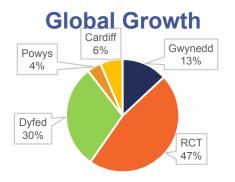


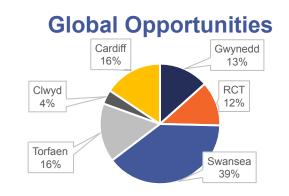


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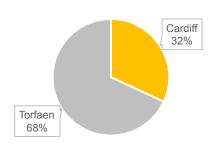
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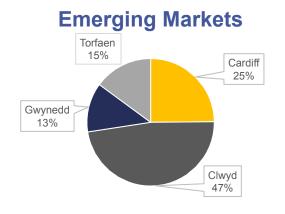
## March 2022 Fund Snapshot - Equities

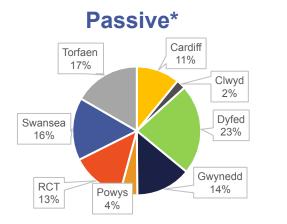


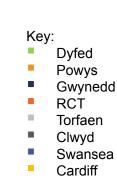


### **UK Opportunities**



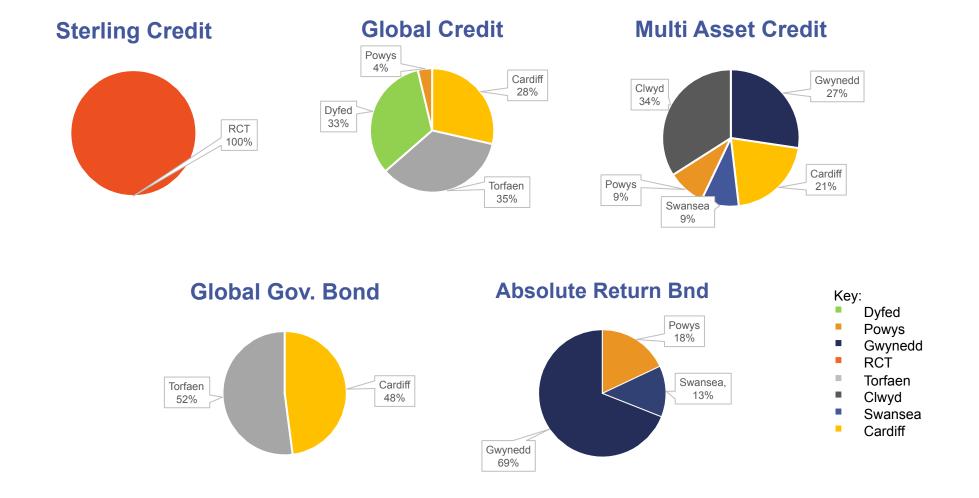






<sup>\*</sup> Assets with BlackRock

## March 2022 Fund Snapshot - Fixed Income



### March 2022 LF Wales PP Fund AUM

Fund	AUM	Inception date
Global Growth	£3,303,494,324	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
Global Opportunities	£3,387,940,322	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019
UK Opportunities	£730,277,801	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019
Emerging Markets	£464,615,396	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021
Sterling Credit	£574,224,152	19 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2020
Global Credit	£757,658,876	21st Aug 2020
Multi Asset Credit	£723,183,882	12 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2020
Global Government Bond	£507,272,837	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2020
Absolute Return Bond	£509,602,394	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020
Total Active Investments	£10,958,269,984	
Total Passive Investments	£5,599,926,568	
Total Pooled Assets	£16,558,196,552	



## Fund Launches & Updates

**Progress Report** 

# Fund Activity in the Period

### **Key Achievements & Updates**

Fund Launches Progress					
	Overview	Status	Progress in period	Launch / completion dates	
UK Opps decarb	<ul> <li>Addition of the Russell Investments decarb function to the UK Opportunities fund</li> </ul>	In progress	<ul> <li>Host Authority (on behalf of WPP), Torfaen and Cardiff officially approve the addition of the decarb function on the UK Opportunities fund</li> <li>LFS to progress through internal governance</li> </ul>	June 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022	
Sustainable Equity fund	Establishment of a sustainable equities fund	In progress	<ul> <li>Russell Investments to present paper to JGC 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022</li> </ul>		



# LFS Corporate Update & Engagement

### LFS Corporate Update & Engagement

### LFS updates

- Eamonn Gough, Senior Relationship Manager to the WPP, has left the organisation and is replaced by James Zealander who will take responsibility for the WPP/LFS relationship
- Link Fund Solutions Limited (LFSL) is aware that two law firms have filed a claim in relation to the LF Equity Income Fund (formerly, the LF Woodford Equity Income Fund). The law firms have submitted an application for a Group Litigation Order. LFSL has not yet been served with any proceedings and will vigorously defend itself in such an event.
- The meeting of Link Group shareholders to consider and vote on the proposed acquisition of Link Group by Dye & Durham Corporation is set for 13 July 2022. This is subject to certain approvals being received in including the decision of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission which is due 16 June 2022.

### **Key Q1 and future WPP Engagement**

#### Link attendance at OWG/JGC meetings in period:

- OWG 1st Feb 2022
- JGC 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

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

- OWG 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- JGC 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### **Link - Pension Committee attendance in** period:

- Gwynedd 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022
- Clwyd 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022
- RCT 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Dyfed 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### Link - Pension Committee attendance in next quarter:

None

#### 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
- Pension Board Chairs 26th April

### LFS Engagement Protocol

### Business as Usual

Strategic Relationship Review	Frequency	Objective
	■ Bi-annual	<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 1.</li> </ul>	51 officers	<ul> <li>Link Attendees</li> <li>Karl Midl, Managing Director</li> <li>Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners</li> </ul>
JGC Engagement	Frequency	Objective
	<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</li> <li>James Zealander, 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>
WPP Attendees		Link Attendees
Officers Working Group (OWG)		<ul> <li>James Zealander, Senior Relationship Manager</li> <li>Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners</li> <li>Alistair Coyle, 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	
	■ Bi-Weekly	<ul> <li>Regular Host Authority – LFS to discuss deliverables and business updates</li> </ul>	
WPP Attendees		Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners	
<ul><li>Anthony Parnell</li></ul>		<ul> <li>James Zealander, Senior Relationship Manager</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Tracey Williams</li></ul>		<ul> <li>Alistair Coyle, Relationship Manager (as required)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Clair Baguley, Client Service 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>		<ul> <li>Northern Trust</li> </ul>	
<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>		■ Link Client Team	
		Northern Trust	
		<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>	<ul> <li>General update on the ACS and planned initiatives</li> </ul>	
Individual Pension Fund Committee meetings		James Zealander, Senior Relationship Manager	
		<ul> <li>Alistair Coyle, Relationship Manager</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Russell Investments</li> </ul>	
Pension Fund Committees  Annual		<ul> <li>Link Client Team</li> <li>Northern Trust</li> <li>Russell Investments and other Investment Managers (e.g. Global Growth Managers)</li> <li>Other consultants as required (e.g. bFinance)</li> </ul> Objective <ul> <li>General update on the ACS and planned initiatives</li> <li>James Zealander, Senior Relationship Manager</li> <li>Alistair Coyle, Relationship Manager</li> <li>Richard Thornton, Head of Relationship Management, Asset Owners</li> </ul>	