

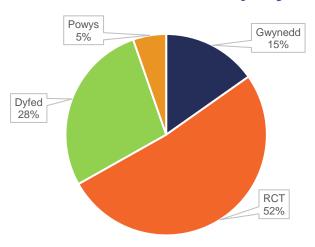


# Wales Pension Partnership

Joint Governance Committee 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## June 2020 LF Wales PP Fund Snapshot

### **Global Growth Equity**



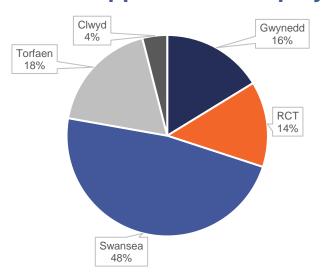
Fund	AUM	Launch date
Global Growth	£2,373,367,154	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
Global Opportunities	£2,230,646,643	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
UK Opportunities	£545,585,824	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019

Note: All data as at 30th June 2020

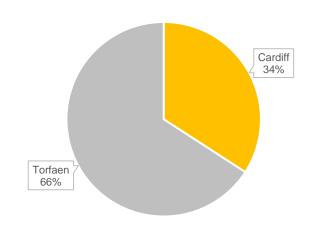
#### Key:

Dyfed
Powys
Gwynedd
RCT
Torfaen
Clwyd
Swansea
Cardiff

### **Global Opportunities Equity**



### **UK Opportunities Equity**





# Fund Launch Progress Report

Tranche 3, 4 & 5 updates

# Open Launch Activity

#### **Key Achievements & Updates**

Key:

- On track
- Progressing with delays
- On hold / progressing with major delays

Fund Launches Progress					
	Overview	Status	Progress in period	Planned Launch date	
Tranche 3: Fixed Income sub- fund launch	<ul> <li>Establishment of 5 Fixed Income sub-funds within the ACS</li> <li>FCA approval received and BlackRock appointed as transition manager</li> </ul>	٠	<ul> <li>April launch date revised and agreed by all parties for 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 as a result of COVID-19</li> <li>Operational setups continue to track green</li> <li>BlackRock have re-engaged the legacy managers to obtain up to date data for the transition report</li> <li>Delay to Absolute Return Bond fund launch due to ineligible asset</li> </ul>	27 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 September for ARB	
Tranche 4: Emerging Markets sub-fund launch	<ul> <li>Emerging Market fund to be created under the Enhanced Portfolio Implementation model with a carbon reducing overlay</li> </ul>	÷	<ul> <li>JGC agreed manager structure proposal March 2020</li> <li>Prospectus submission delayed being worked through with Russell Investments and Eversheds before review by WPP</li> <li>Submission to FCA planned</li> </ul>	Q1 2021	
Strategic developmen	ıts				
	Overview	Status	Progress in period	Planned Launch date	
Tranche 5: Private Markets strategy development	<ul> <li>Development of a WPP Private Market strategy including a road map for the potential creation of a standalone Private Market sub fund</li> </ul>	٠	<ul> <li>Private Markets session held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 incl. Russell Investments presentation on Impact Investing</li> <li>Russell Investments paper to outline launch proposal based on legacy asset and strategic plan of each participating Authority discussed within Working Group</li> <li>LFS / Hymans / Host Authority held call to discuss progress 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020</li> </ul>	January to June 2021	



# LFS Corporate Update & Engagement

### LFS Corporate Update & Engagement

#### Personnel change

- Richard Thornton: LFS have appointed Richard Thornton as Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners and Eamonn Gough will
  report to Richard. Richard has been a prominent member of the Relationship Management team since 2005 and has worked with a
  number of strategic clients during this period, forming lasting relationships.
- **Duncan Lowman**: Having spent the last three and a half years as Head of Relationship Management, Duncan's role is shifting focus to working within our Business Development team, as well as retaining overall accountability for Relationship Management.
- **Sheetal Shetty**: Sheetal will also be moving roles within Link Fund Solutions to start working within our Investment Risk team. The Client Service Team will remain the key channel for Operational / Investor queries.

These moves emphasise the importance that Link Group places in supporting our employees to further their careers whilst continuing to maintain a strong relationship model with our clients.

#### **Key Q2 and future WPP Engagement**

### Link attendance at OWG/JGC meetings <u>in</u> period:

- JGC 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (VC)
- OWG 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (VC)

### Link attendance at OWG/JGC meetings <u>in</u> <u>next quarter</u>:

- JGC 11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020 (VC)
- OWG 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020 (VC)

### Link - Pension Committee attendance <u>in</u> period:

• Cardiff – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (VC)

### Link - Pension Committee attendance <u>in</u> <u>next quarter</u>:

None arranged, 2020/21 dates to be confirmed

#### Other meetings in period

- Host Authority update occurs bi-weekly
- Working group occurs bi-weekly

#### Other meetings in next quarter

- Host Authority update occurs bi-weekly
- · Working group occurs bi-weekly

### LFS Engagement Protocol

#### Business as Usual

Strategic Relationship Review	Frequency	Objective
	<ul><li>Bi-annual</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Ensure strategic alignment between Host Authority and Link</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>WPP Attendees</li> <li>Chris Moore</li> <li>Anthony Parnell</li> <li>Two Section 151 / Deputy Section 151 officers</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Link Attendees</li> <li>Karl Midl, Managing Director</li> <li>Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners</li> <li>Duncan Lowman, Head of Client Coverage</li> </ul>
JGC Engagement	Frequency	<b>Objective</b>
	<ul><li>Quarterly</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Engage with JGC on pertinent matters and strategic deliverables</li> </ul>
<ul><li>WPP Attendees</li><li>Joint Governance Committee (JGC)</li></ul>		<ul> <li>Link Attendees</li> <li>Karl Midl, Managing Director / Adam Tookey, Head of Product – as required</li> <li>Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners / Duncan Lowman, Head of Client Coverage</li> <li>Eamonn Gough, Senior Relationship Manager</li> <li>Russell Investments</li> </ul>
OWG Engagement	Frequency	Objective
	<ul><li>Every 2 Months</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Identify and deliver on opportunities to improve and expand the relationship</li> <li>Provide update on open projects or issues</li> <li>Monthly KPI Review (Data supplied monthly)</li> </ul>
<ul><li>WPP Attendees</li><li>Officers Working Group (OWG)</li></ul>		<ul> <li>Link Attendees</li> <li>Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners</li> <li>Eamonn Gough, Senior Relationship Manager</li> <li>Adam Tookey, Head of Product (as required)</li> <li>Ada Wabara, Relationship Manager (as required)</li> <li>Ad-hoc Link attendance from functional departments: Tax, Compliance, Product, etc.</li> <li>Russell Investments</li> </ul>

Note: The OWG Engagement and Monthly KPI meetings may be conducted remotely and/or amalgamated where required.

# Link Engagement Protocol continued...

### Business as Usual

Host Authority Update	Frequency	Objective	
	<ul><li>Bi-Weekly</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Regular Host Authority – LFS to discuss deliverables and business updates</li> </ul>	
WPP Attendees		Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners	
Anthony Parnell		<ul> <li>Eamonn Gough, Senior Relationship Manager</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Tracey Williams</li></ul>		<ul> <li>Ada Wabara, Relationship Manager (as required)</li> </ul>	
WPP Working Group	Frequency	Objective	
	<ul><li>Bi-Weekly</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Regular project call to discuss progress of deliverables</li> </ul>	
WPP Attendees		Link Client Team	
<ul> <li>Officers Working Group (OWG)</li> </ul>		Northern Trust	
<ul><li>Hymans</li></ul>		<ul> <li>Russell Investments</li> </ul>	
		<ul><li>Other consultants (e.g. bFinance)</li></ul>	
Annual Shareholder Day	Frequency	Objective	
	<ul><li>Annual</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Open day for presentations on strategy and performance (with IM)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Open to all involved parties</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Link Client Team</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Northern Trust</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Russell Investments and other Investment Managers (e.g. Global Growth Managers)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Other consultants as required (e.g. bFinance)</li> </ul>	
Pension Fund Committees		Objective	
	<ul><li>Annual</li></ul>	General update on the ACS and planned initiatives	
Individual Pension Fund Committee meetings		Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners	
		<ul> <li>Eamonn Gough, Senior Relationship Manager</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Ada Wabara, Relationship Manager</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Russell Investments</li> </ul>	