

Investment Objective and Benchmark Index

Finsbury Growth & Income Trust PLC invests principally in the securities of UK listed companies with the objective of achieving capital and income growth and providing a total return in excess of that of its benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index (net dividends reinvested).

Five Year Performance (%)

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Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 May 2022 (% of total investments)

Name	Sector	Total
RELX	Consumer Discretionary	11.9
Diageo	Consumer Staples	11.8
Mondelez Int.	Consumer Staples	10.2
London Stock Exchange	Financials	9.9
Unilever	Consumer Staples	8.6
Schroders	Financials	7.3
Burberry Group	Consumer Discretionary	7.2
Sage Group	Technology	5.6
Experian	Industrials	5.6
Remy Cointreau	Consumer Staples	5.4
Total		83.5

LINDSELL TRAIN



Portfolio Manager Nick Train

Fast Facts	As at 31 May 2022
Launch Date	1926
AIC Sector	UK Equity Income
Date of Appointment of Lin December 2000	dsell Train:
Annual Management Fee (payable by the company)	†
Ongoing Charges Ratio ('OCR')* 0.6%
Year / interim end	30 September/ 31 March
22 ^c Capital Structure	1,752,080 Ordinary shares of 25p 3,239,223 (in treasury)
Number of Holdings	22
Net Assets (£m)	£1,900.0m
Market Capitalisation (£m	1) £1,769.6m
Dividend Per Share**	17.4p
Current Net Yield	2.2%
Gearing	1.6%
Leverage***	Gross 101.6% ommitment 101.6%
Share Price (p)	798.00
NAV (p) (cum income)	856.82
(Discount) / Premium to	NAV (6.9%)
Portfolio Turnover p.a.	5.0%
Active Share	86.8%
Codes	
Sedol	0781606
ISIN	GB0007816068
Legal Entity Identifier (LE 213800N	EI) N4ZKX2LG1GQ40
Global Intermediary Iden (GIIN)	tification Number
QH4	BH0.99999.SL.826
Bloomberg	FGT LN
EPIC	FGT



Sector Breakdown as at 31 May 2022 (%)				
Consumer Staples	44.6			
Financials	23.0			
Consumer Discretionary	21.3			
Technology	5.6			
Industrials	5.5			
Total	100.0			

Discrete Performance - Calendar Years (%)

Month Return	Since Manager Appointment*	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	YTD
NAV		21.7	-0.8	23.1	-2.0	13.0	-10.0
Share Price	622.0	21.5	-0.9	21.8	-0.7	6.9	-12.1
Index	195.7	13.1	-9.5	19.2	-9.8	18.3	1.5

^{*}Cumulative since Manager appointment in December 2000

Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	May 17- May 18	May 18- May 19	May 19- May 20	May 20- May 21	May 21- May 22
NAV	11.2	12.4	-4.2	12.0	-4.0
Share Price	12.0	12.1	-4.5	10.9	-9.8
Index	6.5	-3.2	-11.2	23.1	8.3

Source: Morningstar.

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*Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and all other operating expenses.

**1st Interim payable 13 May 22 :(Year ended Sep 22) 8.3p 2nd Interim paid 12 Nov 21 :(Year ended Sep 21) 9.1p

***The Board has set the leverage limit for both the Gross and the Commitment basis at 125% of the Company's Net Asset Value.

†Lindsell Train – 0.45% pa of the Company's adjusted market capitalisation up to a value of £1 billion, such fee reducing to 0.405% pa of the Company's adjusted market capitalisation in excess of £1 billion up to a value of £2 billion, such fee reducing to 0.36% pa of the Company's adjusted market capitalisation in excess of £2 billion.

Frostrow - 0.15% pa of the Company's adjusted market capitalisation up to a value of £1 billion, such fee reducing to 0.135% pa of the Company's adjusted market capitalisation in excess of £1 billion up to a value of £2 billion, such fee reducing to 0.12% pa of the Company's adjusted market capitalisation in excess of £2 billion.

Active Share is expressed as a percentage and shows the extent to which a fund's holdings and their weightings differ from those of the fund's benchmark index. A fund that closely tracks its index might have a low Active Share of less than 20% and be considered passive, while a fund with an Active Share of 60% or higher is generally considered to be actively managed.

Investment Policy

The Company has a concentrated portfolio of up to 30 stocks with a low turnover, and aims to provide shareholders with a total return in excess of that of the FTSE All-Share Index. The Portfolio Manager uses a bottom-up stock picking approach and looks to invest in a universe of excellent listed companies that appear mostly undervalued. Up to 20% of the portfolio, at the time of acquisition, can be invested in quoted companies outside the UK. The Company's policy is to invest no more than 15% of its gross assets in other listed investment companies (including listed investment trusts).

Share Buy-back and Issuance Mechanism

The Directors have adopted a share buyback policy to establish and support an improved rating in the Company's shares through the use of share buybacks, with a view to limiting the discount to NAV per share at which the shares trade to no more than 5%. Shares bought back may be held in treasury for reissue at later date and it is the intention of the Board that any re-sale of treasury shares would only take place at a premium to the NAV per share. In order to stop the share price trading at a significant premium to the NAV per share, the Company has the ability to issue new shares at a 0.7% premium to the NAV per share.

^{*} Index source: FTSE International Limited ("FTSE") © FTSE 2022



Commentary

In May, the NAV was down 3.7% on a total return basis and the share price was down 4.3%, on a total return basis, while the index was up 0.7%.

There were some annoying price falls from some of our favourite companies in May, companies where we have strong conviction about their merit as long-term investments. Sometimes there was a trigger for the declines, in other cases none.

For instance, three of our biggest positions – Diageo, LSEG and RELX – were down between 6% and 8% in the month; for no discernible reason so far as we can judge. Of course, I acknowledge, the backdrop for all equity markets is unpropitious today. But I might hope that predictable, cash-generative businesses, like this trio, would've been havens in uncertain times.

The biggest portfolio faller in percentage terms was Fever-Tree, down c15% in May. The company's AGM statement reaffirmed growth and profitability targets for its current financial year and the multi-year opportunity Fever-Tree has to build on its existing position as the world #1 premium mixer brand seems as clear and exciting as ever. This not enough, though, to prevent the shares trading toward their lows of the last three years and now 60% below their peak of 2018. We buy more into this weakness.

Sage had a double-digit share price fall in May, notwithstanding interim results demonstrating that its strategy of increasing recurring, "cloud" software revenues is progressing. Sage has bought back £600m of its own shares over the last 12 months, getting on for 10% of its current market capitalisation. The Finance Director commented to us that the case for the buyback was one of the easiest he had ever seen – given the undervaluation the board sees for its shares. Clearly, though, stock market investors disagree and presumably want more evidence that total group revenues will accelerate. Of course, we hope the FD is right and the shares were bought back at a marked discount to intrinsic value. If so, this would be a smart use of buyback powers – to retire stock because a board can take a longer-term view about fundamental value than market-timing investors.

Experian dropped nearly 5% after its full year results. These were robust and accompanied by a 10% dividend increase. We take the view that dividend announcements signal (or ought to signal) a board's considered view about the long-term growth rate of free cash flow the company is likely to generate. There are not many companies quoted on the London stock market where one might realistically hope for sustained annual 10% growth in free cash flow. But Experian is one of the few we know where such an outlook is not outlandish. We have been adding steadily to the Experian holding through 2021/22 and it is now a meaningful portfolio position. Let's hope our buying has been conducted at prices that will look like bargains in 5 years' time

Before I go and kick the cat – someone has to pay for these frustrations – I will cheer myself by noting a couple of holdings in the portfolio that had a better month. Burberry was up over 7% on its final results, despite highlighting difficult conditions for its current sales in China. Investors, including us, were encouraged by a 11% dividend increase and a new share buyback (immediately on completion of a smaller one). Here is another board that believes its shares are undervalued and that little investor recognition has been afforded its work in elevating the luxury status of the Burberry brand. One always hopes that new CEOs are going to be lucky (there are few CEOs, in our experience, who are not hard-working and talented, but everyone needs a bit of luck). And we hope Burberry's new CEO will turn out to be lucky, or at least luckier than his predecessor.

Finally, right at the end of the month, Unilever announced the appointment of the activist investor, Nelson Peltz, to its board, as a non-executive director, after his purchase of 1.5% of Unilever's shares (not a big-ticket price to get a seat at the table). The shares rallied, perhaps as UK investors recall how his presence on Cadbury's share register led to a break-up and eventual sale of that company.

Important Information

Finsbury Growth & Income Trust PLC (the Company) is a public limited company whose shares are premium listed on the LSE and is registered with HMRC as an investment trust.

The Company has an indeterminate life.

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