# **<u>Review of Investment Performance</u>** <u>for the Quarter to 31st December 2021</u>

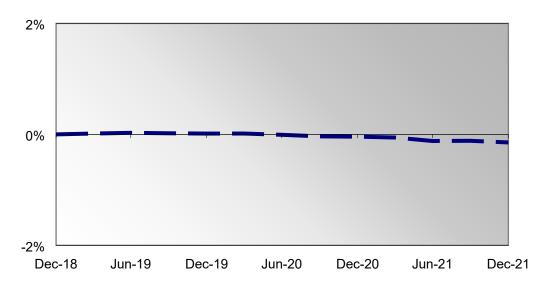
- 1. <u>Brunel LGIM (Passive Global Equity)</u>
- 1.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

	Quarte	r to 31 December	2021		
		Performance			
Value as at 31 Dec		Fund for Benchmark Relative t quarter for quarter Benchma			
£m		%	%	%	
802.0	Global equities	7.1	7.1	+0.0	

1.2 The LGIM passive fund matched the performance of the benchmark for the quarter. Absolute performance was positive.

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#### Brunel (LGIM) performance Vs Benchmark



1.4 The table below shows annualised performance over a range of time periods:

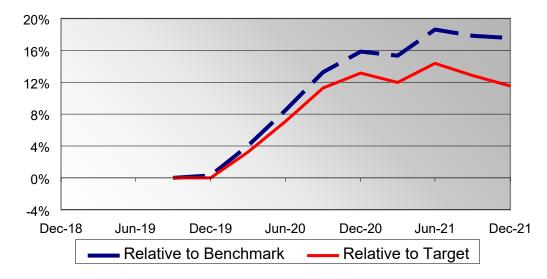
	Fund % p.a.	Benchmark % p.a.	Relative to Benchmark % p.a.
1 year	22.4	22.5	-0.1
3 year	19.4	19.5	-0.1
5 years	Init	ial investment in July	2018

## 2. <u>Brunel - (Global High Alpha Equity)</u>

	Quarte	r to 31 December	2021	
		Performance		
Value as		Fund for Benchmark Relative to		
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark
£m		%	%	%
426.4	Global equities	6.3	7.4	-1.1

- 2.2 The Brunel Global High Alpha portfolio is managed by a combination of Alliance Bernstein, Baillie Gifford, Fiera Capital, Harris Associates and Royal London Asset Management.
- 2.3 The fund underperformed during the quarter. Absolute returns were positive.

2.4 The Brunel GHA Fund's target is to outperform the benchmark by an annualised return of 2%-3% over continuous three to five-year periods after fees have been deducted. The graph below shows performance against 2%.



**Brunel performance Vs Benchmark & Target** 

The table below shows annualised performance over a range of time periods: 2.5

	Fund % p.a.	Benchmark % p.a.	Relative to Benchmark % p.a.
1 year	21.9	23.5	-1.6
1 year 3 years	Initial investment in November 2019		

# 3. Aberdeen Standard Investments (UK Equities)

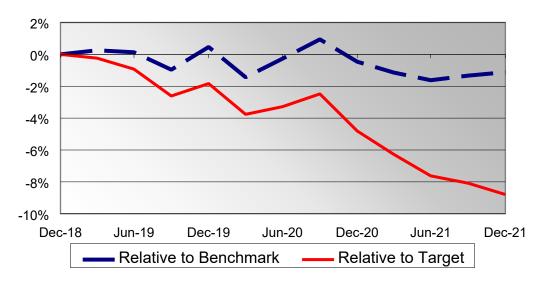
	(	Quarter to 31 December	2021	
		Performance		
Value as		Fund for Benchmark Relative		
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark
£m		%	%	%
16.2	UK	3.4	4.2	-0.8

- 3.2 The transfer of the majority of this mandate to the equivalent Brunel offering took place in November 2018. The residual holding is in a smaller companies fund and will be used as a source of cash as necessary.
- 3.3 Aberdeen Standard had an excellent quarter relative to their benchmark. Absolute returns were strongly positive. Smaller companies underperformed during the quarter, and the Aberdeen Standard fund outperformed the smaller companies' benchmark.
- 4. <u>Brunel (UK Equities)</u>
- 4.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

		Quarter to 31 December	2021	
		Performance		
Value as at 31 Dec		Fund for quarter	Benchmark for quarter	Relative to Benchmark
£m		%	%	%
507.5	UK	4.5	4.2	+0.3

- 4.2 The Brunel UK portfolio is managed by a combination of Invesco and Baillie Gifford.
- 4.3 The portfolio outperformed the benchmark during the quarter. Absolute performance was positive.

The Brunel UK Fund's target is to outperform the benchmark by an annualised 4.4 return of 2% over continuous three to five-year periods after fees have been deducted.



Brunel performance Vs Benchmark & Target

4.5 The table below shows annualised performance over a range of time periods:

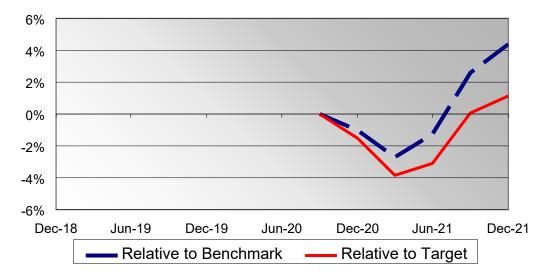
	Fund % p.a.	Benchmark % p.a.	Relative to Benchmark % p.a.
1 year	17.8	18.3	-0.5
3 years	8.0	8.3	-0.3
5 years	Initial	investment in Noveml	oer 2018

# 5. <u>Brunel (Global Smaller Companies Equity</u>

5.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

	Quarter t	o 31 December	2021		
		Performance			
Value as		Fund for Benchmark Relativ			
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark	
£m		%	%	%	
210.2	Smaller Companies	3.0	1.8	+1.2	

- 5.2 The Brunel Smaller Companies Market portfolio is managed by a combination of Montanaro Asset Management, American Century and Kempen Capital Management.
- 5.3 The portfolio outperformed the benchmark during the quarter. Absolute performance was positive.
- 5.4 The Brunel Smaller Companies Fund's target is to outperform the benchmark by an annualised return of 2% over continuous three to five-year periods after fees have been deducted.



## Brunel performance Vs Benchmark & Target

5.5 The table below shows annualised performance over a range of time periods:

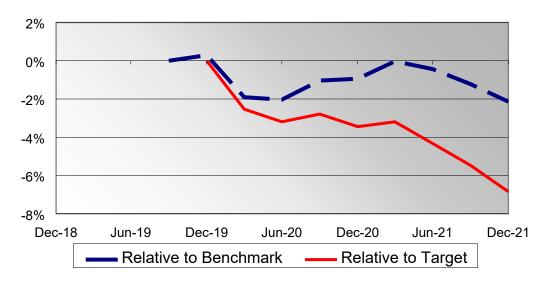
	Fund % p.a.	Benchmark % p.a.	Relative to Benchmark % p.a.	
1 year 3 years	21.6	16.8	+4.8	
3 years	Initial investment in September 2020			

- 6. <u>Brunel (Emerging Market Equity)</u>
- 6.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

	Quarter	to 31 December	2021	
		Performance		
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	<b>Relative to</b>
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark
£m		%	%	%
116.4	Emerging Market	-2.5	-1.8	-0.7

- 6.2 The Brunel Emerging Market portfolio is managed by a combination of Genesis Investment Management, Wellington Management and Investec Asset Management.
- 6.3 The Brunel portfolio underperformed during the quarter. Absolute performance was negative.

6.4 The Brunel Emerging Market Fund's target is to outperform the benchmark by an annualised return of 2%-3% over continuous three to five-year periods after fees have been deducted. The graph below shows performance against 2%.



Brunel performance Vs Benchmark & Target

The table below shows annualised performance over a range of time periods: 6.5

	Fund % p.a.	Benchmark % p.a.	Relative to Benchmark % p.a.	
1 year 3 years	-2.7	-1.6	-1.1	
3 years	Initial investment in October 2019			

# 7. <u>Brunel (Passive Gilts)</u>

7.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

	Qua	arter to 31 December	2021	
		Performance		
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	<b>Relative to</b>
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark
£m		%	%	%
71.0	UK Gilts	5.6	5.6	+0.0

- 7.2 The Blackrock managed passive UK Gilts Fund matched the performance of the benchmark for the quarter. Absolute performance was positive.
- 8. Brunel (Passive (index-Linked Gilts)
- 8.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

Quarter to 31 December 2021					
		Performance			
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	<b>Relative to</b>	
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark	
£m		%	%	%	
86.3	UK Index-Linked Gilts	5.3	5.4	-0.1	

8.2 The Blackrock managed passive UK Index-Linked Gilts Fund underperformed against the benchmark for the quarter. Absolute performance was positive.

## 9. <u>Brunel (Sterling Corporate Bonds)</u>

Quarter to 31 December 2021					
		Performance			
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	<b>Relative to</b>	
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark	
£m		%	%	%	
209.4	£ Corporate Bonds	0.6	0.4	+0.2	

- 9.2 The Brunel Sterling Corporate Bond portfolio is managed by Royal London Asset Management.
- 9.3 The portfolio outperformed the benchmark during the quarter. Absolute performance was slightly positive.
- 10. Brunel (Multi Asset Credit)
- 10.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

Quarter to 31 December 2021					
		Performance			
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	Relative to	
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark	
£m		%	%	%	
79.9	Multi Asset Credit	0.4	0.0	+0.4	

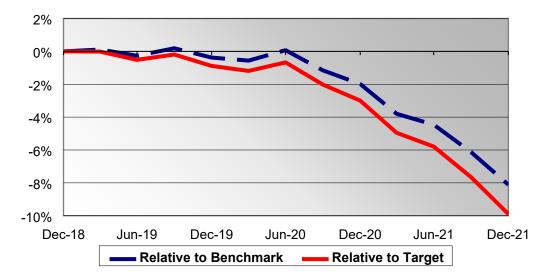
- 10.2 The Brunel Sterling Corporate Bond portfolio is managed by a combination of CQS, Neuberger Berman and Oaktree.
- 10.3 The portfolio outperformed the benchmark during the quarter. Absolute performance was slightly positive.

# 11. LaSalle/Brunel (Property Fund of Funds)

11.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

Quarter to 31 December 2021					
		Performance			
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	<b>Relative to</b>	
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark	
£m		%	%	%	
229.5	UK Property	6.7	7.5	-0.8	
0.0	European Property	-2.3			
7.2	Cash	0.1			
236.7	Total	6.1	7.5	-1.4	

11.2 Management of the property portfolio moved from LaSalle to Brunel on 1st November 2020. Unlike other asset classes Brunel simply took over management with no underlying change in holdings. Going forward performance records will report the full history of this portfolio. 11.3 Brunel's target is to outperform the benchmark by an annualised return of 0.5% over continuous five to seven year periods after all fees have been deducted.



LaSalle/Brunel Performance Vs Benchmark & Target



	Fund % p.a.	Benchmark % p.a.	Relative to Benchmark % p.a.
1 year	13.3	19.1	-5.8
3 years	3.7	6.2	-2.5
5 years	5.4	7.0	-1.6
10 years	5.9	7.7	-1.8

## 12. <u>Neuberger Berman (Global Private Equity)</u>

Quarter to 31 December 2021					
	Performance				
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	Relative to	
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark	
£m		%	%	%	
76.8	Private Equity	3.0	0.0	+3.0	

- 12.2 The return indicated above is significantly affected by currency movements, specifically the change in the value of the US dollar against GBP.
- 12.3 There is a delay in the reporting of returns on private equity of about a quarter and this needs to be considered when looking at returns on individual funds.
- 12.4 The 2010 fund continues to make good progress. This fund is due to wind up within the next year or so.
- 12.5 The Neuberger Berman Crossroads XX fund is also making good progress. The underlying return on this fund for the quarter, excluding currency movements, was 56%.
- 12.6 The Crossroads XXI fund is also making good progress. The underlying return on this fund for the quarter, excluding currency movements, was 13.3%.
- 12.7 The Crossroads XXII fund is still relatively young. The return for the quarter, excluding currency movements, was 11.9%.

12.8 The table below shows annualised performance over a range of time periods, unlike in the table above a broad global equity index has been used as the benchmark as over long time periods this is more appropriate:

	Fund % p.a.	Benchmark % p.a.	Relative to Benchmark % p.a.
1 year	40.8	22.5	+18.3
3 years	21.6	19.5	+2.1
5 years	16.4	13.4	+3.0
10 years	16.2	14.8	+1.4

# 13. <u>Brunel (Global private equity)</u>

Quarter to 31 December 2021						
		Performance				
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	<b>Relative to</b>		
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark		
£m		%	%	%		
7.7	Private Equity	3.9	0.0	+3.9		

- 13.2 Brunel have invested in a number of private equity funds on the Fund's behalf and a small amount of money has been drawn. The portfolio is still very immature.
- 14. <u>South West Ventures Fund</u>
- 14.1 The fund continues to make reasonable progress.

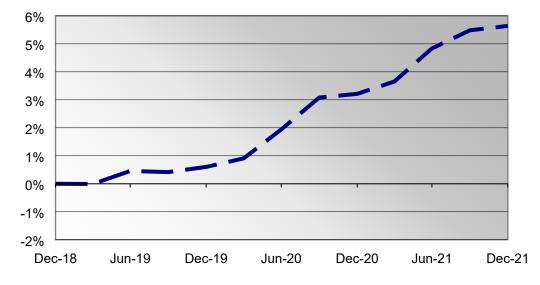
# 15. <u>Combined Fund</u>

15.1 The performance for the quarter to 31st December 2021 is summarised in the following table:

	Quarter to	<b>31 December</b>	2021	
			Performance	
Value as		Fund for	Benchmark	Relative to
at 31 Dec		quarter	for quarter	Benchmark
£m		%	%	%
802.0	Brunel (Passive Gl Eq)	7.1	7.1	+0.0
426.4	Brunel (GHA Eq)	6.3	7.4	-1.1
16.2	ASI (UK Eq)	3.4	4.2	-0.8
507.5	Brunel (UK Eq)	4.5	4.2	+0.3
210.2	Brunel (Small Cap Eq)	3.0	1.8	+1.2
116.4	Brunel (EM Eq)	-2.5	-1.8	-0.7
71.0	Brunel (Passive Gilts)	5.6	5.6	+0.0
86.3	Brunel (Passive I-L)	5.3	5.4	-0.1
209.4	Brunel (£ Corporate)	0.6	0.4	+0.2
79.9	Brunel (MAC)	0.4	0.0	+0.4
236.7	LaSalle/Brunel (Prop)	6.1	7.5	-1.4
1.6	SWRVF	0.0	0.0	+0.0
76.8	Neuberger Berman	3.0	0.0	+3.0
7.7	Brunel (Private Eq)	3.9	0.0	+3.9
0.8	Brunel (holding in Co)			
104.8	Cash	0.1	0.0	+0.1
2,953.7	Whole Fund	4.6	4.6	+0.0

15.2 The fund, as a whole, matched its benchmark during the quarter. The level of absolute return was positive.

15.3 A positive from asset allocation, being overweight equity was broadly matched by stock selection by managers being negative.



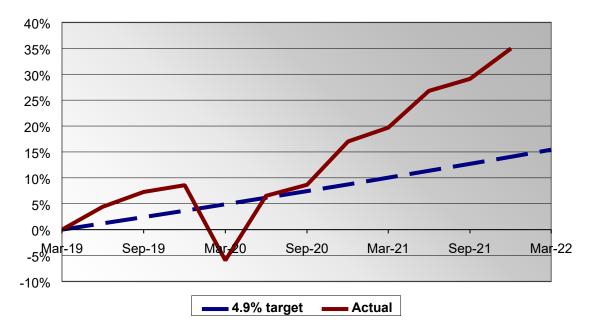
#### Whole Fund Performance Vs Benchmark

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The table below shows annualised performance over a range of time periods:

	Fund % p.a.	Benchmark % p.a.	Relative to Benchmark % p.a.
1 year	15.3	13.8	+1.5
3 years	13.1	11.6	+1.5
5 years	9.0	8.4	+0.6
10 years	10.4	9.8	+0.6

15.5 At the June 2020 committee meeting the committee adopted an absolute return target of 4.9% for the fund as this is consistent with the fund becoming fully funded within the timescales indicated by the actuary as part of the 2019 valuation. Progress against this target for the 2019 to 2022 actuarial cycle is shown in the graph below.

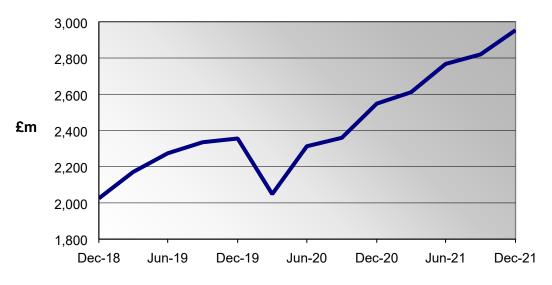


#### Performance of Fund Vs. 4.9% absolute return target

	Value as at 3	30 Sept	Value as at	31 Dec	Strategic Weighting
	£m	%	£m	%	%
Brunel (Passive Gl Eq)	749.2	27	802.0	27	25
Brunel (GHA Eq)	401.2	14	426.4	14	10
ASI (UK Eq)	15.7	1	16.2	1	0
Brunel (UK Eq)	485.8	17	507.5	17	20
Brunel (Small Cap Eq)	204.0	7	210.2	7	5
Brunel (EM Eq)	119.4	4	116.4	4	5
Transition (FI)	2.8	0	0.0	0	0
Brunel (Passive Gilts)	67.3	3	71.0	2	4
Brunel (Passive I-L)	82.0	3	86.3	3	4
Brunel (Corp bonds)	208.2	7	209.4	7	8
Brunel (MAC)	79.6	3	79.9	3	3
Brunel/LaSalle (Prop)	223.3	8	236.7	8	10
SWRVF	1.6	0	1.6	0	0
Neuberger Berman	81.6	3	76.8	3	0
Brunel (Private Eq)	4.2	0	7.7	0	5
Brunel (holding in Co)	0.8	0	0.8	0	0
Cash	93.2	3	104.8	4	1
Whole Fund	2,819.9	100	2,953.7	100	100

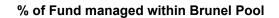
15.6 The movement in the value of the fund over the quarter is summarised in the table below.

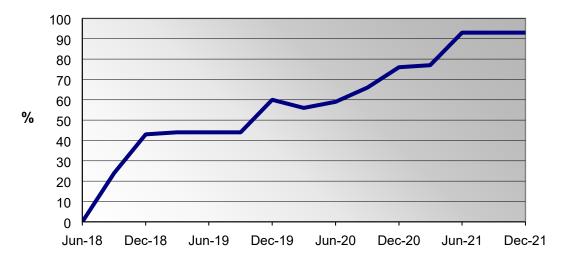
- 15.7 During the quarter the following movements of cash between funds took place:
  - £2.1m was withdrawn from the fixed income transition portfolio.
  - £7.1m was withdrawn from the Neuberger Berman's Private equity mandate as cash was returned to us by these funds.
  - £3.4m was added to the Brunel private equity fund as the underlying investments started to drawdown on commitments.
- 15.8 The change in the value of the investment fund over the last three years can be seen in the graph below.



#### Change of Value of the Fund

Value as at 30 Sept Value as at 31 Dec % £m % £m **Pooled** assets 2,624.2 2,753.5 93 93 195.7 7 200.2 **Retained assets** 7 Whole Fund 2,819.9 100 2,953.7 100





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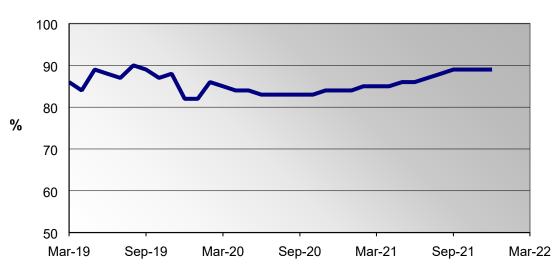
Progress on moving to pooling can be seen in the table and graph below

15.10 The Fund's Actuary, Barnett Waddingham, have provided the following update.

"The results of our assessment indicate that:

- The current projection of the smoothed funding level as at 31 December 2021 is 89.0% and the average required employer contribution would be 28.5% of payroll assuming the deficit is to be paid by 2039.
- This compares with the reported (smoothed) funding level of 85.7% and average required employer contribution of 24.3% of payroll at the 2019 funding valuation.

It should be borne in mind that the nature of the calculations is approximate and so the results are only indicative of the underlying position."



**Estimated Funding Level**