

# LAFARGE UK PENSION PLAN

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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The Trustee of the Plan is Lafarge UK Pension Trustees Limited.

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## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Trustee Board presents its Report and Financial Statements of the Lafarge UK Pension Plan (the "Plan") for the year ended 30 June 2025. The Financial Statements and the Trustee Report have been prepared in accordance with Section 41(1) and (6) of the Pensions Act 1995 ("the Act").

The Plan is a self-administered occupational pension scheme. The Plan is a Defined Benefit arrangement, comprising two sections, which are both closed to future benefit accrual. Up to 31 December 2022 the assets of the two sections were held together but with effect from 1 January 2023 they have been separated and there are now separate bank accounts and investment portfolios for each section.

The Plan is governed under a consolidated Trust Deed and Rules, signed 29 October 2012, Amending Deeds signed 25 March 2015, 3 April 2017, 15 November 2017, 28 April 2020 and 24 June 2021 and the Deed of Agreement dated 30 September 2016, as amended 29 March 2019. Copies of the Trust Deed and Rules are available upon request from the Plan Secretary at the address on page 1.

The Plan is a registered scheme under Chapter 2 of the Finance Act 2004 and the registered number is 00488162RM.

#### Trust Deed and Rules

A consolidated Trust Deed and Rules for the Plan was signed on 29 October 2012. At their meeting of 25 March 2015, the Directors approved an Amending Deed to enable members to benefit from one aspect of the newly introduced DC Flexibilities and on 3 April 2017 a Deed of Amendment was signed to enable the Plan to be used to meet the statutory auto-enrolment obligations of the participating employer, Lafarge Building Materials Ltd. On 15 November 2017 a Deed of Amendment was signed to enable the Plan to offer a Pension Increase Exchange option to members. On 28 April 2020, a Deed of Amendment was signed to allow the closure of the Money Purchase section and transfer of the section's assets to a master trust and on 24 June 2021 a Deed of Amendment was signed to close the Money Purchase section.

#### Trustee

Throughout the year Lafarge UK Pension Trustees Limited acted as the Trustee of the Plan. It is also the Trustee to another pension scheme within the Holcim Group, the Aggregate Industries Pension Plan (this was effective from 25 September 2020). The names of the Directors who were serving at the date of signing are given on page 1. At the beginning and end of the period every Director in office held a £1 share in the capital of the company. There were no other interests in the capital of the company.

The constitution of the Trustee Board as at 30 June 2025 is as follows:

- Four Directors appointed by the Employer (Employer Directors), of which two are members of the Plan,
- Four Directors nominated by the membership, Member Nominated Directors (MNDs), and selected by the MND Selection Panel.

There should in addition be the Chairman, who must be independent of the Employers and serves for a term reviewed every three years. Serving Directors nominate candidates for appointment by the Principal Employer. However, just prior to the year-end, the Chairman resigned from his employment with Law Debenture and is taking a 6 month break. He will return as Chairman in his new capacity as an independent consultant in January 2026. It has been agreed that Nick Peall will act as Chairman until then.

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**MEMBER NOMINATED DIRECTORS (MNDs)**

**The MND nomination and selection process**

The Trustee has established a process to select MNDs, which meets the Pension Regulator's criteria of fairness, proportionality and transparency.

All Plan members (pensioner or deferred) are eligible to be nominated for appointment, provided they are UK resident and have at least two years' pensionable service in the Plan. Nominations must be supported by two other Plan members (who also satisfy the same eligibility requirements).

Members who seek to be nominated will first be assessed by a Selection Panel to ensure candidates are suitable for subsequent appointment. The Selection Panel will be chosen by the Trustee Board and will include an independent adviser, the Independent Chairman and existing MNDs.

It should be noted that all Trustee Directors, whether they be members of the Plan or the Aggregate Industries Pension Plan and deferred members or pensioners, represent equally the interests of all members/beneficiaries of both Plans as opposed to particular groups of members.

**PLAN GOVERNANCE**

**Trustee Board and Committees**

The Trustee Board has procedures in place to govern the Plan effectively and efficiently. The Board retains overall responsibility for all aspects of the Plan and has delegated certain tasks and functions to committees, as it believes this will lead to better governance. Each committee has written Terms of Reference which are reviewed annually. The Chairman and Secretary maintain an annual Business Schedule setting out the meetings of the Trustee Board and its committees, planning the main content of each meeting to conduct the Board's business in an orderly manner. In general, the full Board and Investment Strategy Committee meet quarterly.

The Trustee has in place the following committees:

**The Investment Strategy Committee**

During the year the Committee held 8 meetings and comprised four Directors which included the Independent Chairman, plus a representative of Holcim. The Committee meets quarterly and from July 2024 has introduced monthly sub group calls to monitor the performance of the Fiduciary Manager, taking advice from the Plan's Fiduciary Manager monitor, and consider new investment opportunities and strategies. In addition to the usual quarterly meetings, the ISC had extra calls and meetings to review the Fiduciary Manager Monitor and the Fiduciary Manager and to receive presentations from shortlisted providers to for both roles. From the shortlist of providers it has been decided that VLK will replace WTW as Fiduciary Manager and XPS will replace Isio Group Limited as Fiduciary Manager Monitor.

**The Administration and Discretions Committee**

This Committee comprises a minimum of five Directors and may also include one member nominated by the participating employer who may or may not be a Trustee Director. The Committee meets at least half-yearly to monitor the administration service provided by the administrator Isio Group Limited, review member communications and consider the payment of discretionary benefits (where discretion has not been delegated to the Secretary) such as ill health and dependant's pensions. During the year there were 5 committee meetings.

**Valuation Working Group**

In the previous year, the Trustee formed a Valuation Working Group (VWG), comprising five Directors, including the Independent Chairman. Its primary function was to facilitate a smooth 2024 Valuation. The VWG has been disbanded by the Trustee now the 2024 Valuation has been submitted to the Pensions Regulator.

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**PLAN GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)**

**The Audit and Risk Management Committee**

This Committee comprises at least three Directors including the Independent Chairman and representatives of each of the four other committees. It meets at least twice a year, and its principal role is oversight of the Trustee's Report and Financial Statements and the Trustee's risk and controls framework (see below). The Committee met 3 times during the year ended 30 June 2025.

The Trustee Board retains overall responsibility for risk governance and maintains a risk register which is reviewed in full annually. The register assigns risks to each of the Trustee's Committees and the Committees review their 5 highest risks at their regular meetings. The Trustee Board delegates the Risk Management Function reviews of the risk governance framework to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

**The Employer Events and Monitoring Committee**

The Committee comprises between three and five Directors including the Independent Chairman. This Committee met once during the year ended 30 June 2025. Its primary function is to assess and monitor the financial positions of the sponsoring and Principal Employer, and it takes advice from the Trustee's covenant adviser.

**Trustee Director Competencies**

A schedule of Trustee Knowledge and Understanding (TKU) has been prepared, tailored to the Plan's circumstances, and based on the Pensions Regulator's guidance on relevant expertise for trustees. On appointment, Directors and committee members receive training on relevant pension matters and thereafter are provided with periodic updates. Directors and committee members are encouraged to complete the Pensions Regulator's Trustee Toolkit or equivalent qualification and are regularly asked to assess their levels of knowledge and understanding. The individual assessments are recorded and compiled to identify the strengths collectively, of the Board and its committees, and also of individual Directors. Where a low level of knowledge is indicated, either suitable training is arranged, or appropriate information is provided.

When preparing the Business Schedule, training needs are identified so that training may be arranged before the matters are considered. Periodically the Directors complete a self-assessment questionnaire, and the results are used to identify topics for future training. Overall, the Directors considered that the Board were performing well.

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**PLAN GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)**

**Managing Conflicts of Interest**

The Board has in place procedures to identify and manage conflicts of interest for members of the Board or the committees. Individual directors may seek external counsel and may initiate the Plan's procedure to manage their conflict. At the beginning of each meeting, members are asked to disclose any possible conflicts of interest and the Chairman and Secretary are required to consider the likelihood of conflicts arising, based on the agenda, and to deal with any potential conflicts.

**Identification and Control of Risk**

The Trustee Board has established procedures to identify, measure and manage the significant risks inherent in the operation of the Plan by proportionate internal controls. The assessment covers a wide range of external and internal matters including compliance with laws and the Plan Rules, administration and systems, funding, investment, safe custody of assets and cyber risk. The Board has overall responsibility for the programme but has delegated oversight of appropriate risks and controls to the relevant boards/committees described above. Each committee is responsible for managing and controlling risk in its own area of responsibility, which includes the maintenance of a risk register, or other means of managing risk, and which in turn is monitored by the Trustee Board.

**Going Concern**

The Trustee regularly monitors the strength of the Principal Employer, Lafarge SA, with advice from its covenant adviser, Penfida. In the context of the 2024 actuarial valuation, the covenant available to the Plan was rated as Strong and has remained Strong since. This advice took into account the implications of the spin-off of Holcim's North American business to Amrize which was completed on 20 June 2025.

The Employer has been under investigation for historic terrorist funding allegations in Syria prior to its acquisition by Holcim Limited. In October 2022, the United States Department of Justice (DoJ) announced that Lafarge had pleaded guilty to a single charge of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorist organisations in Syria. Investigations in France are ongoing. The Trustee cannot comment in any detail on the investigation, or the likely outcome, but having made enquiries of Holcim and taken advice from Penfida, on the basis of the information it has received does not consider that the range of possible outcomes threaten the Plan as a "going concern".

There are no contributions due from the Employer under the current valuation which was completed as at 2024. This position will be reviewed as part of the 2027 valuation.

The Trustee carried out a "Going Concern" assessment for the next 12 months and taking all relevant factors into account the Trustee does not consider that they threaten the Plan's 'going concern' status.

**Virgin Media Limited v NTL Pension Trustees II Limited**

Following the High Court ruling in the case of Virgin Media Limited v NTL Pension Trustees II Limited and others in June 2023, it was held that section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 operates to make void any amendment to the rules of a contracted out pension scheme without written actuarial confirmation under Regulation 42(2) of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting Out) Regulations 1996, in so far that the amendment relates to members' section 9(2B) rights. On 25 July 2024, the Court of Appeal upheld the High Court's decision.

The Plan was contracted out of the additional state pension between 1997 and 2016 and it is possible that amendments were made to the Plan that may have impacted on the members' section 9(2B) rights.

The Trustee and the Directors work closely together and takes appropriate legal and professional advice when making amendments to the Plan. It is not currently possible to determine whether any amendments to section 9(2B) rights were made to the Plan that were not in accordance with section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 requirements. Further, it is not currently possible to reliably estimate the possible impact to the defined benefit obligations of the Plan if these amendments were not in accordance with section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 requirements.

It is not expected that there will be any impact on the Plan, as the Government is aware of the uncertainties created by the original High Court ruling and the Court of Appeal judgment and has announced it will introduce legislation to give affected pension schemes the ability to retrospectively obtain written actuarial confirmation that historic benefit changes met the necessary standards.



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**PLAN GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)**

**Compliance**

The Plan had procedures in place at 30 June 2025 which satisfactorily demonstrated compliance with the requirements of the Pensions Act 2004 and the Codes of Practice formally issued by the Pensions Regulator. The Plan is compliant with the Codes of Practice.

The compliance procedures are administered on a daily basis by the Administrator. Formal reports are made to the Administration and Discretions Committee, at least twice yearly, on the service standards, administration costs and compliance with relevant rules and regulations.

**GMP EQUALISATION**

The Trustee has considered the impact of the High Court judgment in October 2018 involving the Lloyds Banking Group's defined benefit pension schemes. The issues determined by the judgment arise in relation to many defined benefit pension schemes, including the Plan, and under the ruling schemes are required to equalise pension benefits for men and women in relation to guaranteed minimum pension benefits and to backdate such adjustments, including providing interest on the backdated amounts.

A supplementary Court hearing took place in May 2020 and judgment was handed down in November 2020, indicating that trustees will be required to revisit past transfers out of schemes and that historical individual transfers from the scheme would also be due a top-up payment where the original transfer payment fell short of what it would have been had the inequalities in scheme benefits from GMP been removed.

The Trustee has set up a Joint Working Group (JWG) with the Employer and relevant advisers in order to take forward discussions on the appropriate method and approach to implement GMP equalisation for the Plan. For the Actuarial Valuation as at 30 June 2024, the Trustee agreed to include a GMP equalisation reserve of 1.3% of the Plan's liabilities amounting to £28.5m in relation to both past and future benefit payments.

Based on the progress to date on this matter the Trustee remain of the opinion from their initial assessment of the likely backdated amounts and related interest will not be material to the financial statements and therefore has not included a liability in respect of these matters in these financial statements.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Details of the membership of the Plan for the year are given below:

	LRPS Section 2025	N-LRPS Section 2025	Total 2025	<i>Total 2024</i>
<b>PENSIONERS</b>				
Pensioners at the start of the year	6,055	8,424	14,479	14,726
Adjustments	11	7	18	1
New pensioners*	204	162	366	379
New dependent pensions	80	117	197	209
Deaths	(186)	(291)	(477)	(557)
Spouses and dependents deaths	(95)	(156)	(251)	(259)
Child allowance ceased	-	(1)	(1)	(5)
Trivial commutations	(1)	(3)	(4)	(15)
<b>Pensioners at the end of the year</b>	<b>6,068</b>	<b>8,259</b>	<b>14,327</b>	<b>14,479</b>
<b>MEMBERS WITH DEFERRED BENEFITS</b>				
Members with deferred benefits at the start of the year	3,479	2,165	5,644	6,079
Adjustments	(4)	(5)	(9)	(8)
Set to unclaimed*	-	-	-	(3)
Not in scheme	-	-	-	(4)
Transfers out	(12)	(10)	(22)	(16)
Retirements	(204)	(159)	(363)	(379)
Trivial commutations	(4)	-	(4)	(13)
Deaths	(8)	(14)	(22)	(12)
<b>Members with deferred benefits at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,247</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>5,224</b>	<b>5,644</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9,315</b>	<b>10,236</b>	<b>19,551</b>	<b>20,123</b>

The deferred membership as at 30 June 2025 does not include 739 records (2024: 742) relating to small benefit entitlements or refunds of contributions which have been unclaimed for many years. The Plan administrator has been unable to trace these individuals despite numerous attempts to do so.

\*Deferred members movements during the year include 3 members (2024: 3) who were set as unclaimed as they had not been traced despite numerous attempts, offset by nil (2024: nil) who were previously set as unclaimed but who were traced.

Unclaimed to deferred were members who were previously set as unclaimed but who have subsequently been traced.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During the year under review, the value of the Plan has changed as follows:

	<b>£m</b>
Value at 30 June 2024	2,051.3
Net decrease in fund over the year	(223.1)
<b>Value at 30 June 2025</b>	<b>1,828.2</b>

A summary of the Plan's income and expenditure in the year is given below.

	<b>Income £m</b>
Transfers in	1.7
Other income	0.7
Investment income	61.0
	<b>63.4</b>
	<b>Outgoings £m</b>
Pensions	(126.2)
Pension commutation lump sums	(12.4)
Death Benefits	(0.7)
Individual transfers out to other schemes	(4.8)
Administration and Investment management expenses	(16.1)
Change in market value of investments	(126.3)
	<b>(286.5)</b>
	<b>Net decrease in the fund</b>
	<b>(223.1)</b>

It is emphasised that the market value of the net assets of the Plan is a snapshot as at 30 June 2025 and that there can be sharp short-term fluctuations in market value. Given the long-term nature of pension schemes, too much emphasis should not be given to short-term rises or falls in the market value of the Plan's investments. Therefore, it is advised that the Plan's financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Report on Actuarial Liabilities on page 10.

The day-to-day administration of the Plan is delegated to Isio. The direct costs of investment management and of administrative activities, including actuarial and other legal and professional fees, were agreed by the Trustee to be borne by the Plan and amounted to £13.8m and £2.2m respectively for the year to 30 June 2025 (see notes 10 and 11 to the financial statements respectively).

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**REPORT ON ACTUARIAL LIABILITIES**

Under Section 222 of the Pensions Act 2004, every scheme is subject to the Statutory Funding Objective, which is to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover its technical provisions. The technical provisions represent the present value of the benefits members are entitled to, based on pensionable service to the valuation date. This is assessed using the assumptions agreed between the Trustee and the Employer and set out in the Statement of Funding Principles, which is available to Plan members on request.

The Plan's latest triennial actuarial valuation had an effective date of 30 June 2024 and details can be found in the Schedule of Contributions and Statement of Funding Principles which are available from the Secretary on request.

	£m
Value of Technical Provisions was:	2,189
Valuation of assets:	2,158
Deficit:	(31)

The Non-LRPS section had a deficit of £1.0m and the LRPS section had a deficit of £30.0m.

The method and significant actuarial assumptions used to determine the technical provisions are as follows (all assumptions adopted are set out in the Appendix to the Statement of Funding Principles):

**Significant Actuarial Assumptions**

The key assumptions used for calculating the technical provisions and future contribution requirement for the Scheme were:

**Method**

The actuarial method used in the calculation of the technical provisions is the Projected Unit Method.

Financial Assumptions		
	LRPS	Non - LRPS
<b>Discount Rate:</b>	Gilts plus 0.60% p.a.	Gilts plus 2.00% p.a.
<b>Price inflation:</b>		
Retail Prices Index (RPI) Inflation	3.40% p.a.	3.40% p.a.
Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation	3.00% p.a.	2.90% p.a.
<b>Pension increases in payment:</b>		
RPI (5% maximum)	3.00% p.a.	3.40% p.a.
Post 88 GMP increase	1.75% p.a.	2.40% p.a.
Revaluation in deferment Pensions in excess of GMP subject to deferred increases of 5% pa subject to a cumulative RPI cap	RPI curve with allowance for the timing of future inflationary catch-up increases	n/a
Revaluation in deferment Pensions in excess of GMP subject to statutory increases in deferment	Deferred pensions in excess of GMP increase in line with RPI or CPI increased subject to a maximum of 5% pa for benefits accrued prior to 6 April 2009 and subject to a maximum of 2.5% pa for benefits accrued after 5 April 2009, assessed over the whole period to retirement.	

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**Method (continued)**

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**Demographic Assumptions**

Mortality – base table	<p>Males – S4PMA normal health pensioners, all amounts with base table multipliers of 107% (insured)/103% (uninsured)% for the LRPS section and 103% (insured)/105% (uninsured) for the Non-LRPS section.</p> <p>Females – S4PFA normal health pensioners, all amounts with a base table multiplier of 116% (insured)/108% (uninsured) for the LRPS section and 115% (insured)/110% (uninsured) for the Non-LRPS section.</p>
Mortality – future improvements	<p>From 2017 in line with the CMI 2023 projections with a smoothing parameter of 7, an initial improvement parameter of 0.50% pa, a w parameter of 20% (20% weighting to 2022 and 2023 data), with long term improvement rates of 1.5% pa for both males and females.</p>

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The next triennial valuation as at 30 June 2027.

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#### INVESTMENT REPORT

The Plan's investments are held by the Trustee separately from the finances of Lafarge SA and the participating employing companies and in accordance with the Trust Deed. The Trustee has given instructions to the investment managers to prohibit the use or letting of the Plan's direct property assets by any company in the Holcim group and to prohibit investment in shares or bonds or loans of Holcim or its subsidiaries or associated companies except in respect of indirect investment in pooled or tracker funds and to restrict any employer related investments to levels permitted by the Pensions Act 1995.

The Plan's investments comply with any restrictions prescribed by regulations made under Section 40 of the Pensions Act 1995 and have been invested in accordance with the requirements of The Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment) Regulations 1996.

As required by the Pensions Act, the Trustee has prepared and maintained a Statement of Investment Principles (SIP). This is modified from time to time to reflect the changes required by legislation and changes in investment policy. Since the year-end, separate SIPs for the LRPS and Non-LRPS sections have been drafted to reflect the sectionalisation of the investment portfolios. Separate SIPs for the LRPS and Non-LRPS sections reflecting the sectionalised investment portfolios were agreed by the Investment Strategy Committee and Employer in September 2024.

#### Employer Related Investments

The SIP ensures there are strict limitations to the extent that the Plan may be invested in LafargeHolcim, the principal employer. At the year-end, within the meaning of Section 40 of the Pensions Act 1995, exposure to employer related investments was 0% of total assets based on investments where there is the ability to 'look through' to the underlying exposure. We are confident that employer related investments is significantly below 5% of Plan assets.

#### Investment Markets

Over the 12 months to 30 June 2025, global equity markets delivered positive performance across all regions. The FTSE All World Index returned 7.8% whilst the FTSE Emerging Index returned 7.7% (both in sterling terms). Long-dated UK government bond yields (which move inversely to bond price) broadly increased over the 12 months to 30 June 2025, with the over 15-year index returning -4.3% over the period. Similarly, long-dated inflation-linked gilt yields also increased over the 12-month period, with the over 15-year index returning -11.7%.

#### Performance Commentary

Over the 12-month period, the rise in long-dated gilt yields referenced above led to a fall in the value placed on each Section's liabilities (shown as the benchmark in the table below). Due to the Trustee's strategy of seeking to reduce risk through closely matching assets and liabilities, this fall in value was broadly mirrored by the returns on each Section's LDI assets leading to a negative return on the assets over the year.

Within each Section's return seeking assets, equity holdings contributed positively to returns driven by buoyant global markets as noted above. These positive returns were offset by underperformance from each Section's private market assets comprising of private equity and secure income assets, a component of the Fund's pooled investments, and a drag from US dollar exposure as the pound rallied strongly over Q2 2025.

#### Equity Markets

Over the 12 months to 30 June 2025, equity markets returned positive performance across all regions. The FTSE All World Index returned 7.8% whilst the FTSE Emerging Index returned 7.7% (both in sterling terms). FTSE All-Share Index returned 11.2% whilst China was the best performing region with 23.4% (both in sterling terms).

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#### Bond Markets

UK government bond yields (which move inversely to bond price) broadly increased over 12 months to 30 June 2025. Long maturity UK gilts have returned -4.3% over the period (as measured by FTSE-A Gilts Over 15 Years Index) and UK gilts all stocks returned 1.6%.

Similarly, inflation-linked gilt yields increased over the 12-month period. Long maturity UK index-linked gilts returned -11.7% (as measured by FTSE-A Index-Linked Gilts Over 15 Years Index) and UK index-linked gilts all stocks returned -5.2%.

Over the past year, local currency emerging market debt underperformed hard currency emerging market debt returning 5.0% and 9.7%, respectively.

#### Alternative Investment Markets

Oil prices decreased throughout the third quarter of 2024, reaching a low of US\$65.75 at the start of September driven by weakening global demand and anticipated increases in oil supply from major producers, including OPEC+. In contrast, oil prices increased throughout the fourth quarter, reaching a high of US\$77.14 at the start of October. However, this upward trend was brief as prices declined again during the first quarter of 2025 reaching a high of US\$80.00 at the middle of January then trended lower through to early May amid concerns over slowing global demand and high supply. In June 2025, a significant escalation in the Israel-Iran conflict caused oil prices to rally sharply but a subsequent ceasefire quickly eased near-term concerns leading to oil prices falling rapidly reaching a high of US\$75.1 at the middle of June.

Commercial UK property (as measured by the IPD Monthly Index) has returned 8.0% over the 12 months to 30 June 2025.

Global Commodity Futures, as measured by S&P Goldman Sachs Commodity Index, returned -7.5% over the 12 months to 30 June 2025 in sterling terms.

#### Performance Commentary

Over the 12-month period, the portfolio delivered negative absolute performance, primarily due to rising yields, which led to a decline in the value of liabilities and a corresponding reduction in liability-matching assets.

Non - LRPS	12 months	3 years	5 years
Plan	-3.8	-7.0	-7.1
Benchmark	-3.0	-6.5	-8.1

LRPS	12 months	3 years	5 years
Plan	-2.1	-6.7	-6.9
Benchmark	-1.4	-5.3	-7.4

#### Investment Manager Fees

As Fiduciary manager, WTW has invested the Plan's assets in a number of pooled investment funds and segregated portfolios. Some of the management fees for these investment vehicles are calculated on sliding scales based on the market value of assets invested. For vehicles which include derivatives (Liability Driven Investments and currency hedging instruments), the management fee is calculated based on the notional value of exposure traded. These managers operate a 'clean fee' basis (i.e. direct fee only) and they do not derive additional income from commissions on dealing and indirect charges.

#### Commentary on Investment Strategy Over The Period

The Trustee's long-term objective is to ensure the security of members' benefits and reduce reliance on the Sponsor through being fully funded on a low-risk measure. At the year-end date, the Trustee had sought to achieve this through the adoption of an investment strategy targeting a medium-term return of Gilts + 1.5% pa in excess of gilts-based liabilities, with the expectation that this target level of return will be reduced in the future as the Plan approaches significant maturity. Following completion of the 30 June 2024 actuarial valuation, the Trustee expects to review the return target and the portfolio held to achieve it over the course of the current Plan year.

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#### **Trustee Policies on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Factors**

Whilst the Trustee's policy is to delegate several stewardship activities to the Fiduciary Manager and its investment managers, the Trustee recognises that it retains the responsibility for these activities. The Trustee incorporates an assessment of how well the Fiduciary Manager and investment managers exercise these responsibilities as part of its overall assessment of their performance.

The Fiduciary Manager has a dedicated sustainable investment resource and a network of subject matter experts. The consideration of ESG issues is fully embedded in the investment manager selection and portfolio management process, with oversight undertaken on a periodic basis. The Trustee expects the Fiduciary Manager to assess the alignment of each investment manager's approach to sustainable investment (including engagement) with its own before making an investment on the Plan's behalf.

The Trustee's policy is to delegate responsibility for the exercising of rights (including voting rights) attaching to the Plan's investments to its investment managers. The Fiduciary Manager assesses the voting policies of the investment managers that it appoints on the Trustee's behalf, for consistency with the Trustee's policies and objectives, as appropriate. The Fiduciary Manager has also appointed EOS at Federated Hermes to undertake public policy engagement and company-level engagement on its behalf. EOS at Federated Hermes also assists the Trustee's equity managers with voting recommendations.

#### **Safe Keeping of Assets**

BNY Mellon is employed as the Plan's global custodian. WTW is responsible for monitoring BNY Mellon against a range of Key Performance Indicators and reporting to the Trustee on a quarterly basis. Custody is separated from investment management, with portfolio valuations reconciled on a monthly basis. As part of the transition to VLK, Northern Trust will be appointed as the Plan's global custodian and VLK will be responsible for monitoring Northern Trust.

#### **Climate change report**

UK regulations require the Trustee to meet climate governance requirements and publish an annual report on the Plan's climate-change related risks and opportunities. The 2025 report was approved 8 December 2025 and can be found at the following link: <https://www.isio.com/scheme-documents/the-lafarge-uk-pension-plan/>.

#### **Investment Arrangements**

The long-term objective of the Plan is to ensure the security of members' benefits and reduce reliance on the Sponsor through being fully funded on a low-risk measure. To help facilitate this, the Trustee employs a Fiduciary Manager to be responsible for investing the assets of the Plan. The Fiduciary Manager's appointment is twofold; to advise the Trustee on an appropriate investment strategy and once agreed by the Trustee to implement the strategy under its fiduciary mandate.

The Trustee regularly reviews all of its advisers and since the end of the year, the Trustee has decided to appoint VLK as Fiduciary Manager to replace WTW. A transition plan is being worked on and it is expected that most of the investments will have been transferred to VLK by the end of 2025, however, some of the transfers will take longer.



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**Investment Arrangements (continued)**

From 1 April 2014, the Trustee has tasked WTW with managing the assets relative to the Plan's liabilities, focusing on improving the Plan's funding position rather than simply outperforming a composite benchmark. This objective is consistent with a maturing pension scheme seeking to de-risk its portfolio as it moves towards being fully funded on a low risk measure i.e. such that the Plan's assets match or closely match its liabilities without need for recourse to the sponsoring employers for funding.

The Plan's assets have therefore been structured with two key aims in mind:

1. To adopt a long-term approach to ensure all future benefit payments to members can be met
2. To construct a diversified portfolio that provides a reasonable balance between risk and return.

From 31 December 2022 the two underlying Sections that make up the Plan (LRPS and Non-LRPS) have been managed independently from a portfolio management perspective to better manage risk. The structure of the Plan's assets for both Sections comprises five main sections as set out below. Within each category WTW selected a range of investment managers chosen for their skill and experience in their particular sector to maximise the investment efficiency (return enhancing or risk mitigating) of the Plan's investments.

- **Beta:** This section represents exposure to equity and property markets around the world. Active investment managers are picked for their ability to outperform underlying markets, and more passive managers track the benchmark in a lower cost way.
- **Diversification (Alternative Investments):** To reduce reliance on equity and credit risk to achieve the target return, this section invests in non-traditional asset classes, which are expected to behave differently to equity in different market environments.
- **Private markets (Private Equity, Infrastructure and Secure Income Assets):** and the Plan invests in long-term assets such as private equity and infrastructure in order to benefit from the illiquidity premium. Alongside these, secure income assets provide reliable and inflation linked cashflows to help meet increased benefit payments.
- **Credit:** Providing capital to governments and all types of companies allows the Plan to gain a premium for lending and assuming the risk of potential default. Such a risk is managed by constructing a diversified portfolio and employing skilful managers with significant analytical expertise to avoid defaults.
- **Bonds/Liability Driven Investment and Cash:** This section is predominantly made up of a portfolio of high-quality government bonds and financial derivatives which move in line with the Plan's liabilities as they change in value due to changes in inflation and interest rates. The section also includes securities designed to protect the Plan from an economic downturn and longevity swaps to manage the risk of benefit payments being made further into the future than anticipated. In addition, cash requirements such as the payment of member pensions are sourced from the cash fund.

WTW is overseen by both the Investment Strategy Committee and the Trustee. Its fiduciary mandate is governed by a series of Investment Guidelines set out in the Agreement. Isio assists the Investment Strategy Committee by monitoring WTW against a number of Key Performance Indicators and reports on a quarterly basis.

As required by the Pensions Act, the Trustee has prepared and maintained a Statement of Investment Principles. This is modified from time to time to reflect the changes required by legislation and changes in investment policy.

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#### COMPLIANCE

##### Pension Increases

There are two main categories of pensions in payment for which different pension increase rules apply. For the Lafarge Redland Pension Scheme (LRPS) members an increase of 5.0% was applied to pensions in excess of the GMP from 1 July 2024 (5.0% from 1 July 2023) and for Non-Lafarge Redland Pension Scheme (Non-LRPS) members, an increase of 3.5% was applied to all pensions, inclusive of the GMP, from 5 April 2025 (5.0% from 5 April 2024).

##### Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)

A number of members have AVCs in the In-House AVC Plan. The majority of these members are in the Non-LRPS Section, and these funds are pooled with the Non-LRPS Section assets of the Plan. Interest is added half yearly on 5 October and 5 April. Following the closure of the Defined Benefit arrangement no new contributions have been made to In-House AVCs since 1 November 2011.

AVCs were also made by members to third party providers. These were invested on a money-purchase basis in with-profits funds and other unithised vehicles and were included in the transfer of the DC section to the Aon Master Trust on 2 October 2021.

##### Transfer Values

All transfer values paid to other pension schemes during the year were calculated and verified by the Plan's Actuary or calculated in accordance with instructions prepared by the Plan's Actuary, in accordance with statutory regulations. The Trustee has instructed the Actuary not to take account of discretionary increases in calculating cash equivalents for transfer purposes. No transfers were reduced to less than their cash equivalent value.

The Trustee has taken the Regulator's pledge to protect members from pension scams and the risks are highlighted in communications to members.

##### Schedule of Contributions

As required by the Pensions Act 1995, the Trustee has prepared a schedule of contributions. The Schedule of Contributions specifies the rates and due dates of employer and employee contributions to the Plan. It is subject to review from time to time as required by legislation and by the Plan's Trust Deed and Rules following actuarial valuations and interim reviews. Copies of the Actuary's certifications of the Schedules of Contributions are reproduced on pages 45 and 46.

##### Communications

The Trustee considers communication with all members of the Plan to be important. The framework for communication between the Trustee and members is noted below.

##### All members

PensionsTalk magazine is sent to all members annually, keeping members informed about the Plan. All members with a defined benefit entitlement in the Plan receive a copy of ValuationTalk shortly after the conclusion of a full actuarial valuation. PensionsTalk, ValuationTalk and other items of Plan literature, including a more detailed version of ValuationTalk, news updates and other useful information are also posted on the Plan's website: <https://www.isio.com/scheme-documents/the-lafarge-uk-pension-plan/>

Additional communications are sent to active members and deferred pensioners, as follows:

##### Active Members

Since the transfer of the DC section to the Aon MasterTrust, there are no longer any active members.

##### Deferred Pensioners

Deferred pensioners are able to obtain a benefit update on request. Those members who have paid additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) also receive statements of their AVC accounts at least annually.

##### Pensions Helpline

All members are also able to telephone the Pensions Helpline on 0800 488 0540 (or +44 203 372 2076 if calling from overseas), should they have queries regarding their pension benefits.

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**COMPLIANCE (CONTINUED)**

**Members' Information and Advice**

Members can obtain information about their own pension benefits or further information about the Plan from the Secretary, or from the administration team at Isio, PO Box 108 Blyth, NE24 9DY. Any concern connected with the Plan should be referred to the Secretary, who will try to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

**Internal Dispute Procedure**

Complaints or disputes about any aspect of the Plan are normally resolved quickly and informally. However, if this is not the case, the Trustee has put in place a formal internal procedure for the resolution of disputes between Plan beneficiaries and the Trustee. For full details of the formal procedure, please contact the Secretary.

**MoneyHelper**

MoneyHelper provides pension guidance, money guidance and debt advice. These services were previously provided by three separate government entities; The Pensions Advisory Service (TPAS), Pension Wise and the Money Advice Service. MoneyHelper can be contacted at:

The Money and Pensions Service  
Bedford Borough Hall  
138 Cauldwell Street  
Bedford  
MK42 9AP  
Telephone: 0115 965 9570  
Email: [contact@maps.org.uk](mailto:contact@maps.org.uk)  
Website: [www.moneyhelper.org.uk](http://www.moneyhelper.org.uk)

**Pensions Ombudsman**

Any complaints or disputes can, at any time, be referred to the Pensions Ombudsman. The Pensions Ombudsman deals with complaints and disputes which concern the administration and/or management of occupational and personal pension schemes. The Pensions Ombudsman can be contacted at:

The Pensions Ombudsman  
10 South Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
London  
E14 4PU  
Telephone: 0800 917 4487  
Email: [enquiries@pensions-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@pensions-ombudsman.org.uk)  
Website: [www.pensions-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.pensions-ombudsman.org.uk)

**The Pensions Regulator**

The Pensions Regulator has a wide range of powers to help protect members' pension benefits. In certain circumstances, The Pensions Regulator can intervene in the running of pension schemes where trustees, employers or professional advisers have failed in their duties. The Pensions Regulator can be contacted at:

TPR can be contacted at:

The Pensions Regulator  
Telecom House  
125-135 Preston Road  
Brighton  
BN1 6AF  
Website: [www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk](http://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk)

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**COMPLIANCE (CONTINUED)**

**Pension Schemes Registry**

The Plan is registered with the Pension Scheme Registry which is part of the Pensions Regulator's office. The data held by the Registry is used by the Pension Tracing Service to assist former members of schemes to trace their scheme benefits. For members of the LRPS section quote the reference number 19012001 and for members of the Non LRPS section quote 19012002. The Pension Tracing Service can be contacted at:

The Pension Service 9

Mail Handling Site A

Wolverhampton

WV98 1LU

Telephone: 0800 731 0193

Website: [www.gov.uk/find-lost-pension](http://www.gov.uk/find-lost-pension)

**Further information**

If any member has any questions about this report, the Plan or their entitlements under the Plan, please address them to Stephen Hammer, Trustee Secretary, at the address on page 1, or via e-mail at [lafarge@isio.com](mailto:lafarge@isio.com).

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**Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**

The financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) are the responsibility of the Trustee. Pension scheme regulations require, and the Trustee is responsible for ensuring, that those financial statements:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Plan during the Plan year and of the amount and disposition at the end of the Plan year of its assets and liabilities, other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the Plan year; and
- contain the information specified in Regulation 3A of The Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, including a statement whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework applicable to occupational pension schemes.

In discharging the above responsibilities, the Trustee is responsible for selecting suitable accounting policies, to be applied consistently, making any estimates and judgments on a prudent and reasonable basis, and for the preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Plan will not be wound up.

The Trustee is also responsible for making available certain other information about the Plan in the form of an Annual Report.

The Trustee also has a general responsibility for ensuring that adequate accounting records are kept and for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Plan and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, including the maintenance of an appropriate system of internal control.

The Trustee is responsible under pensions legislation for preparing, maintaining and from time to time reviewing and if necessary revising a Schedule of Contributions showing the rates of contributions payable towards the Plan by or on behalf of the Employer and the active members of the Plan and the dates on or before which such contributions are to be paid. The Trustee is also responsible for keeping records in respect of contributions received in respect of any active member of the Plan and for adopting risk-based processes to monitor whether contributions are made to the Plan by the Employer in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions. Where breaches of the Schedule occur, the Trustee is required by the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2004 to consider making reports to the Pensions Regulator and the members.

**Approval**

The Trustee's Report was approved by the Trustee and signed on its behalf by:

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Date:

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Date:

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Lafarge UK Pension Plan (the "Plan") for the year ended 30 June 2025 which comprise the Fund Account, the Statement of Net Assets and the related notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Plan during the year ended 30 June 2025, and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities, other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the year;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- contain the information specified in Regulation 3A of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, made under the Pensions Act 1995.

## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Plan in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **Conclusions Relating to Going Concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions, and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Plan will continue in operation.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Other Information**

The Trustee are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of Trustee for the Financial Statements**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities set out on page 19, the Trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intend to wind up the Plan or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We set out below the key areas which, in our opinion the financial statements are susceptible to material misstatement by way of irregularities including fraud and the extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting these:

- Management override of controls. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.
- Misappropriation of investment assets owned by the Plan. This is addressed by obtaining direct confirmation from the investment custodian and fund managers of investments held at the Statement of Net Assets date.
- Diversion of assets through large investment transactions. A sample of transactions are agreed to supporting documentation testing the authorisation of the amount and approval of the payment of the transactions.
- Verification of existence of the longevity swap contracts. This is addressed by obtaining the longevity swap agreements between the Plan and the Reinsurer and testing the exchange in collateral in accordance with these agreements
- We have identified relevant laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, as the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2004 (and regulations made thereunder), FRS 102, and the Pensions Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). We considered the extent to which a material misstatement of the financial statements might arise as a result of non-compliance.
- Reviewing meeting minutes and any correspondence with the Pensions Regulator.
- Discussing whether there are any significant or unusual transactions and known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

These inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud as this may involve sophisticated schemes designed to avoid detection, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or the provision of intentional misrepresentations.

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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Plan's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, made under the Pensions Act 1995. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Plan's Trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Plan's Trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### **Crowe U.K. LLP**

Statutory Auditor  
London

Date:



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**FUND ACCOUNT**  
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	Note	2025 £m	2024 £m
<b>Contributions and Benefits</b>			
Contributions	5	-	0.3
Transfers in	6	1.7	1.1
Other income	7	0.7	0.1
		<u>2.4</u>	<u>1.5</u>
Benefits paid and payable	8	(139.3)	(136.5)
Payments to and on account of leavers	9	(4.8)	(1.5)
Administrative expenses	10	(3.7)	(4.0)
		<u>(147.8)</u>	<u>(142.0)</u>
<b>Net withdrawals from dealings with members</b>		<u>(145.4)</u>	<u>(140.5)</u>
<b>Returns on investments</b>			
Investment management expenses	11	(12.4)	(13.8)
Investment income	12	61.0	81.2
Change in market value of investments	13	(126.3)	(126.5)
		<u>(77.7)</u>	<u>(59.1)</u>
<b>Net returns on investments</b>		<u>(77.7)</u>	<u>(59.1)</u>
<b>Net decrease in the fund during the year</b>		<u>(223.1)</u>	<u>(199.6)</u>
<b>Net assets at 1 July</b>		<u>2,051.3</u>	<u>2,250.9</u>
<b>Net assets at 30 June</b>		<u>1828.2</u>	<u>2,051.3</u>

The notes on pages 25 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

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### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS (AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS) AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 £m	2024 £m
<b>Investment assets</b>			
Equities	13	0.5	0.5
Bonds	13	1550.7	1,827.9
Pooled investment vehicles	13	964.6	869.3
Derivatives	15	52.1	48.9
Insurance policies – annuities	13	2.5	2.5
Cash deposits and other investment assets	13	34.3	33.4
		<u>2,604.7</u>	<u>2,782.5</u>
<b>Investment Liabilities</b>			
Derivatives	15	(42.6)	(39.0)
Longevity swaps	13	(140.3)	(107.4)
Other investment liabilities	13	(609.0)	(596.3)
		<u>(791.9)</u>	<u>(742.7)</u>
<b>Total net investments</b>		<u>1,812.8</u>	<u>2,039.8</u>
<b>Current assets</b>	25	17.6	16.7
<b>Current liabilities</b>	26	<u>(2.2)</u>	<u>(5.2)</u>
<b>Net assets at 30 June</b>		<u>1,828.2</u>	<u>2,051.3</u>

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Plan and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustee. They do not take account of the obligation to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the Plan year. The actuarial position of the Plan which does take account of such obligations, is dealt with in the Report on Actuarial Liabilities on page 10 and these financial statements should be read in conjunction with them.

The notes on pages 25 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Lafarge UK Pension Trustees Limited

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Director

Date:

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Director

Date:

**LAFARGE UK PENSION PLAN**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Plan is governed under a consolidated Trust Deed and Rules, signed 29 October 2012, Amending Deeds, signed 25 March 2015, 3 April 2017, 15 November 2017, 28 April 2020 and 24 June 2021 and the Deed of Agreement dated 30 September 2016, as amended on 29 March 2019. The Plan is established as a trust under English law. The address for enquiries to the Plan is included in the Trustee's Report.

The Plan is a registered scheme under Chapter 2 of the Finance Act 2004 and the registered number is 00488162RM.

**2. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) – the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council and with the guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Reports of Pension Schemes" (SORP) (revised June 2018).

The Trustee Board has assessed the employer covenant, its ability to continue to make contributions as they fall due, the investment portfolio and the funding levels of the Plan. The Trustee is confident that the Plan will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and, therefore, has prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. In reaching this conclusion, the Trustee has considered the sponsoring employer's financial position as well as the regulatory capital position of the Plan's longevity swap provider.

**3. CONSOLIDATION**

Subsidiaries are entities over which the Plan has the power to govern the financial and operational policies. The Plan has not prepared consolidated accounts on the grounds of immateriality and has accounted for subsidiaries using the equity method of accounting based on values derived from audited financial statements or other reliable financial information as at 30 June 2025 which represent the Trustee's estimate of fair value.

**4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies of the Plan are as follows:

**4.1 Benefits**

Benefits are accounted for in the period in which the member notifies the Trustee of their decision on the type or amount of benefit to be taken or, if there is no member choice, on the date of retirement or leaving.

**4.2 Transfers to/from other schemes**

Transfer values have been included in the financial statements when paid. Provision is made for group transfers in accordance with the terms of the transfer agreement.

Transfers into the scheme are not accepted only switchbacks from the master trust these are recognised when the values have paid.

**4.3 Administration expenses and management expenses**

All expenses associated with investment management, actuarial advice, accounting and administration borne by the Plan are accounted for in the period to which they relate.

**4.4 Investment Income**

- a) Income from fixed interest and inflation-linked securities investments and bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.
- b) Realised and unrealised capital gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Fund Account in the period in which they arise.
- c) Investment income is stated inclusive of recoverable taxes.

**4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**4.5 Investments**

- a) Investments are included at fair value at the year-end.
- b) The fair value of quoted securities is based on closing prices. These prices may be the bid price on the relevant Stock Exchange or, where this is not available, the latest trade price when securities are traded.
- c) Unitised pooled investment vehicles have been valued at the latest available bid price or single price provided by the pooled investment manager. Shares in other pooled arrangements have been valued at the latest available net asset value (NAV), determined in accordance with fair value principles, provided by the pooled investment manager.
- d) Derivatives are stated at fair value:
  - a. Swaps are valued taking the current value of future cash flows arising from the swap determined using discounted cash flow models and market data at the reporting date.
  - b. Forward foreign exchange contracts are valued by determining the gain or loss that would arise from closing out the contract at the reporting date by entering into an equal and opposite contract at that date.
  - c. Futures and options are valued at their mark-to-market, which is a calculated difference between the settlement prices at the reporting date and the inception date.
  - d. Longevity swaps are valued at a fair value using the collateral valuation basis as an estimation technique based on the expected future cash flows arising under the swap discounted using gilt yields as a market interest rate.
- e) Annuities purchased in the name of the Trustee which fully provide the pension benefits for certain members are included in these Financial Statements at the amount of the related obligation, determined using the most recent Scheme Funding valuation assumptions and methodology. Annuity valuations are provided by the Plan Actuary.
- f) Repurchase agreements – under repurchase (repo) arrangements, the Plan continues to recognise and value the securities that are delivered out as collateral and includes them in the Financial Statements. The cash received is recognised as an asset and the obligation to pay it back is recognised as a liability.

**4.6 Foreign currencies**

The functional and presentational currency of the Plan is Sterling. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling at the year-end date. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

**4.7 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Plan's accounting policies, the Trustee is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

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**5. CONTRIBUTIONS**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Augmentation contributions	-	0.3

**6. TRANSFERS IN**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Switchbacks for members with defined contribution benefits	1.7	1.1

**7. OTHER INCOME**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Bank interest	0.7	0.1

**8. BENEFITS PAID AND PAYABLE**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Pensions	126.2	124.0
Commutations and lump sum retirement benefits	12.4	12.2
Lump sum on death in retirement	0.7	0.3
	<u>139.3</u>	<u>136.5</u>

**9. PAYMENTS TO AND ON ACCOUNT OF LEAVERS**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Individual transfers to other schemes	4.8	1.5

**10. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Pensions administration and expenses	1.8	2.8
Trustee Chairman & other directors fees & expenses	0.3	0.3
Actuary's fees	1.1	0.8
Auditor's fees and expenses	0.1	0.1
Legal and other professional fees	0.3	(0.2)
Pension Protection Fund and similar levies	0.1	0.2
	<u>3.7</u>	<u>4.0</u>

Pension administration fees have decreased from the previous period as the transition of administration is now complete and no longer includes the direct costs charged to the Plan in respect of administration services provided by Lafarge Building Materials Limited.

The negative Legal and other professional fees relates to an over accrual in the previous period.

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**11. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT EXPENSES**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Investment management fees	3.6	12.8
Investment professional fees – Fiduciary management monitoring and investment advice	1.3	0.8
Longevity insurance fees and administrative costs	7.5	0.2
	<u>12.4</u>	<u>13.8</u>

In the prior year, longevity insurance fees amounting to £9.2 million were included within investment management fees. In the current year, these amounts have been reclassified and presented separately as longevity insurance fees and administrative costs.

**12. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Income from fixed interest securities	31.6	21.3
Income from inflation-linked securities	10.9	15.7
Income from managed and unitised funds	16.6	20.2
Interest receivable and interest (payable) on cash and cash instruments	(4.7)	(6.3)
Annuity income	0.1	0.1
Income from derivatives	1.2	(0.3)
Other investment receivables	5.3	30.5
	<u>61.0</u>	<u>81.2</u>

Other investment receivables relates to income arising from in specie transfers between the two sections the reduction in the current year represents a reduction in transaction that this income arises from.

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**13. INVESTMENT RECONCILIATION**

	Value at 1 July 2024 £m	Cost of investments purchased £m	Proceeds of sales of investments £m	Change in market value £m	Value at 30 June 2025 £m
Equities	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Bonds	1,827.9	328.8	(531.7)	(74.3)	1,550.7
Pooled investment vehicles	869.3	970.6	(854.6)	(20.7)	964.6
Derivatives	9.9	-	(2.2)	1.8	9.5
Longevity swaps	(107.4)	-	-	(32.9)	(140.3)
Insurance policies	2.5	-	-	-	2.5
	<u>2,602.7</u>	<u>1,299.4</u>	<u>(1,388.5)</u>	<u>(126.1)</u>	<u>2,387.5</u>
Cash & other investment assets	33.4			(0.2)	34.3
Other investment liabilities	(596.3)			-	(609.0)
	<u>2,039.8</u>			<u>(126.3)</u>	<u>1,812.8</u>

Regarding the activity shown in the table above, key portfolio changes over the year were as follows:

- An increase in the target level of return for the LRPS Section, which is captured in the "Pooled investment vehicles" line above. This was implemented principally through increased investments in listed equities, alternative credit and liquid diversifying assets with a corresponding reduction in the allocation to the Section's LDI portfolio (shown as "Bonds" above):
  - A £34.3m top-up to the Global Equity Focus Fund in July 2024
  - A £34.5m top-up to the Alternative Credit Fund across July and September 2024
  - A £10.7m top-up to Resolution's listed real estate strategy in July 2024
  - A £9.5m top-up to Coronation's emerging market equity fund in July 2024
  - A £2.2m top-up to Atlas' listed infrastructure strategy in July 2024
  - A £18.7m top-up to the Hedge Advantage Fund in July 2024
  - The above purchases were funded by a £93m redemption from the LDI portfolio in July 2024
- An increase in the allocation to high quality corporate bonds within the non-LRPS Section over the year to provide long-term predictable cashflows to help meet expected pension payments.
  - Initial investment £74.4m investment with Insight Buy and Maintain Fund in December 2024
  - A £99.7m top-up to the Insight Buy and Maintain Fund in May 2025
  - Both were funded by equal redemptions from the Section's LDI portfolio.
- In early 2025 both Sections' liability hedges were rebalanced to target a basis that more closely reflects the Plan's Technical Provisions funding measure. This rebalancing led to purchases and sales within the "Bonds" line shown above.

Other portfolio activity during the year not referenced above principally reflects ongoing portfolio management and rebalancing activity.

Transaction costs are included in the cost of purchases and sales proceeds. Transaction costs include costs charged directly to the Plan such as fees, commissions, stamp duty and other fees. Transaction costs incurred during the year amounted to £nil (2024: £nil). In addition to the transaction costs disclosed, indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread on investments within pooled investment vehicles. The amount of indirect costs is not separately disclosed.

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**14. POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES**

The holdings of the Plan's invested assets by asset class are analysed below:

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Core infrastructure funds	38.4	29.9
Core property funds	88.8	73.5
Diversified Strategies	17.8	20.9
Emerging equity funds	21.7	20.9
Global equity funds	148.9	113.2
Hedge and systematic trading funds	67.5	75.9
Multi-strategy alternative credit funds	141.1	76.7
Private Equity Funds	169.4	184
Private markets alpha	25.4	22.2
Reinsurance funds	3.8	4.9
Secure income asset funds	136.8	144.7
Global government bonds	33.6	39.7
Cash equivalent	71.4	62.8
	<b>964.6</b>	<b>869.3</b>

**15. DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS**

The Trustee has authorised the use of derivatives by their investment managers as part of their investment strategy for the Plan. Summarised details of the derivatives held are set out below:

	2025		2024	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Swaps	41.9	(42.6)	47.1	(37.9)
Forward currency contracts	10.2	-	1.8	(1.1)
<b>Total derivative contracts</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>(42.6)</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>(39.0)</b>



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**15. DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS (CONTINUED)**

**Inflation and interest rate swaps**

The Plan has derivative contracts outstanding at the year-end relating to the LDI section. These contracts are traded over the counter (OTC) and intended as hedges against the Plan's fixed and inflation linked liabilities. A summary of the Plan's outstanding contracts, aggregated by key characteristic, is set out below:

Type of contract	Expiration	Notional principal £m	Asset £m	Liability £m
Inflation swaps	1-17 years	237.8	12.8	(3.2)
Interest rate swaps	1-17 years	664.2	14.7	(39.0)
Interest rate swaps	18-40 years	201.5	14.4	(0.4)
<b>Total 2025 swaps</b>		<b>1,103.5</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>(42.6)</b>
<b>Total 2024 swaps</b>		<b>1,068.4</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>(37.9)</b>

At the year-end the Plan held collateral as disclosed in note 20.

**Forward currency contracts**

The Plan has OTC forward currency contracts at the year-end relating to its currency hedging strategy as follows:

Settlement dates	Currency bought	Currency sold	Asset £m	Liability £m
<b>USD Contracts</b>				
17/07/2025	115.6	89.5	5.2	-
13/08/2025	115.9	86.9	2.3	-
12/09/2025	115.9	86.0	1.4	-
01/07/2025	-	-	-	-
09/07/2025	10.1	7.5	0.2	-
23/07/2025	43.3	32.6	1.0	-
29/07/2025	11.5	8.5	0.1	-
27/08/2025	0.8	0.6	-	-
<b>EUR Contracts</b>				
17/07/2025	1.4	0.6	-	-
<b>Total 2025 forward currency contracts</b>			<b>10.2</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total 2024 forward currency contracts</b>			<b>1.8</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>

**16. LONGEVITY SWAPS**

The Plan entered into two longevity swap insurance agreements in August 2018 to protect the Plan against costs associated with potential increases in life expectancy. These arrangements were transacted through the Guernsey Insurance companies, Project Canary Cell 1 IC Limited and Project Canary Cell 2 IC Limited. Project Canary Cell 1 IC Limited and Project Canary Cell 2 IC Limited are 100% owned by the Plan. These swaps are accounted for at a valuation prepared by WTW in their capacity as the collateral calculation agent for the longevity swaps. At the year-end the fair value of the swaps was considered to be a liability of £140.3m (2024: £107.4m).

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**16. LONGEVITY SWAPS (CONTINUED)**

Assumptions	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
<b>Mortality base table</b>	Final Pay 103% of S4PMA_M for males 115% of S4PFA_M for females LRPS 107% of S4PMA_M for males 116% of S4PFA_M for females	Final Pay 101% of S3PMA_M for males 97% of S3PFA_M for females LRPS 105% of S3PMA_M for males 100% of S3PFA_M for females
<b>Mortality improvements from 2013</b>	CMI 2024 with 15% weighting to 2023, LTT = 1.50%, Sk = 7 and A = 0.25%	CMI 2022 with 25% weighting to 2022, LTT = 1.50%, Sk = 7 and A = 0.25%
<b>Proportion Married</b>	Use actual data where known, otherwise 90% / 70% aNRA for males / females	Use actual data where known, otherwise 90% / 70% aNRA for males / females
<b>Age difference</b>	Use actual data where known, otherwise males are assumed to be 3 years older than their spouse and females 3 years younger	Use actual data where known, otherwise males are assumed to be 3 years older than their spouse and females 3 years younger
<b>Discount rate</b>	In line with collateral calculations, which uses the yield curve at the relevant date accessed from the UK instantaneous nominal forward curve (gilts) from the Bank of England Website	In line with collateral calculations, which uses the yield curve at the relevant date accessed from the UK instantaneous nominal forward curve (gilts) from the Bank of England Website
<b>Pension increases</b>	In line with collateral calculations, which use the yield curve at the relevant date accessed from the UK instantaneous implied inflation forward curve (gilts) from the Bank of England Website	In line with collateral calculations, which use the yield curve at the relevant date accessed from the UK instantaneous implied inflation forward curve (gilts) from the Bank of England Website

At the year-end the Plan had pledged collateral as disclosed in note 20.

**17. SUBSIDIARIES**

The Plan has investments in two 100% directly owned subsidiaries, Project Canary Cell 1 IC Limited and Project Canary Cell 2 IC Limited, both incorporated in Guernsey. These subsidiaries form part of the Plan's longevity risk management strategy.

The total investment in these companies is £0.1m (2024: £0.1m), which has been disclosed within the equities value in note 13. At the year-end the aggregate amount of net assets, which consisted of cash, within the subsidiaries was £0.1m (2024: £0.1m).

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**18. AMOUNTS OWED UNDER REPURCHASE CONTRACTS**

At the year-end, within other investment assets and liabilities, amounts repayable under repurchase agreements were £608.9m (2024: £596.3m). At the year-end £613.5m (2024: £603.2m) of investments included in bonds reported in Plan assets are held by counterparties under repurchase agreements.

In order for the fund to achieve both its target return and target hedge ratios, it is necessary to use leverage in the LDI portfolio. To illustrate this point, to achieve a target interest rate hedge of 100% without using leverage, all the Fund's assets would need to be held in gilts or index linked gilts. Clearly with this allocation it would not be possible to achieve the Fund's target return. As such, the Fund must use a tolerable amount of leverage in the LDI portfolio to allow more assets to be allocated to the return seeking portfolio.

Leveraged exposure to interest rates and inflation can be achieved in several ways – a commonly used method is to use gilt repurchase agreements (repo). During a repo contract the Fund sells a gilt to a counterparty bank and agrees to buy back the gilt at a later date at a pre-determined price. This can be thought of as secured borrowing and difference in pricing is related to the "repo rate" which is the interest rate the bank charges the Fund for lending this money. The cash raised from selling the gilt can then be used to purchase further gilts or index linked gilts to increase the interest rate exposure of the Fund (importantly, the Fund still has exposure to the gilt sold to the counterparty bank).

**19. INSURANCE POLICIES**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Annuity policies	2.5	2.5
<b>Total insurance policies</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>

At the year-end the Trustee holds annuity policies for inclusion within the financial statements. The annuity policies are held with Abbey Life, Clerical Medical, Friends Life, Friends Provident, Legal & General, Phoenix, Prudential, ReAssure Limited, Reliance Mutual (Criterion), Scottish Widows and Sun Life. The Trustee has previously obtained a valuation in respect of these annuities from the Plan Actuary.

During the year £0.1m (2024: £0.1m) was received in annuity income from these annuities and is included in investment income.

For the year ended 30 June 2024 insurance policies in respect of liabilities that accrued prior to 1 July 1991 for the benefit of certain pensioners and deferred pensioners have been assigned to the Trustee. The aggregate value of those policies has not been ascertained but it is unlikely to be significant in relation to the amount of the Plan's net assets.

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**20. COLLATERAL FOR SWAP CONTRACTS AND LONGEVITY SWAPS**

Collateral arrangements are in place for derivative contracts in order to manage the potential risk of counterparty default. Such arrangements require collateral in the form of fixed interest securities or cash equivalents to be passed between the parties dependent upon whether there exists a net asset or a net liability on the contract as at the end of the period. As at 30 June, the collateral received/pledged for the swap and forward currency contract portfolio managed by Insight was as follows:

	2025 £m	2024 £m
<b>Collateral received:</b>		
Fixed interest securities	7.0	9.7
Inflation linked securities	10.3	1.8
Cash and cash equivalents	5.4	6.5
<b>Total collateral received</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>Collateral pledged:</b>		
Fixed interest securities	1.5	5.2
Inflation linked securities	8.9	2.1
Cash	0.0	0.3
<b>Total collateral pledged</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>

As at 30 June the collateral received/pledged for repurchase agreements was as follows:

	2025 £m	2024 £m
<b>Collateral received:</b>		
Fixed interest securities	1.8	0.7
Inflation linked securities	3.4	-
<b>Total collateral received</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Collateral pledged:</b>		
Fixed interest securities	0.0	1.8
Inflation linked securities	0.9	2.1
<b>Total collateral pledged</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>

As at 30 June the collateral pledged for the longevity swaps were as follows:

	2025 £m	2024 £m
Fixed interest securities	64.5	60.0
Inflation linked securities	24.1	20.0
Cash	17.4	-
<b>Total collateral pledged</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>

Collateral balances are held separately from other asset holdings of the portfolio and are not re-invested. The collateral, as of prior year, included cash collateral of £18.1m.

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**21. CASH DEPOSITS AND OTHER INVESTMENT BALANCES**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Cash balances (*)	26.1	28.8
Outstanding trades	-	-
Accrued investment income	8.2	4.7
<b>Total cash deposits and other investment assets</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>33.5</b>
<b>Other investment liabilities</b>		
Amounts payable on repurchase agreements (**)	(609.0)	(596.3)
Amounts payable on longevity swaps	-	-
<b>Total other investment liabilities</b>	<b>(609.0)</b>	<b>(596.3)</b>

\*Cash balances have drop due to the re-allocation of cash liquidity funds to pooled investment vehicles.

\*\*Amounts payable on repurchase agreements relate to assets purchased under these agreements (see note 18).

**22. INVESTMENT FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY**

The fair value of financial instruments has been determined using the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1	The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date
Level 2	Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
Level 3	Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability

The Plan's investment assets have been fair valued using the above hierarchy categories as follows:

	30 JUNE 2025			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Equities	-	-	0.5	0.5
Bonds	-	1,550.7	-	1,550.7
Pooled Investment Vehicles	-	360.4	604.2	964.6
Derivatives	-	9.5	-	9.5
Longevity swaps	-	-	(140.3)	(140.3)
Insurance Policies – annuities	-	-	2.5	2.5
Cash and other investment assets	34.3	-	-	34.3
Other investment liabilities	-	(609.0)	-	(609.0)
	<b>34.3</b>	<b>1,311.6</b>	<b>466.9</b>	<b>1,812.8</b>

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**22. INVESTMENT FAIR VALUE HIERACHY (CONTINUED)**

	30 JUNE 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
<i>Equities</i>	-	-	0.5	0.5
<i>Bonds</i>	-	1,646.5	181.4	1,827.9
<i>Pooled Investment Vehicles</i>	-	296.4	572.9	869.3
<i>Derivatives</i>	-	9.9	-	9.9
<i>Longevity swaps</i>	-	-	(107.4)	(107.4)
<i>Insurance Policies – annuities</i>	-	-	2.5	2.5
<i>Cash and other investment assets</i>	33.4	-	-	33.4
<i>Other investment liabilities</i>	-	(596.3)	-	(596.3)
	33.4	1,356.5	649.9	2039.8

**23. INVESTMENT RISKS**

FRS 102 requires the disclosure of information in relation to certain investment risks. FRS 102 sets out these risks as follows:

**Credit risk** is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

**Market risk** comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk, defined as follows:

- **Currency risk** is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.
- **Interest rate risk** is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.
- **Other price risk** is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The Plan has exposure to these risks because of the investments it makes to implement its investment strategy. The Trustee's investment objective and long-term policy are set out below:

- a. The acquisition of suitable assets of appropriate marketability and liquidity which will generate income and capital growth to meet, together with any contributions, the cost of current and future benefits which the Plan provides, and to ensure the security, quality and profitability of the portfolio as a whole.
- b. To limit the risk of the assets failing to meet the liabilities of the Plan over the short and long term.
- c. To minimise the long-term cost of the Plan to the Employer by maximising the return on the assets whilst having regard to the above.

The Trustee has formulated a long-term strategy to be fully funded on a low-risk measure. This means being fully funded on a measure currently defined by a gilts + 0% pa basis (although it is recognised that a lower level of funding may be required) so that the Trustee has a full range of strategic options available to it, including the ability to invest in insurance company annuities if desired, taking account of conditions when full funding is achieved and the Trustee's ultimate objective of ensuring the security of members' benefits.

A copy of the SIP is available at <https://www.isio.com/scheme-documents/the-lafarge-uk-pension-plan/>. Separate SIPs for each section have been drafted and we expect these to be formally approved soon.

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#### 23. INVESTMENT RISKS (CONTINUED)

The Trustee has appointed a fiduciary manager, Towers Watson Limited, to manage the Plan's assets in line with the strategy. Since the appointment, Towers Watson Limited has merged with Willis Group Holdings plc to become WTW. In seeking to achieve this target, the Trustee will determine the appropriate level of risk, including credit risk and market risk, which are set considering the Plan's strategic investment objectives. The Trustee's risk management policy is documented in the Statement of Investment Principles.

The following table summarises the extent to which the various classes of investments are affected by financial risks:

Fund	Credit Risk		Market risk			2025 Value £m	2024 Value £m
	Direct	Indirect	Currency	Interest rate	Other price		
Quoted Equities and Convertibles	○	○	●	○	●	0.5	0.5
Derivative Contracts	●	○	●	●	○	9.9	9.9
Fixed Interest (All GBP denominated)	●	○	○	●	○	654.0	787.3
Index Linked (All GBP denominated)	●	○	○	●	○	896.7	1,040.6
Managed Funds and Pooled investments	●	●	●	●	●	787.6	681.0
Private Equity	●	○	●	○	●	177.4	188.3
Cash Deposits and Other Investment Assets	●	○	●	●	○	34.3	33.4
Longevity swaps	●	○	○	●	○	(140.3)	(107.4)
Annuity policies	●	●	○	●	○	2.5	2.5
Other Investment Liabilities (repurchase agreements)	●	●	○	●	○	(609.0)	(596.3)
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>1,813.6</b>	<b>2039.8</b>

Note: 'Cash Deposits and Other Investment Assets' includes pooled liquidity funds.

In the above table, the risk noted affects the asset class [●] significantly, [●] partially or [○] hardly/ not at all.

Further information on the Trustee's approach to risk management and the Plan's exposures to credit and market risks are set out below.

**23. INVESTMENT RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Credit Risk**

The Plan is subject to credit risk as it invests in bonds, OTC derivatives, repurchase agreements, has cash balances and has the potential to undertake stock lending activities. The Plan also invests in pooled investment vehicles and is therefore directly exposed to credit risk in relation to the instruments it holds in the pooled investment vehicles and is indirectly exposed to credit risks arising on the financial instruments held by the pooled investment vehicles.

Credit risk arising on bonds is mitigated by investing in government bonds where the credit risk is expected to be low, or corporate bonds which are rated at least investment grade. The Plan also has the ability to invest in high yield and emerging market bonds which are non-investment grade. These are currently accessed through unrated pooled funds. The Fiduciary Manager (Towers Watson Ltd) manages the associated credit risk by diversifying the portfolio to minimise the impact of default by any one issuer. Credit risk arising on other investments is mitigated by investment mandates requiring counterparties to have at least investment grade credit quality.

Credit risk arising on derivatives depends on whether the derivative is exchange traded or over the counter (OTC). OTC derivative contracts are not guaranteed by any regulated exchange and therefore the Plan is subject to risk of failure of the counterparty. The credit risk for OTC swaps is reduced by collateral arrangements and through diversification of counterparties, this includes forward foreign currency contracts which are fully collateralised and only use counterparties that are at least investment grade credit rated. Credit risk also arises on the longevity swap contract which was transacted with one counterparty; collateral arrangements reduce the credit risk for this contract.

Cash is held within financial institutions which are at least investment grade credit rated.

The Plan does not lend any of its segregated assets, however pooled funds held by the Plan may have the ability to lend certain fixed interest and equity securities at their discretion.

Credit risk on repurchase agreements is mitigated through collateral arrangements and diversification of counterparties.

The Plan's holdings in pooled investment vehicles are unrated. Direct credit risk arising from pooled investment vehicles is mitigated by the underlying assets of the pooled arrangements being ring-fenced from the pooled manager, the regulatory environments in which the pooled managers operate and diversification of investments amongst a number of pooled arrangements. The Plan's Fiduciary Manager carries out operational and due diligence checks on the appointment of new pooled investment managers and on an ongoing basis monitors any changes to the regulatory and operating environment of the pooled managers.

The Plan is exposed to direct credit risk through its annuity policies with the insurance providers referred to in note 19. The risk is that these insurers default on the contracts. This risk is mitigated by the regulatory environment within which the insurers operate and the fact that all the insurers are specialist providers and well-established with a diversified range of interests. The risk is also mitigated by the spread across several providers.



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**23. INVESTMENT RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Credit Risk (continued)**

A summary of the investments subject to direct credit risk as at 30 June 2025 is shown in the table below:

	Investment grade £m	Unrated £m	30 June 2025 Total £m	30 June 2024 Total £m
Derivative Contracts	-	9.9	9.9	9.9
Fixed Interest (All GBP denominated)	654.0	-	654.0	787.3
Index Linked (All GBP denominated)	896.7	-	896.7	1,040.6
Managed Funds and Pooled investments	28.8	758.8	787.6	681.0
Equities	-	0.5	0.5	0.5
Private Equity	-	177.4	177.4	188.3
Cash Deposits and Other Investment Assets	-	34.3	34.3	33.4
Annuity policy	-	2.5	2.5	2.5
Longevity swap collateral	(140.3)	-	(140.3)	(107.4)
Other Investment Liabilities (repurchase agreements)	-	(609.0)	(609.0)	(596.3)
	<b>1,439.2</b>	<b>374.4</b>	<b>1,813.6</b>	<b>2,039.8</b>

Note: 'Cash Deposits and Other Investment Assets' includes pooled liquidity funds

A summary of the investments subject to indirect credit risk as at 30 June 2025 is shown in the table below:

	2025 £m	2024 £m
<b>Plan investments subject to indirect credit risk</b>		
Pooled investment vehicles	229.0	144.8
Other investment liabilities (repurchase agreements)	(609.0)	(596.3)

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**23. INVESTMENT RISKS (CONTINUED)**

**Currency risk**

The Plan is subject to currency risk because some of its investments are held in overseas markets, either as segregated investments or via pooled investment vehicles. The Fiduciary Manager limits overseas currency exposure through determining a maximum exposure to non-sterling currencies. Currency risk is managed at a total portfolio level through the use of a currency overlay manager to hedge a proportion of the assets.

The exposure to foreign currencies within the pooled funds will vary over time as the manager changes the underlying investments but is not expected to be a material driver of returns over the longer term. Decisions about the exposure to foreign currencies within the pooled funds held are at the discretion of the appointed fund managers.

Currency	Sterling	US Dollar	Euro	Chinese Yuan	Emerging Markets	Other
2025 Total assets (£m)	1,699.9	59.5	23.3	18.3	11.5	45.2
2024 Total assets (£m)	1,870.1	101.8	19.5	31.0	25.1	95.2

**Interest rate risk**

The Plan is subject to interest rate risk primarily on the Liability Driven Investments (LDI) comprising bonds, interest rate swaps and inflation swaps held as segregated investments. A smaller contribution comes from pooled funds. The purpose of the Plan's LDI investments is to match the interest rate and inflation sensitivity of the Plan's liabilities. Therefore, when considering the Plan's liabilities, these investments are risk reducing.

As at 30 June 2025, the Plan's asset hedge ratios were 98% with respect to interest rates and 98% with respect to inflation for Non-LRPS and 97% with respect to interest rates and 97% with respect to inflation for LRPS.

**Other price risk**

Other price risk arises principally in relation to the Plan's return seeking portfolio which includes equities held in pooled vehicles, hedge funds, private equity, investment in properties, other alternative investments and other investment liabilities. The Plan manages this exposure to other price risk by constructing a diverse portfolio of investments across various markets.

As at 30 June 2025, the Plan's exposure to investments subject to "other" price risk was:

	2025 £m	2024 £m
<b>Indirect</b>		
Longevity Swap Collateral	(140.3)	(107.4)
Derivatives	9.9	9.9
Fixed Interest	654.0	787.3
Index Linked	896.7	1040.6
Managed Funds and Pooled investments	787.6	681.0
Private equity funds	177.4	188.3
Other Investment Liabilities (repurchase agreements)	(609.0)	(596.3)

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**24. CONCENTRATION OF INVESTMENTS**

The following investments account for more than 5% of the Plan's net assets as at 30 June:

	2025		2024	
	£m	%	£m	%
Longevity swap Final Pay (N-LRPS)	(92.6)	5.1	-	-

**25. CURRENT ASSETS**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Pensions prepayment	3.1	3.1
Cash balances	14.5	13.6
	<u>17.6</u>	<u>16.7</u>

**26. CURRENT LIABILITIES**

	2025	2024
	£m	£m
Benefits outstanding in respect of leavers	0.4	0.8
Taxes payable	1.4	1.3
Investment management creditors	0.1	2.7
Sundry administration creditors and accruals	0.3	0.4
	<u>2.2</u>	<u>5.2</u>

**27. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Lafarge Building Materials Limited is a subsidiary of Financière Lafarge SAS (incorporated in France) which is a subsidiary of Lafarge SA (incorporated in France). The ultimate parent company is Holcim Ltd.

Fees paid to certain Trustee Directors are detailed in note 10 to the financial statements. Certain Pensioner Trustee Directors receive a pension from the Plan.

As disclosed further in the Investment report, there are no material employer-related investments in the Fund.

Project Canary Cell 1 IC Limited and Project Canary Cell 2 IC Limited, companies incorporated in Guernsey, are used to facilitate longevity insurance for the Plan. They are subsidiaries of the Plan and their operational costs are borne by the Plan.

On 25 September 2020 the Trustee also became the trustee of the Aggregate Industries Pension Plan. There have been no transactions between the Plan and the Aggregate Industries Pension Plan during the year ended 30 June 2025.

**28. COMMITMENTS**

At the end of the year the Plan had the following commitments to pooled fund managers:

Manager	Total Commitment	Outstanding 2025	Outstanding 2024
	£m	£m	£m
Pantheon	189.8	13.8	15.2
ECP	11.7	0.8	1.2
Cabot Square	15.0	0.2	0.8
Waud Capital Partners	31.3	0.8	-
Georgian Alignment	18.2	0.6	1.5
Georgian V	23.3	0.8	0.8
Folium	51.1	-	-
CDH VGC Fund	29.0	3.8	6.6
<b>Total commitments</b>	<b>369.4</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>26.1</b>

**29. GMP EQUALISATION**

The Trustee has considered the impact of the High Court judgment in October 2018 involving the Lloyds Banking Group's defined benefit pension schemes. The issues determined by the judgment arise in relation to many defined benefit pension schemes, including the Plan, and under the ruling, schemes are required to equalise pension benefits for men and women in relation to guaranteed minimum pension benefits and to backdate such adjustments, including providing interest on the backdated amounts.

A supplementary Court hearing took place in May 2020 and judgment was handed down in November 2020, indicating that trustees will be required to revisit past transfers out of schemes and that historical individual transfers from the scheme would also be due a top-up payment where the original transfer payment fell short of what it would have been had the inequalities in scheme benefits from GMP been removed.

The Trustee has set up a Joint Working Group (JWG) with the Employer and relevant advisers in order to take forward discussions on the appropriate method and approach to implement GMP equalisation for the Plan. For the Actuarial Valuation as at 30 June 2024, the Trustee agreed to include a GMP equalisation reserve of 1.3% of the Plan's liabilities amounting to £28.5m in relation to both past and future benefit payments.

Based on the progress to date on this matter the Trustees remain of the opinion from their initial assessment of the likely backdated amounts and related interest will not be material to the financial statements and therefore has not included a liability in respect of these matters in these financial statements.

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### 30. SECTIONALISED FUND ACCOUNT AND NET ASSET STATEMENTS

LRPS SECTION FUND ACCOUNT	Note	LRPS Section 2025 £m	Non- LRPS Section 2025 £m	Total 2025 £m	LRPS Section 2024 £m	Non- LRPS section 2024 £m	2024 £m
<b>Contributions and Benefits</b>							
Contributions	5	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.3
Transfers in	6	0.5	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.6	1.1
Other income	7	0.3	0.4	0.7	(0.1)	0.2	0.1
		<u>0.8</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>1.5</u>
Benefits paid and payable	8	(52.5)	(86.8)	(139.3)	(50.8)	(85.7)	(136.5)
Payments to and on account of leavers	9	(2.7)	(2.1)	(4.8)	(0.5)	(1.0)	(1.5)
Administrative expenses	10	(1.7)	(2.0)	(3.7)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(4.0)
		<u>(56.9)</u>	<u>(90.9)</u>	<u>(147.8)</u>	<u>(53.3)</u>	<u>(88.7)</u>	<u>(142.0)</u>
<b>Net withdrawals from dealings with members</b>		<b>(56.1)</b>	<b>(89.3)</b>	<b>(145.4)</b>	<b>(52.9)</b>	<b>(87.6)</b>	<b>(140.5)</b>
<b>Returns on investments</b>							
Investment management expenses	11	(3.7)	(8.7)	(12.4)	(4.1)	(9.7)	(13.8)
Investment income	12	18.5	42.5	61.0	31.7	49.5	81.2
Change in market value of investments	13	(50.6)	(75.7)	(126.3)	(47.1)	(79.4)	(126.5)
		<u>(35.8)</u>	<u>(41.9)</u>	<u>(77.7)</u>	<u>(19.5)</u>	<u>(39.6)</u>	<u>(59.1)</u>
<b>Net returns on investments</b>		<b>(35.8)</b>	<b>(41.9)</b>	<b>(77.7)</b>	<b>(19.5)</b>	<b>(39.6)</b>	<b>(59.1)</b>
<b>Net decrease in the fund during the year</b>		<b>(91.9)</b>	<b>(131.2)</b>	<b>(223.1)</b>	<b>(72.4)</b>	<b>(127.2)</b>	<b>(199.6)</b>
<b>Net assets at 1 July</b>		<b>840.8</b>	<b>1,210.5</b>	<b>2,051.3</b>	<b>932.1</b>	<b>1,318.8</b>	<b>2,250.9</b>
Transfer between sections		13.2	(13.2)	-	(18.9)	18.9	-
<b>Net assets at 30 June</b>		<b><u>762.1</u></b>	<b><u>1,066.1</u></b>	<b><u>1,828.2</u></b>	<b><u>840.8</u></b>	<b><u>1,210.5</u></b>	<b><u>2,051.3</u></b>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### 31. SECTIONALISED FUND ACCOUNT AND NET ASSET STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

LRPS SECTION NET ASSETS STATEMENT		Note	2025 £m	2024 £m
Total net investments	13		753.9	833.8
Current assets	25		8.5	8.4
Current liabilities	26		(0.3)	(1.3)
Net assets at 30 June			<u>762.1</u>	<u>840.9</u>
NON-LRPS SECTION NET ASSETS STATEMENT		Note	2025 £m	2024 £m
Total net investments	13		1,058.9	1,206.0
Current assets	25		9.1	8.3
Current liabilities	26		(1.9)	(3.9)
Net assets at 30 June			<u>1,066.1</u>	<u>1,210.4</u>

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ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATE

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LAFARGE UK PENSION PLAN – NON-LRPS SECTION

Certificate of Schedule of Contributions

**Adequacy of Rates of Contributions**

I certify that, in my opinion, the rates of contributions shown in this Schedule of Contributions are such that the statutory funding objective could have been expected on 30 June 2024 to be met by the end of the period specified in the Schedule of contributions dated 2 July 2025.

**Adherence to Statement of Funding Principles**

I hereby certify that, in my opinion, this Schedule of Contributions is consistent with the Statement of Funding Principles dated 2 July 2025.

The certification of the adequacy of the rates of contributions for the purpose of securing that the statutory funding objective can be expected to be met is not a certification of their adequacy for the purpose of securing the Plan's liabilities by the purchase of annuities, if the Plan were to be wound up.

Signature	<div>Aaron Punwani</div>
Name	<div>Aaron Punwani</div>
Date of signing	<div>2 July 2025</div>
Address	<div>Lane Clark &amp; Peacock LLP</div>
Qualification	<div>Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries</div>

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LAFARGE UK PENSION PLAN – LRPS SECTION

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S STATEMENT ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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Independent Auditor's Statement about Contributions, under Regulation 4 of The Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, to the Trustee of the Lafarge UK Pension Plan

#### Statement about Contributions payable under the Schedules of Contributions

We have examined the Summary of Contributions Payable to the Lafarge UK Pension Plan on page 48 in respect of the Plan year ended 30 June 2025.

In our opinion the contributions for the Plan year ended 30 June 2025 as reported in the attached Summary of Contributions on page 48 and payable under the Schedule of Contributions have in all material respects been paid at least in accordance with the Schedules of Contributions certified by the Actuary on 28 September 2022.

#### Scope of Work on the Statement about Contributions Payable

Our examination involves obtaining evidence sufficient to give reasonable assurance that contributions reported in the attached summary of contributions have in all material respects been paid at least in accordance with the schedule of contributions. This includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts of contributions payable to the Plan and the timing of those payments under the schedule of contributions.

#### Respective Responsibilities of the Trustee and Auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Plan's Trustee is responsible for preparing, and from time to time reviewing and if necessary revising, a schedule of contributions and for monitoring whether contributions are made to the Plan by the employer in accordance with the schedule of contributions.

It is our responsibility to provide a Statement about Contributions paid under the schedule of contributions and to report our opinion to you.

#### Use of our Statement

This statement is made solely to the Plan's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with The Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Financial statements and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 made under the Pensions Act 1995. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Plan's Trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's statement about contributions and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Plan's Trustee as a body, for our work, for this statement, or for the opinion we have formed.

Crowe U.K. LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
London

Date:

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**SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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**Statement of Trustee’s Responsibilities in respect of Contributions for the year ended 30 June 2025**

The Plan’s Trustee is responsible under pensions legislation for ensuring that there is prepared, maintained and from time to time revised, a Schedule of Contributions showing the rates of contributions payable towards the Plan by or on behalf of the employer and the active members of the Plan and the dates on or before which such contributions are to be paid. The Plan’s Trustee is also responsible for keeping records of contributions received in respect of any active member of the Plan and for procuring that contributions are made to the Plan in accordance with the Schedule. The Plan’s Trustee prepares a Schedule of Contributions individually for each Defined Benefit section of the Plan.

**Trustee’s Summary of Contributions Payable under the Schedules in respect of the Scheme year ended 30 June 2025**

This Summary of Contributions has been prepared by, or on behalf of, and is the responsibility of the Trustee. It sets out the Employer and member contributions payable to the Plan under the Schedule of Contributions certified by the Actuary on 28 September 2022 in respect of the Plan year ended 30 June 2025. The Plan Auditor reports on contributions payable under the Schedule in the Auditors’ Statement about Contributions.

Contributions payable under the Schedules in respect of the Plan year were.

	Total £m
<b>Contributions payable under the Schedules of Contributions</b>	
<b>Employer</b>	
Augmentation contributions	-
<b>Total contributions reported in the Financial Statements</b>	<u>-</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustee:

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Director

Date:

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Director

Date:

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**LAFARGE UK PENSION PLAN****APPENDIX 1 - CHAIR'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

This statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 23 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Charges and Governance) Regulations 2015. It describes how the Trustee has met the statutory governance standards applicable to the provision of benefits on a money purchase basis in Lafarge UK Pension Plan ('the Plan') in relation to:

- The default arrangement
- Requirements for processing financial transactions
- Assessment of charges and transaction costs
- The assessment of value for members
- The requirement for trustees' knowledge and understanding.

The statement relates to the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (the Plan Year).

Until 2 October 2020 the Plan provided both defined contribution ('DC') and defined benefits. On that date, all the DC benefits were transferred out of the Plan to The Aon MasterTrust ('the AMT') so that the DC section no longer had any DC assets. The AMT agreed that it would provide the transferring members with the option to transfer their DC benefits back to the Plan to enable them to be used to provide all or part of the member's pension commencement lump sum ('PCLS').

The Plan only permits the transfer-back to take place at the point at which the member is taking their DB pension. The DC funds are returned in cash and paid out almost immediately as a PCLS. This means the timing of DC holdings in the Plan is fleeting and this statement is limited in content and detail accordingly as is proportionate with the actual scenario and TPR's requirement to maintain a limited DC Chair's statement.

As the DC funds are returned in cash and paid out almost immediately, they are not allocated to an investment and are held in the Trustee's bank account until paid out. The Plan, therefore, has no default arrangement and as such the requirements of regulation 2A of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment) Regulations 2005 (the Investment Regulations) in relation to preparing a statement of investment principles in relation to a default arrangement do not apply.

As the Plan has no default arrangement and is not required to prepare a default Statement of Investment Principles:

- there is no default Statement of Investment Principles to include in this statement; and
- there was no default Statement of Investment Principles to review and so no such review can be described, no changes resulting from such a review can be explained, nor can the date of the last review be provided.

**Requirements for processing financial transactions**

"Core financial transactions" include (but are not limited to):

- investment of contributions in the Plan
- transfers of assets relating to members into and out of the Plan
- transfers of assets relating to members between different investments within the Scheme
- payments from the Plan to, or in respect of, members.

For the financial transactions between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025, the only core financial transaction to monitor was the receipt of DC funds from the AMT into the Plan and payment of those funds to members as a PCLS. Over the period covered by this Statement, 46 members with a value of £1.7m have switched back their benefits to purchase DB benefits from the Plan.

During the Plan Year, the Trustee secured that "core financial transactions" were processed promptly and accurately by:

- Requiring the Plan's administrators to comply with a service level agreement (SLA) which covers the timeliness of receipt of contributions into the Plan and payment of PCLSs to members, as agreed between the Trustee and the administrators. The plan's administrators issue quarterly reports of their performance against the SLAs. These reports are then considered by the Trustee;
- Monitoring and reconciling receipts of DC funds into the Trustee's bank account and the payment of benefits to members; and
- Regularly reviewing the accuracy of basic member information held on the Plan's administration system.

**Assessment of member-borne charges and transaction costs**

All of the members' DC benefits are held in cash for as short a period as possible until they are paid out as a PCLS. There are no member-borne charges or transaction costs in the account where the cash is held. As all the DC benefits are held in cash and there are no member-borne charges or transaction costs, the requirement for the Trustee to undertake a value assessment for the purposes of regulation 25((1)(b) of the Administration Regulations does not apply. For these purposes, "charges" means

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"administration charges other than transaction costs, costs relating to certain court orders, charges relating to pension sharing under the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, winding up costs and costs associated with the provision of death benefits". Transaction costs are those incurred as a result of the buying, selling, lending or borrowing of investments.

As the Plan has no default arrangement, no performance-based fees were incurred in respect of a default arrangement.

**Trustee knowledge and understanding**

The Trustee has a strong TKU process in place to bolster its knowledge and understanding which, together with the advice which is available to it, enables the Trustee to properly exercise its functions as Trustee of the Plan. In particular, during the Plan Year, the Trustee Directors have met the requirements of sections 247 and 248 of the 2004 Act (requirements for knowledge and understanding) as follows:

- Prior to the transfer of DC benefits to the AMT, the Trustee had in place a DC Sub-Board to give appropriate focus to DC issues – members of this Board were also members of the Administration & Discretions Committee (ADC) and were chosen from the Trustee Board on the basis of having the appropriate skill set.
- Since the transfer to the AMT, the DC Sub-Board has been wound up and its sole remaining responsibility, the preparation of Chair's Annual governance Statements, has been assumed by the ADC.
- All Trustee Directors on the ADC, and previously the DC Sub-Board, have completed the Pensions Regulator's Trustee Toolkit.
- All Trustee Directors have access to an electronic library of Trustee documents, enabling them to quickly become conversant with Plan Documents, and all Trustee Directors have attended an induction course on key elements of the Plan. Formal training is also provided, as are individual sessions with the Plan's key advisers, if required.
- The Trustee is supported by an experienced and qualified Secretariat team.
- Regular assessments of the Trustee's knowledge have historically been made via a questionnaire to the Trustee Directors, with agreed levels of competence set at Board and Committee levels. These included an evaluation of the Directors' knowledge of the Plan's Trust Deed & Rules, Statement of Investment Principles and other relevant documents. The last assessment was made in August 2025. No gaps were identified in the knowledge levels due to the significant level of experience of the Trustee Directors.
- Regular assessments are made regarding the effectiveness of the Board. The last assessment was in 2023 and whilst no major concerns were indicated, some potential improvements were identified but have not yet been discussed in detail due to ongoing significant projects for the Trustee. An alternative approach to these assessments is being considered and it is anticipated that the next assessment will be early in 2026.
- At the end of each Board meeting, there is a standing agenda item to reflect on the effectiveness of the meeting, including the preparation of the meeting papers and the input from advisers, and to identify any areas for improvement. This also covers any issues that may have arisen between meetings.
- Ongoing and regular training is incorporated into Trustee meetings via the Secretariat and from advisers. Legal and Regulatory updates are prepared for every meeting of the Board to keep knowledge current. The Trustee Directors receive email alerts from their advisers about matters relevant to the Plan and attend conferences, seminars and webinars. The Trustee Directors are required to keep a log of their training.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee

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Nick Peall  
Chair of the Trustee  
Date: XX December  
2025

## Lafarge UK Pension Plan - LRPS Section Implementation Statement – 30 June 2025

### Why have we produced this Statement?

The Trustee of the Lafarge UK Pension Plan - LRPS Section have prepared this statement to comply with the requirements of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment and Disclosure) (Amendment) Regulations 2019.

This statement sets out how the Trustee has complied with the voting and engagement policies detailed in the Plan's Statement of Investment Principles (SIP).

A copy of the SIP can be found on the following website: <https://www.isio.com/scheme-documents/the-lafarge-uk-pension-plan/>

### What is the Statement of Investment Principles (SIP)?

The SIP sets out key investment policies including the Trustee's investment objectives and investment strategy.

It also explains how and why the Trustee delegates certain responsibilities to third parties and the risks the Plan faces and the mitigated responses.

The Trustee last reviewed the SIP in September 2024.

### What is the purpose of this Statement?

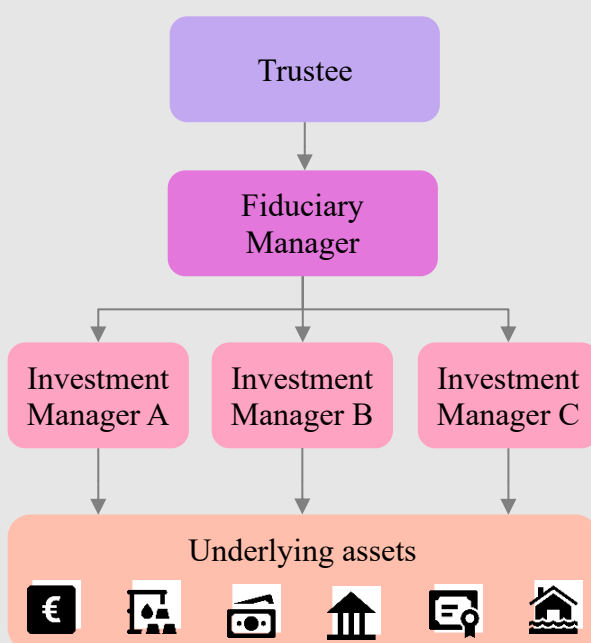
1. To explain how the Trustee's engagement policy has been applied over the year.
2. To describe the voting rights attached the Plan's assets have been exercised over the year.

### What changes have we made to the SIP?

The version of the SIP adopted in September 2024 incorporated the following key changes:

- Updated the document to reflect the sectionalisation of the Plan.
- Provided further detail on how the Trustee monitors engagement activities within the portfolio.
- Added derivatives risk within the risk management section.

### How are the Plan's investments managed?



**Trustee** - The Trustee's key objective is to ensure sufficient assets to pay members' benefits as they fall due. The Trustee retains overall responsibility for the Plan's investment strategy, but delegates some responsibilities to ensure they are undertaken by somebody with the appropriate skills, knowledge and resources.

**Fiduciary Manager (WTW)** – The Trustee employs a Fiduciary Manager to implement the Trustee's investment strategy. The Fiduciary Manager allocates the Plan's assets between asset classes and investment managers.

**Investment managers** – The Fiduciary Manager appoints underlying investment managers either using a pooled vehicle or a segregated mandate where these assets are held directly in the Plan's name. The Fiduciary Manager will look for best in class specialist managers for each asset class.

**Underlying assets** – The investment managers pick the underlying investments for their specialist mandate e.g. shares in a company or government bonds.

### **Why does the Trustee believe voting and engagement is important?**

The Trustee's view is that Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors may have a financially material impact on investment returns, particularly over the long-term and therefore contribute to the security of members' benefits. The Trustee further believes that voting and engagement are important tools to influence these issues.

The Trustee has appointed a Fiduciary Manager who shares this view and considers and integrates ESG factors, voting and engagement in its processes.

The Trustee incorporates an assessment of the Fiduciary Manager's performance in this area as part of its overall assessment of the Fiduciary Manager.

### **What is the Trustee's voting and engagement policy?**

When considering its policy in relation to stewardship including engagement and voting, the Trustee expects investment managers to address broad ESG considerations, but has

identified climate change as a key area of focus for the Trustee.

The day-to-day integration of ESG considerations, voting and engagement are delegated to the investment managers. The Trustee expects investment managers to sign up to local stewardship codes and to act as responsible stewards of capital.

Where ESG factors are considered to be particularly influential to outcomes, the Trustee expects the Fiduciary Manager to engage with investment managers to improve their processes.

### **What training has the Trustee received over the year?**

To ensure the Trustee is kept up to date with best practice in ESG considerations, voting and engagement, the Investment Strategy Committee received a detailed presentation from the Fiduciary Manager in its March meeting setting out its approach to managing sustainability risks on the Trustee's behalf. This covered the Fiduciary Manager's assessment of the Plan's investment managers with respect to sustainable investment, including details of the process used for this assessment by the Fiduciary Manager.

## **What are the Fiduciary Manager's policies?**

### **Climate change and net zero goal**

The Trustee believes Climate Change is a current priority when engaging with public policy, investment managers and corporates.

The Fiduciary Manager has a goal to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions across 'In Scope Solutions' by 2050. It believes that the trajectory is important, so is also aiming to approximately halve emissions by 2030.

### **Public policy and corporate engagement**

The Fiduciary Manager employs an external stewardship service provider, whose services include public policy engagement, and corporate voting and engagement on behalf of its clients (including the Trustee).

Some highlights from 2024 include:

- 994 companies engaged across regions on 4,267 issues and objectives
- 62 companies in their core programme featured engagements with the CEO or chair
- Making voting recommendations on 143,075 resolutions at 14,701 meetings, including recommended votes against 25,070 resolutions
- Participation in a range of global stewardship initiatives.

### **Industry initiatives**

The Fiduciary Manager participated in a range of industry initiatives over the year to seek to exercise good stewardship practices. Please refer to their latest UK Stewardship Code for more information:

<https://www.wtwco.com/en-gb/solutions/services/sustainable-investment>.



### How does the Fiduciary Manager assess the investment managers?

**Investment manager appointment** - The Fiduciary Manager considers each investment manager's policies and activities in relation to ESG factors and stewardship (which includes voting and engagement) at initial appointment and keeps these under review on an ongoing basis. In 2024 the Fiduciary manager conducted detailed engagements with over 70 managers across asset classes. In addition, over 150 sustainability-themed strategies were researched.

**Investment manager monitoring** - The Fiduciary Manager produces detailed reports on the investment managers' ESG integration and stewardship capabilities on an annual basis. These

reports form part of the Trustee's portfolio monitoring. We have provided the Fiduciary Manager's ratings of the equity managers' ESG integration and stewardship capabilities in the later pages.

**Investment manager termination** - The Fiduciary Manager engages with investment managers to improve their practices and increases the bar by which they are assessed as best practice evolves. The Fiduciary Manager may terminate an investment manager's appointment if they fail to demonstrate an acceptable level of practice in these areas. However, no investment managers were terminated on these grounds during the year.

### Example of engagement carried out over the year

#### Alternative Credit manager Climate Change - Data coverage issue

**Issue:** Data coverage has historically been a struggle within credit portfolios where most data providers use equity market proxies. This means coverage is easy for assets where the parent company is listed on an exchange but is harder for smaller or unlisted companies.

**Outcome:** The FM's engagement had two stages:

1. Change the data collection process to treat credit mandates more like private markets rather than rely third party data providers
2. Escalate with investment managers to ensure numbers were calculated correctly and data was prioritised

As a result of this, there has been a meaningful overall improvement within the FM's alternative credit fund's portfolio level data coverage for carbon metrics this year.

The most tangible increase has been for the underlying high yield strategy, which last year had coverage of 12%, and now has 98% thanks to the updated process.

#### Core structured credit manager Environment - Climate issue

**Issue:** The manager has not yet produced asset-level climate reports for the Securitized Opportunities Fund, which is a minimum Sustainable Investment (SI) requirement. Engagements have been initiated with the manager to encourage the team to start producing these essential reports.

**Outcome:** Engagements have been conducted with both the investment team for the fund and the investor relations team, through in-person meetings, phone calls, and emails. Efforts have been made to encourage the investment team to consider proxied carbon emissions for underlying assets where actual carbon emission data is not readily available. Continuous engagement with the manager will focus on the production of initial climate reports for the fund. The next step involves taking the collected data and producing written reports.

#### Equities – Global manager Human & labour rights - Modern slavery issue

**Issue:** This investment manager's engagement was part of a wider effort to address modern slavery compliance and regulation in the UK. They monitor the modern slavery policies of their investee companies and participate in initiatives aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal of decent work and economic growth. The aim is to reduce financial risk to investors by strengthening corporate commitments to addressing modern slavery in business practices and supply chains.

**Outcome:** In 2024, the investment manager joined a group focused on modern slavery compliance and regulation. The group submitted a response to the House of Lords consultation reviewing the 2015 Modern Slavery Act, with objectives to encourage the Home Office to strengthen Section 54 of the Act, introduce penalties for non-compliance and create a government-run registry of modern slavery statements. The external asset manager also signed a letter to encourage companies to comply with modern slavery legislation, as part of the investor group, Votes Against Slavery.

By December 2024, 32 of the FTSE 350 companies had been contacted, with 31 becoming compliant and one committing to make necessary changes. While none of the external asset manager's investee companies were targeted via this group, the engagement is having a broader impact on UK corporate compliance with modern slavery laws, hence reducing risk to investors.



### What are the voting statistics we provide?

The Plan is invested across a diverse range of asset classes which carry different ownership rights, for example bonds do not have voting rights attached. Therefore, voting information was only requested from the Plan's equity investment managers. The Plan is invested in both active (trying to outperform the market) and passive equity funds.

Of the votes exercised by the investment managers, the ones deemed most significant by the Trustee have been shown below based on balancing the following criteria (not all criteria will apply for every significant vote identified):

- The manager deems the vote to be notable.
- The vote relates to one of the stewardship priority areas identified by the Trustee (climate change).
- The size of the holding in the company.
- It was a vote against company management.
- The total number of votes identified and reported by the Trustee is at a proportionate level.

The Trustee has also included the Fiduciary Manager's assessment of the investment managers' ESG integration and stewardship capabilities (including voting and engagement).

### How have our Investment Managers voted over the last 12 months?

#### ATLAS Global Listed Infrastructure (AMX)

Passive infrastructure fund

Fiduciary  
Manager's SI  
assessment

High

### How many votes has this manager cast?

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	21
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	322
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	100.0%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	96.3%
against management:	2.8%
abstained from:	0.9%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	14.3%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	N/A

### What is this manager's voting policy?

When proxy voting is to occur, the investment team sector lead provides voting recommendations which are then tabled at the manager's Investment Committee (IC) for review and approval. Recommendations are made having regard to the various environmental, social, and governance factors of each of the resolutions to be voted on. Voting instructions are submitted via ProxyEdge.

The proxy vote recommendations submitted to IC contain a summary of all ESG risks and key issues identified for that company including, where relevant, recommendations for voting on specific issues.

The manager does not use a proxy voting service. The manager believes that it should and can influence good corporate governance through the exercise of its legal rights for the benefit of its clients. Voting is an extension of, and an expression of, the manager's investment process and their focus on delivering sustainable long-term returns. As such, responsibility for voting recommendations lies with the sector teams which undertake research on the companies. The IC has ultimate responsibility for final decisions on proxy votes submitted for a portfolio holding. This oversight provides consistency and ensures compliance with voting guidelines.

### Which of these votes do we think were significant?

<b>Company:</b>	<b>National Grid Plc</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Authorise UK political donations and expenditure</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	7.8%
Date of vote:	1 July 2024
How voted:	For management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager historically voted against this motion, however following the company's clarification that it does not intend to make political donations or incur political expenditure in the UK, the manager's position has shifted. The directors emphasized the importance of participating in public discourse on issues affecting the business. Based on this assurance, the manager has decided to support the resolution.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager considered this to be a notable resolution and due to size of the position. The manager historically voted against political donations and expenditure
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The outcome highlights the importance of the company participating in public debate and opinion-forming matters which affect its business, to ensure alignment with shareholder interests.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Orsted</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Director elections</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.6%
Date of vote:	24 March 2025
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against the re-election of Andrew Brown, Julia King, and Annica Bresky under Resolutions 7.3, 7.4A, and

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	7.4B due to their roles on the Asset Project Committee. As the only members of this sub-committee, they hold direct accountability for overseeing asset projects in alignment with strategic objectives, budgets, and timelines. The committee has not met these expectations, and its performance has raised concerns about governance and oversight. Given the significance of these responsibilities, the vote against their reappointment reflects a lack of confidence in their execution of duties.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against the management resolution and due size of position. The manager considered this a notable resolution. Also, they were director elections.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager's objective was to signal to management the need to improve risk mitigation and control. They will continue making this point to Orsted's management and board.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Aena SME SA</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Updated report on the Climate Action Plan 2024</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	3.2%
Date of vote:	20 March 2025
How voted:	For management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	The company has accelerated its Net Zero commitment for Scope 1 and 2 emissions to 2030, a decade earlier than previously targeted. This includes a 90% reduction in Scope 3 emissions, covering the Landing and Take-Off cycle, by 2050. The manager supports the updated Climate Action Plan, and forecasts company emissions through 2050 within the Beyond 2°C Scenario budget pathway. As a result, the company has been reclassified from "Potential to Transition" to "Aligned."
Trustee rationale for significance:	Vote topic is one of the Trustee's stated stewardship priorities (climate change) and due to the size of position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The objective was to encourage the management and board to continue with improved disclosure and scenario planning.

### How have our Investment Managers voted over the last 12 months?

**Coronation - Emerging Markets Equity Strategy**  
Emerging markets equity fund

Fiduciary  
Manager's SI  
assessment

High

### How many votes has this manager cast?

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	53
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	558
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	100.0%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	91.6%
against management:	8.4%
abstained from:	0.0%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	34.0%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	0.0%

#### What is this manager's voting policy?

The manager's Proxy Voting Policy outlines the broad principles which determine how they will vote on company resolutions. The manager does not outsource the voting of shares as they believe it forms part of their investment offering and approach. Decisions are made by those closest to the company, ensuring that each vote reflects a thorough understanding of the resolution's impact on long-term shareholder value.

While Coronation uses the ISS Corporate Solutions platform for access to proxy advisory services, it does not automatically follow ISS recommendations. Instead, the analyst covering the stock evaluates each resolution independently, applying judgment to determine the appropriate voting action. The policy requires that every resolution be assessed in its specific context, and any vote against management or abstention is followed by direct engagement with the company. This ensures transparency and accountability in the voting process, always prioritizing the client's investment interests.

Which of these votes do we think were significant?

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Naspers Ltd &amp; Prosus</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Re-elections of director and board committee appointments</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	4.6%
Date of vote:	22 August 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager believes the current board lacks the necessary skills and experience to drive optimal shareholder outcomes and effectively hold the executive team accountable. The manager advocates for the inclusion of a younger generation of non-executive directors with top-tier technology expertise, equipping the board with the necessary insights to navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against management resolution and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Director election.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	If the manager is unable to achieve desired results on important issues, they will use other means available to them, such as voting actions, collaboration with other stakeholders, or public advocacy if the issue is material. Where these efforts remain unsuccessful, the investment case will be reassessed to determine whether continued exposure aligns with client interests.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Naspers Ltd &amp; Prosus</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>To endorse the implementation report of the remuneration report</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	4.6%
Date of vote:	22 August 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager has had long-term engagement with the companies and previously supported their 2023 remuneration vote due to improvements made. However, the current remuneration policy is flawed, relying on soft targets that don't effectively align management incentives with shareholder interests. The manager's primary concern is the absence of per-share performance references in the moonshot initiative, which weakens accountability and long-term value creation. The manager urged the company to prioritize intrinsic value per share as the key performance metric, rather than market

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	capitalization, to reinforce its commitment to responsible stewardship of shareholder capital.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against management resolution and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	If the manager is unable to achieve desired results on important issues, they will use other means available to them, such as voting actions, collaboration with other stakeholders, or public advocacy if the issue is material. Where these efforts remain unsuccessful, the investment case will be reassessed to determine whether continued exposure aligns with client interests.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>PDD HOLDINGS INC</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Re-election of Mr. Lei Chen as director of the company</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.8%
Date of vote:	20 December 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	Majority of the board is not independent, and company disclosures are very poor.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against management resolution and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Director election.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	If the manager is unable to achieve desired results on important issues, they will use other means available to them, such as voting actions, collaboration with other stakeholders, or public advocacy if the issue is material. Where these efforts remain unsuccessful, the investment case will be reassessed to determine whether continued exposure aligns with client interests.

**Towers Watson Global Equity Focus Fund)**

Pooled multi-manager equity fund

**How many votes has this manager cast?**

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	178
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	3,482
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	99.4%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	89.2%
against management:	10.4%
abstained from:	0.3%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	46.6%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	10.0%

**What is this manager's voting policy?**

Responsibility for voting is ultimately delegated to the underlying stock pickers given their detailed knowledge of companies they invest in.

To strengthen the stewardship process, the manager has appointed EOS at Federated Hermes (EOS) to provide voting recommendations and additional company engagement. EOS's voting recommendations are informed by its extensive research and experience in the area of stewardship as well as its long-term engagement activities with companies.

The underlying managers use ISS's 'ProxyExchange' electronic voting platform to electronically vote investors' shares. The underlying manager is required to provide an explanation and note their rationale when they choose to vote differently to the recommendation.

## Which of these votes do we think were significant?

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Microsoft Corporation</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Report on risks of operating in countries with significant human rights concerns</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	4.8%
Date of vote:	10 December 2024
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	Additional transparency through an independent assessment would benefit shareholders and stakeholders.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to vote proxies in the interest of maximising investment value for clients.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Meta Platforms</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Report on child safety and harm reduction</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	3.1%
Date of vote:	14 May 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted "FOR" in support of the shareholder proposal for additional disclosure related to how Meta measures & tracks metrics that impact child safety and harm reduction on its platforms (like last year). The manager's vote was against management recommendation. In the manager's view, greater transparency would serve to help shareholders' understanding of these risks and enhance the brand perception of the platform. While the company has disclosures addressing these areas of concern, the manager again determined that greater disclosures would overall reduce related risks and should be supported.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager expressed disappointment with the outcome of the vote. In their view, issues related to child safety and self-harm represent areas of significant concern, where enhanced transparency could help build greater confidence in the company's efforts to address these challenges. The proposed annual report would have introduced quantitative metrics to



assess the company's performance in these areas. The manager will support similar proposals in the future.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Meta Platforms</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Disclose a climate transition plan resulting in new renewable energy capacity</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	3.1%
Date of vote:	14 May 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	Promote transparency around environmental issues. The manager considers environmental factors to be an important consideration in assessing the long-term predictability and sustainability of a company's revenue and earnings growth.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Vote topic is one of the Trustee's stated stewardship priorities (climate change) and size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to consider proposals whether from management or shareholders which enhance transparency around environmental issues.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Meta Platforms</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Report on hate targeting marginalized communities</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	3.1%
Date of vote:	28 May 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	Meta discontinued its US third-party fact-checking program in January 2025, and its own Oversight Board recently rebuked the company, underscoring deficiencies in how it enforces its hate speech and harassment policies. The company faces allegations of failing to prevent discrimination in various markets. Significant concerns remain regarding the adequacy of its efforts around content moderation. Meta's handling of this issue has attracted negative media attention, which could potentially result in financial damage. In addition, the Oversight Board called for a human rights assessment of Meta's January 2025 Hateful Conduct policy update. As such, the manager believes that the additional reporting can provide shareholders with meaningful information on how this matter is being handled and allow shareholders to better understand and assess the company's risk exposure.

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Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	Although the proposal did not pass, given the relatively high level of shareholder support, the manager may follow up with the company in the short or long term for an additional engagement.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Amazon</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Shareholder proposal regarding disclosure of material Scope 3 emissions</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.4%
Date of vote:	21 May 2025
How voted:	Against shareholder proposal, with management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	The company has various initiatives in place and does not appear to have neglected issues related to its value chain emissions. The manager notes that its supply chain standards set forth its expectation that suppliers track, document, and, upon request, report greenhouse gas emissions to the company. Additionally, the highest-emitting suppliers that contribute over 50% of Scope 3 emissions are expected to provide a plan for decarbonizing operations. It has also introduced a sustainability solutions hub to help sellers reduce emissions.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Vote topic is one of the Trustee's stated stewardship priorities (climate change) and size of the position.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to monitor the company's approach to its climate disclosures and may change their recommendation on future proposals should it become clear that it is not making sufficient progress toward its commitments.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>NVIDIA Corp</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Shareholder proposal regarding workforce data</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.5%
Date of vote:	25 June 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	This proposal asks the company to enhance its existing public reporting to include a chart identifying employees according to gender and race in each of the nine EEOC-defined job categories. NVIDIA previously provided this information from

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2018 to 2022 but no longer publishes this disclosure. As of April 2024, over 80% of the S&P 500 and nearly 50% of the Russell 1000 Index companies disclose EEO-1 data. While NVIDIA's disclosures around workforce demographics are fairly comprehensive, EEO-1 reporting provides shareholders with data that is comparable across industry peers. Moreover, this reporting is already required and therefore should not be a significant burden to make available to shareholders. While the company's stance is that the data does not accurately depict its practices given its organizational structure, it would be a helpful supplement to existing reporting and increase shareholders' understanding of how the company is addressing human capital-related risk exposures.

Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	Although the proposal did not pass, given the relatively high level of shareholder support, the manager may follow up with the company in the short or long term for an additional engagement.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>HCA Healthcare Inc.</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Amend patient safety and quality of care committee charter</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.4%
Date of vote:	24 April 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	The core of the proposal is to mandate that the committee review staffing levels and their direct influence on patient safety, the quality of care provided, and overall patient satisfaction. The manager felt that the shareholder proposal promotes appropriate accountability or incentivization.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will share these best practices with other portfolio companies.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Netflix Inc.</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Shareholder proposal regarding climate transition plan</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.4%
Date of vote:	5 June 2025

How voted:	Against shareholder proposal, with management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	This proposal requests the company issue a climate transition plan “above and beyond existing disclosure,” describing how it intends to align its operations and full value chain emissions with existing science-based targets. However, the company has already adopted emissions targets that are aligned with the Paris Agreement and reports on progress toward these goals annually, in line with TCFD standards. Netflix has also published a long-term plan to achieve these targets, on par with industry peers. Given the current level of climate reporting by the company, the Manager finds this proposal to be unnecessary and overly prescriptive and recommended voting against.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Vote topic is one of the Trustee’s stated stewardship priorities (climate change) and size of the position.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The proposal did not pass, which is in line with the manager's decision to vote against.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>State Street Corporation</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Require independent board chair</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.7%
Date of vote:	14 May 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	The manager has confirmed the voting decision was communicated but was not able to confirm whether this was before or after the meeting
Manager rationale for vote:	As a rule, the manager believes that boards should be led by an independent chair, who can provide better oversight of management and represent the long-term interests of the owners. The manager allows exceptions when the CEO/Chairperson has a large stake in the business which makes them more closely aligned with shareholders.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against the management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to monitor this engagement.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Daimler Truck Holding AG</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Approve virtual-only shareholder meetings until 2030</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.5%
Date of vote:	27 May 2025

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How voted:	Against management proposal
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against this proposal as this may limit shareholders' voice. They believe that shareholders' ability to raise key issues to the board is important to their long-term interests if it is not onerous for the company board/management.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against the management proposal.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to consider proposals whether from management or shareholders which enhance transparency.

**How have our Investment Managers voted over the last 12 months?**

**Resolution Capital – Global Property Securities**  
Active global property fund

Fiduciary  
Manager's SI  
assessment

High

**How many votes has this manager cast?**

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	46
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	587
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	100.0%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	95.9%
against management:	4.1%
abstained from:	0.0%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	30.4%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	N/A

**What is this manager's voting policy?**

The manager will review each resolution individually to arrive at a voting recommendation. The following key principles will be adhered to in making a recommendation: Resolutions should treat shareholders equally; any material conflicts of interest must be appropriately addressed; resolutions should be clearly and individually stated, as composite resolutions are not optimal.

The manager will not abstain from any resolution unless it is in the client's best interest to abstain, the manager has received direct instruction from the client to abstain, regulations in the issuing company's country of domicile prevent lodging an against vote, or there is insufficient information to make an informed decision.

When voting against a resolution, the manager will endeavor to inform the company in advance. If this is not possible, the company will be advised as soon as practicable.

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<b>Company:</b>	<b>Sun Hung Kai Properties</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Approve issuance of equity or equity-linked securities without pre-emptive rights and authorize reissuance of repurchased shares</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.2%
Date of vote:	7 November 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The company had proposed to issue capital without pre-emptive rights and did not disclose the discounted price or the specific use of the funds. Since there was no specified discount limit for this issuance, as well as having no proportion of the issuance with pre-emptive rights, the manager voted against the resolution. The manager also voted against the resolution to reissue shares that had been repurchased by the company. This would cause the aggregate share issuance without pre-emptive rights to exceed the recommended limit of 10% at 20% of total issued shares.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager informed the company's management team of the rationale behind their vote against the resolution. When the manager engages with the company's management and board in the future, they will communicate their preferences for the structure of future issuances that, in their view, are likely to provide a more beneficial outcome for them and other shareholders.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Sumitomo Realty and Development</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Elect Directors Onodera, Kenichi and Nishima, Kojun</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.1%
Date of vote:	27 June 2025
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	While the company has made some progress in improving governance and in other areas over the past year, its recently announced three-year medium-term plan does not sufficiently address a number of issues with the company's management, particularly with respect to the unwinding of its cross-shareholdings which are substantial when compared to peer companies as well as listed construction firms and other Japanese corporates. The company has also been resistant to the sale of non-core assets, the proceeds of which could be

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	used to support its future growth pipeline or fund additional share buybacks.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Also, they were director elections.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager has had discussions with the company's management team before and after the annual general meeting this year, to better understand the intentions of the management team and to communicate the manager's preferences for board structures and the future direction of the company. These discussions have been positive and have led to productive and continuing dialogue with the company where the manager can share their preferences for board structure and company strategy.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Simon Property Group</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Change state of incorporation from Delaware to Indiana</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.5%
Date of vote:	14 May 2025
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against the resolution on the basis that the proposed change did not present a clear benefit to minority shareholders. While the company cited advantages such as streamlined business operations and potential cost savings from reduced legal actions, the manager concluded that these benefits did not outweigh those associated with the company remaining domiciled in Delaware.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager engaged with the company before the annual general meeting on this topic to gain more clarity around its reasoning for this action and communicated the view of the resolution.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Stockland</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Elect Melinda Conrad as director</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.3%
Date of vote:	21 October 2024
How voted:	Against management recommendation



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Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against the re-election of Melinda Conrad as a non-executive director, given her position as a long-standing director, as well as being Chair of the People & Culture Committee of ASX Ltd. During her eight years on ASX's board, the company made misleading statements to the market about a significant technological upgrade it was undertaking. As a result, the Australia Securities and Investments Commission, the market regulator in Australia, commenced litigation against ASX Ltd.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and the manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Director election
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager informed the company's management team of the rationale behind their vote against the resolution. They will continue discussions with the company to understand its director's selection processes and provide feedback on what they would prefer to see in those processes.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Link Real Estate Investment Trust</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Elect directors (Ian Girffiths, Ed Chan Yu Cheong, Jenny Gu Lialin, Blair Pickerell, Duncan Owen)</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.3%
Date of vote:	31 July 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against the reelection of three incumbent directors and the election of a new one due to concerns over their oversight of a February 2023 share rights issue. They viewed the issuance as unnecessary and harmful to shareholder value and criticized the lack of a shareholder vote on the matter. Although the issuance occurred last year, the directors responsible were not up for election at that time due to Link's staggered board structure. This year's vote was the first opportunity to express dissent over their role in the decision.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and the manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Also, they were director elections.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager communicated their views on this issue to the management and the board at the time and voted against the eligible directors at the annual general meeting in 2023. They have also communicated their views on the director's elections this year.



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**Towers Watson Hedge Advantage Fund**

Multi-manager hedge fund

**How many votes has this manager cast?**

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	129
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	1,411
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	97.0%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	87.5%
against management:	3.6%
abstained from:	7.9%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	14.2%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	3.4%

**What is this manager's voting policy?**

As the manager manages Fund of Funds, the voting rights for the holdings are delegated to the underlying managers and their ability to vote will depend on the underlying manager's strategy. Therefore, the voting data provided is on the long-short equity managers where equity holdings are a key part of their strategy. The manager expects all of their underlying managers who hold equities over a reasonable timeframe to exercise their voting rights on all shares held. Some of these managers use proxy voting platforms to assist in the proxy voting process and to electronically vote clients' shares.

**Which of these votes do we think were significant?**

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Siemens Energy</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Electing Matthias Rebellius as a board member</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.1%
Date of vote:	20 February 2025
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against Matthias Rebellius as a board member due to concerns about the company's governance being too interlinked with Siemens AG. Given Siemen AG's unhelpfulness in 2023 and its intention to sell all its shares in the company, the manager believes it's not in the best interest of

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	shareholders or the company for Siemens AG to have board representation.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against the management resolution, and size of the position. Director election.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	None to report.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Emerson Electric Co</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.6%
Date of vote:	4 February 2025
How voted:	For management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted in favor of the executive officers' compensation. The manager stated that the CEO's compensation is justifiable given fundamental performance improvements and it being slightly lower than peer group. The long-term performance component is equity linked and driven by EPS, FCF and total shareholder returns, which is a sensible balance for this company.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	None to report.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Vestas Wind Systems A/S</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Advisory note on executive compensation</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.3%
Date of vote:	8 April 2025
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	There are concerns in the current structure of the long-term incentive scheme not fully aligned with shareholders' interests. The company's execution on key performance indicators has been significantly weaker than anticipated. The manager voted against the proposed chief executive officer's remuneration package.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager considered this to be a notable resolution, and it's a vote against management resolution.

Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	None to report.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>E.ON SE</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Allow shareholder meetings to be held in virtual-only format</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.2%
Date of vote:	15 May 2025
How voted:	Against shareholder resolution, with management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against ISS as virtual meetings are lawful under German law since 2022 and while the in-person dynamics might change, the Manager does not think it will lead to less shareholder rights.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager considered this to be a notable resolution, and it's a vote against management proposal.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	None to report.

### In conclusion...

...The Trustee is satisfied that over the year, all SIP policies and principles were adhered and in particular, those relating to voting and engagement.

## Lafarge UK Pension Plan - Non-LRPS Section Implementation Statement – 30 June 2025

### Why have we produced this Statement?

The Trustee of the Lafarge UK Pension Plan - Non-LRPS Section have prepared this statement to comply with the requirements of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment and Disclosure) (Amendment) Regulations 2019.

This statement sets out how the Trustee has complied with the voting and engagement policies detailed in the Plan's Statement of Investment Principles (SIP).

A copy of the SIP can be found on the following website: <https://www.isio.com/scheme-documents/the-lafarge-uk-pension-plan/>

### What is the Statement of Investment Principles (SIP)?

The SIP sets out key investment policies including the Trustee's investment objectives and investment strategy.

It also explains how and why the Trustee delegates certain responsibilities to third parties and the risks the Plan faces and the mitigated responses.

The Trustee last reviewed the SIP in September 2024.

### What is the purpose of this Statement?

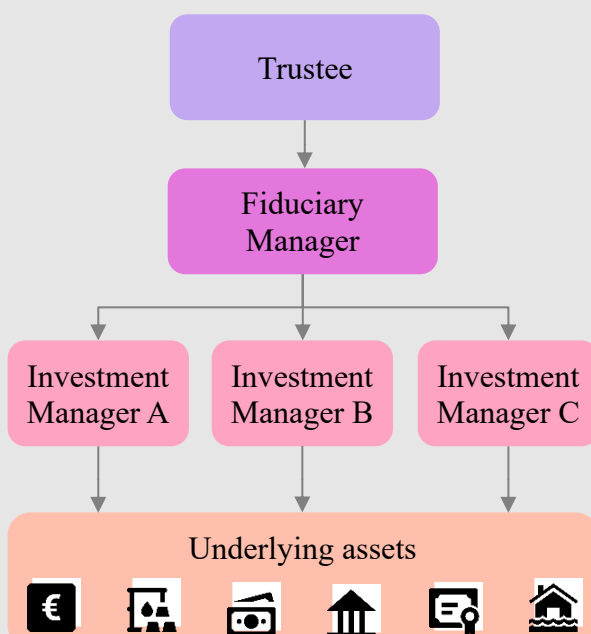
3. To explain how the Trustee's engagement policy has been applied over the year.
4. To describe the voting rights attached the Plan's assets have been exercised over the year.

### What changes have we made to the SIP?

The version of the SIP adopted in September 2024 incorporated the following key changes:

- Updated the document to reflect the sectionalisation of the Plan.
- Provided further detail on how the Trustee monitors engagement activities within the portfolio.
- Added derivatives risk within the risk management section.

### How are the Plan's investments managed?



**Trustee** - The Trustee's key objective is to ensure sufficient assets to pay members' benefits as they fall due. The Trustee retains overall responsibility for the Plan's investment strategy, but delegates some responsibilities to ensure they are undertaken by somebody with the appropriate skills, knowledge and resources.

**Fiduciary Manager (WTW)** – The Trustee employs a Fiduciary Manager to implement the Trustee's investment strategy. The Fiduciary Manager allocates the Plan's assets between asset class and investment managers.

**Investment managers** – The Fiduciary Manager appoints underlying investment managers either using a pooled vehicle or a segregated mandate where these assets are held directly in the Plan's name. The Fiduciary Manager will look for best in class specialist managers for each asset class.

**Underlying assets** – The investment managers pick the underlying investments for their specialist mandate e.g. shares in a company or government bonds.

**Why does the Trustee believe voting and engagement is important?**

The Trustee's view is that Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") factors can have a potential impact on investment returns, particularly over the long-term and therefore contribute to the security of members' benefits. The Trustee further believes that voting and engagement are important tools to influence these issues.

The Trustee has appointed a Fiduciary Manager who shares this view and considers and integrates ESG factors, voting and engagement in its processes.

The Trustee incorporates an assessment of the Fiduciary Manager's performance in this area as part of its overall assessment of the Fiduciary Manager.

**What is the Trustee's voting and engagement policy?**

When considering its policy in relation to stewardship including engagement and voting, the Trustee expects investment managers to address broad ESG considerations, but has

identified climate change as a key area of focus for the Trustee.

The day-to-day integration of ESG considerations, voting and engagement are delegated to the investment managers. The Trustee expects investment managers to sign up to local stewardship codes and to act as responsible stewards of capital.

Where ESG factors are considered to be particularly influential to outcomes, the Trustee expects the Fiduciary Manager to engage with investment managers to improve their processes.

**What training has the Trustee received over the year?**

To ensure the Trustee is kept up to date with best practice in ESG considerations, voting and engagement, the Investment Strategy Committee received a detailed presentation from the Fiduciary Manager in its March meeting setting out its approach to managing sustainability risks on the Trustee's behalf. This covered the Fiduciary Manager's assessment of the Plan's investment managers with respect to sustainable investment, including details of the process used for this assessment by the Fiduciary Manager.

**What are the Fiduciary Manager's policies?**

**Climate change and net zero goal**

The Trustee believes Climate Change is a current priority when engaging with public policy, investment managers and corporates.

The Fiduciary Manager has a goal to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions across 'In Scope Solutions' by 2050. They believe the trajectory is important, so are also aiming to approximately halve emissions by 2030.

**Public policy and corporate engagement**

The Fiduciary Manager employs an external stewardship service provider, whose services include public policy engagement, and corporate voting and engagement on behalf of its clients (including the Trustee).

Some highlights from 2024 include:

- 994 companies engaged across regions on 4,267 issues and objectives
- 62 companies in their core programme featured engagements with the CEO or chair
- Making voting recommendations on 143,075 resolutions at 14,701 meetings, including recommended votes against 25,070 resolutions
- Participation in a range of global stewardship initiatives.

**Industry initiatives**

The Fiduciary Manager participated in a range of industry initiatives over the year to seek to exercise good stewardship practices. Please refer to their latest UK Stewardship Code for more information:

<https://www.wtwco.com/en-gb/solutions/services/sustainable-investment>.

### How does the Fiduciary Manager assess the investment managers?

**Investment manager appointment** - The Fiduciary Manager considers the investment managers' policies and activities in relation to ESG factors and stewardship (which includes voting and engagement) at the appointment of a new manager. In 2024 the Fiduciary manager conducted detailed engagements with over 70 managers across asset classes. In addition, over 150 sustainability-themed strategies were researched.

**Investment manager monitoring** - The Fiduciary Manager produces detailed reports on the investment managers' ESG integration and stewardship capabilities on an annual basis. These

reports form part of the Trustee's portfolio monitoring. We have provided the Fiduciary Manager's ratings of the equity managers' ESG integration and stewardship capabilities in the later pages.

**Investment manager termination** - The Fiduciary Manager engages with investment managers to improve their practices and increases the bar by which they are assessed as best practice evolves. The Fiduciary Manager may terminate an investment manager's appointment if they fail to demonstrate an acceptable level of practice in these areas. However, no investment managers were terminated on these grounds during the year.

### Example of engagement carried out over the year

#### Alternative Credit manager Climate Change - Data coverage issue

**Issue:** Data coverage has historically been a struggle within credit portfolios where most data providers use equity market proxies. This means coverage is easy for assets where the parent company is listed on an exchange but is harder for smaller or unlisted companies.

**Outcome:** The FM's engagement had two stages:

1. Change the data collection process to treat credit mandates more like private markets rather than rely third party data providers
2. Escalate with investment managers to ensure numbers were calculated correctly and data was prioritised

As a result of this, there has been a meaningful overall improvement within the FM's alternative credit fund's portfolio level data coverage for carbon metrics this year.

The most tangible increase has been for the underlying high yield strategy, which last year had coverage of 12%, and now has 98% thanks to the updated process.

#### Core structured credit manager Environment - Climate issue

**Issue:** The manager has not yet produced asset-level climate reports for the Securitized Opportunities Fund, which is a minimum Sustainable Investment (SI) requirement. Engagements have been initiated with the manager to encourage the team to start producing these essential reports.

**Outcome:** Engagements have been conducted with both the investment team for the fund and the investor relations team, through in-person meetings, phone calls, and emails. Efforts have been made to encourage the investment team to consider proxied carbon emissions for underlying assets where actual carbon emission data is not readily available. Continuous engagement with the manager will focus on the production of initial climate reports for the fund. The next step involves taking the collected data and producing written reports.

#### Equities – Global manager Human & labour rights - Modern slavery issue

**Issue:** This investment manager's engagement was part of a wider effort to address modern slavery compliance and regulation in the UK. They monitor the modern slavery policies of their investee companies and participate in initiatives aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal of decent work and economic growth. The aim is to reduce financial risk to investors by strengthening corporate commitments to addressing modern slavery in business practices and supply chains.

**Outcome:** In 2024, the investment manager joined a group focused on modern slavery compliance and regulation. The group submitted a response to the House of Lords consultation reviewing the 2015 Modern Slavery Act, with objectives to encourage the Home Office to strengthen Section 54 of the Act, introduce penalties for non-compliance and create a government-run registry of modern slavery statements. The external asset manager also signed a letter to encourage companies to comply with modern slavery legislation, as part of the investor group, Votes Against Slavery.

By December 2024, 32 of the FTSE 350 companies had been contacted, with 31 becoming compliant and one committing to make necessary changes. While none of the external asset manager's investee companies were targeted via this group, the engagement is having a broader impact on UK corporate compliance with modern slavery laws, hence reducing risk to investors.



### What are the voting statistics we provide?

The Plan is invested across a diverse range of asset classes which carry different ownership rights, for example bonds do not have voting rights attached. Therefore, voting information was only requested from the Plan's equity investment managers. The Plan is invested in active (trying to outperform the market) equity funds.

Of the votes exercised by the investment managers, the ones deemed most significant by the Trustee have been shown below based on balancing the following criteria (not all criteria will apply for every significant vote identified):

- The manager deems the vote to be notable.
- The vote relates to one of the stewardship priority areas identified by the Trustee (climate change).
- The size of the holding in the company.
- It was a vote against company management.
- The total number of votes identified and reported by the Trustee is at a proportionate level.

The Trustee has also included the Fiduciary Manager's assessment of the investment managers' ESG integration and stewardship (including voting and engagement) capabilities.

### How have our Investment Managers voted over the last 12 months?

#### ATLAS Global Listed Infrastructure (AMX)

Passive infrastructure fund

Fiduciary  
Manager's SI  
assessment

High

### How many votes has this manager cast?

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	21
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	322
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	100.0%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	96.3%
against management:	2.8%
abstained from:	0.9%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	14.3%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	N/A

### What is this manager's voting policy?

When proxy voting is to occur, the investment team sector lead provides voting recommendations which are then tabled at the manager's Investment Committee (IC) for review and approval. Recommendations are made having regard to the various environmental, social, and governance factors of each of the resolutions to be voted on. Voting instructions are submitted via ProxyEdge.



The proxy vote recommendations submitted to IC contain a summary of all ESG risks and key issues identified for that company including, where relevant, recommendations for voting on specific issues.

The manager does not use a proxy voting service. The manager believes that it should and can influence good corporate governance through the exercise of its legal rights for the benefit of its clients. Voting is an extension of, and an expression of, the manager's investment process and their focus on delivering sustainable long-term returns. As such, responsibility for voting recommendations lies with the sector teams which undertake research on the companies. The IC has ultimate responsibility for final decisions on proxy votes submitted for a portfolio holding. This oversight provides consistency and ensures compliance with voting guidelines.

### Which of these votes do we think were significant?

<b>Company:</b>	<b>National Grid Plc</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Authorise UK political donations and expenditure</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	7.8%
Date of vote:	1 July 2024
How voted:	For management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager historically voted against this motion, however following the company's clarification that it does not intend to make political donations or incur political expenditure in the UK, the manager's position has shifted. The directors emphasized the importance of participating in public discourse on issues affecting the business. Based on this assurance, the manager has decided to support the resolution.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager considered this to be a notable resolution and due to size of the position. The manager historically voted against political donations and expenditure
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The outcome highlights the importance of the company participating in public debate and opinion-forming matters which affect its business, to ensure alignment with shareholder interests.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Orsted</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Director elections</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.6%
Date of vote:	24 March 2025
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against the re-election of Andrew Brown, Julia King, and Annica Bresky under Resolutions 7.3, 7.4A, and

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	7.4B due to their roles on the Asset Project Committee. As the only members of this sub-committee, they hold direct accountability for overseeing asset projects in alignment with strategic objectives, budgets, and timelines. The committee has not met these expectations, and its performance has raised concerns about governance and oversight. Given the significance of these responsibilities, the vote against their reappointment reflects a lack of confidence in their execution of duties.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against the management resolution and due size of position. The manager considered this a notable resolution. Also, they were director elections.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager's objective was to signal to management the need to improve risk mitigation and control. They will continue making this point to Orsted's management and board.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Aena SME SA</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Updated report on the Climate Action Plan 2024</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	3.2%
Date of vote:	20 March 2025
How voted:	For management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	The company has accelerated its Net Zero commitment for Scope 1 and 2 emissions to 2030, a decade earlier than previously targeted. This includes a 90% reduction in Scope 3 emissions, covering the Landing and Take-Off cycle, by 2050. The manager supports the updated Climate Action Plan, and forecasts company emissions through 2050 within the Beyond 2°C Scenario budget pathway. As a result, the company has been reclassified from "Potential to Transition" to "Aligned."
Trustee rationale for significance:	Vote topic is one of the Trustee's stated stewardship priorities (climate change) and due to the size of position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The objective was to encourage the management and board to continue with improved disclosure and scenario planning.

### How have our Investment Managers voted over the last 12 months?

**Coronation - Emerging Markets Equity Strategy**  
Emerging markets equity fund

Fiduciary  
Manager's SI  
assessment

High

### How many votes has this manager cast?

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	53
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	558
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	100.0%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	91.6%
against management:	8.4%
abstained from:	0.0%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	34.0%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	0.0%

#### What is this manager's voting policy?

The manager's Proxy Voting Policy outlines the broad principles which determine how they will vote on company resolutions. The manager does not outsource the voting of shares as they believe it forms part of their investment offering and approach. Decisions are made by those closest to the company, ensuring that each vote reflects a thorough understanding of the resolution's impact on long-term shareholder value.

While Coronation uses the ISS Corporate Solutions platform for access to proxy advisory services, it does not automatically follow ISS recommendations. Instead, the analyst covering the stock evaluates each resolution independently, applying judgment to determine the appropriate voting action. The policy requires that every resolution be assessed in its specific context, and any vote against management or abstention is followed by direct engagement with the company. This ensures transparency and accountability in the voting process, always prioritizing the client's investment interests.

Which of these votes do we think were significant?

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Naspers Ltd &amp; Prosus</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Re-elections of director and board committee appointments</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	4.6%
Date of vote:	22 August 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager believes the current board lacks the necessary skills and experience to drive optimal shareholder outcomes and effectively hold the executive team accountable. The manager advocates for the inclusion of a younger generation of non-executive directors with top-tier technology expertise, equipping the board with the necessary insights to navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against management resolution and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Director election.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	If the manager is unable to achieve desired results on important issues, they will use other means available to them, such as voting actions, collaboration with other stakeholders, or public advocacy if the issue is material. Where these efforts remain unsuccessful, the investment case will be reassessed to determine whether continued exposure aligns with client interests.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Naspers Ltd &amp; Prosus</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>To endorse the implementation report of the remuneration report</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	4.6%
Date of vote:	22 August 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager has had long-term engagement with the companies and previously supported their 2023 remuneration vote due to improvements made. However, the current remuneration policy is flawed, relying on soft targets that don't effectively align management incentives with shareholder interests. The manager's primary concern is the absence of per-share performance references in the moonshot initiative, which weakens accountability and long-term value creation. The manager urged the company to prioritize intrinsic value per share as the key performance metric, rather than market

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	capitalization, to reinforce its commitment to responsible stewardship of shareholder capital.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against management resolution and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	If the manager is unable to achieve desired results on important issues, they will use other means available to them, such as voting actions, collaboration with other stakeholders, or public advocacy if the issue is material. Where these efforts remain unsuccessful, the investment case will be reassessed to determine whether continued exposure aligns with client interests.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>PDD HOLDINGS INC</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Re-election of Mr. Lei Chen as director of the company</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.8%
Date of vote:	20 December 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	Majority of the board is not independent, and company disclosures are very poor.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against management resolution and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Director election.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	If the manager is unable to achieve desired results on important issues, they will use other means available to them, such as voting actions, collaboration with other stakeholders, or public advocacy if the issue is material. Where these efforts remain unsuccessful, the investment case will be reassessed to determine whether continued exposure aligns with client interests.

**Towers Watson Global Equity Focus Fund)**

Pooled multi-manager equity fund

**How many votes has this manager cast?**

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	178
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	3,482
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	99.4%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	89.2%
against management:	10.4%
abstained from:	0.3%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	46.6%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	10.0%

**What is this manager's voting policy?**

Responsibility for voting is ultimately delegated to the underlying stock pickers given their detailed knowledge of companies they invest in.

To strengthen the stewardship process, the manager has appointed EOS at Federated Hermes (EOS) to provide voting recommendations and additional company engagement. EOS's voting recommendations are informed by its extensive research and experience in the area of stewardship as well as its long-term engagement activities with companies.

The underlying managers use ISS's 'ProxyExchange' electronic voting platform to electronically vote investors' shares. The underlying manager is required to provide an explanation and note their rationale when they choose to vote differently to the recommendation.

## Which of these votes do we think were significant?

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Microsoft Corporation</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Report on risks of operating in countries with significant human rights concerns</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	4.8%
Date of vote:	10 December 2024
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	Additional transparency through an independent assessment would benefit shareholders and stakeholders.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to vote proxies in the interest of maximising investment value for clients.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Meta Platforms</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Report on child safety and harm reduction</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	3.1%
Date of vote:	14 May 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted "FOR" in support of the shareholder proposal for additional disclosure related to how Meta measures & tracks metrics that impact child safety and harm reduction on its platforms (like last year). The manager's vote was against management recommendation. In the manager's view, greater transparency would serve to help shareholders' understanding of these risks and enhance the brand perception of the platform. While the company has disclosures addressing these areas of concern, the manager again determined that greater disclosures would overall reduce related risks and should be supported.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager expressed disappointment with the outcome of the vote. In their view, issues related to child safety and self-harm represent areas of significant concern, where enhanced transparency could help build greater confidence in the company's efforts to address these challenges. The proposed annual report would have introduced quantitative metrics to

assess the company's performance in these areas. The manager will support similar proposals in the future.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Meta Platforms</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Disclose a climate transition plan resulting in new renewable energy capacity</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	3.1%
Date of vote:	14 May 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	Promote transparency around environmental issues. The manager considers environmental factors to be an important consideration in assessing the long-term predictability and sustainability of a company's revenue and earnings growth.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Vote topic is one of the Trustee's stated stewardship priorities (climate change) and size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to consider proposals whether from management or shareholders which enhance transparency around environmental issues.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Meta Platforms</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Report on hate targeting marginalized communities</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	3.1%
Date of vote:	28 May 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	Meta discontinued its US third-party fact-checking program in January 2025, and its own Oversight Board recently rebuked the company, underscoring deficiencies in how it enforces its hate speech and harassment policies. The company faces allegations of failing to prevent discrimination in various markets. Significant concerns remain regarding the adequacy of its efforts around content moderation. Meta's handling of this issue has attracted negative media attention, which could potentially result in financial damage. In addition, the Oversight Board called for a human rights assessment of Meta's January 2025 Hateful Conduct policy update. As such, the manager believes that the additional reporting can provide shareholders with meaningful information on how this matter is being handled and allow shareholders to better understand and assess the company's risk exposure.



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Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	Although the proposal did not pass, given the relatively high level of shareholder support, the manager may follow up with the company in the short or long term for an additional engagement.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Amazon</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Shareholder proposal regarding disclosure of material Scope 3 emissions</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.4%
Date of vote:	21 May 2025
How voted:	Against shareholder proposal, with management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	The company has various initiatives in place and does not appear to have neglected issues related to its value chain emissions. The manager notes that its supply chain standards set forth its expectation that suppliers track, document, and, upon request, report greenhouse gas emissions to the company. Additionally, the highest-emitting suppliers that contribute over 50% of Scope 3 emissions are expected to provide a plan for decarbonizing operations. It has also introduced a sustainability solutions hub to help sellers reduce emissions.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Vote topic is one of the Trustee's stated stewardship priorities (climate change) and size of the position.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to monitor the company's approach to its climate disclosures and may change their recommendation on future proposals should it become clear that it is not making sufficient progress toward its commitments.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>NVIDIA Corp</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Shareholder proposal regarding workforce data</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.5%
Date of vote:	25 June 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	This proposal asks the company to enhance its existing public reporting to include a chart identifying employees according to gender and race in each of the nine EEOC-defined job categories. NVIDIA previously provided this information from

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2018 to 2022 but no longer publishes this disclosure. As of April 2024, over 80% of the S&P 500 and nearly 50% of the Russell 1000 Index companies disclose EEO-1 data. While NVIDIA's disclosures around workforce demographics are fairly comprehensive, EEO-1 reporting provides shareholders with data that is comparable across industry peers. Moreover, this reporting is already required and therefore should not be a significant burden to make available to shareholders. While the company's stance is that the data does not accurately depict its practices given its organizational structure, it would be a helpful supplement to existing reporting and increase shareholders' understanding of how the company is addressing human capital-related risk exposures.

Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	Although the proposal did not pass, given the relatively high level of shareholder support, the manager may follow up with the company in the short or long term for an additional engagement.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>HCA Healthcare Inc.</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Amend patient safety and quality of care committee charter</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.4%
Date of vote:	24 April 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	The core of the proposal is to mandate that the committee review staffing levels and their direct influence on patient safety, the quality of care provided, and overall patient satisfaction. The manager felt that the shareholder proposal promotes appropriate accountability or incentivization.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Size of the position. The manager also voted against management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will share these best practices with other portfolio companies.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Netflix Inc.</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Shareholder proposal regarding climate transition plan</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	1.4%
Date of vote:	5 June 2025

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How voted:	Against shareholder proposal, with management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Not applicable
Manager rationale for vote:	This proposal requests the company issue a climate transition plan “above and beyond existing disclosure,” describing how it intends to align its operations and full value chain emissions with existing science-based targets. However, the company has already adopted emissions targets that are aligned with the Paris Agreement and reports on progress toward these goals annually, in line with TCFD standards. Netflix has also published a long-term plan to achieve these targets, on par with industry peers. Given the current level of climate reporting by the company, the Manager finds this proposal to be unnecessary and overly prescriptive and recommended voting against.
Trustee rationale for significance:	Vote topic is one of the Trustee’s stated stewardship priorities (climate change) and size of the position.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The proposal did not pass, which is in line with the manager's decision to vote against.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>State Street Corporation</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Require independent board chair</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.7%
Date of vote:	14 May 2025
How voted:	For shareholder proposal, against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	The manager has confirmed the voting decision was communicated but was not able to confirm whether this was before or after the meeting
Manager rationale for vote:	As a rule, the manager believes that boards should be led by an independent chair, who can provide better oversight of management and represent the long-term interests of the owners. The manager allows exceptions when the CEO/Chairperson has a large stake in the business which makes them more closely aligned with shareholders.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against the management recommendation.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution failed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to monitor this engagement.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Daimler Truck Holding AG</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Approve virtual-only shareholder meetings until 2030</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.5%

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Date of vote:	27 May 2025
How voted:	Against management proposal
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	No
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against this proposal as this may limit shareholders' voice. They believe that shareholders' ability to raise key issues to the board is important to their long-term interests if it is not onerous for the company board/management.
Trustee rationale for significance:	The manager voted against the management proposal.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager will continue to consider proposals whether from management or shareholders which enhance transparency.

**How have our Investment Managers voted over the last 12 months?**

**Resolution Capital – Global Property Securities**  
Active global property fund

Fiduciary  
Manager's SI  
assessment

High

**How many votes has this manager cast?**

Number of meetings at which the manager was eligible to vote:	46
Number of resolutions on which manager was eligible to vote:	587
Percentage of eligible votes cast:	100.0%
Of the votes cast, percentage of votes	
with management:	95.9%
against management:	4.1%
abstained from:	0.0%
% of meetings, where the manager voted and there was at least one vote against management:	30.4%
% of resolutions, where the manager voted and the vote was contrary to the recommendation of the proxy adviser? (if applicable)	N/A

**What is this manager's voting policy?**

The manager will review each resolution individually to arrive at a voting recommendation. The following key principles will be adhered to in making a recommendation: resolutions should treat shareholders equally; any material conflicts of interest must be appropriately addressed; resolutions should be clearly and individually stated, as composite resolutions are not optimal.

The manager will not abstain from any resolution unless it is in the client's best interest to abstain, the manager has received direct instruction from the client to abstain, regulations in the issuing company's country of domicile prevent lodging an against vote, or there is insufficient information to make an informed decision.

When voting against a resolution, the manager will endeavor to inform the company in advance. If this is not possible, the company will be advised as soon as practicable.

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<b>Company:</b>	<b>Sun Hung Kai Properties</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Approve issuance of equity or equity-linked securities without pre-emptive rights and authorize reissuance of repurchased shares</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.2%
Date of vote:	7 November 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The company had proposed to issue capital without pre-emptive rights and did not disclose the discounted price or the specific use of the funds. Since there was no specified discount limit for this issuance, as well as having no proportion of the issuance with pre-emptive rights, the manager voted against the resolution. The manager also voted against the resolution to reissue shares that had been repurchased by the company. This would cause the aggregate share issuance without pre-emptive rights to exceed the recommended limit of 10% at 20% of total issued shares.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager informed the company's management team of the rationale behind their vote against the resolution. When the manager engages with the company's management and board in the future, they will communicate their preferences for the structure of future issuances that, in their view, are likely to provide a more beneficial outcome for them and other shareholders.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Sumitomo Realty and Development</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Elect Directors Onodera, Kenichi and Nishima, Kojun</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.1%
Date of vote:	27 June 2025
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	While the company has made some progress in improving governance and in other areas over the past year, its recently announced three-year medium-term plan does not sufficiently address a number of issues with the company's management, particularly with respect to the unwinding of its cross-shareholdings which are substantial when compared to peer companies as well as listed construction firms and other

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	Japanese corporates. The company has also been resistant to the sale of non-core assets, the proceeds of which could be used to support its future growth pipeline or fund additional share buybacks.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Also, they were director elections.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager has had discussions with the company's management team before and after the annual general meeting this year, to better understand the intentions of the management team and to communicate the manager's preferences for board structures and the future direction of the company. These discussions have been positive and have led to productive and continuing dialogue with the company where the manager can share their preferences for board structure and company strategy.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Simon Property Group</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Change state of incorporation from Delaware to Indiana</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	2.5%
Date of vote:	14 May 2025
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against the resolution on the basis that the proposed change did not present a clear benefit to minority shareholders. While the company cited advantages such as streamlined business operations and potential cost savings from reduced legal actions, the manager concluded that these benefits did not outweigh those associated with the company remaining domiciled in Delaware.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and size of the position. The manager also considered this to be a notable resolution.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager engaged with the company before the annual general meeting on this topic to gain more clarity around its reasoning for this action and communicated the view of the resolution.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Stockland</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Elect Melinda Conrad as director</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.3%
Date of vote:	21 October 2024

How voted:	Against management recommendation
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against the re-election of Melinda Conrad as a non-executive director, given her position as a long-standing director, as well as being Chair of the People & Culture Committee of ASX Ltd. During her eight years on ASX's board, the company made misleading statements to the market about a significant technological upgrade it was undertaking. As a result, the Australia Securities and Investments Commission, the market regulator in Australia, commenced litigation against ASX Ltd.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and the manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Director election
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager informed the company's management team of the rationale behind their vote against the resolution. They will continue discussions with the company to understand its director's selection processes and provide feedback on what they would prefer to see in those processes.

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Link Real Estate Investment Trust</b>
<b>Resolution:</b>	<b>Elect directors (Ian Girffiths, Ed Chan Yu Cheong, Jenny Gu Lialin, Blair Pickerell, Duncan Owen)</b>
Allocation in manager portfolio:	0.3%
Date of vote:	31 July 2024
How voted:	Against management resolution
Prior notice to management (if voting against management):	Yes
Manager rationale for vote:	The manager voted against the reelection of three incumbent directors and the election of a new one due to concerns over their oversight of a February 2023 share rights issue. They viewed the issuance as unnecessary and harmful to shareholder value and criticized the lack of a shareholder vote on the matter. Although the issuance occurred last year, the directors responsible were not up for election at that time due to Link's staggered board structure. This year's vote was the first opportunity to express dissent over their role in the decision.
Trustee rationale for significance:	A vote against management and the manager also considered this to be a notable resolution. Also, they were director elections.
Outcome of the vote:	Resolution passed
Implications of the outcome:	The manager communicated their views on this issue to the management and the board at the time and voted against the eligible directors at the annual general meeting in 2023. They have also communicated their views on the director's elections this year.





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#### In conclusion...

...The Trustee is satisfied that over the year, all SIP policies and principles were adhered and in particular, those relating to voting and engagement.