Legal & General International Index Trust

Annual Manager's
Short Report
for the year ended
6 October 2018



# **Investment Objective and Policy**

The objective of the Trust is to track the capital performance of global equity markets, as represented by the FTSE World (excluding UK) Index, by investment mainly in a representative sample of stocks selected from all economic sectors.

Exposure to securities in the FTSE World (excluding UK) Index will be held with weightings generally proportionate to each company's market capitalisation. Derivatives will be used for Efficient Portfolio Management purposes only.

Where the Trust is of a relatively small size, the accuracy of the weighting of holdings may not reflect the composition of the FTSE World (excluding UK) Index.

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

The Trust may also invest in deposits, cash, near cash, collective investment schemes and money market instruments.

The Trust may hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management.

## **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 is invested in overseas financial securities. The performance of the Trust may therefore be affected by changes in exchange rates. This risk may be managed by the use of forward currency contracts, which aim to manage the effect of changing exchange rates.

## Trust Facts

Period End Dates for Distributions:		6 Apr, 6 Oct
Distribution Dates:		6 Jun, 6 Dec
Ongoing Charges Figures:	6 Oct 18	6 Oct 17
R-Class	0.73%	0.88%
F-Class	0.37%	0.37%
I-Class	0.13%	0.13%
C-Class	0.08%	0.08%

The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the ratio of the Trust's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) 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 December 2018 is 0.9602p per unit for distribution units and 1.1004p per unit for accumulation units.

## F-Class

The distribution payable on 6 December 2018 is 1.1066p per unit for distribution units and 1.2976p per unit for accumulation units.

## **I-Class**

The distribution payable on 6 December 2018 is 1.2510p per unit for distribution units and 1.5187p per unit for accumulation units.

## C-Class

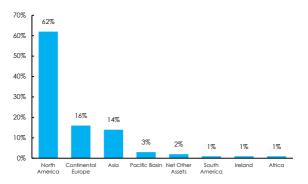
The distribution payable on 6 December 2018 is 1.2796p per unit for distribution units and 1.5572p per unit for accumulation units.

# **Portfolio Information**

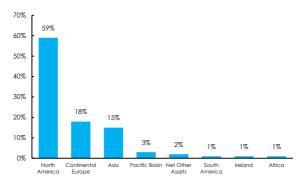
The top 10 holdings and their associated weighting at the current and preceding year ends were:

Top 10 Holdings at 6 October 2018		Top 10 Holdings at 6 October 2017		
Percentag Holding Net Asset V		Holding	Percentage of Net Asset Value	
Apple	2.56%	Apple	2.04%	
Microsoft	1.99%	Microsoft	1.43%	
Amazon.com	1.81%	Facebook 'A'	1.00%	
JPMorgan Chase	0.91%	Amazon.com	0.99%	
Facebook 'A'	0.89%	Johnson & Johnson	0.91%	
Johnson & Johnson	0.88%	Exxon Mobil	0.87%	
Exxon Mobil	0.85%	JPMorgan Chase	0.87%	
Alphabet 'A'	0.83%	Alphabet 'C'	0.74%	
Alphabet 'C'	0.82%	Alphabet 'A'	0.74%	
Berkshire Hathaway	'B' 0.67%	Nestle	0.67%	

# Trust Holdings as at 6 October 2018



# Trust Holdings as at 6 October 2017



# **Comparative Tables**

#### **R-Class Distribution Units**

## Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	06/10/18 (pence per unit)	06/10/17 (pence per unit)	06/10/16 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	109.93	96.14	75.59
Return before operating charges*	9.40	15.97	22.39
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.82)	(0.92)	(0.73)
Return after operating charges*	8.58	15.05	21.66
Distributions on income units	(1.47)	(1.26)	(1.11)
Closing net asset value per unit	117.04	109.93	96.14
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.02	0.02

## Performance

Return after charges	7.80%	15.65%	28.65%
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#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£) Closing number of units	21,019,530	20,383,275	18,006,649
	17,958,991	18,541,749	18,729,519
Operating charges† Direct transaction costs	0.73%	0.88%	0.89%
	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

#### **Prices**

Highest unit price	121.00p	110.70p	96.95p
Lowest unit price	104.00p	94.27p	71.50p

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The price of units and any income from them may go down as well as up.

#### **R-Class Accumulation Units**

# Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	06/10/18 (pence per unit)	06/10/17 (pence per unit)	06/10/16 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	125.39	108.40	84.17
Return before operating charges*	10.77	18.03	25.05
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.94)	(1.04)	(0.82)
Return after operating charges*	9.83	16.99	24.23
Distributions	(1.68)	(1.43)	(1.24)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	1.68	1.43	1.24
Closing net asset value per unit	135.22	125.39	108.40
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.02	0.02

## Performance

Return after charges	7.84%	15.67%	28.78%
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#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£) Closing number of units	91,528,833 67,686,518	80,747,538 64,395,218	65,405,507 60,339,774
Operating charges†	0.73%	0.88%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

## **Prices**

Highest unit price	138.70p	125.40p	108.50p
Lowest unit price	118.70p	106.30p	79.63p

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#### F-Class Distribution Units

## Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	06/10/18 (pence per unit)	06/10/17 (pence per unit)	06/10/16 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	110.18	96.34	75.75
Return before operating charges*	9.39	16.03	22.49
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.42)	(0.39)	(0.36)
Return after operating charges*	8.97	15.64	22.13
Distributions on income units	(1.87)	(1.80)	(1.54)
Closing net asset value per unit	117.28	110.18	96.34
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.02	0.02
Performance			
Return after charges	8.14%	16.23%	29.21%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£)	122,124	112,753	96,693
Closing number of units	104,126	102,339	100,366
Operating charges†	0.37%	0.37%	0.43%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

Prices

Highest unit price	121.40p	111.30p	97.41p
Lowest unit price	104.50p	94.68p	71.76p

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#### F-Class Accumulation Units

## Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	06/10/18 (pence per unit)	06/10/17 (pence per unit)	06/10/16 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	128.27	110.31	85.27
Return before operating charges*	11.04	18.40	25.44
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.49)	(0.44)	(0.40)
Return after operating charges*	10.55	17.96	25.04
Distributions	(2.19)	(2.07)	(1.74)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	2.19	2.07	1.74
Closing net asset value per unit	138.82	128.27	110.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.02	0.02
Performance			
Return after charges	8.22%	16.28%	29.37%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£) Closing number of units Operating charges† Direct transaction costs	989,119 712,533 0.37% 0.01%	1,095,008 853,691 0.37% 0.02%	881,406 799,010 0.43% 0.02%

## **Prices**

Highest unit price	142.30p	128.40p	110.40p
Lowest unit price	121.70p	108.40p	80.78p

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#### **I-Class Distribution Units**

## Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	06/10/18 (pence per unit)	06/10/17 (pence per unit)	06/10/16 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	110.02	96.20	75.62
Return before operating charges*	9.38	16.02	22.48
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.11)
Return after operating charges*	9.23	15.88	22.37
Distributions on income units	(2.14)	(2.06)	(1.79)
Closing net asset value per unit	117.11	110.02	96.20
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.02	0.02

#### Performance

Return after charges	8.39%	16.51%	29.57%

#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£)	343.191.822	302.538.492	266,080,346
Closing number of units			276,603,725
Operating chargest	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

#### **Prices**

Highest unit price	121.30p	111.30p	97.21p
Lowest unit price	104.50p	94.56p	71.61p

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#### I-Class Accumulation Units

## Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	06/10/18 (pence per unit)	06/10/17 (pence per unit)	06/10/16 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	132.46	113.64	87.57
Return before operating charges*	11.41	18.98	26.20
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.18)	(0.16)	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	11.23	18.82	26.07
Distributions	(2.59)	(2.44)	(2.08)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	2.59	2.44	2.08
Closing net asset value per unit	143.69	132.46	113.64
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.02	0.02

## Performance

Return after charges	8.48%	16.56%	29.77%
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#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£) Closing number of units	646,661,707 450.033.551		422,108,984 371,449,340
Operating charges†	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

## **Prices**

Highest unit price	147.30p	132.60p	113.60p
Lowest unit price	125.80p	111.70p	82.92p

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#### C-Class Distribution Units

## Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	06/10/18 (pence per unit)	06/10/17 (pence per unit)	06/10/16 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	109.98	96.16	75.59
Return before operating charges*	9.37	16.01	22.47
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	9.28	15.93	22.40
Distributions on income units	(2.19)	(2.11)	(1.83)
Closing net asset value per unit	117.07	109.98	96.16
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.02	0.02

#### Performance

Return after charges	8.44%	16.57%	29.63%
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#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£) Closing number of units			203,236,185 211,346,544
Operating charges† Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

#### **Prices**

Highest unit price	121.30p	111.30p	97.36p
Lowest unit price	104.50p	94.53p	71.72p

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#### C-Class Accumulation Units

# Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	06/10/18 (pence per unit)	06/10/17 (pence per unit)	06/10/16 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	132.72	113.81	87.66
Return before operating charges*	11.44	19.01	26.23
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	11.33	18.91	26.15
Distributions	(2.66)	(2.51)	(2.13)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	2.66	2.51	2.13
Closing net asset value per unit	144.05	132.72	113.81
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.02	0.02

## Performance

Return after charges	8.54%	16.62%	29.83%

#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£)	277,484,648	175,163,785	88,704,505
Closing number of units	192,633,361	131,981,572	77,942,953
Operating charges†	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

## **Prices**

Highest unit price	147.70p	132.90p	113.90p
Lowest unit price	126.10p	111.80p	83.16p

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# Manager's Investment Report

During the year under review, the bid price of the Trust's R-Class distribution units rose by 6.59%. FTSE, the Index compiler, calculates the benchmark Index at the end of the business day using closing prices and foreign exchange rates, whereas the Trust is valued using prevailing prices at 3pm. Therefore, for tracking purposes the Trust has been revalued using closing prices and foreign exchange rates. On this basis over the review year, the Trust rose by 6.19% on a capital only basis compared with the FTSE World (excluding UK) Index rise of 6.25% (Source: Bloomberg), producing a tracking difference of -0.06%.

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The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up.

Exchange rate changes may cause the value of any overseas investments to rise or fall.

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## Market/Economic Review

A combination of an improving global economic outlook, low inflation and supportive central bank policies have underpinned developed equity markets worldwide over the last 12 months. However, there was a spike in market volatility during the first quarter of 2018 with escalating trade tensions between the US and China triggering a sell-off.

US equities recorded double-digit percentage gains in both Dollar and Sterling terms, outperforming global indices by a substantial margin. The rally has been led by the consumer discretionary sectors and technology stocks, which have generally exhibited strong earnings momentum. As the year progressed, investors focused on the prospect of corporation tax cuts with Congress passing the Trump administration's tax reforms in December. The prevailing mood of optimism and accelerating economic growth enabled the equity market to take higher US interest rates in its stride, although the opening quarter of 2018 heralded a spike in volatility as US-China trade dispute escalated.

Returns from European equities have been disappointing in comparison with other developed markets. Although earnings growth and the economic background have been supportive, political concerns resurfaced in recent months, most notably in Italy. Having performed well in late 2017 amid on-going confidence in the global economic outlook, Asia Pacific equities subsequently struggled amid rising trade tensions and concerns over the effect of

# Manager's Investment Report continued

rising US interest rates. Over the year, Asia Pacific equities underperformed compared to global equities but outperformed relative to emerging markets. Japanese equities performed well as solid corporate earnings reassured investors, offsetting trade-related uncertainties and a surprise economic contraction during the first quarter of 2018.

Emerging market equities struggled over the 12 months amid a reduction in investors' risk appetite, significantly underperforming global equities. The effects of steadily rising US interest rates, fears over the risk of a global trade war and some domestic political and economic factors weighed on investor sentiment towards markets regarded as higher risk.

## **Trust Review**

Companies held within the Trust are held with weightings generally proportionate to those of the benchmark Index. Therefore, investment activity, other than to raise or invest cash, is only necessary when there are changes to the benchmark Index, or as a result of a corporate action.

The Quarterly Index review in December 2017 resulted in 4 additions, with Delivery Hero (Germany), ALD (France) and Dino Polska (Poland) being the largest. The review saw 9 deletions with the largest being Christian Dior (France), JBG Smith Properties and Tegna (both US). There were also changes to the free share capital for 323 constituents. All these changes contributed to a two-way Index turnover of 0.8%.

At the March 2018 semi-annual Index review, there were 56 additions, of which the largest were SVB Financial and MSCI (both US). There were also 25 deletions, the largest being DST Systems (US) and Hotai Motor (Taiwan). In addition, 282 companies had changes to their free share capital, with the largest decrease being Apple (US) and the largest increase being ASML (Netherlands). Total two-way Index turnover was 1.6%.

The June 2018 review saw 3 additions in Gulf Energy (Thailand), GMexico Transportes (Mexico) and Enerjisa Enerji (Turkey). There were 6 deletions with the largest being Getinge B (Sweden), Arjo B (Sweden) and Lotte Confectionary (Korea). There were changes to the free share capital of 1,347 constituents in total, the largest decrease being Apple (US), and the largest increase being Total (France). The total two-way Index turnover was 1.4%.

At the September 2018 semi-annual Index review there were 59 additions, the largest of which being Square, Abiomed and WellCare Health Plans (all US). There were 49 deletions, the largest of which were Arc Resources (Canada) and two US companies; Bemis and Weingarten Realty Investors. There were 314 changes to constituent weights, the largest of which were decreases in Apple, AbbVie and JPMorgan Chase (all US). The two-way Index turnover was 1.6%.

# Manager's Investment Report continued

Outside of the Index reviews, the Index saw several mergers and acquisitions during the year. The largest of these changes was AT&T acquisition of Time Warner for \$85.4 billion in June. Other highlights were when Agrium and Potash announced a merger of equals to form Nutrien and Marathon Petroleum's purchase of Andeavor for \$30 billion.

At the end of the review year, the three largest stocks in the Trust were Apple (2.6%), Microsoft Corp (2.0%) and Amazon (1.8%).

## Outlook

The outperformance enjoyed by US equities could be at risk given investors' continued high expectations. We expect the US fiscal stimulus to fade, potentially reversing some of the tailwind that the US has enjoyed relative to other regions. The earnings picture looks similar as the extraordinary boost afforded by the tax cuts will fall out of comparisons and a tightening labour market with rising wages could put greater pressure on labour costs than in other regions.

The outlook for the US presents a poor risk/reward ratio in our view, and we have increasingly shifted towards other regions in developed markets to express our positive stance on equities as an asset class. Eurozone equities are the mirror image of the US in terms of sentiment and we continue to see the region as a potential outperformer within developed markets.

The Trust remains well positioned to capture the market performance.

Legal & General Investment Management Limited (Investment Adviser) 31 October 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.

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 year, the annualised Tracking Error of the Trust is 0.06%, whilst over the last three years to the end of October 2018, the annualised Tracking Error of the Trust is 0.06%. These Tracking Errors are within the anticipated Tracking Error levels set out in the Trust's Prospectus of +/- 0.75% per annum.

## **Minimum Investment Amounts**

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

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

F-Class units are only available to:

- investors who have received advice from authorised intermediaries, platforms or other distributors in relation to their investment in units in the Trust and
- ii) distributors who the Manager reasonably considers will adequately bear the costs of 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 available to certain eligible investors who meet the criteria for investment in such units as outlined in the share class policy of the Manager, which is available to investors in the C-Class upon request. Where investors in the C-Class no longer continue to meet the criteria for investment in such units, further investment in such units may not be permitted.

# Other Information

The information in this report is designed to enable unitholders to understand how the Trust has performed during the year under review and how it is invested at the year 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.

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

# Significant Changes Change in Fund Management Fee (FMF)

With effect from 1 June 2018 the FMF for R share class has been reduced from 0.85% to 0.51%.

# **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 International 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 (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.

# **Authorised Fund Manager**

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