

# Law Debenture

## Factsheet 31 March 2017

### Fair value of independent fiduciary services business (IFS)

Performance data and trust statistics include the fair value of the IFS, which uplifted the NAV by 62.4p per share.

### Fund objective

Our objective is to achieve long term capital growth in real terms and steadily increasing income. The aim is to achieve a higher rate of total return than the FTSE All-Share Index through investing in a portfolio diversified both geographically and by industry.

### Fund managers' comments



James Henderson

March was a good month for the Trust. Its net asset value rose 1.7% (on a total return basis with debt at fair value) relative to the FTSE All-Share which rose 1.2%.

The largest contributor to performance during the month was Cape, which provides services such as insulation and coatings primarily for the energy industry. This settled a long-standing legal case regarding historic use of asbestos. Now that this overhang has been removed we feel that the strong operational progress the company has made will come into focus and the shares deserve to trade nearer to peers on earnings multiples.

Among the largest detractors from performance were car manufacturers Toyota and General Motors.

Both have come under pressure following figures that suggest US car demand is weakening.

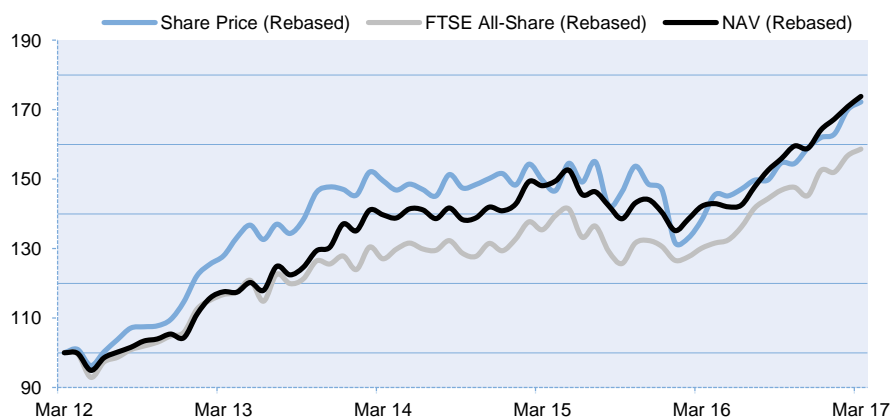
As we approach the end of full year results we have, on the whole, been pleased by the operational progress companies are making. This is visible in the level of dividend growth being achieved, such as

Prudential which raised its final dividend 15% following strong growth in its Asian business. In some cases we are also seeing special dividends driven by the strength of cash generation, such as building materials company Marshalls.

*Performance over	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Share price (total return)	24.6%	15.2%	72.2%	114.7%
Net asset value (total return)	22.3%	24.4%	73.8%	131.2%
FTSE All-Share (total return)	22.0%	24.9%	58.7%	73.7%

\*Performance source: Morningstar (1 yr, 3 yrs & 5 yrs based on debt at fair value and including fair value of IFS businesses).

### Performance (March 2012 = 100)



### \*Trust statistics

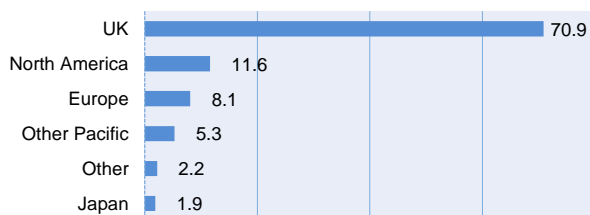
NAV (debt at fair value)			
NAV per ordinary share (cum income)	616.7p	Gross total assets	£873m
NAV per ordinary share (ex income)	612.9p	Group gearing – AIC (net)	9.0%
Share price (code LWDB)	552.0p	Yield	3.0%
Premium/(discount) (cum income)	-10.5%	Ongoing charges	0.45%

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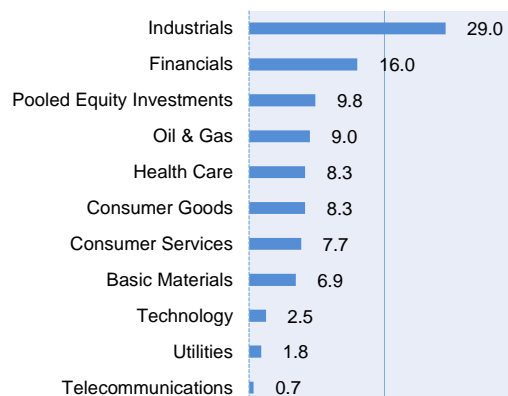
Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can rise as well as fall as a result of market and currency fluctuations, and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

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## Geographic breakdown (%)



## Sector Breakdown (%)



### Pooled Equity Investments include (%):

Baillie Gifford Pacific	2.2%
Stewart Investors Asia Pacific	2.1%
Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust	1.4%

### Top Ten Equity Holdings (excluding Pooled Equity Investments)

Royal Dutch Shell	3.3%	BP	2.0%
HSBC	2.3%	GlaxoSmithKline	1.7%
Rio Tinto	2.3%	Prudential	1.7%
GKN	2.2%	Hill & Smith	1.6%
Rolls Royce	2.1%	Senior	1.6%

### Trust information

Sector	Global Growth	Dividend payment	April, September
Benchmark	FTSE All-Share index	Last ex div date	16 March 2017
Trust type	Conventional (Ords)	Management fee (based on NAV)	0.30%
Launch date	December 1889	Performance Fee	No
Financial year end	31 December		

### Company History

From its origins in 1889, Law Debenture has diversified to become a group with a unique range of activities in the financial services sector. The group divides into two distinct complementary areas of business.

Firstly, we are a global investment trust, listed on the London Stock Exchange. Our portfolio of investments is managed by Henderson Global Investors Limited under a contract terminable by either side on six months' notice.

Secondly, we are a leading provider of independent fiduciary services. Our activities are corporate trusts, pension trusts, corporate services (including agent for service of process), governance services and whistle blowing services.

We have offices in London, Sunderland, New York, Delaware, Hong Kong and the Channel Islands.

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