

RISK MANAGEMENT

We aim to deliver on our strategic objectives whilst operating within a risk framework defined by our risk appetite.

We recognise that risks are inherent in running any business and use the Company’s risk management framework to ensure that risks to the Fund’s strategy are identified, understood and managed.

The Company has an Internal Audit process in place which evaluates the company’s internal controls, ensuring compliance with laws and regulations. The Internal Audit function provides independent assurance to the Board over the adequacy, effectiveness and sustainability of the Company’s internal controls, risk management and governance systems and process, promoting effective and sound risk management across the Company.

Our risk appetite statement identifies the relevant risks to which the Fund is exposed and outlines the controls and key risk indicators in place to mitigate, manage and monitor these risks. We have outlined our key risks below:

Investment Risk

Details	Impact	Mitigation	Change to risk in last 12 months
Incorrect reading of the cycle	Under / over allocation to specific sectors could reduce fund / property performance.	<p>We have been established for over 57 years and have multi cycle experience. Lessons learned in previous cycles have helped shape our investment strategy.</p> <p>We are long term holders of commercial property and do not actively trade our portfolio for short-term capital gains.</p> <p>Detailed due diligence is carried out on each asset and individual business plans are produced which include performance targets. These performance targets are monitored on a continuous basis to ensure that forecasted returns are delivered.</p> <p>We have a Responsible Investment Strategy and sustainability targets to ensure our investment portfolio continues to perform in line with the changing investor, regulatory and occupier demands and climate-related risks. This includes our pathway to net zero carbon, which is already influencing our approach to development and asset management.</p> <p>We measure, monitor and report on various sustainability metrics in our annual Responsibility Report and through our participation in the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark.</p> <p>Our investment strategy is always under review and updated annually. We adjust our risk profile based on our experience, and internal & external research on the market. The Investment Strategy is approved by the Investment Committee and the Board.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>▲ HIGH</p> <p>● MEDIUM</p> <p>▼ LOW</p>

Operational Risk

Details	Impact	Mitigation	Change to risk in last 12 months
Key person dependency - Failure to attract and retain appropriate corporate knowledge and skills	Inability to execute our business strategy.	<p>Staffing levels are regularly assessed, and resources increased as required.</p> <p>The Remuneration Committee is in place to assess staff performance. We offer highly competitive remuneration packages to our employees that are benchmarked annually.</p> <p>Our recruitment process is tailored to attract the best talent available.</p> <p>Staff performance is measured on a six-monthly basis to provide regular assessment.</p> <p>There is a plan in place to ensure adequate succession planning is regularly reviewed by the Board and the Remuneration Committee.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>▲ HIGH</p> <p>● MEDIUM</p> <p>● LOW</p>
Ongoing compliance with regulatory and legislative requirements	Failure to comply with regulatory requirements could result in reputational damage or regulatory issues.	<p>The Company continuously monitors new and existing legislation. This is a key part of the annual compliance plan.</p> <p>The Company engages with legal advisors to monitor the impact of any new, or changes to, existing legislation.</p> <p>The Company participates in industry groups to ensure awareness of new legislation planned or changes to existing legislation.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>▲ HIGH</p> <p>● MEDIUM</p> <p>▼ LOW</p>

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Cyber Risk	Disruption from external threat/event, cyber attack, or fraud.	<p>Business continuity and crisis management plans are reviewed and tested at least annually.</p> <p>We have external IT consultants who carry out regular testing and review of IPUT's systems. Internal controls and fraud prevention measures are in place.</p> <p>Staff training is provided on an annual basis to increase awareness on external fraud detection.</p> <p>IT security policies are reviewed and approved on an annual basis and communicated to all employees.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>↑ HIGH</p> <p>○ MEDIUM</p> <p>↓ LOW</p>

Property Portfolio Management Risk

Details	Impact	Mitigation	Change to risk in last 12 months
Occupier & Tenant Risk	Weaker occupier demand and increased tenant default could have an adverse impact on income and rental growth and a negative impact on capital values and our dividend payments.	<p>We monitor relevant leading indicators and engage with key market participants. We review the status of occupier demand and tenant default on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>The Property Management team engage with tenants who have difficulty in meeting their lease commitments and where appropriate, agree temporary or permanent rent abatements.</p> <p>We actively engage with occupiers to ensure spatial requirements are forecast adequately and any upgrades required to space are carried out in an efficient manner and to market leading standards.</p> <p>We have an overweight allocation to the office sector, which has historically been the best performing asset class in terms of income security.</p> <p>We have a diversified occupier base and we monitor our exposure to individual sectors and occupiers to ensure that we are not over-exposed to any occupier or sector.</p> <p>We endeavour to stagger our lettings to ensure there is no period when there are a high level of renewals or expiries which could potentially leave us exposed to periods of low occupier demand.</p> <p>We have a stringent vetting process to ensure occupier covenants are sufficiently strong and when deemed necessary we engage with third parties to carry out bespoke research on specific occupiers.</p> <p>We have a comprehensive programme in place that involves periodic monitoring of tenants which highlights any default issues.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>↑ HIGH</p> <p>○ MEDIUM</p> <p>↓ LOW</p>
Climate-related risks	Increased exposure to impacts of climate change such as extreme weather events that may reduce asset values and increase operational costs.	<p>We are proactive in building resilience into our portfolio to mitigate physical risks to our assets posed by climate change through how we design and operate our buildings. Our directly managed portfolio of assets is operated as efficiently as possible, with a focus on decarbonisation of operations and engaging with our occupiers. This also helps to reduce utility costs and stranding risk of individual assets.</p> <p>We address the transition risks associated with climate change by incorporating recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures and implementing our pathway to net zero carbon, which adopts a science-based approach to decarbonising our portfolio.</p> <p>There is a full-time Head of Sustainability and a Sustainability Manager in place responsible for the development and implementation of the IPUT Responsible Investment Strategy (RIS) to ensure we remain at the forefront of Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) best practice within the real estate industry.</p> <p>There are increasing regulatory requirements driven by the policy response to climate change and we will continue to comply with and integrate them into our business processes.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>↑ HIGH</p> <p>○ MEDIUM</p> <p>↓ LOW</p>

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Development Management Risk

Details	Impact	Mitigation	Change to risk in last 12 months
<p>Risk that development projects do not produce the targeted financial returns due to one or more of the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay on site • Increased construction costs • Adverse letting conditions 	<p>Targeted financial returns not reached.</p>	<p>Investment appraisals, which include contingencies and inflationary cost increases, are prepared and sensitivity analysis is undertaken to ensure that an adequate return is made in all likely circumstances. The procurement process used by the Company is designed to minimise uncertainty regarding costs and is in line with the Company's Supply Chain Standards.</p> <p>Development costs are benchmarked to ensure that the Company obtains competitive pricing and, where appropriate, fixed-price contracts are negotiated.</p> <p>Procedures carried out before starting work on site, such as site investigations, historical research of the property and surveys conducted as part of the planning application, reduce the risk of unidentified issues causing delays once on site.</p> <p>We are applying an internal carbon price to embodied carbon emissions from our development projects. This helps to prepare for expected carbon pricing on such projects.</p> <p>The Company's pre-letting strategy reduces or removes the letting risk of the development.</p> <p>The Company is aware of potential supply chain delays which may arise as a result of economic sanctions/materials shortages due to the ongoing political conflict in Ukraine and the Middle East. We work closely with our providers to mitigate the impact on project timelines.</p> <p>Detailed reviews are performed on construction projects to ensure that forecasts are aligned with our contractors.</p> <p>Post-completion reviews are carried out on all major developments to ensure that improvements to the Company's procedures are identified, implemented and lessons learned.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>↑ HIGH</p> <p>○ MEDIUM</p> <p>↓ LOW</p>

Financial & Liquidity Management

Details	Impact	Mitigation	Change to risk in last 12 months
<p>Liquidity - Portfolio assets are commercial property and are illiquid</p>	<p>Access to finance is restricted or not sufficient to redevelop existing portfolio assets. Insufficient funds to deal with share redemptions.</p>	<p>The Board receives quarterly reports on subscription and redemption activity/requests from the Administrator.</p> <p>By maintaining relationships with investors and prospective investors in the market, this proximity permits the senior management team to gauge and plan for redemption or investor demand. The Board seeks to maintain minimum cash balances of approximately 0.5% of the net asset value of the Fund.</p> <p>The senior management team receives quarterly market updates from economists and investment advisors with expertise in the European and Irish commercial property markets.</p> <p>Capital is monitored by our finance department on an ongoing basis. The revolving credit facilities are used to fund the development pipeline. The Fund has a loan-to-value ratio limit of 30% of its gross asset value as per the Fund Supplement.</p> <p>Redemptions are funded by new subscriptions where available and by the orderly disposal of assets. The Company has a minimum six-month notice period for the processing of redemptions. The settlement of redemptions is dependent on the liquidity of the Fund.</p> <p>We have a liquidity management policy, a repurchase policy and stress testing procedures in place. Stress testing is conducted on a quarterly basis.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>↑ HIGH</p> <p>○ MEDIUM</p> <p>↓ LOW</p>
<p>Investor Concentration – Over reliance on a single investor</p>	<p>Inability to implement business strategy.</p>	<p>We have continued to diversify our shareholder base in recent years to improve the liquidity of the Fund.</p> <p>By maintaining relationships with investors and prospective investors in the market, this proximity enables the senior management team to gauge and plan for redemptions or investor demand.</p> <p>There is a limit on shareholding of a single investor.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>↑ HIGH</p> <p>○ MEDIUM</p> <p>↓ LOW</p>

Market Risk

Details	Impact	Mitigation	Change to risk in last 12 months
Political changes domestically and internationally	<p>Political uncertainty, particularly with a General Election due to take place in Ireland by March 2025, could create an environment where investors and businesses are reluctant to make investment decisions.</p> <p>Ireland's attractiveness is negatively impacted.</p>	<p>Uncertainty relating to such events are regularly assessed and considered when reviewing and evaluating our investment strategy.</p> <p>We engage with relevant parties to ensure that we are properly briefed on upcoming policy changes and the regulatory implications of political events. These matters are brought to our Board's attention and where appropriate, we raise our concerns through relevant channels and advance our views on these issues.</p> <p>Our investment strategy is restricted to Ireland.</p> <p>The company continues to monitor the geopolitical risks such as ongoing conflicts in both Ukraine and the Middle East and the potential impact on both the global and Irish economy.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>▲ HIGH</p> <p>○ MEDIUM</p> <p>▼ LOW</p>
Dublin real estate market – Under performance of Dublin property relative to other investment sectors or asset classes	<p>Reduced shareholder returns.</p>	<p>Our investment strategy focuses on prime assets in Dublin which have historically outperformed the rest of Ireland over the long term, benefiting from strong occupier demand and investor appetite. This is continuously monitored at Investment Committee level and reviewed if necessary, as market conditions change.</p> <p>We are actively engaged with key market participants at all times, giving us first-hand knowledge of any market changes.</p> <p>The Company receives quarterly valuation reports from two independent third-party property valuers and the Board receives a quarterly investment report.</p> <p>Our Investment Committee meet quarterly to assess the risks and opportunities in the market and monitor how these impact on the execution of our strategy.</p> <p>Our investment strategy is always under review and updated annually. We adjust our risk profile based on our experience, and internal & external research on the market.</p>	<p>STABLE</p> <p>▲ HIGH</p> <p>○ MEDIUM</p> <p>▼ LOW</p>