

### 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).

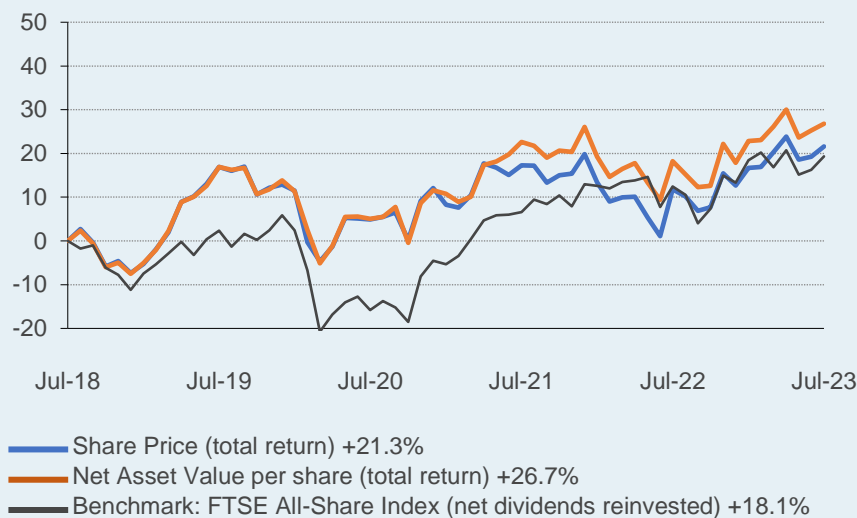
## LINDSELL TRAIN



Portfolio Manager Nick Train

### Five Year Performance (%)

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Source: Morningstar

### Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 July 2023 (% of total investments)

Name	Sector	Total
RELX	Consumer Discretionary	12.1
London Stock Exchange	Financials	11.1
Diageo	Consumer Staples	10.4
Burberry Group	Consumer Discretionary	8.8
Unilever	Consumer Staples	8.8
Sage Group	Technology	7.5
Experian	Industrials	7.3
Mondelez Int.	Consumer Staples	7.1
Schroders	Financials	6.0
Heineken	Consumer Staples	4.8
<b>Total</b>		<b>83.9</b>

### Fast Facts

As at 31 July 2023

Launch Date	1926
AIC Sector	UK Equity Income
Date of Appointment of Lindsell Train:	December 2000
Annual Management Fee + (payable by the company)	
Ongoing Charges Ratio ('OCR')*	0.6%
Year / interim end	30 September/ 31 March
Capital Structure	206,770,759 Ordinary shares of 25p 18,220,544 (in treasury)
Number of Holdings	22
Net Assets (£m)	£1,939.4m
Market Capitalisation (£m)	£1,863.0m
Dividend Per Share**	18.3p
Current Net Yield	2.0%
Gearing	1.4%
Leverage***	Gross 101.4% Commitmen 101.8%
Share Price (p)	901.00
NAV (p) (cum income)	937.93
(Discount) / Premium to NAV	(3.9%)
Portfolio Turnover p.a.	1.4%
Active Share	85.3%

### Codes

Sedol	0781606
ISIN	GB0007816068
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)	213800NN4ZKX2LG1GQ40
Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)	QH4BH0.99999.SL.826
Bloomberg	FGT LN
EPIC	FGT

### Sector Breakdown as at 31 July 2023 (%)

Consumer Staples	39.2
Consumer Discretionary	23.6
Financials	22.4
Technology	7.5
Industrials	7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
NAV	-0.8	23.1	-2.0	13.0	-6.5
Share Price	-0.9	21.8	-0.7	6.9	-6.0
Index	-9.5	19.2	-9.8	18.3	0.3

\*Cumulative since Manager appointment in December 2000

### Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

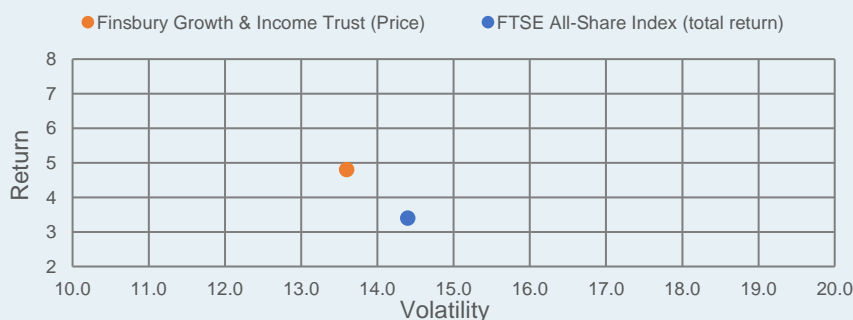
Percentage Growth 12 Month Return								Since Manager Appointment
	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	
NAV	1.2	-2.5	7.5	7.2	20.6	26.7	134.0	641.7
Share Price	1.9	-1.9	7.9	8.7	15.9	21.3	124.0	733.3
Index	2.6	-1.2	5.3	6.1	41.8	18.1	71.1	207.8

Source: Morningstar.

\* Index source: FTSE International Limited ("FTSE") © FTSE 2023

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### Return vs Volatility (5 Years Annualised) – Chart (%)



### Dividend Growth – 5 Years History

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Dividend Rate	15.3p	16.6p	16.6p	17.1p	18.1p
YoY% Growth	7.7	8.5	-	3.0	5.8

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

\*\*1st Interim payable 19 May 23 :(Year ended Sep 23) 8.5p

2nd Interim paid 4 Nov 22 :(Year ended Sep 22) 9.8p

\*\*\*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 buy-back 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 a 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.

### Commentary

In July, the NAV was up 1.2% on a total return basis and the share price was up 1.9%, on a total return basis, while the index was up 2.6%.

Six portfolio constituents reported interim or quarterly results during July – that is a meaningful proportion of our concentrated portfolio.

There is the noise accompanying the results from public companies, with analysts and investors poring over the numbers and CEO statements looking for an interpretative edge. Cutting through that noise, I sometimes think it is easiest to simply look at the dividend announcement by the company. To us the increase, maintain or cut decision taken by a board of directors about its current dividend captures an enormous amount of information about mid-term prospects. Below I note the six dividend announcements from our reporting companies – in order of position size in the portfolio.

RELX's interim dividend was up 9%, which marks an acceleration in growth, ahead of the c.5%pa over the last 5 years. The per share amount, of 17p, is up from 6.6p a decade ago, highlighting the long-term value RELX has delivered.

Unilever's (ULVR) quarterly dividend was unchanged in Euros, although converted to Sterling it is actually up c.2% on the same payment 12 months ago. Coincidentally ULVR's shares were also up 2% in July, as the results were somewhat better than expected, although we agree, not sufficiently better to justify a higher dividend payout. At only a slight tangent, I want to point to the most recent dividend announcement from ULVR's biggest quoted subsidiary, HindustanLever (HUVR). The value of ULVR's holding in this Indian quoted company is over 30% of the whole of the parent's market capitalisation – so the prosperity and prospects of HUVR are really important for all investors in ULVR. HUVR's last dividend was up 19% and this seems to confirm what ULVR executives often assert – that India is one of the best positioned economies in the world to deliver growing wealth for its growing population over the next two decades. If so, ULVR's holding in the biggest consumer company in India truly is a jewel in its crown.

Mondelez increased its quarterly dividend by 11%, in line with its commendable 5-year record of similar increases. This and the 12% gain in Mondelez' share price (in US\$) in 2023 make me happy we chose to retain our holding in this company, inherited from our historic investment in Cadbury. Up from c.\$30 in 2013, to \$74 today, Mondelez has proven a good way to get rich steadily.

Heineken increased its interim dividend by 38%. However, don't get too excited – the board is gradually restoring dividend levels after omitting them during COVID and this payment is barely higher than its equivalent in 2019.

Schroders' interim was unchanged, which is often the case with this company. Shares rose 5% over the month, as the results reassured that Schroders' well-articulated strategy is working. The 6.5p of interim dividend compares to 2.7p in 2013. Let's hope the business can do the same through to 2033. Schroders' shares offer a running dividend yield today of just under 5%. You can work out what will happen to the dividend yield if the dividend goes up another 2.4x over the next decade (that is a lot easier for me to type, than for executives to deliver, I know).

Finally, Rathbones increased its interim dividend by 4% – which pleased me in current tough circumstances for the UK Private Wealth industry. Rathbones is a nicely profitable company, with a very strong balance sheet and a big opportunity to create new value for its shareholders, as it moves to complete its merger with Investec Private Wealth.

### 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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