



Finsbury Growth & Income Trust PLC

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Investment Manager
Lindsell Train Limited



Nick Train

Fund Information as at 31 January 2009

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Investment Objective and Benchmark Index

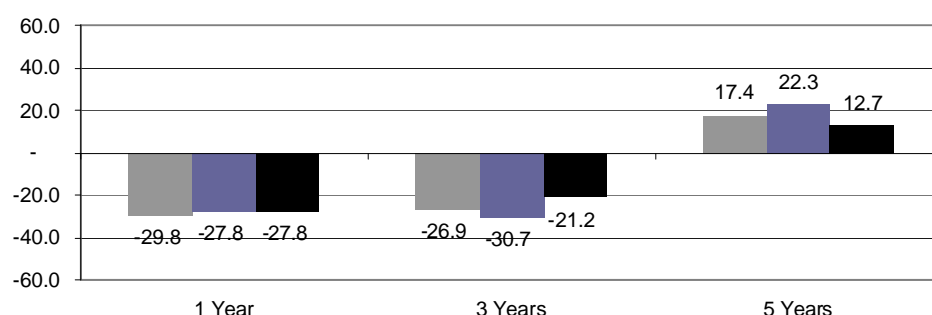
Finsbury Growth & Income Trust PLC invests in the shares of UK listed companies with the objective of achieving capital and income growth and providing a total return in excess of that of its benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index (net dividends reinvested).

Cumulative Performance (%)

Trust: Finsbury Growth & Income Trust PLC – NAV (total return)

Trust: Finsbury Growth & Income Trust PLC – Share Price (total return)

Index: FTSE All-Share Index (net dividends reinvested)



Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)

Percentage Growth	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	YTD
NAV	31.4	21.7	22.0	-3.5	-31.3	-6.3
Share Price	43.4	29.2	20.5	-10.3	-29.6	-6.8
Index	12.8	22.0	16.8	5.3	-29.9	-5.8

Source: Fundamental Data. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Commentary

During the month the NAV fell 6.3% compared to the index which fell 5.8%.

January saw the continuation of the second worst bear market in the UK since WW2 and the worst in the US since the 1930s. Again, worries about the banks inspired the sell-off. It is not clear that analysis of individual banks adds much value for investors today, but we believe that Barclays and RBS with their portfolios of dubious “financial” instruments are more at risk than, say, Lloyds Group, with its exposure to “physical” UK real estate – although this is not to trivialise the latter. Lloyds remains a material holding, with both preference and ordinary positions and was hard hit in January. Bank results and renewed government assistance, due next month, may bring the clarity investors crave, if not the bottom. Remember, though, Citigroup was regarded as bust in 1990, trading below \$1, yet recovered to \$7 within 5 years and \$30 after 10. Lloyd’s book value, even after a massive write-down on the HBOS acquisition, stands at getting on for £2 per share and the company could command a 2.0x P/B rating at some point into the next upturn.

We were pleased with the outperformance of our Media and Software investments, with actual gains in January for Euromoney, Fidessa, Pearson, Reed and Sage. These two sectors are out of favour, cheap and populated by some companies with real growth opportunities. This combination promises real upside, when investor confidence begins to recover. Pearson’s pre-close update, announcing earnings up 20% last year is an indication that some secular growth stories – in this case education, remain intact.

Biography

Nick Train began his career as an Investment Manager at GT Management in 1981, having graduated from Queen’s College, Oxford with a second class honours in Modern History (1977-1980). He left GT in June 1998, after 17 years, on its acquisition by INVESCO. At his resignation he was a Director of GT Management (London), Investment Director of GT Unit Managers and Chief Investment Officer for Pan-Europe. He joined M&G in September 1998, as a Director of M&G Investment Management. In June 1999 he was appointed as Head of Global Equities at M&G. He left M&G in April 2000 to co-found Lindsell Train Limited. He is investment adviser to the Worshipful Company of Saddlers.

Investment Manager Profile

Investment management services are provided by Lindsell Train Limited (Lindsell Train). Lindsell Train was formed in December 2000. However the principals, Michael Lindsell and Nick Train had worked together at GT Management from 1992 through to GT’s takeover by INVESCO in 1998. Both Michael Lindsell and Nick Train went on to fulfil senior roles at INVESCO and M&G PLC respectively, where they continued to develop an in depth knowledge of investment processes and the world’s stock markets. Their shared investment philosophy is to invest in durable businesses that are significantly under priced or less durable businesses that are valued by the market at a significant discount to their net balance sheet financial assets. This is achieved by choosing a concentrated portfolio of a small number of stocks with the intention of holding them for the medium to long term. Lindsell Train currently manages around £481m as at 31 December 2008. Lindsell Train is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

Investment Policy

The Company has a concentrated portfolio of 25-30 stocks with a low turnover, and aims to have an above-market dividend yield. The Investment Manager uses a bottom-up stock picking approach and looks to invest in a universe of excellent UK listed businesses that appear mostly undervalued. The Company’s policy is to invest no more than 15% of its gross assets in other listed investment companies (including listed investment trusts).

Discount Control Mechanism

The Directors have adopted an active discount management policy to establish and support an improved rating in the Company’s shares through the use of share buybacks, with a view to limiting the discount to NAV per share at which the shares trade to no more than 5%. Up to 10% of the shares bought back may be held in treasury for reissue at later dates at no more than the discount at which they were purchased.

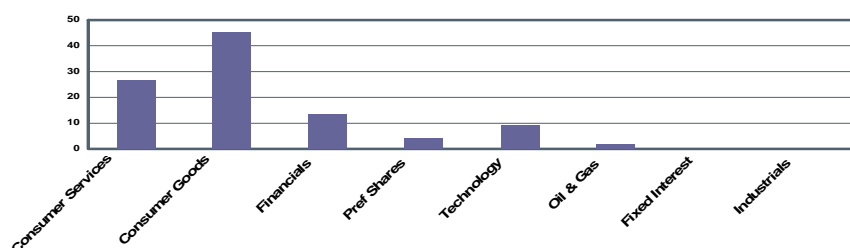
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Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 January 2009 (% of total investments)

Name	Sector	Total
Diageo	Consumer Goods	12.9
Unilever	Consumer Goods	11.1
Barr (AG)	Consumer Goods	9.5
Cadbury	Consumer Goods	7.7
Pearson	Consumer Services	7.2
Lloyds Banking Group	Financials	6.4
Reed Elsevier	Consumer Services	5.4
Sage	Technology	5.2
Rathbone Brothers	Financials	4.6
Marston's	Consumer Services	3.9
Total		73.9

Lloyds Banking Group shares are split: Ordinary shares 2.4% & Preference shares 4.0%

Sector Breakdown as at 31 January 2009 (%)



Share Price Total Return on £100 (£) as at 31 January 2009

YTD	93.2
1 year	72.3
3 years	69.3
5 years	122.3

Source: Fundamental Data. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Jan 04- Jan 05	Jan 05- Jan 06	Jan 06- Jan 07	Jan 07- Jan 08	Jan 08- Jan 09
NAV	28.9	24.6	17.2	-11.2	-29.8
Share Price	41.2	24.9	17.3	-18.2	-27.8
Index	15.3	24.0	13.2	-3.6	-27.8

Awards

Highly Commended 2006 & 2007

Moneywise Magazine
Category: UK Growth & Income

Winner 2004

Investment Trust Magazine
Best Growth & income Trust 2004

Important Information

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Fast facts

As at 31 January 2009

Launch Date	1926
Annual Management Fee (payable by the Trust)	0.60% of the market capitalisation plus £70,000
Performance fee	See Annual Report for details
Year / interim end	30 September/ 31 March
Capital Structure	50,793,673 Ordinary shares of 25p 2,003,750 Treasury shares

Trust Characteristics

Number of Holdings	24
Net Assets (£m)	£93.8m
Dividend Policy	Provisional dates: May & October
Current Net Yield	5.3%
Gearing (AIC basis)	114
Share Price (p)	178.00
NAV (p)	Undiluted 184.58
(Discount) / Premium	Undiluted (3.56%)
NAV (p)	Fully-diluted 184.33
(Discount) / Premium	Fully-diluted (3.43%)

Codes

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Epic	FGT

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