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Emerging Markets Trust plc

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Offering long-term value in emerging markets investments

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UK closed-end investment trust focused on long-term total return

OBJECTIVE

Utilico Emerging Markets Trust plc ("UEM") seeks to provide long-term total return by investing predominantly in infrastructure, utility and related sectors mainly in emerging markets.

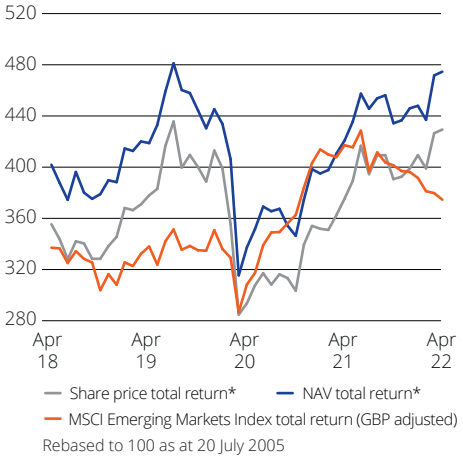
INVESTMENT APPROACH

To seek to invest mainly in companies and sectors displaying the characteristics of essential services or monopolies such as utilities, transportation infrastructure, communications or companies with a unique product or market position.

KEY DATES

Launch Date+	20 July 2005
Year End	31 March
AGM	September 2022
Ex-Dividend Dates	September, December, March & June
Dividend Paid Dates	September, December, March & June
Continuation Vote	To be proposed at the AGM in 2026

PERFORMANCE



Rebased to 100 as at 20 July 2005

PERFORMANCE (Total return*) | **ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE** (Total return*)

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	Inception	Apr 22	Apr 21	Apr 20	Apr 19	Apr 18
Share Price	0.7%	4.9%	14.4%	13.6%	329.4%	14.4%	27.9%	(22.3%)	6.4%	6.8%
Net Asset Value ("NAV")	0.6%	5.9%	12.8%	13.3%	374.6%	12.8%	24.8%	(19.5%)	4.2%	6.4%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (GBP adjusted) ("MSCI")	(1.4%)	(4.3%)	(10.2%)	10.8%	274.6%	(10.2%)	35.3%	(8.8%)	0.3%	14.3%

FUND DETAILS

ORDINARY SHARES

NAV at launch+	98.36p
NAV (cum income)	255.78p
Share Price	225.50p
Discount to diluted NAV	(11.8%)
NAV Total return since launch*	374.6%
Annual average compound return*	9.7%
Historic Dividend paid per share (last 12 months)	8.00p
Historic Dividend Yield (last 12 months)	3.5%
Ongoing charges figure	1.4%
Shares in issue	214,062,035
Ticker	UEM.L

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Gross Assets less Current Liabilities	£571.0m
Bank Debt	£(23.5)m
Shareholders' Funds	£547.5m
Gearing (based on AIC definition)	3.3%

Gearing AIC – standardised gearing calculation as recommended by the AIC is based on net assets

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

UEM is managed by ICM Limited and ICM Investment Management Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.
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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE (PER ANNUM)

1.0% of NAV up to and including £500m;

0.9% of NAV exceeding £500m up to and including £750m;

0.85% of NAV exceeding £750m up to and including £1,000m; and,

0.75% of NAV exceeding £1,000m.

+ Utilico Emerging Markets Limited – UEM's predecessor

* Total return is calculated based on undiluted NAV plus dividends reinvested and adjusted for the exercise of warrants and subscription shares

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PERFORMANCE

UEM's NAV total return in the month of April increased by 0.6%, again ahead of the MSCI Emerging Markets total return Index ("MSCI") which decreased by 1.4% in Sterling terms during the period.

Markets in April remained volatile, still affected by the Russian war with Ukraine which endures little resolution on the horizon. The ongoing lockdowns in China further added to the pressure on the already disrupted global supply chain, as the country persists with its zero-Covid-19 policy. In addition, the weaker economic data emerging from the US was discouraging whilst inflationary pressures persisted resulting in Jerome Powell, chairman of the Federal Reserve indicating a more aggressive path of interest rate increases is on the horizon.

Markets clearly reflected this nervousness with most emerging markets firmly down during the month. The Brazilian Bovespa was down by 10.1%, the Mexican Bolsa down by 9.1%, whilst the Chinese Shanghai Composite was down by 6.3%. The developed markets indices failed to fare any better with the S&P Index down 8.8% and Dow Jones down 4.9%, albeit the FTSE 100 managed to buck the trend ending the month up 0.4% despite the UK economy slowing more than expected and inflation continuing to edge higher with the consumer price index hitting its highest level since 1992 at 7.0%.

The weaker UK data resulted in Sterling performing poorly in the month of April, depreciating against most currencies, down 4.6% against the US Dollar (partially due to the strong performance of the US Dollar), down 4.5% against the Hong Kong Dollar and down 3.8% against the Indian Rupee. Sterling did strengthen in April against the Chilean Peso by 3.4% and was marginally up against the Australian Dollar by 0.8%.

The Brent Crude oil price continued to benefit over the month, up 1.3% on the back of ongoing concerns around energy supplies due to the geopolitical issues with Russia, whilst industrial metal prices such as copper fell 7.5% prompted by slower economic growth and Covid-19 lockdowns in China.

PORTFOLIO

There was only one change to the constituents of the top thirty holdings in the portfolio in April with China Gas Holdings replacing Engie Energia Chile partly due to relative performance as well as an increased position in China Gas.

April witnessed some strong performance during the month with Orizon up 14.2%, driven by the closing of Estre's acquisition and the market strong upward revision of Orizon's EBITDA expectations. Link Net was also up by 6.8%, helped along by a stronger Indonesian market and Power Grid Corporation of India was up by 6.0%.

Given the market volatility and uncertainty, April also saw some significant decliners, with the Korean internet services provider Naver Corp down 15.9% partly due to weaker than expected financial results but also down due to a reaction to NASDAQ weakness. Rumo, the Brazilian rail based logistic operator was also down 11.8% for the month, affected by market concerns about Rumo's operating in a higher inflationary environment, despite posting solid 1Q22 results. China Everbright Greentech was down 8.9% due to concerns over the impact on waste volumes from the broader potential China economic slowdown.

Purchases during the month for the portfolio amounted to £3.9m and realisations totalled £8.0m.

DEBT

UEM's bank debt remained at EUR 28.0m as at the end of April, with the corresponding liability in Sterling terms decreasing marginally from £23.7m to £23.5m.

OTHER

UEM's share price ended March at 225.50p, up 0.7% over the month, with the discount to NAV narrowing marginally to 11.8%. UEM continued to take advantage of weakness in April and bought back 0.7m shares at an average price of 220.36p.

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TOP THIRTY HOLDINGS		% of total investments
1	International Container Terminal Services, Inc.	4.6%
2	Alupar Investimento S.A.	3.6%
3	India Grid Trust	3.4%
4	Gujarat State Petronet Limited	3.2%
5	Petalite Limited	3.1%
6	Simpar SA	2.9%
7	Ocean Wilsons Holdings Limited	2.7%
8	My E.G. Services Bhd	2.7%
9	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited	2.4%
10	FPT Corporation	2.4%
11	CGN Capital Partners Infra Fund 3	2.3%
12	Rumo S.A.	2.2%
13	Orizon Valorizacao de Resiuos S.A.	2.1%
14	VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund Ltd	2.0%
15	Citic Telecom International Holdings Limited	1.9%
16	China Datang Corporation Renewable Power Co., Limited	1.9%
17	Corporacion Financiera Colombiana S.A.	1.9%
18	Telelink Business Services	1.8%
19	Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacífico, S.A.B. de C.V. (GAP)	1.8%
20	KunLun Energy Company Limited	1.8%
21	Link Net	1.7%
22	China Everbright Greentech Limited	1.6%
23	Société Nationale des Télécommunications du Senegal (Sonatel)	1.6%
24	Santos Brasil Participacoes S.A.	1.6%
25	Powergrid Infrastructure Investment Trust	1.5%
26	Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de C.V. (OMA)	1.4%
27	KINX Inc	1.4%
28	KT Corporation	1.4%
29	China Gas Holdings Limited	1.4%
30	Naver Corporation Limited	1.4%
Total Top Thirty		**65.7%**

SECTOR SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS	
Ports and Logistics	19.3%
Electricity	15.9%
Data Services and Digital Infrastructure	15.4%
Renewables	9.8%
Gas	8.4%
Telecommunications	8.1%
Other	5.5%
Infrastructure Investment Funds	5.0%
Airports	4.8%
Water and Waste	4.7%
Road and Rail	3.1%

GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS	
Brazil	20.7%
China Incl. HK	15.5%
India	12.3%
Other Europe	10.1%
Vietnam	7.3%
Middle East/Africa	5.5%
South Korea	5.0%
Other Asia	4.8%
The Philippines	4.6%
Mexico	4.2%
Colombia	3.6%
Malaysia	2.7%
Romania	2.1%
Chile	1.6%