

Law Debenture

Factsheet 31 October 2017

Fair value of independent professional services business (IPS)

Performance data and trust statistics include the fair value of the IPS, which uplifted the NAV by 66.0p 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

October was a good month for the Trust; the net asset value (on a total return basis with debt at fair value) rose 2.4%. This compares to the FTSE All-Share which rose 1.9%.

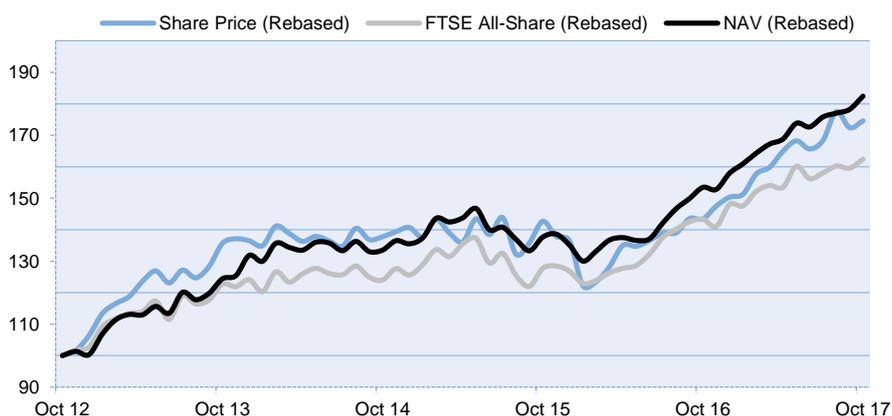
The largest contributor to performance during the month was Microsoft, which reported encouraging results in which newer areas of the business continued to grow strongly. Following the results we reduced the holding. While we do not have concerns with the fundamentals of the business, the valuation looks high relative to history. Also among the best performers was UK hospital operator Spire Healthcare following a bid approach from international hospital operator Mediclinic. The largest (active) detractor from performance was contractor and support services provider Interserve. This reported poor results in which margins in the support services business came under pressure from higher costs and they have taken a higher provision for a problematic energy-from-waste contract.

We continue to gently rotate the portfolio away from higher valued areas of the market towards areas that are more defensive with attractive dividend yields. We are undertaking this rotation slowly as at the moment it is those companies that have good earnings momentum and that are (often) higher valued that are performing well. In contrast value or recovery buying is not working. We do not know how long these trends will continue, therefore we will continue to stick with our valuation disciplines but do so in small size. Examples of companies we have reduced this month include Applied Materials, Caterpillar and Deere.

*Performance over	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Share price (total return)	21.8%	26.7%	74.6%	121.4%
Net asset value (total return)	18.9%	36.6%	82.4%	133.8%
FTSE All-Share (total return)	13.4%	31.0%	62.5%	71.0%

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

Performance (October 2012 = 100)



*Trust statistics

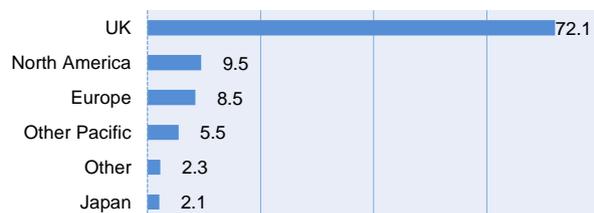
NAV (debt at fair value)			
NAV per ordinary share (cum income)	667.2p	Gross total assets	£930m
NAV per ordinary share (ex income)	656.0p	Group gearing – AIC (net)	1.0%
Share price (code LWDB)	597.5p	Yield	2.9%
Premium/(discount) (cum income)	-10.4%	Ongoing charges	0.43%

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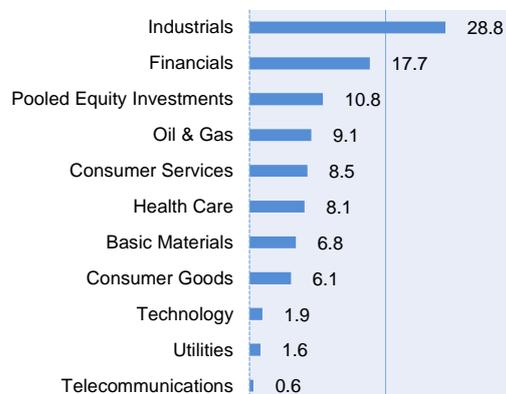
Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can rise as well as fall as a result of market and currency fluctuations, and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Geographic breakdown (%)



Sector Breakdown (%)



Pooled Equity Investments include (%):

Baillie Gifford Pacific	2.3%
Stewart Investors Asia Pacific	2.2%
Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust	1.6%

Top Ten Equity Holdings (excluding Pooled Equity Investments)

Royal Dutch Shell	4.2%	GKN	2.0%
HSBC	2.7%	GlaxoSmithKline	2.0%
Senior	2.3%	Prudential	1.9%
BP	2.3%	Rio Tinto	1.8%
Rolls Royce	2.2%	Johnson Service	1.8%

Trust information

Sector	Global Growth	Dividend payment	April, September
Benchmark	FTSE All-Share index	Last ex div date	10 August 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 and professional services sectors. 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 professional 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, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Delaware, Dublin, Hong Kong, New York, and Sunderland.

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