



### Market commentary

In February 2025, UK and European equity markets outperformed the US, with the latter weakening over the threat of tariffs and mega cap tech concerns. In the UK, the Bank of England reduced interest rates by 0.25% as expected, however they cut their growth outlook for 2025 by half to 0.75% and forecasted inflation to rise. The latest GDP reading unexpectedly showed the UK economy grew +0.1% versus -0.1% expected, however consumer confidence remains below its ten-year average.

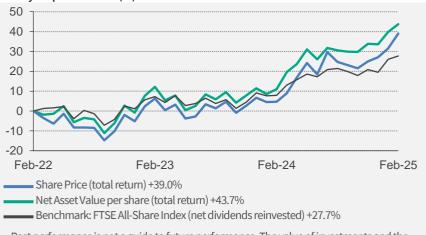
The Trust's portfolio performed well during the month. The largest contributors to performance were **Standard Chartered**, **NatWest**, and **Barclays**. There was only one significant detractor during the month, **WPP**.

UK banks Standard Chartered, NatWest, and Barclays have started 2025 well, continuing strong performance from 2024. All three reported results during the month. Standard Chartered beat estimates, announcing increased shareholder distributions; NatWest's full-year earnings beat estimates; and Barclays, while performing well in Q4, left earnings guidance for next year unchanged. All continue to benefit from a benign economic backdrop, which in turn leads to healthy net interest margins and a low level of loan losses. We think that the banks have collectively turned a corner and that they are now being managed very sensibly and in the interests of shareholders. There is no getting away from the fact that they will always be cyclical, but we very much believe that they can continue to compound significant value for shareholders over time.

WPP was the largest detractor from performance during the month. The company's share price fell sharply at the end of the month following the release of its latest results where the company forecast flat or declining revenue in 2025, missing estimates.

UK equities continue to be valued at a significant discount to global equities generally. Accordingly, we believe that, notwithstanding the shorter-term uncertainties, UK equities are priced to offer relatively attractive returns into the future.

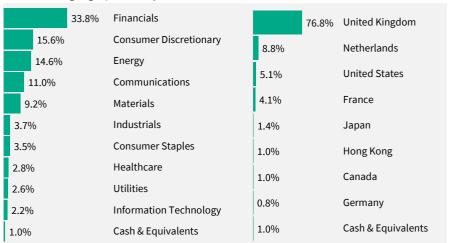
#### Three-year performance (%)



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Source: Frostrow Capital LLP

## Sector and geographic analysis (%)\*



# **Temple Bar Investment Trust Plc**

Monthly factsheet - 28 February 2025

### **Trust objective**

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

Top 10 equity ho	(%)	
Barclays	Financials	6.7
NatWest	Financials	6.3
Standard Chartered	d Financials	5.8
Shell	Energy	5.7
BP	Energy	4.8
Aviva	Financials	4.6
NN	Financials	4.1
ITV	Communications	4.1
TotalEnergies	Energy	4.0
Anglo American	Materials	3.7
Total		49.8

No of holdings: 35

#### **Financial data**

Gross Assets	£952.5m
Share price (p)	297.50
NAV (p) (cum income)*	313.06
Premium/(Discount), Cum income*	(5.0%)
Net yield	3.8%
Net gearing*	5.9%
*Calculated with debt at fair value	

Dividend histor	y		
Type	Amount (p)	XD date	Pay date
4th interim – 2024	3.00	06.03.25	02.04.25
3rd interim - 2024	3.00	21.11.24	30.12.24
2nd interim - 2024	2.75	22.08.24	27.09.24
1st interim – 2024	2.50	30.05.24	28.06.24
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## Performance (total return)

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### Cumulative returns (%)

Share	NAV	FISE
Price		All-Share
5.7	2.8	1.3
11.2	7.4	5.7
39.0	43.7	27.7
54.6	57.9	53.4
87.9	84.4	82.7
150.7	140.8	75.6
Share	NAV	FTSE
Share Price	NAV	FTSE All-Share
	NAV 29.4	
Price		All-Share
Price 32.8	29.4	All-Share 18.4
Price 32.8 -1.5	29.4 -1.0	All-Share 18.4 0.6
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Performance, price and yield information is sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP.

<sup>\*</sup> Exposures expressed as a % of the gross assets (investments plus cash) of the Company.

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Trust facts

Launch date: 1926

ISIN: GB00BMV92D64

Sedol: BMV92D6

Ticker: TMPL

Year end: 31 December

Dividends paid: Quarterly in April, June,

September and December

Benchmark: FTSE All-Share

**Association of Investment Companies** 

(AIC) sector: UK Equity Income

ISA status: May be held in an ISA and Junior

ISA

#### Capital structure:

Ordinary shares in issue: 284,604,378 in circulation 49,759,447 in treasury

#### Debt:

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

Ongoing charges: 0.56%, effective 31 December 2023 Includes a management fee of 0.325%. Excludes borrowing and portfolio transaction costs.

AIFM, Administrator & Company Secretary:

Frostrow Capital LLP (effective from 1 July 2023)

### Portfolio Manager:

RWC Asset Management LLP (effective from 30 October 2020)

Portfolio Management Team:

Ian Lance and Nick Purves

Registrar: Equiniti Limited

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

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### Company share price risk

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

## Borrowing/leverage risk

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

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

#### Interest rate

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

#### **Concentration risk**

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

### **Target market**

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

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

## Value assessment

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

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

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

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