Legal & General European Equity Income Fund

Interim Manager's Report for the period ended 31 October 2024 (Unaudited)



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### **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The objective of the Fund is to provide income in excess of the income generated by the FTSE World Europe ex-UK TR Net Index, the "Benchmark Index", measured before the deduction of any charges and over rolling five year periods, whilst aiming for capital growth over the long term (at least five years). Please note, invested capital is at risk and there is no guarantee that the above will be attained over any time period.

The Fund is actively managed and will invest at least 85% in the shares of European companies, excluding the UK. These are companies that are incorporated, listed, headquartered or which have their principal business activities in Europe.

Over a market cycle (typically five years), the Fund will comprise on average 35 to 70 companies selected by the Manager following research of each company. At times, the Fund's portfolio may be concentrated.

The Fund may also invest in other shares (including of UK companies), preference shares, collective investment schemes including those managed or operated by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager as well as participatory notes, cash, permitted deposits and money market instruments (such as Treasury bills).

In addition, the Fund is also permitted to receive and hold warrants and convertible bonds as a result of corporate actions.

The Fund may only hold derivatives for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management.

### Manager's Investment Report

During the period under review, the published price of the Fund's I-Class accumulation units increased by 0.84%. This compares to an increase in the Benchmark Index of 0.13% on a total return basis (Source: Bloomberg).

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up.

Exchange rate changes may cause the value of any overseas investments to rise or fall.

#### Market/Economic Review

Over the six months under review, the focus has shifted towards developed-market central banks making wholesale interest rate cuts. With the Swiss National Bank having become the first G10 central bank to cut interest rates in this cycle in March 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) followed suit in June, September and October.

Having cut interest rates by 0.25% in June and September, the ECB went again at its October meeting, cutting by a further 25 basis points to 3.50% amid falling inflation and a slowing Eurozone economy. A similar cut is expected in December. Inflation hit the ECB's 2.00% target in October, slightly up from the previous month. Meanwhile, the German economy remains firmly in the doldrums and looks to be facing its first two-year recession since the turn of the millennium; the German economy minister, Robert Habeck, expects Europe's largest economy to shrink by 0.20% this period.

European equity markets edged into negative territory over the six months, in Euro terms, underperforming the global average over the period. The six months saw a knockout performance from the telecoms sector, along with strong showings from utilities, real estate and financials. However, notably weak showings from the autos and parts, travel and leisure, and consumer discretionary sectors, among others, dragged down the index-level return for the period.

## Manager's Investment Report continued

#### **Fund Review**

During the period, the Fund delivered a positive return. Despite the overall flat market performance there was strong sector divergence, with a lacklustre Chinese economy leading to disappointment in the consumer discretionary space. Commodity prices didn't help the basics or energy sectors either. Parts of the technology sector gave back their gains and the fund benefitted from being underweight in these areas. On the plus side, Telecoms were strong, utilities delivered a good return in the falling interest rate environment, while the financials resilient.

At the stock level, Siemens Energy delivered a very strong return in the period as the value of the segments became increasingly apparent and fears of further costs associated with specific models of in the wind turbine business were allayed. The portfolio was also assisted by strong returns from SAP and ROCKWOOL, while the continued weakness in the chemicals sector led to weakness from Wacker Chemie.

#### Outlook

Against a turbulent geopolitical background, we maintain our cautious outlook and an overweight to the less cyclically sensitive sectors like staples and telecoms. Having said that, we have already entered positions which have large potential upsides as the economy improves and confidence returns to the market, and we are always on the lookout for more.

Legal & General Investment Management Limited (Investment Adviser) 27 November 2024

### Important Note from the Manager

#### **Geopolitical Events**

In response to events in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, the Manager is closely monitoring financial markets and any potential liquidity and volatility risks which may have an impact on the Fund.

Legal & General (Unit Trust Managers) Limited December 2024

### **Authorised Status**

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This Fund is an Authorised Unit Trust Scheme as defined in section 243 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is a UCITS Retail Scheme within the meaning of the FCA Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

### **Directors' Statement**

We hereby certify that this Manager's Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the FCA Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

A. J. C. Craven (Director)

R. R. Mason (Director)

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Legal & General (Unit Trust Managers) Limited 18 December 2024

# **Portfolio Statement**

# Portfolio Statement as at 31 October 2024

All investments are in ordinary shares unless otherwise stated. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent holdings at 30 April 2024.

Holding/		Market	% of
Nominal		Value	Net
Value	Investment	£	Assets
62,000	UNITED KINGDOM — 0.67% (1.00%) Noble Corporation	1,503,299	0.67
	CONTINENTAL EUROPE		
	— 95.76% (95.01%) Austria — 2.03% (1.85%)		
95,900	ANDRITZ	4,561,478	2.03
	Belgium — 0.57% (0.63%)		
62,900	Galapagos	1,292,599	0.57
	Denmark — 6.07% (7.04%)		
100,000	Novo Nordisk	8,527,901	3.79
15,200	ROCKWOOL	5,139,236	2.28
		13,667,137	6.07
	Finland — 1.01% (0.00%)		
187,000	Neste	2,266,725	1.01
	France — 28.77% (27.15%)		
260,000	AXA	7,496,335	3.33
1,090,000	Ayvens	5,316,931	2.36
98,000	BNP Paribas	5,096,315	2.26
326,000	Carrefour	3,957,076	1.76
83,700	Cie de Saint-Gobain	5,830,194	2.59
85,400	Danone	4,672,783	2.08
16,600	Dassault Aviation	2,575,859	1.15
330,000	Orange	2,745,770	1.22
81,900	Publicis Groupe	6,728,086	2.99
90,000	Sanofi	7,361,093	3.27
58,200	Societe BIC	3,260,526	1.45
	Societe Generale	4,671,225	2.08
	SOITEC	1,764,299	0.78
101,000	Valeo	765,266	0.34
114,000	Verallia	2,503,088	1.11
		64,744,846	28.77
	Germany — 25.68% (24.95%)		
85,700	BASF	3,205,434	1.43
110,000	Bayer	2,304,722	1.02
39,700	Daimler Truck Holding	1,269,302	0.56
	Deutsche Telekom	6,660,482	2.96
	Fresenius & Company	5,354,070	2.38
	GEA Group	1,559,117	0.69
	KION Group	1,996,555	0.89
	Mercedes-Benz Group	2,460,930	1.09
81,400		2,859,532	1.27
69,700	SAP	12,692,021	5.64
65,600	Siemens	9,821,128	4.36
108,000	Siemens Energy	3,363,478	1.50

# Portfolio Statement continued

Holding/ Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £	% of Net Assets
07.400	Germany — (cont.)	01/04/	0.04
	Stabilus Wacker Chemie	816,844 3,432,246	0.36 1.53
32,000	Wacker Chernie	57,795,861	25.68
434,000	<b>Italy — 2.25% (2.49%)</b> Eni	5,074,298	2.25
136,000	Luxembourg — 1.84% (2.06%) ArcelorMittal	2,593,227	1.15
507,000	SES	1,542,029	0.69
		4,135,256	1.84
427,000	Netherlands — 2.50% (2.74%) ING Groep	5,614,634	2.50
173,000	<b>Norway — 2.94% (3.13%)</b> Mowi	2,300,134	1.02
154,000	Telenor	1,456,493	0.65
184,000	TGS	1,284,514	0.57
67,900	Yara International	1,584,491	0.70
		6,625,632	2.94
	Portugal — 1.91% (2.13%)		- 1
857,000	EDP	2,573,533	1.14
130,000	Galp Energia	1,721,130	0.77
		4,294,663	1.91
410,000	<b>Spain — 1.39% (1.64%)</b> Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	3,123,007	1.39
	Sweden — 8.16% (8.69%)		- 1
431,000		2,010,653	0.89
206,000	· ·	4,424,347	1.97
	Svenska Handelsbanken 'A' Swedbank 'A'	2,895,020 3,500,480	1.29 1.56
	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson	1,875,430	0.83
	Volvo 'B'	3,653,488	1.62
,		18,359,418	8.16
	Switzerland — 10.64% (10.51%)		
69,600	Adecco Group	1,680,024	0.75
97,200	Nestlé	7,045,640	3.13
28,500	Roche Holding	6,808,380	3.02
	The Swatch Group	3,899,256	1.73
189,000	UBS Group	4,516,714	2.01
		23,950,014	10.64
290,000	NORTH AMERICA — 2.24% (1.61%) Bermuda — 2.24% (1.61%) Flow Traders	5,056,119	2.24
Portfolio of investme	ants <sup>1</sup>	222,064,986	98.67
Net other assets <sup>2</sup>		2,984,714	1.33
Total net assets		£225,049,700	100.00%
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# Portfolio Statement continued

Total purchases for the period: £16,564.965.

Total sales for the period: £20,610.837.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All investments are admitted to an official stock exchange unless otherwise stated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes shares in the LGIM Sterling Liquidity Fund Class 1 to the value of £446,661 and shares in the LGIM Euro Liquidity Fund to the value of £357,727 which are shown as cash equivalents in the balance sheet of the Fund.

### **Financial Statements**

### Statement of Total Return For the period ended 31 October 2024

£	31/10/24 £	£	31/10/23 £
	(1,631,600)		(17,309,091)
4,712,319		6,107,482	
(81,961)		(92,013)	
(2,295)		(1,800)	
4,628,063	_	6,013,669	
(138,192)		(377,513)	
	- 4,489,871		5,636,156
_	2,858,271	-	(11,672,935)
	(4,571,832)		(5,728,169)
_	£(1.713.561)	-	£(17,401,104)
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# Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Unitholders for the period ended 31 October 2024

	£	31/10/24 £	£	31/10/23 £
Opening net assets attributable to Unitholders		233,196,500		271,744,897
Amounts received on issue of units	752,675		1,237,292	
Amounts paid on cancellation of units	(7,766,511)	_	(24,757,850)	
		(7,013,836)		(23,520,558)
Dilution levy		_		16,400
Change in net assets attributable to Unitholders from investment activities		(1,713,561)		(17,401,104)
Retained distributions on accumulation units		580,597		797,938
Closing net assets attributable to Unitholders	_	£225,049,700	_	£231,637,573

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

# Financial Statements continued

# Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2024

	31/10/24 £	30/04/24 £
ASSETS		
Fixed assets:		
Investments	222,064,986	227,646,869
Current assets:		
Debtors	6,410,797	2,347,282
Cash and bank balances	214,329	258,807
Cash equivalents	804,388	6,308,299
Total assets	229,494,500	236,561,257
LIABILITIES		
Creditors:		
Distributions payable	(772,847)	(3,322,857)
Other creditors	(3,671,953)	(41,900)
Total liabilities	(4,444,800)	(3,364,757)
Net assets attributable to Unitholders	£225,049,700	£233,196,500

### Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1. Statement of Compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (2014 SORP) and amended in June 2017.

#### 2. Accounting Policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with the most recent annual Financial Statements.

### (a) Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss. In making this assessment, the Manager has considered, amongst other things, factors such as Fund size, cash flows through the Fund and Fund liquidity in its assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least the twelve month period from the date the financial statements are signed. Based on this assessment, the Manager deems the basis of preparation appropriate.

### **Fund Information**

#### Net Asset Values and Units in Issue

Class	Net Asset Value (£)	Units in Issue	Net Asset Value per Unit (p)
I-Class			
Distribution Units	2,057,387	3,658,527	56.24
Accumulation Units	3,434,371	4,834,484	71.04
C-Class			
Distribution Units	12,378	21,712	57.01
Accumulation Units	6,778	9,417	71.98
L-Class			
Distribution Units	196,396,307	332,683,829	59.03
Accumulation Units	23,142,479	31,016,000	74.61

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The price of units and any income from them may go down as well as up.

Exchange rate changes may cause the value of any overseas investments to rise or fall.

### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

	31 Oct 24	30 Apr 24
I-Class	0.80%	0.80%
C-Class	0.60%	0.60%
L-Class	0.05%	0.05%

The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund.

The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures.

#### **Distribution Information**

#### **I-Class**

The distribution payable on 31 December 2024 is 0.2200p per unit for distribution units and 0.2768p per unit for accumulation units.

#### C-Class

The distribution payable on 31 December 2024 is 0.2172p per unit for distribution units and 0.2717p per unit for accumulation units.

#### L-Class

The distribution payable on 31 December 2024 is 0.2298p per unit for distribution units and 0.2895p per unit for accumulation units.

### Risk and Reward Profile



- The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time. It is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table above shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.
- The Fund is in category six because it invests in company shares which are sensitive to variations in the stock market. The value of company shares can change substantially over short periods of time. Company shares are generally considered to be higher risk investments than bonds or cash.
- Even a fund in the lowest category is not a risk free investment.

### **General Information**

#### Constitution

Launch date: 19 December 2017

Period end dates for distributions: 30 April, 31 July,

31 October, 31 January

Distribution dates: 30 June, 30 September,

31 December, 31 March

Minimum initial lump sum

investment: I-Class £1,000,000

C-Class\* £50,000,000

L-Class\*\* £100,000

Valuation point: 12 noon

Fund Management Fees: I-Class Annual 0.80%

C-Class\* Annual 0.60% L-Class\*\* Annual 0.05%

Initial charges: Nil for all existing unit classes

- \* Class C units are available to certain eligible investors who meet the criteria for investment in such units as outlined in the share class policy of the Manager, which is available to investors in the C-Class upon request. Where investors in the C-Class no longer continue to meet the criteria for investment in such units, further investment in such units may not be permitted.
- \*\* Class L units are only available to other Legal & General funds and/or companies which have entered into an agreement with the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager.

#### **Pricing and Dealing**

The prices are published on the internet at www.legalandgeneral.com/investments/funds/prices-and-reports/daily-fund-prices immediately after they become available.

Dealing in units takes place on a forward pricing basis, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

#### **Buying and Selling Units**

Units may be bought on any business day from the Manager or through a financial adviser by completing an application form or on the internet at www.legalandgeneral.com. Units may normally be sold back to the Manager on any business day at the bid price calculated at the following valuation point.

#### **Prospectus and Manager's Reports**

Copies of the Prospectus and the most recent annual or interim reports are available free of charge by telephoning 0370 050 0955 or by writing to the Manager.

Do you have difficulty in reading information in print because of a disability? If so, we can help. We are able to produce information for our clients in large print and braille. If you would like to discuss your particular requirements, please contact us on 0370 050 0955.

Call charges will vary. We may record and monitor calls.

### General Information continued

### Taskforce on Climate related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Report

In accordance with the Taskforce on Climate related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) requirements, UTM has prepared its public TCFD report which is available for investors to read and review at the following website link:

https://www.lgim.com/landg-assets/lgim/\_document-library/capabilities/utm-tcfd-legal-entity-report-2023.pdf.

### **Notifiable Change**

### **Prospectus Updates**

As of 11 June 2024, the following changes were added to the prospectus:

Additions to Appendix C; Eligible Derivatives Markets with the addition of following exchanges:

- Hong Kong Global Enterprise Market (GEM) Hong Kong and Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd
- Singapore Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing Ltd
- USA Chicago Board Options Exchanges and NYSE MKT LLC.

### General Information continued

### **Authorised Fund Manager**

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