# LINDSELL TRAIN

## The Lindsell Train Investment Trust PLC (LTIT)

#### ALL DATA AS OF 30 APRIL 2021

#### **Fund Objective & Policy**

To maximise long-term total returns, with a minimum objective to maintain the real purchasing power of Sterling capital by investing globally, with no limitations on the markets and sectors in which investment may be made, in a wide range of financial assets including equities, Lindsell Train managed funds and in the unlisted security Lindsell Train Limited. For further information please see www.lindselltrain.com.

#### Calendar Year Performance (%) £

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
LTIT NAV	+31.1	+37.6	+16.2	+32.4	+16.5
LTIT Price	+61.9	-6.2	+46.6	+2.1	+24.6
MSCI World Index £	+28.2	+11.8	-3.0	+22.7	+12.3
Benchmark*	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0

#### Cumulative Performance (%) £

30 April 2021	1m	YTD	1yr	Зуr	5yr	Since Launch
LTIT NAV	+5.6	+2.7	+25.9	+77.6	+211.6	+1,640.0
LTIT Price	-0.4	-2.4	+25.4	+45.8	+166.7	+1,839.4
MSCI World Index £	+4.3	+8.4	+32.4	+47.8	+104.0	+270.2
Benchmark*	+0.3	+1.3	+4.0	+12.6	+21.9	+141.2

**Source:** Lindsell Train Limited, Bloomberg and Morningstar Direct. Listed securities in the portfolio are valued at the closing bid price. GBP return net of fees and expenses with dividends reinvested. MSCI World Index is not the Trust's benchmark and is shown for comparative purposes only. \*The annual average running yield of the longest-dated UK government fixed rate bond, plus a premium of 0.5%, subject to a minimum yield of 4% (prior to 31 March 2015, the annual average running yield of the 2½% Consolidated Loan Stock). Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

#### **Fund Information**

Listing	London Stock Exchange
Launch Date	22 January 2001
Base Currency	GBP(£)
Year End	31 March
Benchmark	The annual average running yield of the longest-dated UK government fixed rate bond, plus a premium of 0.5%, subject to a minimum yield of 4%
ISIN	GB0031977944
Bloomberg	LTI LN
AIC Sector	Global



#### **Market Capitalisation**

£283m

**Share Price** 

£1,415.00

#### Net Asset Value per share

£1,236.98

#### Premium (Discount)

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14.39%
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Source: Lindsell Train Limited/ Frostrow Capital LLP & Bloomberg. Share Price is based on closing mid price.

#### **Fund Profile**

The portfolio is concentrated, with the number of equity investments averaging 15.

#### **Investment Manager**

Nick Train

#### **Investment Manager & Promoter**

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#### Top 10 Holdings (%NAV)

Lindsell Train Limited	48.60
PayPal	7.46
London Stock Exchange Group	7.03
Nintendo	6.86
LF Lindsell Train North American Equity Fund	6.67
Diageo	5.53
Unilever	3.80
RELX	2.76
Mondelez	2.66
Heineken	2.58

#### Allocation (% NAV)

Equities:	
Consumer Franchises	18.0
Financials	7.0
Media	17.9
Unlisted Securities	48.6
Funds	8.2
Cash & Equivalent	0.3
Total	100.0
Lindsell Train sector definitions	

### Fund Exposure (% NAV)

	Equity	Funds	Cash	Total
UK	71.1	8.2	0.2	79.5
USA	10.1	-	0.0	10.1
Europe (ex UK)	3.4	-	0.0	3.4
Japan	6.9	-	0.1	7.0
Total	91.5	8.2	0.3	100.0

#### **Fee Information**

Annual Fee	Perf	ormance Fee
0.60% of the lower of the company's market or NAV calculated daily.	adju adju the j perio inve shall mari exce	of the difference between: a) the lower of the Company's sted market capitalisation per ordinary share or the sted NAV per ordinary share, and b) performance hurdle, if positive in each performance od. The performance fee when aggregated with the stment management fee over any performance period, I not be equal to or greater than 5% of the lower of the ket capitalisation or NAV of the company (save that any ess Performance Fee may be carried forward to next performance period).
Corporate Secretary	Registrar	Board of Directors

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#### Board of Directors Julian Cazalet (Chairman) Nicholas Allan Vivien Gould Richard Hughes Michael Lindsell

#### **Portfolio Manager's Comments**

The pandemic has been a significant headwind to the business performance of the four beverage companies in your portfolio. However, three of the four posted strong share price gains in the month, perhaps indicating a sustained recovery is underway. These were Diageo, +9%, Heineken, +13%, Laurent Perrier, +8%, with even the laggard, AG Barr, +3%. Certainly, the macro backdrop is encouraging, with falling COVID-19 cases in their key markets and accelerating vaccine rollouts. As a spirits business (predominantly), Diageo has been in a better position to weather the fallout than a brewer, because it has been able to transition on-trade demand to at home consumption. Nonetheless, there should be a big recovery in Diageo's revenues too, high margin ones at that, into This on top of secular trends toward the 2022. consumption of premium spirits worldwide.

The pandemic has been a particularly frustrating disruption to Heineken's operations. The on-trade revenue exposure of c.40% in normal times has been a drag given lockdowns, but better than expected Q1 results and a brightening outlook for the year indicate that this dynamic is reversing, and the structural strengths of the company could become more of a tailwind. We were particularly encouraged by the Q1 report, which showed that the Heineken brand itself had grown volumes by 12%. Meanwhile, the brands the company characterises as "premium", which account for c40% of group revenues, were up by low-teen percentage rates. This exposure to premium, led by the globally recognised eponymous premium brand, gives Heineken competitive advantages that should permit secular growth ahead of the industry average and superior financial returns too. Recently we note reports that the upsurge in demand for beer in the UK, after pubs began to reopen, has caused supply problems. Two of Heineken's premium brands in the UK, Moretti and Amstel, are in short supply. Heineken commented - "demand totally surpassed our most optimistic forecasts, and our breweries are working around the clock." There are implications in this anecdote for many businesses - not least for consumption of Laurent Perrier's premium champagnes. As to AG Barr, at our recent meeting with management the company indicated that post-COVID it hoped to return to underlying sales growth of high single digits. With £50m of net cash on its balance sheet, or 9% of its current market capitalisation, Barr has good optionality to accelerate growth even more, preferably by successfully marketing its new products in energy drinks and cocktail mixers.

#### Nick Train, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Source Data:** Lindsell Train Ltd & Bloomberg; as of 30th April 2021. **Note:** All stock returns are total returns in GBP.

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