

Legal & General  
Multi Manager Balanced Trust  
**Annual Manager's  
Short Report  
for the year ended  
15 January 2019**





## **Investment Objective and Policy**

The Trust's investment objective is to achieve long-term capital growth, whilst at the same time safeguarding against excessive risks.

The Trust aims to invest in a wide range of Collective Investment Schemes and will pursue an active asset allocation policy across all countries, currencies and sector representations. The Collective Investment Schemes that the Trust invests in may be actively or passively managed and may include the Collective Investment Schemes of the Manager.

The Trust may also invest directly in transferable securities, money market instruments, near cash, cash and deposits. The Trust will use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management purposes only.

## **Risk Profile**

### **Credit Risk**

This Trust is invested in Collective Investment Schemes which may directly invest in financial securities such as bonds. With these investments, there is a risk of suffering loss due to a party not meeting its financial obligations.

### **Market Risk**

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices. It represents the potential loss the Trust may suffer through holding market positions in the face of market movements. The Manager adheres to the investment guidelines and in this way, monitors and controls the exposure to risk from any type of security, sector or issuer.

### **Currency Risk**

This Trust is invested in Collective Investment Schemes that invest in overseas financial securities. The performance of the Trust may therefore be affected by changes in exchange rates, through its holdings in these funds.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

This Trust is invested in interest distributing funds. The performance of the Trust may therefore be affected by changes in interest rates, through its holdings in these funds.

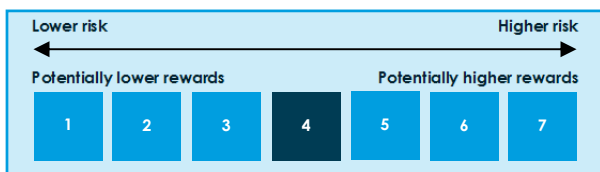
## Trust Facts

Period End Dates for Distributions:	15 Jan, 15 Jul	
Distribution Dates:	15 Mar, 15 Sep	
Ongoing Charges Figures:	15 Jan 19	15 Jan 18
R-Class	1.74%	1.81%
F-Class	1.59%	1.71%
I-Class	1.35%	1.42%

The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the ratio of the Trust's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) and all costs suffered through holdings in underlying Collective Investment Schemes, to the average net assets of the Trust.

The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a trust and is calculated based on the last period's figures.

## Risk and Reward Profile



- The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Trust ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time. It is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Trust. The shaded area in the table above shows the Trust's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.
- The Trust is in category four because the mix of different asset types in which the Trust invests has a balancing effect on the rate at which the Trust share price moves up and down. This type of fund is generally considered to be higher risk than one investing only in bonds and lower risk than one existing only in company shares.
- Even a trust in the lowest category is not a risk free investment.

## **Distribution Information**

### **R-Class**

The distribution payable on 15 March 2019 is 0.8122p per unit for distribution units and 0.8800p per unit for accumulation units.

### **F-Class**

The distribution payable on 15 March 2019 is 0.8677p per unit for distribution units and 0.9498p per unit for accumulation units.

### **I-Class**

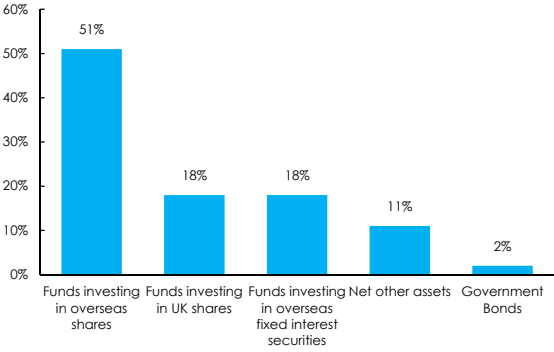
The distribution payable on 15 March 2019 is 0.9565p per unit for distribution units and 1.0615p per unit for accumulation units.

## Portfolio Information

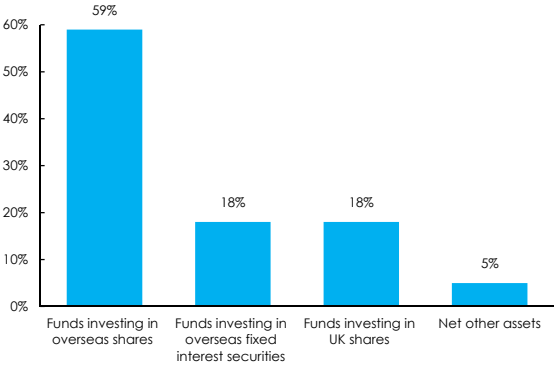
The top 10 holdings and their associated weighting at the current and preceding year ends were:

Top 10 Holdings at 15 January 2019		Top 10 Holdings at 15 January 2018	
Holding	Percentage of Net Asset Value	Holding	Percentage of Net Asset Value
Legal & General US Index Trust 'I' Inc	14.75%	Legal & General US Index Trust 'I' Inc	15.47%
Artemis Income Fund 'I' Inc	6.46%	Schroder Recovery Fund 'L' Acc	7.83%
Blackrock European Dynamic Fund 'FD' Acc	6.01%	Blackrock European Dynamic Fund 'FD' Acc	7.69%
Schroder Recovery Fund 'L' Acc	5.33%	Artemis Income Fund 'I' Inc	6.41%
Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond (US\$) Index Fund 'L' Inc	5.22%	J O Hambro Capital Management Japan Fund 'A' Inc	5.95%
Neuberger Berman Global Bond Absolute Return Fund 'I5' Acc	4.01%	Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Fund 'B' Acc	4.92%
Blackrock Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund 'D2' Acc	3.74%	Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond (US\$) Index Fund 'L' Inc	4.13%
Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Fund 'B' Acc	3.67%	Neuberger Berman Global Bond Absolute Return Fund 'I5' Acc	3.89%
MI Somerset Global Emerging Markets Fund 'B' Acc	3.64%	Blackrock Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund 'D2'	3.74%
Man GLG Continental European Growth Fund 'CH' Acc	3.52%	Nordea Global High Yield Bond Fund HBI GBP Acc	3.58%

### Trust Holdings as at 15 January 2019



### Trust Holdings as at 15 January 2018



## Comparative Tables

### R-Class Distribution Units

#### Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	15/01/19 (pence per unit)	15/01/18 (pence per unit)	15/01/17 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	74.86	68.43	58.44
Return before operating charges*	(3.52)	8.14	11.95
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.27)	(1.29)	(1.15)
Return after operating charges*	(4.79)	6.85	10.80
Distributions on income units	(0.91)	(0.42)	(0.81)
Closing net asset value per unit	69.16	74.86	68.43
* after direct transaction costs of:	—	—	—

#### Performance

Return after charges	(6.40)%	10.01%	18.48%
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#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£)	616,601	720,721	691,511
Closing number of units	891,540	962,752	1,010,490
Operating charges†	1.74%	1.81%	1.83%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

#### Prices

Highest unit price	76.73p	75.63p	72.70p
Lowest unit price	67.55p	67.35p	55.94p

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## Comparative Tables continued

### R-Class Accumulation Units

#### Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	15/01/19 (pence per unit)	15/01/18 (pence per unit)	15/01/17 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	80.99	73.66	62.16
Return before operating charges*	(3.81)	8.72	12.73
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.38)	(1.39)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges*	(5.19)	7.33	11.50
Distributions	(0.99)	(0.46)	(0.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.99	0.46	0.87
Closing net asset value per unit	75.80	80.99	73.66
* after direct transaction costs of:	—	—	—

### Performance

Return after charges	(6.41)%	9.95%	18.50%
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### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£)	14,986,229	19,696,558	18,720,467
Closing number of units	19,770,028	24,320,803	25,416,169
Operating charges†	1.74%	1.81%	1.83%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

### Prices

Highest unit price	83.14p	81.43p	77.60p
Lowest unit price	73.18p	72.45p	59.49p

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## Comparative Tables continued

### F-Class Distribution Units

#### Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	15/01/19 (pence per unit)	15/01/18 (pence per unit)	15/01/17 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	74.85	68.40	58.44
Return before operating charges*	(3.52)	8.16	11.93
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.16)	(1.22)	(1.16)
Return after operating charges*	(4.68)	6.94	10.77
Distributions on income units	(1.02)	(0.49)	(0.81)
Closing net asset value per unit	69.15	74.85	68.40
* after direct transaction costs of:	—	—	—

#### Performance

Return after charges	(6.25)%	10.15%	18.43%
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#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£)	38,309	41,468	1,011
Closing number of units	55,400	55,400	1,478
Operating charges†	1.59%	1.71%	1.83%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

#### Prices

Highest unit price	76.73p	75.68p	69.23p
Lowest unit price	67.59p	67.34p	55.94p

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## Comparative Tables continued

### F-Class Accumulation Units

#### Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	15/01/19 (pence per unit)	15/01/18 (pence per unit)	15/01/17 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	81.09	73.68	62.18
Return before operating charges*	(3.81)	8.71	12.73
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.26)	(1.30)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges*	(5.07)	7.41	11.50
Distributions	(1.12)	(0.53)	(0.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	1.12	0.53	0.87
Closing net asset value per unit	76.02	81.09	73.68
* after direct transaction costs of:	—	—	—

### Performance

Return after charges	(6.25)%	10.06%	18.49%
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### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£)	29,573	84,023	115,701
Closing number of units	38,900	103,614	157,024
Operating charges†	1.59%	1.71%	1.83%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

### Prices

Highest unit price	83.32p	81.53p	73.93p
Lowest unit price	73.39p	72.48p	59.51p

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## Comparative Tables continued

### I-Class Distribution Units

#### Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	15/01/19 (pence per unit)	15/01/18 (pence per unit)	15/01/17 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	74.84	68.41	58.42
Return before operating charges*	(3.51)	8.15	11.97
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.99)	(1.01)	(0.90)
Return after operating charges*	(4.50)	7.14	11.07
Distributions on income units	(1.20)	(0.71)	(1.08)
Closing net asset value per unit	69.14	74.84	68.41
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#### Performance

Return after charges	(6.01)%	10.44%	18.95%
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#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£)	260,174	238,578	237,718
Closing number of units	376,303	318,786	347,502
Operating charges†	1.35%	1.42%	1.44%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

#### Prices

Highest unit price	76.74p	75.76p	69.35p
Lowest unit price	67.66p	67.34p	55.94p

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## Comparative Tables continued

### I-Class Accumulation Units

#### Change in Net Asset Value per Unit

Accounting Year ending	15/01/19 (pence per unit)	15/01/18 (pence per unit)	15/01/17 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	82.74	74.96	63.01
Return before operating charges*	(3.90)	8.89	12.93
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.09)	(1.11)	(0.98)
Return after operating charges*	(4.99)	7.78	11.95
Distributions	(1.33)	(0.78)	(1.17)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	1.33	0.78	1.17
Closing net asset value per unit	77.75	82.74	74.96
* after direct transaction costs of:	—	—	—

#### Performance

Return after charges	(6.03)%	10.38%	18.97%
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#### Other Information

Closing net asset value (£)	4,664,968	5,420,127	5,781,225
Closing number of units	5,999,828	6,550,447	7,712,476
Operating charges†	1.35%	1.42%	1.44%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

#### Prices

Highest unit price	85.13p	83.19p	75.21p
Lowest unit price	75.05p	73.75p	60.33p

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## **Manager's Investment Report**

During the year under review, the bid price of the Trust's R-Class accumulation units fell by 6.37% compared to the IMA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector average return, on a Total Return basis, of -5.58%. (Source: Lipper, using selling prices, net income reinvested, in Sterling terms, no initial charge).

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## **Market/Economic Review**

Although the global economy as a whole continued to grow during the review year, growth became less synchronised and more uneven across countries and regions, with an increased loss of momentum towards the end of the year. This was caused by escalating trade tensions between the US and China and concerns that the Federal Reserve had tightened monetary policy too aggressively, both of which served to unsettle investors, with the VIX Index (a volatility measure) reaching its highest level during the year since 2015. In Europe, Brexit continued to dominate the headlines in the UK, whilst in Italy, the reaction in the markets to a new populist government evoked memories of the Eurozone sovereign debt crisis.

In this environment, the 'safe haven' appeal of major government bond markets led to their outperformance versus the MSCI World Index (in Sterling terms), despite central banks having embarked on a programme to withdraw the extraordinary monetary support that has been in place since the global financial crisis. Within equity markets, Developed markets outperformed Emerging markets, with the latter being negatively impacted by a stronger US Dollar and mounting worries around the risk of protectionist trade policies. Elsewhere, having risen to its highest level in four years in early October, the oil price then declined sharply driven in part by increased levels of supply, notably US inventories, ending the period at \$52.1 per barrel.

## **Trust Review**

The Trust underperformed its sector over the review year. In terms of fund selection, the key laggards were BlackRock European Dynamic, J O Hambro Capital Management Japan and BlackRock Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond, although these losses were offset somewhat by the holdings in Schroder Recovery and Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders. With regards to asset allocation, the Trust benefitted from its overweight position in Alternative Assets, including exposure to Infrastructure and Property, but the underweight position in UK fixed income and an underweight position in cash proved negative for relative performance.

## **Manager's Investment Report continued**

Activity within the portfolio included selling out of Nikko AM Japan Focus due to a change in our view of the fund's ability to outperform, whilst taking positions in sector futures such as Japanese banks and Energy, as well as a new position in the Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond Index Fund to further express the team's view on asset allocation. We also launched new positions in Artemis UK Select and Metropole Euro SRI in order to provide some additional style biases within the overall portfolio.

### **Outlook**

The economic expansion of the last decade has been a consistent tailwind for financial assets. A key danger going forward is a potential collision between tighter monetary policy, a cyclical slowdown and the structural headwinds of deteriorating demographics and high debt. As such, we think on-going volatility, rather than a sharp bull or bear market, is a likely regime for the year ahead.

Whilst the UK economy was relatively stable during 2018, with the labour market strengthening, supported by a benign global growth backdrop which allowed the Bank of England to raise interest rates for the first time in a decade, it is clear that the country has suffered a bout of idiosyncratic economic weakness since the middle of 2016 which has weighed on the exchange rate and interest rates.

Although the outlook looks similarly clouded by chronic political uncertainty, our base case continues to be that Parliament will eventually pass a Brexit deal which would moderate the uncertainty.

The outlook for fixed income and currency markets is largely shaped by the policy options available to central banks. The rate differential between the US and other markets is likely to widen further, risking another bout of US Dollar appreciation and yield increases during the year. However, we are sceptical about how much further US exceptionalism can run, in particular against the backdrop of focus switching to the 2020 Presidential election and beyond.

Legal & General Investment Management Limited

(Investment Adviser)

11 February 2019

## **Manager's Report and Accounts**

Copies of the most recent Interim and Annual Long Form Manager's Reports are available free of charge by telephoning 0370 050 0955, by writing to the Manager or are available on the internet at [www.legalandgeneral.com/investments/fund-information/managers-reports](http://www.legalandgeneral.com/investments/fund-information/managers-reports).

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## **Dual Pricing Arrangement**

The Manager's fixed dual pricing arrangement has a set spread to account for the costs of transacting in a particular Trust. Where the Manager operates a box through which unit subscriptions and unit redemptions are netted into a single trade instruction to the Trustee, the netting reduces the actual transaction costs and this generates a revenue to the Manager. The revenue generated from this activity is calculated on a monthly basis and returned to the Trust in the form of a payment from the Manager. This provides an enhanced return to the Trust, though the size of any return will be dependent on the size of subscriptions and redemptions.

## **Minimum Investment Amounts**

The minimum initial lump sum investment amounts for each class are as follows:

R-Class	£100
F-Class	£500
I-Class	£1,000,000

In addition, monthly contributions can be made into the R-Class with a minimum amount of £10 per month and F-Class with a minimum amount of £50 per month.

F-Class units are only available to:

- i) investors who have received advice from authorised intermediaries, platforms or other distributors in relation to their investment in units in the Trust; and
- ii) distributors who the Manager reasonably considers will adequately bear the costs of marketing to and acquiring investors at no or limited cost to the Manager, and to whom the Manager has confirmed that such distributor or investor meets the criteria for investment in such units.

## **Other Information**

The information in this report is designed to enable unitholders to understand how the Trust has performed during the year under review and how it is invested at the year end. Further information on the activities and performance of the Trust can be obtained by telephoning 0370 050 0955 or by writing to the Manager.



## **Significant Changes**

### **Change of Auditor**

With effect from 28 April 2018, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ceased to be Independent Auditors of the Trust and KPMG LLP have been appointed. The change of Auditor has no impact on the way the Trust is operated.

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

Legal & General takes your privacy very seriously. Under data protection legislation, we have classified ourselves as a 'data controller'. This means that we are subject to certain obligations relating to how we process personal data. These obligations include, without limitation, providing individuals with certain information regarding how we process their personal data.

We will use the personal data you have provided to us in connection with an investment in units of Legal & General Multi Manager Balanced Trust, including your name, age, contact details, bank account details, transactions and the invested amount, and any information regarding the dealing in units in accordance with all applicable data protection laws and our Privacy Policy which is available from 25 May 2018 at [www.lgim.com/UTMprivacy](http://www.lgim.com/UTMprivacy) (or available upon request). Our Privacy Policy sets out, amongst other things, the purpose or purposes for which your personal data is collected and intended to be processed and also contains any other information prescribed by data protection legislation.

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