

**Investment Objective** Achieving long term capital growth in real terms and steadily increasing income. Our aim is to achieve a higher rate of total return than the FTSE Actuaries All-Share Index Total Return through investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks.

# **Fund Managers' Comments**

In January, the net asset value (on a cum income basis with debt at fair value) declined 2.4%, while the FTSE All-Share benchmark fell by 0.8%.

The largest positive driver of relative performance was Royal Mail. Parcel growth has remained strong and the shares performed well as expectations were upgraded for the current quarter. We see scope for structurally higher parcel volumes even as economies reopen. The pandemic has likely precipitated a step change in e-commerce penetration as later adopters have become more comfortable with online purchasing. This sets the business up to grow despite declines in letters. The largest detractor from relative performance was AFC Energy, a hydrogen fuel cell company, which gave back a little of its gains after a strong period of performance.

During the month, we took some profits in Ceres Power (hydrogen fuel cells) and Herald Investment Trust (technology investment trust). We initiated a position in Sanofi (pharmaceutical) which is trading at a low valuation relative to peers with a strong dividend and scope for double digit earnings growth.

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### **LWDB**

Launch date12 December 1889Financial year end31 DecemberMarket cap£798.71mBenchmarkFTSE All ShareAlC sectorUK Equity Income

### Portfolio Information

NAV (debt at fair value)	£752.35m
NAV per ordinary share	636.66p
Share price	647.00p
Premium / (Discount)	1.62%
AIC gross total assets	£916m
AIC gearing - AIC (net)	13.00%
Dividend quarterly	6.50p
AIC dividend yield	2.99%

Next expected 26 February 2021

dividend declaration

Ongoing charges 0.48%
Management fee 0.30%
Performance fee No

# **Performance Overview**



YTD %	1 year %	3 years %	5 years %	10 years %
(2.6)	0.9	8.8	56.4	136.1
(2.4)	0.2	6.3	50.8	123.6
(0.8)	(7.5)	(1.6)	31.5	71.4
(6.2)	12.1	19.4	75.1	160.7
(6.2)	5.4	5.4	45.1	83.6
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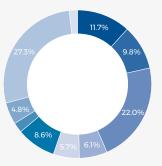
 $1\,\,\text{NAV} is calculated in accordance with the Association of Investment Companies (AIC) methodology, based on performance data held by Law Debenture including fair value of IPS business and long-term borrowings.$ 

2 Source: Refinitiv

#### **Top Equity Portfolio Holdings (%)** Glaxosmithkline 2.9 2 **Rio Tinto** 2.6 3 **Ceres Power** 2.6 Royal Dutch Shell 2.0 4 5 1.9 Herald Investment Trust 1.7 7 Royal Mail 1.6 **HSBC** 1.5

National Grid

Severn Trent

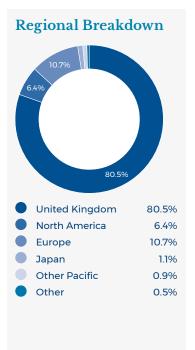


Sector Breakdown

Oil & Gas	11.7%
Basic Materials	9.8%
Industrials	22.0%
Consumer Goods	6.1%
Health Care	5.7%
Consumer Services	8.6%
Telecommunications	2.2%
Utilities	4.8%
Financials	27.3%
Technology	1.8%

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# **Equity Portfolio**

Managed by James Henderson and Laura Foll of Janus Henderson

# OBJECTIVE: LONG-TERM CAPITAL GROWTH IN REAL TERMS & STEADILY INCREASING INCOME

- Focused on long-term returns
- Contrarian investment style:
  - Out of favour equities standing at valuation discounts to their long-term historical average
  - High quality companies with strong competitive advantage at attractive valuations
- Selective, bottom-up approach
- Diversified portfolio by sector and geography (predominant UK weighting)

# Independent Professional Services (IPS) business

#### **PENSIONS**

The longest established and largest UK provider of independent pension trustees

### CORPORATE TRUST

A leading independent corporate trustee across international capital markets

# CORPORATE SERVICES

Range of outsourced solutions to corporates internationally

#### **INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE**

United Kingdom, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Delaware, Dublin, Hong Kong and New York

All divisions have further potential for growth through market share gains, alongside better leveraging technology, strong relationships and a high quality brand

Significant, consistent income contribution from IPS gives greater flexibility in stock selection

# James Henderson and Laura Foll - Joint Portfolio Managers

James and Laura have been working together for over ten years managing UK income portfolios. They have a valuation-focused, moderately contrarian approach, aiming to identify good quality companies at the point where they are temporarily out of favour.

# Denis Jackson - CEO

Appointed as CEO in 2018. Denis was formerly the director of new business enterprise at Capita and joined Law Debenture as Chief Commercial Officer in 2017. Prior to that, he spent 20 years at Citigroup before becoming regional general manager for Tibra Trading Europe Limited.

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## **Hester Scotton - CFO**

Hester joined Law Debenture in 2019 as Head of Internal Controls & Group MLRO and was then promoted to CFO in September 2020. She qualified as a Chartered Accountant at Ernst & Young and also has experience at Legal & General, Bupa and Marks & Spencer.

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## Trish Houston - COO

Trish was appointed as COO in September 2020. She is a Chartered Accountant and Member of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments, and previously held roles at JDX Consulting Limited, Ruffer LLP and PwC.

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