

LINDSELL TRAIN INVESTMENT TRUST

All data at 30 April 2016

Fund Objective

To maximise long-term total return subject to the avoidance of loss of absolute value and with a minimum objective to maintain the real purchasing power of Sterling capital, as measured by the annual average running yield on the longest-dated UK government fixed rate bond.

Market Capitalisation	£118.0m
Share Price	£590.00
Net Asset Value	£453.80
Premium (Discount)	30.01%

Source: Lindsell Train Ltd/ Phoenix Administrators & Bloomberg. Share Price is based on closing mid price.

Fund Profile

Top 10 Holdings (% NAV)		Allocation (% NAV)	
Lindsell Train Limited (unlisted)	32.4	Equities:	
Diageo	8.6	Consumer Franchises	31.0
A G Barr	7.8	Financials	7.4
London Stock Exchange	7.4	Media	15.7
Unilever	7.1	Unlisted Securities	32.4
LT Japanese Equity Fund	6.2	Funds	11.4
Heineken Holdings	4.5	Cash & Equivalent	2.1
Nintendo	4.4	Total	100.0
RELX	4.3		
Mondelez	3.1		

Lindsell Train sector definitions

Fund Exposure %	Equity	Funds	Cash	Total
UK	70.1	2.7	-0.3	72.5
USA	7.5	-	0.1	7.6
Europe (ex UK)	4.5	-	1.6	6.1
Japan	4.4	6.2	0.7	11.3
Global	-	2.5	-	2.5
Total	86.5	11.4	2.1	100.0

Fund Performance (GBP)

Calendar Year Performance (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Lindsell Train Investment Trust NAV	+9.4	+14.9	+25.9	+15.2	+23.0
Lindsell Train Investment Trust Price	+7.0	+28.0	+21.5	+8.7	+54.3
MSCI World Index £	-4.8	+10.7	+24.3	+11.5	+4.9
Benchmark*	+4.6	+4.0	+4.0	+4.3	+4.0

Cumulative Performance (%) 30 April 2016	Since Launch	5yr	3yr	1yr	YTD	3m	1m
Lindsell Train Investment Trust NAV	+458.4	+127.2	+68.1	+14.7	+6.6	+6.0	+2.5
Lindsell Train Investment Trust Price	+627.1	+177.8	+96.9	+27.4	+3.5	+15.1	+3.5
MSCI World Index £	+81.5	+52.1	+27.5	+0.5	+1.9	+4.3	-0.3
Benchmark*	+98.0	+22.6	+13.0	+4.1	+1.3	+1.0	+0.3

Source: Lindsell Train Ltd, Bloomberg and Morningstar Direct. Listed securities in the portfolio are valued at the closing bid price. GBP return net of fees and expenses. MSCI World Index is not the Trust's benchmark and is shown for comparative purposes only.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

*Benchmark: Index of annual average running yield of the 2½% Consolidated Loan Stock until 31 March 2015 and then the index of the annual average running yield on the longest-dated UK government fixed rate bond plus 0.5% with a minimum yield of 4%.

Portfolio Manager: Nick Train

Listing: London Stock Exchange

Launch Date: 22 Jan 2001

Base Currency: Sterling

Year End: 31 March

Management Fees:

Annual Fee: 0.65% of the lower of the market cap or NAV

Performance Fee: 10% of annual increase in the lower of NAV or share price above the benchmark return and calculated with a high watermark.

Bloomberg: LTI LN

ISIN: GB0031977944

The Board: Julian Cazalet (Chairman)

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Fund Manager's Comments

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During the month I read Chris Anderson's excellent 2009 book "Free" and found in it a lot of sense about the way the business world is today and where it's going – certainly more sense than I get from watching a Bloomberg screen. Here are some quotes or ideas from it which seem particularly relevant for Lindsell Train's investment strategy – highlighting holdings within your Company, but also several across our other funds:

Of Gillette's time-honoured practice of effectively giving away razors for free and charging for consumables – a few billion blades later, this business model is now the foundation of entire industries: Give away the cell phone, sell the monthly plan; Make the video game console cheap and sell expensive games; Install fancy coffee machines in offices... Yes – this is the model generating profits for Canon and Mondelez (coffee) and for Nintendo (increasingly so as Nintendo moves to distributing free smart phone games then selling upgrades to hooked customers). Intuit too is giving away access to its basic service, then looking to make profit on upgrades. Despite all the hoo-ha about a "New Economy" there fewer things new under the sun than you might think.

"Free online lectures are not a university education." The experience of studying at university cannot be replaced simply by dumping free content on the Internet. Pearson's strategy of improving the tools for teachers, teaching institutions and students and hence outcomes seems to be correct.

"Memorable experiences are the ultimate scarcity." Sports franchises and entertainment companies create something irreplaceable that will be paid for.

"Abundant information wants to be free. Scarce information wants to be expensive." LSE and Reed seem to be at little risk of losing their pricing power for their scarce information.

"There's still a lot of money in commodities, but the highest profit margins are usually found where grey matter has been added to things." Lindsell Train is still making a big portfolio bet on Intellectual Property rather than physical property.

"In digital give away 95% of your product to sell 5%. This makes sense because digital products are so cheap to produce and allow you to reach a huge market. So the 5% you convert (to being a paying customer) is 5% of a big number." This is why big digital companies are so hard to compete against and so valuable.

"Free may be the best price, but it can't be the only one. People will pay to save time. People will pay to lower risk. People will pay for things they love. People will pay for status." We've tried to invest in companies that save time or lower risk (RELX, Paypal) but particularly companies with beloved products (Guinness, Cadbury, IRN-BRU, Shiseido, Magnum Ice-cream). There's still money to be made in charging for stuff. It's easy to compete with free; simply offer something better..."

Nick Train, Lindsell Train Limited

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