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# Offering long-term value in emerging markets investments

### OCTOBER 2020

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

#### OBJECTIVE

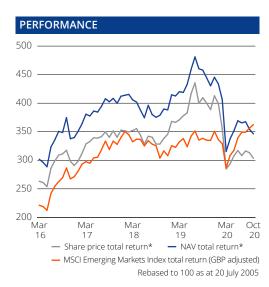
Utilico Emerging Markets Trust plc ("UEM") seeks to provide long-term total return by investing predominantly in infrastructure, utility and related sectors mainly in emerging markets.

#### INVESTMENT APPROACH

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

KEY DATES	
Launch Date <sup>+</sup>	20 July 05
Year End	31 March
AGM	September
Ex-Dividend Dates	September, December, March & June
Dividend Paid Dates	September, December, March & June
Continuation Vote	To be proposed at the AGM in 2021

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PERFORMANCE (Total return*)	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	Inception
Share Price	(3.2%)	(1.6%)	(24.2%)	(13.7%)	203.4%
Net Asset Value ("NAV")	(2.2%)	(5.3%)	(22.1%)	(15.2%)	246.3%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (GBP adjusted)	1.8%	3.9%	8.2%	8.7%	262.6%

### ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (Total return\*)

12 Months to	Oct 20	Oct 19	Oct 18	Oct 17	Oct 16
Share Price	(24.2%)	21.8%	(6.6%)	10.7%	31.3%
Net Asset Value	(22.1%)	17.3%	(7.2%)	9.0%	41.0%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (GBP adjusted)	8.2%	10.3%	(8.9%)	16.4%	38.0%

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

# FUND DETAILS

#### **ORDINARY SHARES** Ticker: UEM.L NAV at launch+ 98.36p NAV (cum income) 196.07p Share Price 168.50p Discount to diluted NAV (14.1%)246.3% NAV Total return since launch\* Annual average compound return\* 8.5% Historic Dividend paid per share (last 7.70p 12 months) Historic Dividend Yield (last 12 months) 4.6% Ongoing charges figure excluding 1.1% performance fee 223,800,939 Shares in issue

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#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Gross Assets less Current Liabilities	£470.9m
Bank Debt	£(32.1)m
Shareholders' Funds	£438.8m
Gearing (based on AIC definition)	7.4%
Gearing AIC – standardised gearing calculation as	

recommended by the AIC is based on net assets

#### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

0.65% of net assets plus Company Secretarial Fee.

#### PERFORMANCE FEE

15% of the outperformance of the higher of (i) benchmark plus 2% and (ii) 8%, subject to high watermark, with a cap on the performance fee of 1.85% of average net assets for that financial year.

#### INVESTMENT MANAGERS

UEM is managed by ICM Limited and ICM Investment Management Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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# PERFORMANCE

UEM's NAV total return declined 2.2% in October, underperforming the MSCI **Emerging Markets** Total Return Index which increased 1.8% in Sterling

terms over the same period.

October was another volatile month for global stock markets as surging coronavirus cases reached critical levels in several of Europe's largest economies. In the emerging markets, Asian bourses fared relatively well, with the Shanghai Composite Index edging up 0.2% and the Hang Seng registering a 2.8% increase as Chinese economic data signalled improving consumer confidence. Having been hard-hit by virus curbs earlier in the year, the Philippines PSEi was a notable outperformer, climbing 7.8% as the easing of restrictions restored market optimism. India's SENSEX Index was another strong performer, rising 4.1% as the central bank signalled more policy easing to support the economy.

In Latin America, Brazil's BOVESPA fell 0.7% in its third consecutive monthly decline. The country's rising coronavirus cases and ongoing fiscal uncertainty continue to drive political tensions. Meanwhile, in Chile, an overwhelming majority voted in favour of a new constitution promising to embrace greater social equality. Despite garnering a largely positive reaction, Chile's IPSA Index declined 2.7% on concerns around investment uncertainty and deteriorating fiscal prudence.

Emerging market currencies posted a mixed performance against Sterling, with the majority recording only small changes. Looking at some of the key currencies, the Brazilian Real depreciated 2.3%, the Hong Kong Dollar depreciated 0.7%, and the Indian Rupee depreciated 0.5%, while the Chinese Renminbi and Philippine Peso appreciated 1.3% and 0.1%, respectively.

# PORTFOLIO

There were two changes to the constituents of the top twenty holdings over the month, with China Longyuan Power Group ("China Longyuan") replacing Ecorodovias, and Webcash Corporation ("Webcash") replacing CESC. China Longyuan is predominantly a renewable power generator, operating the largest wind farm portfolio in mainland China, while Webcash provides e-banking payment services in South Korea.

Against a backdrop of high volatility, the performance of the fund's top twenty constituents was distributed over a relatively wide range. Top performers included China Longyuan which climbed 9.1% on strong Q3 earnings, and China Gas which rose 8.0% on lower regional temperatures, and thus higher demand expectations, and indications of a positive longer-term outlook under the PRC's 2060 Carbon Neutral plans. Meanwhile, KINX and Engie Energia Chile ("ECL") were among the weakest performers, falling 7.1% and 16.5%, respectively. Notwithstanding stable Q3 earnings results, ECL shares were impacted by the rising uncertainty for utilities following Chile's referendum result.

Purchases and sales during the month were evenly matched at £6.6m and £6.9m, respectively.

# DFBT

UEM's bank debt was unchanged in October, remaining at £32.1m drawn in US Dollars.

# OTHER

UEM's share price declined 3.2% over the month, resulting in a widening of the discount from 13.2% to 14.1%. During the month UEM bought back 21,443 shares at a price of 174.00p.

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# PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

тс	P TWENTY HOLDINGS in	% of total vestments
1	International Container Terminal Services Inc.	7.2%
2	Alupar Investimento S.A.	3.4%
3	India Grid Trust	3.2%
4	China Everbright Greentech Limited	3.1%
5	Rumo S.A.	3.0%
6	KINX Inc	2.8%
7	Gujarat State Petronet Limited	2.7%
8	Engie Energia Chile S.A.	2.6%
9	Ocean Wilsons Holdings Limited	2.6%
10	Corporacion Financiera Colombiana S	5.A. 2.3%
11	CITIC Telecom International Holding Limited	s 2.2%
12	Centrais Elétricas Brasileiras S.A. (Eletrobras)	2.1%
13	My E.G. Services Bhd	2.1%
14	Bolsa de Valores de Colombia	2.0%
15	China Gas Holdings Limited	2.0%
16	Power Grid Corporation of India Limit	ed 2.0%
17	Conpet S.A.	1.9%
18	China Longyuan Power Group Limite	ed 1.9%
19	Société Nationale des Télécommunications du Senegal (Sonat	1.8% tel)
20	WebCash Corp	1.6%
To	tal Top Twenty	52.5%

#### SECTOR SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS

Electricity	20.3%
Ports and Logistics	14.3%
Data Services and Infrastructure	12.1%
Gas	11.4%
Telecoms and Satellites	9.6%
Road and Rail	7.9%
Other	7.6%
Renewables	7.4%
Infrastructure Investment Funds	4.8%
Airports	2.8%
Water and Waste	1.8%

#### GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF INVESTMENTS

China including Hong Kong	20.0%
Brazil	17.9%
India	13.0%
Other Asia	7.7%
South Korea	7.4%
The Philippines	7.2%
Middle East/Africa	6.9%
Other Europe	5.2%
Colombia	5.2%
Romania	3.6%
Malaysia	2.6%
Chile	2.6%
Mexico	0.7%

