

#### **Market commentary**

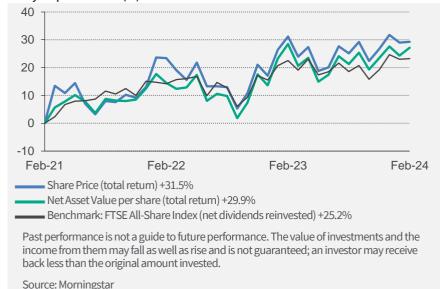
The portfolio posted a positive return in February. **Barclays**, **Currys** and **Stellantis** were positive contributors to performance, while **Anglo American**, **International Distribution Services** (IDS) and **WPP** were detractors from performance.

February saw two of the holdings being approached for a possible takeover, **Currys** and **Direct Line Group**. We believe it is further evidence of the issue that the largest market participants in the UK have been allocating away from UK equities, which are close to all-time low valuations, and therefore should have the potential to offer attractive returns. In our view, this has resulted in pockets of the UK equity market being valued significantly below the true value of the businesses which, we believe, has led to a number of overseas corporate buyers stepping in to take advantage of the depressed valuations of UK equities.

Elsewhere, **Barclays** performed well following the release of its latest results in which they announced plans to return at least £10 billion of capital to shareholders over the next two years (Barclays, 20 February 2024). **Stellantis**' share price rose following their results in which they announced a €3bn share buyback and reported record sales (Bloomberg, Stellantis, 15 February 2024).

**Anglo American** was a detractor from performance as the company reported a fall in profit and lowered its dividend (Bloomberg, Anglo American, 22 February 2024). **WPP**'s share price fell following results; the company said revenue declined due to lower spending by technology clients (Bloomberg, WPP, 22 February 2024). **IDS** was also a detractor from performance. UK equities continue to be valued at a significant discount to global equities generally. Accordingly, we believe that, notwithstanding the shorter-term uncertainties, UK equities are priced to offer relatively attractive returns into the future.

#### Three-year performance (%)



#### Sector and geographic analysis (%)

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20	6.6% Financials	71.7	% United Kingdom
18.6%	Energy	9.0%	Netherlands
16.7%	Consumer Discretionary		
10.5%	Communications	6.7%	United States
7.1%	Materials	5.2%	France
5.4%	Industrials	2.1%	Japan
3.9%	Healthcare	1.3%	Hong Kong
3.7%	Consumer Staples	1.1%	Germany
2.9%	Information	1.170	·
2.7%	Utilities	1.0%	Canada
1.9%	Cash & equivalents	1.9%	Cash & equivalents

## Temple Bar Investment Trust Plc

Monthly factsheet - 29 February 2024

#### **Trust objective**

To provide growth in income and capital to achieve a long-term total return greater than the benchmark FTSE All-Share Index, through investment primarily in UK securities. The Company's policy is to invest in a broad spread of securities with typically the majority of the portfolio selected from the constituents of the FTSE 350 Index.

Top 10 equity holdings	(%)
Shell	7.0
BP	6.4
NatWest	5.6
TotalEnergies	5.2
Stellantis	4.6
Aviva	4.6
NN	4.3
Barclays	4.3
GSK	3.9
ITV	3.9
Total	49.8

Financial data	
Gross Assets	£787.4m
Share price (p)	233.50
NAV (p) (cum income)*	251.42
Premium/(Discount), Cum income*	(7.1%)
Historic net yield	4.1%
Net gearing*	8.0%
*Calculated with debt at fair value	

Dividend history			
Type	Amount (p)	XD date	Pay date
4th interim – 2023	2.50	07.03.24	02.04.24
3rd interim – 2023	2.50	30.11.23	29.12.23
2nd interim - 2023	2.30	24.08.23	29.09.23
1st interim – 2023	2.30	01.06.23	30.06.23

## Performance (total return)

Cumulative returns (%)

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than the original amount invested. This Company may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within the short to medium term.

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	Share	NAV	FTSE
	Price		All-Share
1 month	0.2	2.3	0.2
3 months	2.0	3.0	3.3
3 year	31.5	29.9	25.2
5 year	12.0	14.3	27.7
10 year	35.1	44.5	63.0
Since 30/10/2020	88.9	86.1	48.3

	Share Price	NAV	FTSE All-Share
29.02.23 - 28.02.24	-1.5	-1.0	0.6
28.02.22 - 28.02.23	6.3	12.2	7.3
28.02.21 - 28.02.22	25.5	16.9	16.0
29.02.20 - 28.02.21	-11.4	-6.0	3.5
28.02.19 - 29.02.20	-3.8	-6.4	-1.4

Performance, price and yield information is sourced from Morningstar as at 29.02.24.

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**Trust facts** 

Launch date: 1926

ISIN: GB00BMV92D64

Sedol: BMV92D6

Ticker: TMPL

Year end: 31 December

Dividends paid: Quarterly in March, June,

September and December

Benchmark: FTSE All-Share

**Association of Investment Companies** 

(AIC) sector: UK Equity Income

ISA status: May be held in an ISA and Junior

ISA

#### Capital structure:

Ordinary shares in issue: 288,866,416 in circulation 45,497,409 in treasury

#### Debt:

4.05% private placement loan 2028 £50m 2.99% private placement loan 2047 £25m

Ongoing charge: 0.54%, effective 31 December 2022 Includes a management fee of 0.325%. Excludes borrowing and portfolio transaction costs.

AIFM, Administrator & Company Secretary: Frostrow Capital LLP with effect from 1 July 2023

**Portfolio Manager:** RWC Asset Management LLP with effect from 30 October 2020

**Portfolio Management Team:** Ian Lance and Nick Purves

Registrar: Equiniti Financial Services Limited

**Depositary & Custodian:** Bank of New York Mellon

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## Company share price risk

Shares in the Company are bought and sold on the London Stock Exchange. The price you pay or receive, like other listed shares, is determined by supply and demand and may be at a discount or premium to the underlying net asset value of the Company. Usually, at any given time, the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price you could sell it.

#### Borrowing/leverage risk

The Company has increased its exposure to investments via borrowings and this could potentially magnify any losses or gains made by the Company.

The Company's gearing and discount management policies can be found at <a href="https://www.templebarinvestments.co.uk/">https://www.templebarinvestments.co.uk/</a> investment-approach/investment-policies/

#### Interest rate

The value of fixed income assets & liabilities (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates and/or inflation rises and increase when interest rates and/or inflation falls.

#### **Concentration risk**

The Company's portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of geographical regions, industry sectors, markets and/or individual positions. This may result in large changes in the value of the portfolio, both up or down, which may adversely impact the Company's performance.

## **Target market**

The Company is suitable for investors seeking an investment that aims to deliver total returns over the longer term (at least five years), is compatible with the needs for retail clients, professional clients and eligible counterparties and is eligible for all distribution channels.

The Company may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, have low or no risk tolerance or are looking for capital protection, who are seeking a guaranteed or regular income, or a predictable return profile. The Company does not offer capital protection.

## Value assessment

Frostrow Capital LLP has conducted an annual value assessment on the Company in line with Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules set out in the Consumer Duty regulation. The assessment focuses on the nature of the product, including benefits received and its quality, limitations that are part of the product, expected total costs to clients and target market considerations.

Within this, the assessment considers quality of services, performance of the Company (against both benchmark and peers), total fees (including management fees and entry and exit fees as applicable to the Company) and considers whether vulnerable consumers are able to receive fair value from the product.

Frostrow Capital LLP concluded that the Company is providing value based on the above assessment.

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