- Your existing investments:
  - UK Equity Alpha Fund
  - Global Equity Alpha Fund
  - Investment Grade Credit Fund

# **Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Ltd** Purpose & Approach

### **Border to Coast Pensions Partnership**

- Established in 2018
  - 11 Local Government Pension Funds with c. £49bn in assets
    - Internal & External Management of Listed and Private Market products























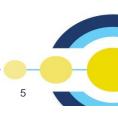
### **Border to Coast: Why Are We Here?**

Making a positive difference to investment outcomes for Local Government Pension Funds

Through **pooling** to create a stronger voice,

Working in **partnership** to deliver cost effective, innovative, and responsible investment now and into the future;

Thereby enabling sustainable, risk-adjusted **performance** over the long-term.



# **Border to Coast Pensions Partnership Ltd Progress**

## **Border to Coast - Progress**

## **WHAT**

 Founded to manage assets for our LGPS Partner Funds, who own Border to Coast equally

HOW

 Providing the building blocks for Partner Funds to implement their investment strategies

WHO

 Our Partner Funds represent c2,500 employers and are responsible for paying the benefits of c.1 million members Partner Funds invested

Signatory to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment

Customer meetings

Colleagues 77

Resolutions voted on 11,440

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Propositions launched to date

9

Number companies we've engaged with 814

### **Border to Coast Team**

CEO: Rachel Elwell							
CIO: Daniel Booth	COO: Fior	na Miller	CRO: Manda McConnell	CEO Team			
Investment Team	Operations Team	Corporate Functions	Risk & Compliance Team	CRM, HR, Policy/Comms			
39 people	9 people	26 people	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Line) 5 people	8 people			

Team of 91 in total (as at 8 October 2020)

### Recent Hires – Investment Team

#### We have recruited a number of key individuals over the year to date:

12 Investment team hires, across Internal Equities (SPM), Internal Fixed Income (2 PM), Research (2 RM), External Funds (APM), Alternatives (4 PM) & Real Estate (Head & Programme Manager).

#### **Key hires over the last quarter include:**

- Tim Sankey Head of Real Estate
  - Previous 17 years at Aberdeen Standard Investments managing UK Property
- Peter Lunn Property Programme Manager
  - Wealth of financial experience and freelance project & programme management
- James McLellan Senior Portfolio Manager, Internal team
  - 30 years in the industry, including at UBS Global and Insight Investment
- Christian Dobson Portfolio Manager, Alternatives
  - Joins us from Nationwide Pension Fund, a £6.5bn DB scheme.

### **COVID-19 Update**

- Employees or Colleagues continue to work from home, given the current circumstances.
  - This is generally working well, albeit certain collaborative work can sometimes be more challenging.
- Office will be available from November on a business-needs basis.
  - Has been utilised for management meetings, team catch-ups, etc.
- Most colleagues feel well informed and believe their views are being considered in office-related considerations.
  - Source: anonymous staff survey, September 2020

## **Capability Launch - Timetable**

	Launched 2018/19	2020 Launches	Scheduled 2021	2022 and beyond
Internal Equities	UK Listed Equity Overseas Developed Emerging Markets	For any in a Manhael Historial		
External Equities	UK Listed Equity Alpha Global Equity Alpha	Emerging Market Hybrid	ESG Passive/Factor Regional Alpha Emerging Markets Alpha	
Alternatives	Private Equity Infrastructure Private Credit	Private Equity Series 1b Infrastructure Series 1b (continued annually)	Listed Alternatives Cashflow Management & Asset Allocation	Legacy Diversified Alternatives
Fixed Income		UK IG Credit Index Linked Bond	Multi-Asset Credit	
Property			Global Property	UK Property

### **Warwickshire – Valuation & Commitments**

Listed Investments	Warwickshire Value (as at 30/09/2020)	Total Fund Value (as at 30/09/2020)
	£	£
UK Listed Equity Alpha Fund	227.2m	1.1bn
Global Equity Alpha Fund	355.4m	4.9bn
Sterling Investment Grade Credit Fund	185.0m	2.7bn

Alternative Investments	Warwickshire Commitment (Series 1a + 1b)	Committed by Border to Coast to Managers (*)	Total 1a + 1b Commitment (all Partner Funds)	
	£	£ (% of commitment)	£	
Infrastructure	100m	45.7m (46%)	1,435m	
Private Equity	25m	19.9m (80%)	985m	
Private Credit	35m	16.4m (47%)	581m	

### **Active Equity Fund Range - £13.8bn**

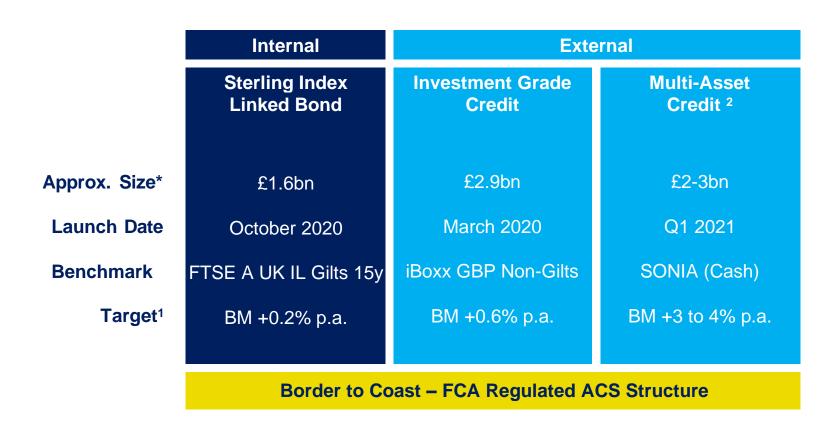
		Internal		External			
	UK Listed Equity Fund	Overseas Developed Markets Equity Fund	Emerging Markets Equity Fund	UK Listed Equity Alpha Fund	Global Equity Alpha Fund		
Approx. Size*	£3.9bn	£3.1bn	£0.7bn	£1.1bn	£5.0bn		
Launch Date	July 2018	July 2018	October 2018	December 2018	September 2019		
Benchmark	FTSE All Share	Regional Comp	S&P Emerging	FTSE All Share	MSCI All World		
Target <sup>1</sup>	BM +1% p.a.	BM +1% p.a.	BM +1% p.a.	BM +2% p.a.	BM +2% p.a.		

**Border to Coast – FCA Regulated ACS Structure** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Measured over rolling three year periods net of costs.

Future forecasts are for Illustration purposes only and are not a reliable indicator of future performance.

## Fixed Income Fund Range - £4.5bn



<sup>\*</sup> Source: Northern Trust & Border to Coast, as at 30/09/2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Measured over rolling five year periods net of costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes an internally managed EMD sleeve

## **Internally-Managed Funds Performance to 30/09/2020**

Fund Name	QTD (%)		1 Year (%)			ITD (% p.a.)			
	Fund	Benchmark	Relative	Fund	Benchmark	Relative	Fund	Benchmark	Relative
UK Listed Equity Fund	-2.78	-2.92	0.14	-15.12	-16.59	1.47	-5.74	-7.28	1.54
Overseas Developed Equity Fund	2.94	2.42	0.52	5.21	3.22	1.99	6.43	5.13	1.30
Emerging Markets Equity Fund	1.91	4.00	-2.09	0.37	3.52	-3.15	5.43	8.33	-2.89

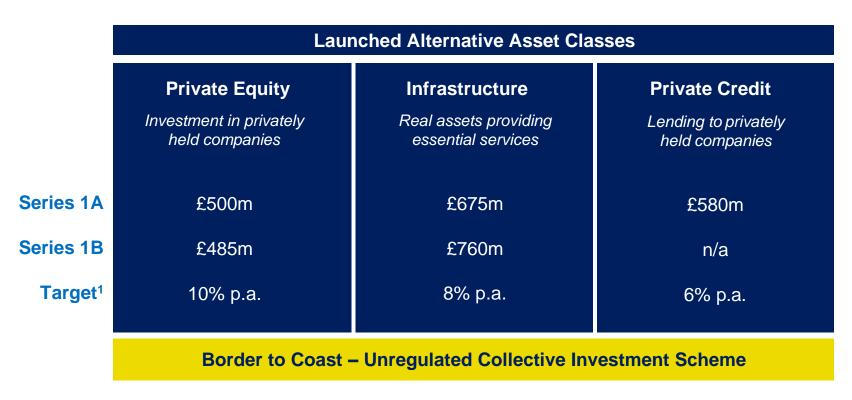
## **Externally-Managed Funds Performance to 30/09/2020**

Fund Name	QTD (%)		1 Year (%)			ITD (% p.a.)			
	Fund	Benchmark	Relative	Fund	Benchmark	Relative	Fund	Benchmark	Relative
UK Listed Equity Alpha Fund	0.47	-2.92	3.40	-12.85	-16.59	3.74	-1.13	-3.37	2.23
Global Equity Alpha Fund	0.96	3.35	-2.38	-	-	-	1.07	8.35	-7.28

Fund Name	QTD (%)		1 Year (%)			ITD (% p.a.)			
	Fund	Benchmark	Relative	Fund	Benchmark	Relative	Fund	Benchmark	Relative
Sterling Investment Grade Credit	1.49	1.16	0.33				9.91	9.08	0.83



## **Alternative Fund Range**



Investments are held within an unregulated collective investment scheme which is not authorised or regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Source: Border to Coast at 30/09/2020

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### **Alternatives – Areas of Focus**

#### **Private Equity**

Investment in privately held companies

#### **Operational Value Add**

Via business improvements
 Buy & Build

Scaling up businesses

#### Mid-Market Focus

Greater opportunities

#### **Co-Investments**

Lower fee structure

#### Asia

• Stronger economic growth

#### **Sector Specialists**

Value creation & deal sourcing

#### **Sector Themes**

• E.g. Technology & Healthcare

#### **Distressed**

Stage of business cycle & Covid-19

#### Infrastructure

Real assets providing essential services

#### **Operational Value Add**

Focus on income

#### **Sector Themes**

E.g. Energy transition, digital revolution

#### Greenfield

 Additional returns from development / extension

#### **Emerging Markets**

 Stronger economic growth and increasing infrastructure demand

#### **Private Credit**

Lending to privately held companies

#### **Focus on Senior Debt**

 Defensive approach at this stage of business cycle

#### **Manager Track Record**

Experience of full economic cycle

#### Stressed / Distressed

 Opportunities given stage of business cycle

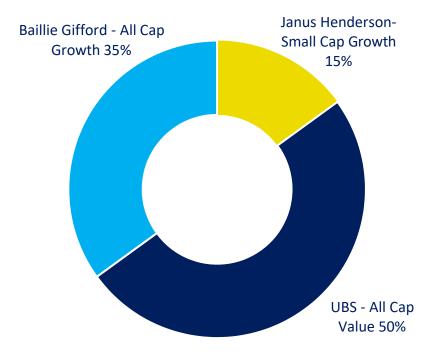
#### **Focus on Real Assets**

Providing quality collateral –
 e.g. infrastructure assets



## **UK Listed Equity Alpha Fund**

- Three high quality fund managers with excellent long-term track records
- Blend of complementary investment styles and range of market caps
- Diversification benefit as low correlation between managers alpha
- All three managers scored well on responsible investment factors
- Blended fees: 31bp p.a.<sup>1</sup>
- Approximately £1m pa savings across the pool<sup>2</sup>





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes external fees of 28bps p.a. and Border to Coast management fee of 3bps p.a.

## UK Equity Alpha Fund Manager Summary







**Strategic Weight: 50%** 

Style: Value

Market Cap: Large Cap

Philosophy: Quality companies that are trading at a discount for structural or cyclical reasons.

**Stock Examples:** 

3I Group, Anglo American,

**Barclays** 

Strategic Weight: 35% Style: Quality Growth

Market Cap: Large/Mid Cap Philosophy: Disruptive

businesses that are likely to benefit from long-term structural trends or have significant

competitive advantage.

**Stock Examples:** 

Rightmove, Autotrader, Ocado

**Strategic Weight: 15%** 

Style: Growth at a reasonable

price

Market Cap: Mid/Small Cap Philosophy: Small/medium UK firms with a global customer

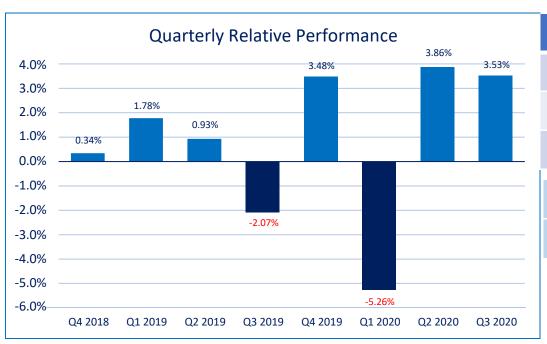
base or market leader status in a

niche market.

**Stock Examples:** 

Renishaw, Bellway, ICG

### **UK Equity Alpha Fund – Performance**



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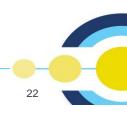
	QTD	1 Yr	ITD*
Fund	0.47	-12.85	-1.13
Benchmark	-2.92	-16.59	-3.37
Relative	+3.39	+3.74	+2.23

Tracking error	5.98	Sharpe Ratio	-0.04
Volatility	20.54	Info. Ratio	0.47

Northern Trust, Border to Coast as at 30 September 2020

Inception date: 17 December 2018 Benchmark: FTSE All Share Index

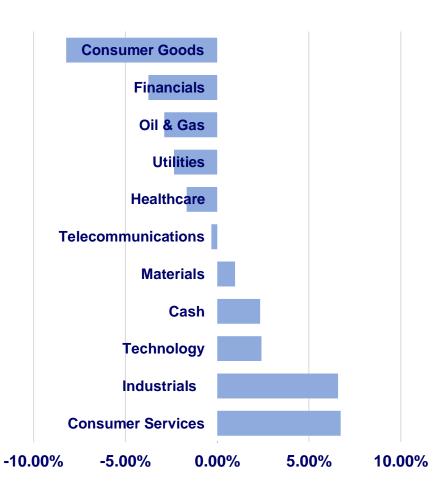
Performance is net of fees \*ITD return is per annum



#### **Investment Objective:**

To outperform the Benchmark by at least 2% p.a. over rolling 3 year periods

## UK Equity Alpha FundPortfolio Positioning



Top 5 Holdings*	Relative weight
Rightmove	+3.06
Ocado	+2.94
Renishaw	+2.52
Aveva	+2.20
Auto Trader	+2.10

Bottom 5 Holdings*	Relative weight
Diageo	-1.76
Royal Dutch Shell 'A'	-1.89
Unilever	-2.10
Reckitt Benckiser	-2.54
AstraZeneca	-4.40

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Northern Trust, Border to Coast as at 30 September 2020

## Source: Northern Trust, Border to Coast as at 30 September 2020 y Alpha Fund - Portfolio Positioning

## ESG Perspective – Spotlight on CCC Exposures



Carnival PLC: ~0.6% holding (at the Fund level)

The world's largest cruise line company with a combined fleet of over 100 vessels, acrossten

brands (such as P&O Cruises).

**Investment Thesis** Long-term growth potential based on positive demographic trends (i.e. an aging population), in an

industry with limited supply and high barriers to entry.

• **Governance** – Board composition in terms of director independence.

• Environmental – Strengthening compliance management in respect of previous pollution fines.

• Health and Safety – Conduct since onset of COVID-19 and plans for safe resumption of cruises.

**ESG Progress** UBS has engaged with the business numerous times over the last decade or so, including in 2012

after the sinking of the Costa Concordia and in 2013 in relation to the splitting of the CEO and Chairman roles. In 2020, UBS has engaged with the CFO in relation to Health and Safety and have

an outstanding request for a meeting with a Board representative to discuss the topics above.

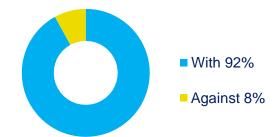
## Illustration of Quarterly Voting – UK Equity Alpha Fund

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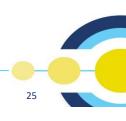
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Votes with/against management



£1.1bn



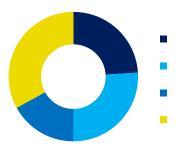
## Resolutions against, by Category — UK Equity Alpha Fund



Audit Tenure 26%

Executive Pay 17%

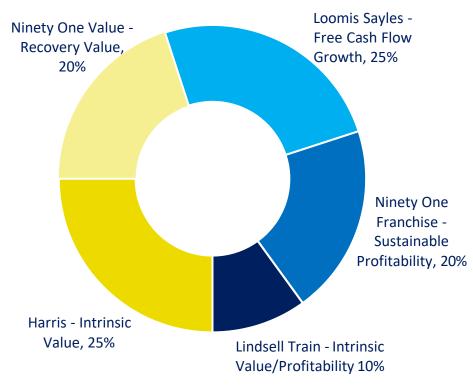
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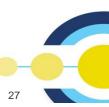




## Global Equity Alpha - What does the Fund look like?

- Five high quality strategies with strong long-term track records
- Blend of complementary investment styles and range of market caps
- Diversification benefit due to low correlation between managers' sources of outperformance
- All five managers scored well on responsible investment factors
- Blended fees: 33.7bps p.a.<sup>1</sup>
- Approximately £3.5m pa savings across the pool<sup>2</sup>





## Global Equity Alpha Manager Summary





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Harris Associates

Strategic Weight: 25%
Style: Free Cash Flow
Growth
Market Cap: Large/Mid
Cap
Philosophy: Focussed
on cashflow-generating
companies with high
levels of earnings growth.
Stock Examples:
Amazon, Facebook

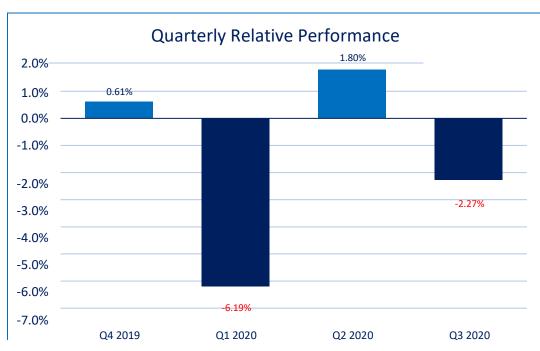
Strategic Weight: 20%
Style: Sustainable
Profitability
Market Cap: Large Cap
Philosophy: Companies
with high return on capital
and healthy balance
sheets - often with strong
competitive advantages.
Stock Examples: Visa,
Microsoft

Strategic Weight: 10%
Style: Intrinsic Value /
Profitability
Market Cap: Mid Cap
Philosophy: Exceptional,
durable companies investors often
underestimate the
sustainability of their
cashflows.
Stock Examples:
Unilever, Walt Disney

Strategic Weight: 20%
Style: Recovery Value
Market Cap: Mid Cap
Philosophy: Seeking outof-favour stocks with
prominent business
models and a high
probability of recovery.
Stock Examples:
American Express, Bank
of America

Strategic Weight: 25%
Style: Intrinsic Value
Market Cap: Large Cap
Philosophy: Businesses
trading at a significant
discount to their intrinsic
value (based on
estimated future
cashflows.)
Stock Examples:
Alphabet, Daimler

## **Global Equity Alpha Fund – Performance**



Source: Northern Trust & Bord	der to Coast as at 30	September 2020
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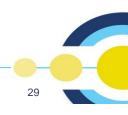
	QTD %	1 Yr. %	ITD* %
Fund	0.96	-	1.07
Benchmark	3.35	-	8.35
Relative	-2.39	-	-7.28

Key statistics will be shown after 12 complete months of performance.

Source: Northern Trust & Border to Coast as at 30 Sept 2020

Inception date: 24 October 2019

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI Performance is net of fees \*ITD return is per annum

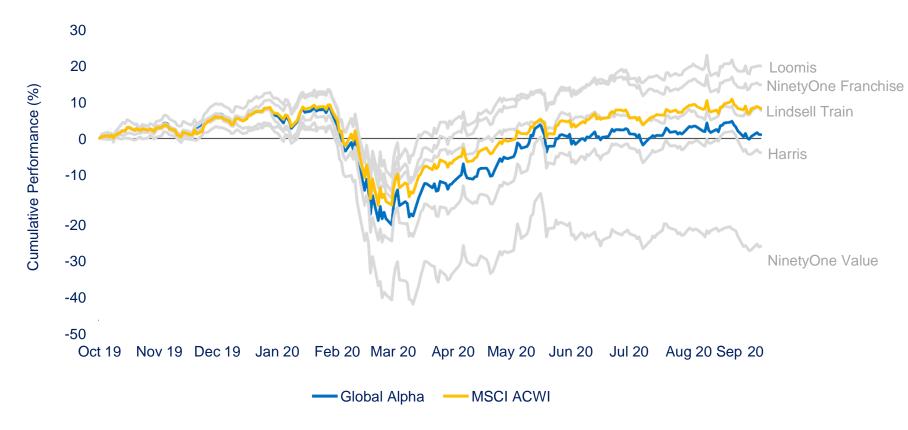


## **Global Equity Alpha Fun**

**Investment Objective:** 

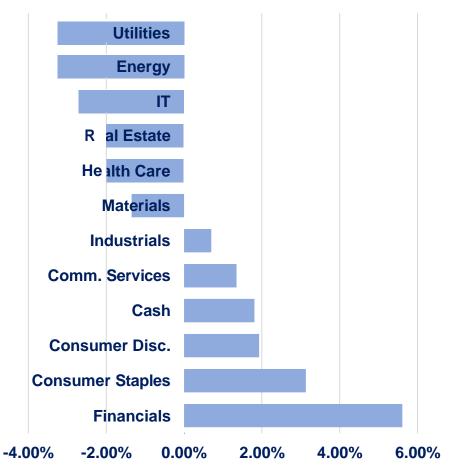
To outperform the Benchmark by at least 2% p.a. over rolling 3 year periods

## Global Equity Alpha Fund – Dispersion of Manager Performance





## Global Equity Alpha Fund - Portfolio Positioning



Top 5*	Relative weight %
Booking Holdings	+1.83
Moody's Corporation	+1.60
Verisign	+1.56
S&P Global	+1.42
Bayer	+1.42

Bottom 5*	Relative weight %
Tencent	-0.74
Alphabet 'C'	-0.87
Amazon	-1.39
Microsoft	-1.65
Apple	-3.91

Source: Northern Trust, Border to Coast as at 30 September 2020

\*Source: Northern Trust, Border to Coast as at 30 Sept 2020

## Global Equity Alpha Fund – Spotlight on CCC Exposures



**Televisa** 

**General Motors:** ~0.4% holding (at Fund level)

Background The largest American automobile manufacturer, and the fourth largest in the world

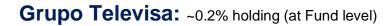
GM holds a dominate and highly profitable market position in North American pick-up trucks and has an increasingly strong position in emerging economies (an

important driver of future sales).

**ESG Progress**To improve the carbon performance of its fleet, GM has allocated a larger than industry standard portion of R&D budget to develop new clean technology

vehicles. A new, higher quality management team has also implemented more stringent quality controls to reduce recalls and is in conversations with unions

around labour practices.





Investment

Thesis

Grupo Televisa is the world's largest producer of Spanish speaking television and

media content.

Investment Thesis Pay television and broadband penetration in Mexico is still relatively low. Potential for strong market growth supported by positive demographic trends should support revenue growth and enhance earnings.

**ESG Progress** 

To address governance concerns, the founding family has stepped back from operational management and a **professional management team** has been installed. This new team in taking steps to further professional Televisa in terms of technology and reporting.

**Source:** MSCI – Holding(s) rated CCC as at 30 June 2020

# Illustration of Quarterly Voting – Global Equity Alpha

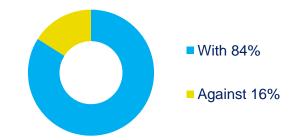
Q3 2020

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£4.9bn

### Votes with/against management



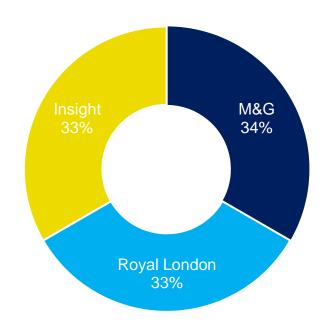
### Resolutions against, by category





# Investment Grade Credit - What Does The Fund Look Like?

- Three quality managers with strong track records
- Low correlation between strategies and sources of outperformance
- Good responsible investment scores
- Expected AUM: c.£2.5bn
- Benchmark: iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts Index
- Performance Target: Benchmark +60bps p.a. over rolling 5 year periods (net of fees)
- Manager fees: c. 9.7bps p.a.<sup>1</sup>





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on invested capital of £2bn. Excludes Border to Coast costs. 35

# **Manager Summary**







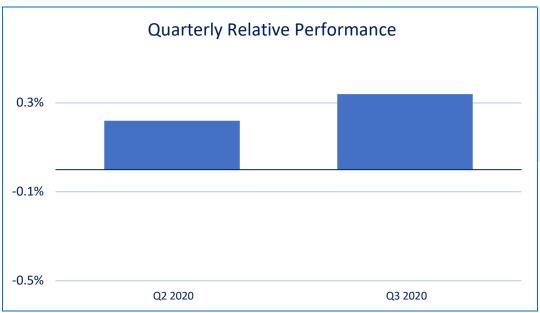
- Blends 'active' and 'buy & maintain' strategies
- Long-term, quality-driven portfolio; broadly benchmark agnostic with minimal default/downgrade risk
- Deep resources with strong skillset in global relative value; may benefit from nonsterling allocation
- Key sector biases differ from RLAM or M&G

- Low turnover, active philosophy
- Emphasis on bonds with additional security & midsized issues
- Sterling specialists advantageous given their attraction to niche areas
- Relatively low correlation with index or other active managers.

- Value-based approach
- Deep analyst resources –
   well positioned to identify
   non-justified price
   movements and hold names
   facing short-term headwinds
- Benchmark-aware, but retain active risk and differentiated sector exposure



# Sterling Investment Grade Credit Performance



	QTD	1yr	ITD*
Fund	1.49	n/a	9.91
Benchmark	1.16	n/a	9.08
Relative	+0.34	n/a	+0.83

Northern Trust, Border to Coast as at 30 September 2020

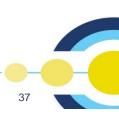
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Benchmark: iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts Index

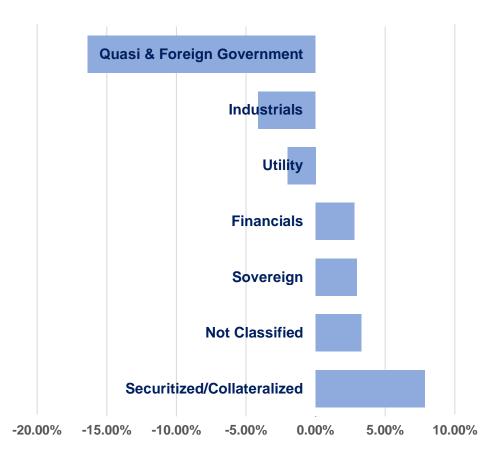
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### **Investment Objective:**

To outperform the Benchmark by at least 0.6% p.a. over rolling 5 year periods

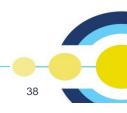


# Investment Grade Credit Fund – Portfolio Positioning



Top 5	Relative weight
UK Treasury 5% Mar 2025	+2.18
TfL 3.875% Jul 2042	+0.69
Westfield Stratford 1.642%	+0.62
UK Treasury 0.75% Jul 2023	+0.55
HSBC 5.375% Nov 2030	+0.52

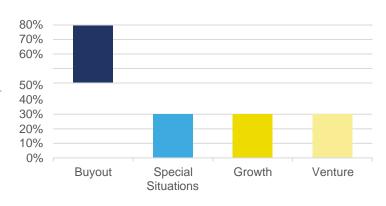
Bottom 5	Relative weight
EIB 6% Dec 2028	-0.42
KFW 5.55% Jun 2021	-0.40
EIB 2.5% Oct 2022	-0.39
KFW 0.875% Mar 2022	-0.38
EIB 0.875% Dec 2023	-0.36





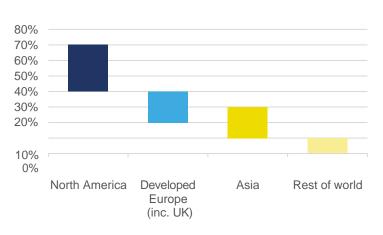
# **Private Equity: Asset Allocation**

Strategy	Permitted Range <sup>1</sup>
Buyout	40 – 80%
Special Situations	0 – 30%
Growth	0 – 30%
Venture	0 – 30%



Geography	Permitted Range <sup>1</sup>
North America	40 – 70%
Developed Europe (inc. UK)	20 – 40%
Asia	10 – 30%





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Secondary benchmark – MSCI ACWI + 3% (PME+ basis)

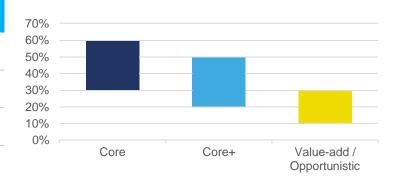
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**Series 1A Commitments Series 1B Commitments** 

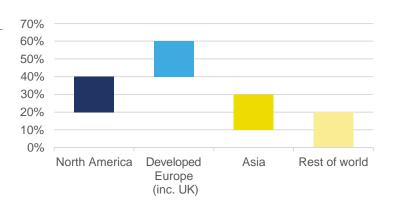
£500m £485m

### Infrastructure: Asset Allocation

Strategy	Permitted range <sup>1</sup>
Core	30 – 60%
Core+	20 – 50%
Value-add / Opportunistic	10 – 30%



Geography	Permitted range <sup>1</sup>
North America	20 – 40%
Developed Europe (inc. UK)	40 – 60%
Asia	10 – 30%
Rest of world	0 – 20%



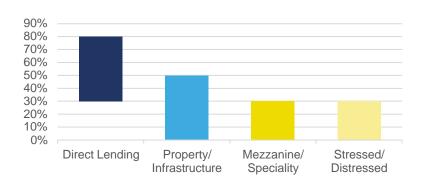
Benchmark	8% p.a. (net)
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Series 1A Commitments £675m Series 1B Commitments £760m

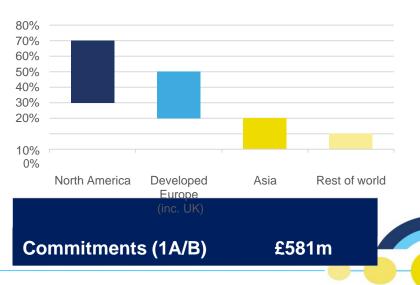
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on total commitments over a full Series (e.g. 1A, 1B, 1C)

## **Private Credit: Asset Allocation**

Strategy	Permitted range <sup>1</sup>
Direct Lending	30 – 80%
Property/Infrastructure	0 – 50%
Mezzanine/Speciality	0 – 30%
Stressed/Distressed	0 – 30%



Geography	Permitted range <sup>1</sup>
North America	30 – 70%
Developed Europe (inc. UK)	20 – 50%
Asia	0 – 20%
Rest of world	0 – 10%
Benchmark	6% p.a. (net)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Based on total commitments over a full Series (e.g. 1A, 1B, 1C)

## **Private Credit: Asset Allocation**



# Responsible Investment Integration

- Integrating ESG into our portfolio construction across all of our Funds.
- RI specifically scored as part of the selection and appointment process for all of our strategies.
- Internal quarterly screening and benchmarking; internal meeting to discuss output.
- Engaging with managers on any securities that have been flagged from our quarterly ESG screens.
- Analysing quarterly attestations including external management reporting.
- Dedicated quarter on RI Agenda including an annual RI review with all of our strategies.



# **Climate Risk Integration**







As long term responsible investors, we expect all our strategies to incorporate climate risk as part of their investment process.

EasyJet is an airline operator. The firm owns its aircraft, instead of leasing them, which reduces fixed costs of operations and increases resilience through periods of low revenue.

In 2019, the firm become the major airline to offset carbon emissions from the fuel used in all flights across its network.

Lafarge is a European Cement producer owned due to a structural tailwind in product demand as the global economy industrialises. The firm is disposing its non-core assets and focuses on US and European markets, where its technology investments in the production of cement.

The firm has made significant reductions in its carbon intensity of production since 2006 and has Paris aligned climate goals.

Linde operate in the industrial gases sector, hold a dominant position in the market and the specialist nature of their work which prevents new entrants from being able to compete on prices and margins.

The firm is currently undergoing work around their carbon mitigation strategy, laid out in 2018-2028.

Looking to double their renewable energy purchases.

We monitor carbon footprint on an ongoing basis, flagging any low scoring stocks to managers and requesting in-depth rationale as part of our quarterly review.

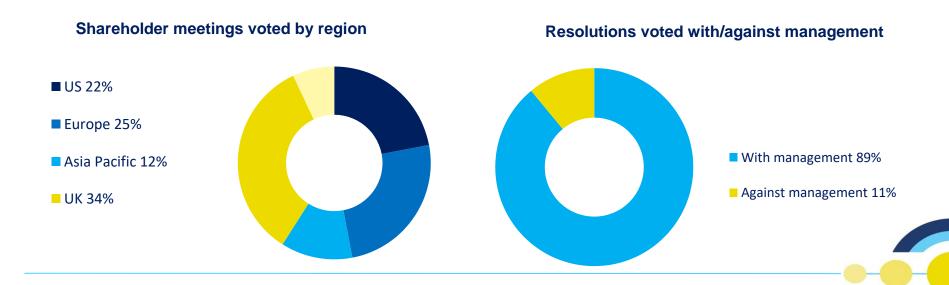
# Illustrating our Voting Activity – Q3 2020

123 Meetings Voted 1,527
Agenda Items

65% meetings with one vote against

This quarter was much quieter in terms of the number of AGMs following the peak voting season in Q2. However, there were still some important outcomes of Say-on-Pay (SOP) proposals. Nike Inc is an example which is included in the Voting Highlights section. The SOP regulation was introduced to improve the ability of shareholders to voice discontent with companies' remuneration practices and to align shareholder expectations. Although Country specific regulations vary in the level of strictness (advisory or binding) all different versions of SOP are broadly defined as any shareholder vote regarding the approval of executive compensation during an AGM.

More information on our voting activities can be found on our website.



# Illustrating our Voting Activity – Q3 2020

# Illustration of Voting Highlights - Q3 2020



### Nike Inc.

Nike's 2020 remuneration report proposed some very high levels of compensation for the newly appointed CEO. Along with the high quantum of this package a short performance period of 1.5 years was also proposed which does not help to guarantee long-term value creation. Along with the CEO pay, Nike also made additional discretionary bonus payments to all executives despite not meeting their short/long-term targets in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. These concerns led us to vote against the say-on-pay proposal. The remuneration report only received 54% votes in favour which is a stark contrast to the 97% approval they received in 2019.



### Unilever

At its 2020 AGM Unilever proposed a cross-border merger moving the company to one legal entity that would give it greater corporate flexibility and also strengthen corporate governance. A similar, but ultimately unsuccessful, item was proposed in 2018. The concerns for investors at the time were Unilever moving its headquarters out of the UK and losing its FTSE 100 status. The new plan unifies the company's share structure, this time without disadvantaging existing investors, while retaining London as its new home. The proposal was passed this time with support of more than 99% of shares voted.

# Illustrating our Engagement - Q3 2020

### Engagement activity covering period 01/07/2019 - 30/09/2020

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**Engagements** 

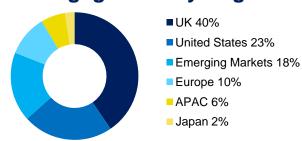
### **Breakdown of Engagements**



### **Engagement by Topic**



### **Engagement by Region**



### **Engagement by Method**



## Example of Engagement – Q3 2020

### **Deforestation in Brazil**

Last quarter we signed a joint letter asking for the government of Brazil to show clear commitment to eliminating deforestation. This was led by Storebrand Asset Management along with a group of investors with over \$4.6 trillion assets under management. Following this a meeting was held with the Vice President of Brazil and the Governor of the Central Bank. A further meeting of the full group of investors was held with members of the Brazilian congress.



Discussions with the members of congress focused on the following five points:

- Reduction in deforestation rates, to show efforts to comply with Brazil's Climate Law.
- · Enforcement of Brazil's Forest Code.
- The ability of Brazil's agencies to carry out their mandates effectively, and any legislative developments that may impact forest protection.
- · Prevention of fires in or near forest areas.
- Public access to data on deforestation, forest cover, tenure and traceability of commodity supply chains.



### **Outcomes**

The initial response and dialogue with the Brazilian government representatives has been encouraging. This marks the start of engagement and demonstrates how collaboration between governments, companies and investors can be utilised to make changes.

In order that sustained engagement continues in this important area the initiative has been formalised. Border to Coast has continued its involvement, joining the Investors Policy Dialogue on Deforestation (Brazil). This is a two year programme of engagement.



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