

### Market commentary

Global equities started the year strongly led by the UK and Europe. In the UK, the more internationally focused FTSE 100 outperformed the more domestically focused FTSE 250. With approximately 75% of the FTSE 100's revenues coming from abroad, the depreciation in sterling has been a positive. Elsewhere, the election of Trump has, so far, been supportive of US equities, however this was partially offset by the arrival of a Chinese AI company called DeepSeek, which called into question the valuations of big tech.

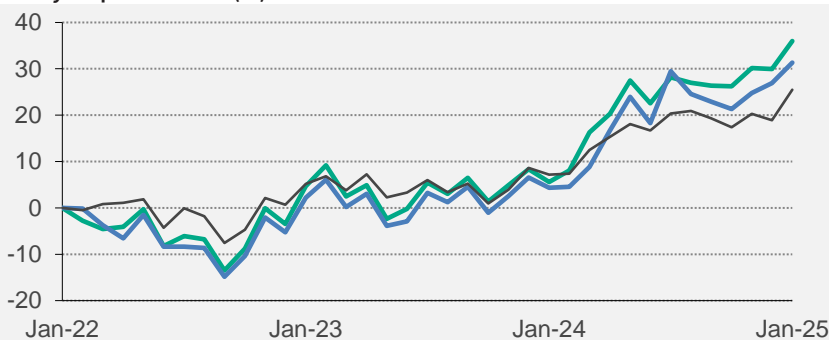
The Trust's portfolio performed well during the month rising in absolute terms but underperformed the FTSE All-Share Index. The largest contributors to performance were **Standard Chartered, Barclays, NatWest** and **Shell**. There was only one significant detractor during the month, **Marks & Spencer**.

NatWest, Barclays and Standard Chartered all continued to benefit from a benign economic backdrop, which in turn leads to healthy net interest margins and a low level of loan losses. All three companies are currently generating an attractive 10% plus return on equity, are strongly capitalised and are taking advantage of low valuations to return profits to shareholders through dividends and value accretive share buybacks. Shell benefitted from strong oil prices; Brent crude rose as the US imposed new sanctions on Russia's oil industry.

Marks & Spencer was a detractor from performance during the month as the company's share price fell following reporting of third quarter and Christmas trading results. Marks & Spencer has been one of the best performing names in the portfolio over the last few years as the company improved operationally, increasing its market share in both food and clothing.

The lesson of stock market history is clear: starting valuation is the most important determinant of long-term equity returns. Stocks that are lowly valued are priced to deliver attractive returns, while those that are richly priced are priced to deliver disappointing returns. Today, the Trust's portfolio is valued at around 9x estimated earnings and it therefore continues to be priced for attractive future returns.

### Three-year performance (%)



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Source: Frostrow

### Sector and geographic analysis (%)\*

33.7%	Financials	77.6%	United Kingdom
17.5%	Consumer Discretionary	8.7%	Netherlands
14.9%	Energy	4.4%	United States
11.7%	Communications	4.1%	France
7.9%	Materials	1.5%	Japan
3.3%	Consumer Staples	1.1%	Hong Kong
2.9%	Information Technology	1.0%	Canada
2.8%	Healthcare	0.8%	Germany
2.6%	Utilities	0.8%	Cash & Equivalents
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\* Exposures expressed as a % of the gross assets (investments plus cash) of the Company.

### Trust objective

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

### Top 10 equity holdings

Company	Sector	(%)
Barclays	Financials	6.6
Shell	Energy	6.0
NatWest	Financials	5.9
Standard Chartered	Financials	5.2
BP	Energy	4.7
Aviva	Financials	4.5
ITV	Communications	4.4
TotalEnergies	Energy	4.1
Anglo American	Materials	3.9
NN	Financial	3.9
<b>Total</b>		<b>49.2</b>

No of holdings: 36

### Financial data

Gross Assets	£928.2m
Share price (p)	281.50
NAV (p) (cum income)*	304.55
Premium/(Discount), Cum income*	(7.6%)
Net yield	4.0%
Net gearing*	6.3%

\* Calculated with debt at fair value

### Dividend history

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

### Performance (total return)

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### Cumulative returns (%)

	Share Price	NAV	FTSE All-Share
1 month	3.5	4.6	5.5
3 months	8.3	7.7	6.9
3 year	31.3	36.0	25.5
5 year	32.7	36.1	37.9
10 year	79.6	85.7	87.1
Since 30/10/2020	137.3	134.3	73.3

	Share Price	NAV	FTSE All-Share
31.01.24 - 31.01.25	25.9	28.8	17.1
31.01.23 - 31.01.24	2.0	0.9	1.9
31.01.22 - 31.01.23	2.2	4.7	5.2
31.01.21 - 31.01.22	37.6	30.2	18.9
31.01.20 - 31.01.21	-26.6	-23.1	-7.5

Performance, price and yield information is sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP.

## 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:  
284,647,597 in circulation  
49,716,228 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 Financial Services Limited

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

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## Company share price risk

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

## Borrowing/leverage risk

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

The Company's gearing and discount management policies can be found at <https://www.templebarinvestments.co.uk/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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