

Legal & General UK Index Trust  
**Interim Manager's  
Short Report  
for the period ended  
6 April 2018**

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## Investment Objective and Policy

The objective of the Trust is to track the capital performance of the UK equity market, as represented by the FTSE All-Share Index, by investment in a representative sample of stocks selected from all economic sectors.

Securities in the FTSE All-Share Index will be held with weightings generally proportionate to their company's market capitalisation.

From time to time non-Index constituents may be held as a result of corporate actions and these holdings will be sold or transferred as soon as reasonably practical.

## Risk Profile

### Market Risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices. It represents the potential loss the Trust may suffer through holding market positions in the face of market movements. The Manager adheres to the investment guidelines and in this way, monitors and controls the exposure to risk from any type of security, sector or issuer.

### Currency Risk

This Trust holds investments in overseas financial securities. The performance of the Trust may therefore be affected by changes in exchange rates.

## Trust Facts

Period End Dates for Distributions:	6 Apr, 6 Oct	
Distribution Dates:	6 Jun, 6 Dec	
Ongoing Charges Figures:	6 Apr 18	6 Oct 17
R-Class	0.56%	0.56%
F-Class	0.30%	0.30%
I-Class	0.10%	0.10%
C-Class	0.06%	0.06%
L-Class	0.02%	0.02%
H-Class	0.06%	—

The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the ratio of the Trust's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) and all costs suffered through holdings in underlying Collective Investment Schemes, to the average net assets of the Trust.

The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a trust and is calculated based on the last period's figures.

## Risk and Reward Profile



- This risk and reward profile is based on historical data which may not be a reliable indication of the Trust's risk and reward category in the future.
- The category number highlighted above reflects the rate at which the Trust's unit price has moved up and down in the past. If the Trust has less than five years' track record, the number also reflects the rate at which the Index the Trust tracks has moved up and down in the past. Higher numbers mean the potential reward could be greater, but this comes with increased risk of losing money.
- The Trust is in category five because it invests in company shares which are sensitive to variations in the stock market. The value of company shares can change substantially over short periods of time. Company shares are generally considered to be higher risk investments than bonds or cash.
- The Trust's category is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.
- Even a trust in the lowest category is not a risk free investment.

## Distribution Information

### R-Class

The distribution payable on 6 June 2018 is 2.3012p per unit for distribution units and 4.0443p per unit for accumulation units.

### F-Class

The distribution payable on 6 June 2018 is 2.5246p per unit for distribution units and 4.4837p per unit for accumulation units.

### I-Class

The distribution payable on 6 June 2018 is 2.6657p per unit for distribution units and 4.8935p per unit for accumulation units.

### C-Class

The distribution payable on 6 June 2018 is 2.7034p per unit for distribution units and 4.9687p per unit for accumulation units.

### L-Class

The distribution payable on 6 June 2018 is 2.7263p per unit for distribution units.

### H-Class

The distribution payable on 6 June 2018 is 0.2537p per unit for accumulation units.

## Net Asset Values and Units in Issue

Class	Net Asset Value (£)	Units in Issue	Net Asset Value per Unit (p)
<b>R-Class</b>			
Distribution Units	820,833,914	521,541,733	157.39
Accumulation Units	1,701,023,828	606,238,578	280.59
<b>F-Class</b>			
Distribution Units	1,646,607	1,040,728	158.22
Accumulation Units	4,473,126	1,567,616	285.35
<b>I-Class</b>			
Distribution Units	543,186,015	345,027,508	157.43
Accumulation Units	1,127,012,622	383,497,407	293.88
<b>C-Class</b>			
Distribution Units	347,958,963	220,819,490	157.58
Accumulation Units	457,168,369	155,208,659	294.55
<b>L-Class</b>			
Distribution Units	601,854,214	382,307,317	157.43
<b>H-Class</b>			
Accumulation Units	253,496	509,983	49.71

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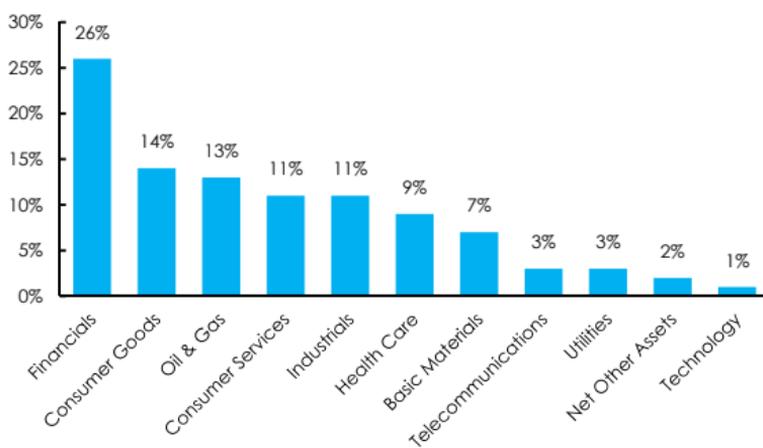
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## Portfolio Information

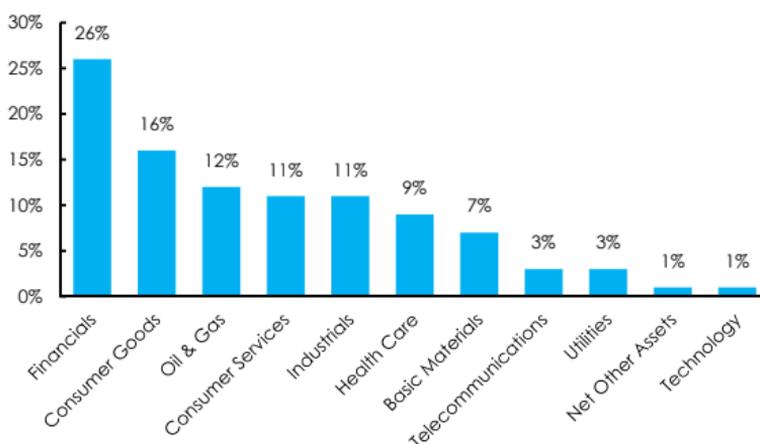
The top 10 holdings and their associated weighting at the current period end and preceding year end were:

Top 10 Holdings at 6 April 2018		Top 10 Holdings at 6 October 2017	
Holding	Percentage of Net Asset Value	Holding	Percentage of Net Asset Value
HSBC	5.65%	HSBC	6.15%
BP	4.08%	British American Tobacco	4.29%
Royal Dutch Shell 'A' (Dutch listing)	4.04%	BP	3.83%
British American Tobacco	4.00%	Royal Dutch Shell 'A' (Dutch listing)	3.81%
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	3.75%	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	3.55%
GlaxoSmithKline	2.90%	GlaxoSmithKline	3.00%
AstraZeneca	2.68%	AstraZeneca	2.62%
Diageo	2.58%	Diageo	2.54%
Vodafone Group	2.29%	Vodafone Group	2.30%
Lloyds Banking Group	2.00%	Unilever	2.11%

## Trust Holdings as at 6 April 2018



## Trust Holdings as at 6 October 2017



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During the period under review, the bid price of the Trust's R-Class distribution units fell by 4.37%. FTSE, the Index compiler, calculates the benchmark Index at the end of the business day using closing prices, whereas the Trust is valued using prevailing prices at 12 noon. Therefore, for tracking purposes the Trust has been re-valued using closing prices. On this basis, over the review period, the Trust fell by 4.20% on a capital only basis compared with the FTSE All-Share Index fall of 4.23% (Source: Bloomberg), producing a tracking difference of +0.03%.

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## **Market/Economic Review**

Global equity indices ended the review period broadly unchanged. Although markets closed 2017 on a strong note, reflecting a steady improvement in global economic indicators and corporate earnings growth, selling pressures have emerged in recent months. Market volatility has risen markedly, particularly as trade tensions between the US and China have escalated. Over the review period as a whole, technology stocks performed well in anticipation of an upturn in the semiconductor industry, while earnings announcements from the major technology companies, particularly in the US, have also been encouraging. More recently however, investors have favoured sectors perceived as less sensitive to the economic cycle, notably utilities.

Despite closing 2017 on a positive note, UK equities have faltered in recent months recording three consecutive months of losses. Sterling's strength, with the currency reaching its highest level since the 2016 referendum, surpassing \$1.40 at the end of January, has caused a headwind for companies and sectors with high international earnings, notably healthcare and food & beverages. Investors were also unsettled by the latest guidance on monetary policy from the Bank of England, which cautioned that interest rates may need to be increased earlier and faster than previously expected. Autos have performed well, driven by a hostile takeover bid for auto component supplier GKN from Melrose Industries, which eventually received shareholder approval.

The best performing segments of the FTSE All-Share Index were the FTSE SmallCap Index (-3.00%) and the mid-cap FTSE 250

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Index (-3.16%), that outperformed the large-cap FTSE 100 Index (-4.51%).

Over the review period, major sectors such as Technology Hardware & Equipment (+37.49%), Industrial Transportation (+18.37%) and Industrial Metals & Mining (+16.58%) showed the largest positive returns; whilst the most underperforming sectors were Software & Computer Services (-21.63%), Food Producers (-20.03%) and Fixed Line Telecommunications (-17.37%).

### **Trust Review**

Companies held within the Trust are held with weightings generally proportionate to those of the benchmark Index. Hence investment activity, other than to raise or invest cash, is only necessary when there are changes in the issued share capital or free float of the constituent companies, or to the constituents of the benchmark Index.

There were two Index rebalances during the period under review. At the quarterly Index review in December 2017, there were six additions to the FTSE All-Share universe: BCA Marketplace, Rhi Magnesita, Princess Private Equity, TI Fluid Systems, Charter Court Financial Services Group and GCP Asset Backed Income Fund 'C'. HSS Hire Group was a sole deletion from the FTSE All-Share universe. The largest increases were oil exploration and refinery company Royal Dutch Shell 'A' and research company IP Group whilst the largest decreases were mining company Anglo American and branded goods manufacturer Unilever.

At the quarterly Index review in March 2018, there were four additions to the FTSE All-Share universe: ContourGlobal, Sabre Insurance Group, Bakkavor Group and Aberdeen Standard European Logistics Income and Up Global Sourcing was deleted. The largest increases were oil exploration and refinery company Royal Dutch Shell 'A' and retail consumer products distributor Ocado Group whilst the largest decreases were alcoholic beverages producer Diageo and mining stock Rio Tinto.

There was a considerable merger and acquisition activity occurring outside of the Index reviews including the following all cash deals: Novae Group was acquired by Axis Capital, Paysafe was acquired by Pi UK Bidco, Imagination Technologies Group was acquired by Canyon Bridge Capital, Jimmy Choo was purchased by Michael Kors (US), Aldermore Group and c Group were acquired for cash by FirstRand Ltd and Montagu Private Equity LLP respectively. All stock acquisitions included Amec Foster Wheeler by John Wood Group and Kennedy Wilson (US) acquiring their residual stake in Kennedy Wilson Europe Real Estate. Cash and stock deals included Booker acquisition by Tesco, Ladbroke's Coral Group acquisition by GVC and Worldpay Group acquisition by Vantiv (US).

Outside Index Reviews, there were numerous changes to the free share capital of constituents: Countryside Properties, Sophos

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Group, B&M European Value Retail were among those companies with free float increasing as a result of secondary placings. Shaftesbury and Greencoat UK Wind were amongst the noteworthy primary placings. Primary Health Properties, Regional REIT, Xafinity, Target Healthcare REIT and Assura raised capital via Placing and Open Offer. Companies raising capital via rights issues included Galliford Try, John Laing Group, Provident Financial and Cineworld Group. Other notable events included Carillion deletion from the FTSE universe as the company was placed into liquidation.

At the end of the review period the Trust had holdings in all of the 637 companies in the Index. The three largest stocks in the Index at the end of the review period were Royal Dutch Shell (8.2%), HSBC (5.9%) and British American Tobacco (4.1%).

### **Outlook**

Earlier in 2017 amid Brexit uncertainty, most market participants anticipated Bank of England to keep rates on hold for a long time. However, following the latest stronger inflation data the Monetary Policy Committee adopted a more hawkish tilt indicating that some withdrawal of monetary stimulus was likely to be appropriate over the coming months. Lower trend growth and a weaker pound mean that if the Bank of England doesn't hike rates, inflation could remain above target. But if it raises rates too fast, the economy could be hurt should downside risks materialise. As a result, the Bank of England increased interest rates by 0.25% to 0.5% on 2 November 2017. Overall, inflation is expected to remain above 2% this year so the Bank of England is likely to hike interest rates at some point. It can be expected the Bank of England mantra of "limited" and "gradual" to be reiterated in the following weeks and months.

Subsequently, signs that the Brexit negotiations are yielding little progress and a further round of subdued UK economic data reinforced the suggestion that businesses and individuals are likely to adopt a more cautious approach. The UK is expected to negotiate a European Economic Area type long transition period with a "No Deal" scenario remaining relatively high. Immigration from the EU is expected to slow further. The economic growth has been revised down slightly for 2018 to 1.5% and in 2019 we expect the economy (GDP) to grow at 1.6%.

Given this backdrop of uncertainty the Trust remains well positioned to capture the performance of the benchmark Index.

Legal & General Investment Management Limited

(Investment Adviser)

30 April 2018

## **Manager's Report and Accounts**

Copies of the most recent Interim and Annual Long Form Manager's Reports are available free of charge by telephoning 0370 050 0955, by writing to the Manager or are available on the internet at [www.legalandgeneral.com/investments/fund-information/managers-reports](http://www.legalandgeneral.com/investments/fund-information/managers-reports).

Call charges will vary. We may record and monitor calls.

## **Information on Tracking Error**

The 'Tracking Error' of a Trust is the measure of the volatility of the differences between the return of the Trust and the return of the benchmark Index. It provides an indication of how closely the Trust is tracking the performance of the benchmark Index after considering things such as Trust charges and taxation.

Using monthly returns, over the review period, the annualised Tracking Error of the Trust is 0.09%, whilst over the last three years to the end of March 2018, the annualised Tracking Error of the Trust is 0.10%. These Tracking Errors are within the anticipated Tracking Error levels set out in the Trust's Prospectus of +/- 0.25% per annum.

## Minimum Investment Amounts

The minimum initial lump sum investment amounts for each class are as follows:

R-Class	£500
F-Class	£500
I-Class	£1,000,000
C-Class	£100,000,000
L-Class	£100,000
H-Class	£100,000,000

In addition, monthly contributions can be made into the R-Class and F-Class with a minimum amount of £50 per month.

F-Class units are only available to:

- i) investors who have received advice from authorised intermediaries, platforms or other distributor in relation to their investment in units in the Trust and
- ii) distributors who the Manager reasonably considers will adequately bear the costs of the marketing to and acquiring investors at no or limited cost to the Manager, and to whom the Manager has confirmed that such distributor or investor meets the criteria for investment in such units.

C-Class units are only available to distributors who actively market and distribute such units (or whom the Manager believes intends to do so) and to whom the Manager has confirmed by letter that they meet the criteria for investment in such units.

L-Class is not available to retail customers and is intended only for investment by Legal & General group companies.

H-Class units are only available to:

- investors designated by the ACD as providing platform services (or their nominee companies) (as defined in the FCA's 'Glossary of Terms'); or
- investors that, (whether investing in their own name or on behalf of underlying investors) have arrangements for this share class with the ACD or its associates.

## Other Information

The information in this report is designed to enable unitholders to understand how the Trust has performed during the period under review and how it is invested at the period end. Further information on the activities and performance of the Trust can be obtained by telephoning 0370 050 0955 or by writing to the Manager.

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## **Significant Changes**

### **New Unit Class: H-Class**

With effect from 28 February 2018, H-Class units are being launched within the Trust with accumulation units available.

### **Change of Auditor**

With effect from 28 April 2018, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ceased to be Independent Auditors of the Trust and KPMG LLP have been appointed. The change of Auditor has no impact on the way the Trust is operated.

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

Legal & General takes your privacy very seriously. Under data protection legislation, we have classified ourselves as a 'data controller'. This means that we are subject to certain obligations relating to how we process personal data. These obligations include, without limitation, providing individuals with certain information regarding how we process their personal data.

We will use the personal data you have provided to us in connection with an investment in units of Legal & General UK Index Trust, including your name, age, contact details, bank account details, transactions and the invested amount, and any information regarding the dealing in units in accordance with all applicable data protection laws and our Privacy Policy which is available from 25 May 2018 at [www.lgim.com/UTMprivacy](http://www.lgim.com/UTMprivacy) (or available upon request). Our Privacy Policy sets out, amongst other things, the purpose or purposes for which your personal data is collected and intended to be processed and also contains any other information prescribed by data protection legislation.

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