# City of London Investment Group PLC Shareholder Presentations October 2019



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#### **Presentation Team**



#### **Thomas Griffith, Chief Executive Officer**

Tom was the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and COO of the firm before becoming the CEO in March 2019. Prior to joining City of London Group in 2000, Tom held various positions in the institutional client division of The Vanguard Group including roles as both a Client Relationship Manager and a Marketing Executive. In 1986 he obtained a bachelor's degree in Corporate Finance and Investment Management from the University of Alabama.



#### **Mark Dwyer, Chief Investment Officer**

Mark was the EM CEF CIO of the firm before becoming Group CIO in March 2019. He re-joined City of London in May 2012 and has over twenty years investment experience. Prior to re-joining the Group, Mark spent eight years with Banco Commercial Portuguese as a Director in the Asset Management department. Mark initially joined City of London in 1995 and was a Portfolio Manager based in the UK, followed by the US office. He established City of London's Singapore Office in 2000 where he spent two years. He holds a BA in economics and is a CFA Charterholder.



#### **Carlos Yuste, Head of Business Development**

Carlos is the Head of Business Development based in the Philadelphia office. Carlos rejoined CLIM in 2018, after pursuing other interests in the asset management field. Carlos originally joined CLIM in 2000, and was responsible for Business Development until 2015. Between 1994 and 1998 he worked as a Project Officer at the International Development Research Centre, which specializes in emerging markets research. He holds an MBA (Finance) from the Schulich School of Business, York University, an MA in Political Economy from Carleton University, and a Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of Ottawa.

## **Snapshot**

#### An established specialist, growing fund management group with:

- > \$5.3 billion (£4.3 billion) of funds under management at 30 September 2019
  - A stable institutional client base
- Offices in the US (East Coast and West Coast), London, Singapore and Dubai
  - Managing money using a team approach
- A leading CEF asset manager with a track record of outperformance over multiple market cycles
- Growth plans based on geographical/product diversification and an aversion to risk

... and an experienced, incentivised long-term team

## **Profitability**

- Income currently accrues at a weighted average rate of c75 basis points of FuM annually, net of third party commissions
- Current run-rate for operating profit, before profit-share at 30% and an estimated EIP charge at 5%, is ~£1.6 million per month based upon current FuM and US\$/£ exchange (1.23)
- Estimated unaudited post-tax profit for the three months ended 30 September 2019 ~£2.4 million, which compares to £2.2 million for the equivalent period to 30 September 2018

#### The Three Stakeholders

We believe that both our strategy and our objective should be to support the three stakeholders in our business:



Our responsibility is to keep these three stakeholders in balance - (avoid conflicts) and to ensure that each of their interests is safeguarded.

### Our Strategy and Objectives

- Increase FuM from long term institutional investors
  - City of London's client base is, and always has been, overwhelmingly institutional
- Outperformance
  - Our job as an active manager is to add value over and above a relevant benchmark through an investment cycle which we define as four to five years
- Keep costs down
  - We keep costs down because we believe that the assets over which we provide stewardship are, by definition, not ours but are owned by CLIG shareholders
- Retain Staff
  - As shareholders would expect, in a firm that has always used a partnership approach, there is a very long term view taken regarding remuneration
- Remain open in our dealing with shareholders, available and accountable
  - We recognise that our shareholders (as well as our clients) have trusted us with their money

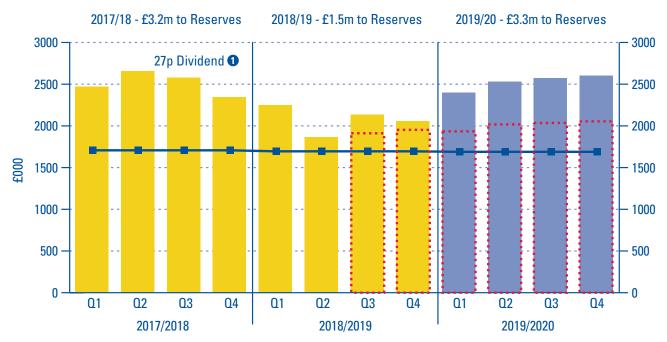
#### **Employee Incentive Plan (EIP)**

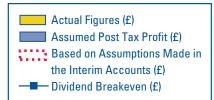
- It is an all employee plan, consistent with CLIG's team approach
- Strong employee take up, ~65%
- Shares will be purchased in the market, no dilution
- It is linked to the Group's risk adjusted profitability, hence performance related
- Will result in variable pay of cash and deferred shares
- Participation capped at 20% of individual annual bonus (may increase to 30% if headroom)
- Company will match participation
- Company contribution capped at 5% of pre-bonus, pre-tax operating profit until 2019/2020\*
- ► Thereafter the awards will fall within the 30% profit-share limit
- Awards of Restricted Shares (RSAs) will be granted after final dividend for the year
- RSAs will vest 1/3 each year over a three year period
- Awards that vest attract a dividend equivalent payment related to vesting period
- Termination before normal vesting date:
  - RSAs funded by waived bonus to be repaid at the lower of: value at date of grant or date of forfeiture
  - Company funded shares are forfeited upon termination except "good leavers" receive a pro-rated amount
- Clawback the same as applicable to bonus

<sup>\*</sup>Only in a year where the results support a minimum dividend payment of 24p

## **CLIM Template - Not a Specific Forecast\***







1 Interim dividend increased from 8p to 9p and final from 17p to 18p.

**Note**: Excludes unrealised gains on seed investments and the special dividend of 13.5p per share paid 22 March 2019.

#### **Key Assumptions:**

- Starting point Current FuM (June 2019)
- Net increase in 2019/2020 (straight-lined to June 2020):
  - emerging market CEF strategy zero
  - non-emerging market CEF strategies US\$250m
- Operating margin adjusted monthly for change in product mix and commission run-off
- Market growth: 0%
- Increase in overheads: 0%
- Increased "financing" cost due to IFRS16, net of interest income, £0.1m
- EIP charge: 5% of operating profit (final year)
- Corporation tax based on an estimated average rate of 21%
- Exchange rate assumed to be £1/\$1.27 for entire period
- Number of CLIG Shares in issue (26.6m) less those held by the Employee Benefit Trust (1.5m) as at 30 June 2019

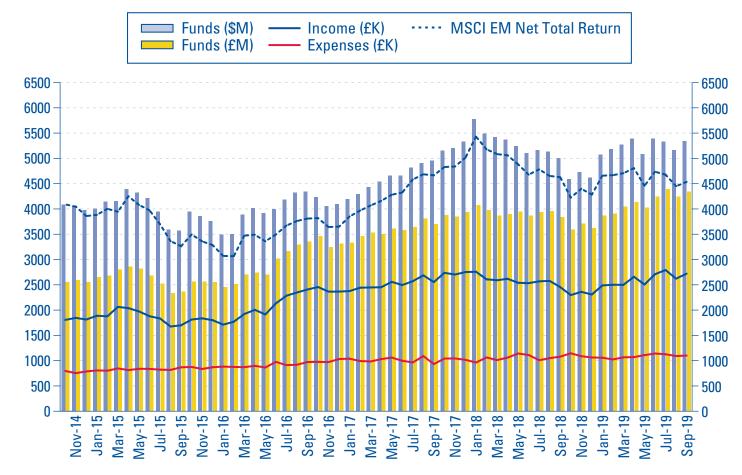
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<sup>\*</sup>Any forward-looking statements are based on certain factors and assumptions, which may prove incorrect, and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to future events, the Group's operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity.

### Relationship Between our Benchmark and FUM

#### **Rolling 60 Months Funds Under Management and Profitability**

(Excludes extraordinary items of income and expense)



Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: City of London Investment Management, MSCI

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## **Results Summary**

		30.06.18	31.12.18 (6 Months)	30.06.19
Funds under Managemen	t (at period end)	<b>\$</b> 5.1bn	\$4.6bn	<b>\$</b> 5.4bn
Turnover		£33.9m	£15.6m	£31.9m
Commissions payable		(£1.2m)	(£0.4m)	(£0.8m)
Administrative expenses		(£13.6m)	(£7.1m)	(£14.2m)
Interest income		£0.1m	£0.1m	£0.1m
Investment gains		£0.2m	£0.0m	£0.8m
Profit-share		(£6.1m)	(£2.6m)	(£5.6m)
EIP charge		(£0.5m)	(£0.4m)	(£0.8m)
Profit before tax		£12.8m	£5.2m	£11.4m
Profit after tax		£10.1m	£4.1m	£9.0m
Profit attributable to:	Non-controlling interests	-	-	£0.2m
	Equity shareholders	£10.1m	£4.1m	£8.8m
EPS:	Basic	39.5p	16.3p	34.9p
	Diluted	39.3p	15.9p	34.1p
Dividend:	Interim	9.0p		9.0p
	Special			13.5p
	Final	18.0p		18.0p*

<sup>\*</sup>The final dividend for 2019 is subject to approval.

## **Dividend History**

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	Per Share	Total (£ k)										
Interim	8p	2,010	8p	1,985	8p	1,997	8p	2,027	9p	2,295	9p	2,270
Final	<b>1</b> 6p	3,975	16p	3,985	16p	4,021	17p	4,331	18p	4,544	18p	4,505
Total	<b>24</b> p	5,985	<b>24</b> p	5,970	<b>24</b> p	6,018	<b>2</b> 5p	6,358	<b>27</b> p	6,839	<b>27</b> p	6,775
Profit attributable to shar	eholders	5,303		6,578		5,791		9,290		10,060		8,799
Cover Ratio		0.89		1.10		0.96		1.46		1.47		1.30
Special Dividend				_		_		_			13.5p	3,405

The final dividend to be paid in October 2019 is subject to approval.

#### **Income Statement**

	Year	Year	Year
£′000	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Fee income	31,294	33,931	31,933
Net interest (payable) / receivable	(34)	55	89
Finder's commission	(1,445)	(1,160)	(752)
Custody & administration	(881)	(1,164)	(1,327)
Total net income	28,934	31,662	29,943
Costs:			
Human resources	7,547	7,476	8,385
Premises	735	754	761
Communications & IT	1,881	1,953	1,990
Business development	518	578	583
General	1,159	1,704	1,200
Total costs	11,840	12,465	12,919
Operating profit	17,094	19,197	17,024
Gain on investments	116	209	805
Profit-share	(5,519)	(6,094)	(5,581)
EIP charge	(101)	(520)	(851)
Pre-tax profit	11,590	12,792	11,397
Tax	(2,449)	(2,732)	(2,352)
Post-tax profit	9,141	10,060	9,045
Profit attributable to:			
Non-controlling interest	(149)	0	246
Owners of the Company	9,290	10,060	8,799

Principally seed investments in own funds (including NCIs)
30% of operating profits (plus taxes).
New share scheme introduced 2016/17.
Maximum cost per annum capped at 5% of operating profit. This year 5% (2017/18: 3%)

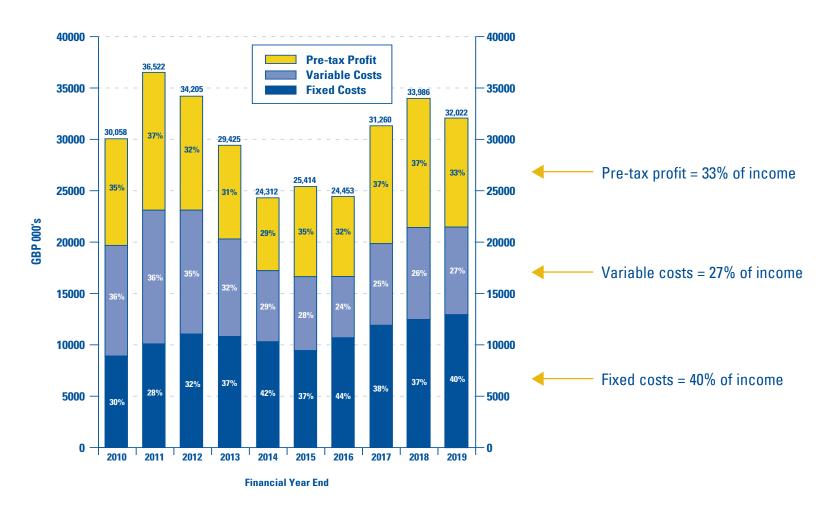
#### **Balance Sheet**

	30-Jun	30-Jun	30-Jun	
£′000	2017	2018	2019	
Investments	1,086	233	7,826	Principally seed investments in own funds (including NCIs
Fixed / Intangible assets	921	742	864	_
Cash	13,937	19,704	13,813	Significant cash balances and no borrowing.
Debtors & prepayments	5,858	5,833	5,979	
Creditors & accruals	(3,403)	(4,801)	(5,766)	Includes profit-share and EIP employee deductions
Current & deferred taxes	(318)	(245)	(429)	_
Net assets	18,081	21,466	22,287	_
Share capital/premium	2,525	2,525	2,522	
Retained earnings	19,070	22,537	19,954	
Capital redemption reserve	23	23	26	
FX reserve	109	88	94	Translation difference on US fixed/intangible assets
Fair value reserve	166	13	0	Unrealised gain on investments (now recognised through
	21,893	25,186	22,596	P&L due to adoption of IFRS9 1-Jul-18)
EBT investment	(4,356)	(4,699)	(5,029)	Investment in own shares via loan to Employee Benefit
Share option reserve	443	373	299	Trust, which is repaid to the company as options are exercised and EIPs vest
EIP reserve	101	606	1,015	exercised and EIPS vest
Total shareholders' funds	18,081	21,466	18,881	
Non-controlling interest	0	0	3,406	_
Total equity	18,081	21,466	22,287	_

## **Cash Flow**

	Year	Year	Year	
£'000	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
Pre-tax profit	11,590	12,792	11,397	
Less: Interest / investment income	(82)	(264)	(894)	
Adjustment for non-cash items	(124)	2,283	1,980	Depreciation/EIP charge/changes
Tax (paid) / recovered	(2,764)	(2,819)	(2,252)	in debtor & creditor balances/FX translation
Net interest income	(35)	55	89	
Operating cash flow	8,585	12,047	10,320	
Dividends	(6,048)	(6,626)	(10,219)	
Tangible asset investment	(485)	(137)	(421)	
Seed investments - net	1,075	978	(3,881)	Seed investments in own funds (net
Purchase of other investments	(156)	(152)	(21)	of NCIs)
Purchase of shares for cancellation	(128)	0	(1,166)	
Purchase of shares for the EBT	(190)	(981)	(1,235)	
Exercise of options	1,133	638	515	
Cash held in REIT funds	0	0	217	
Increase/(decrease) in cash	3,786	5,767	(5,891)	
Opening cash	10,151	13,937	19,704	_
Closing cash	13,937	19,704	13,813	

#### **Fixed Versus Variable Costs**



Note: Excludes extraordinary items of income and expense

#### **Financials – Exchange Rates**

#### Post-Tax Profit: Illustration of US\$/£ rate effect:

FUM \$bn:	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5			
US\$/£	Post-Tax, £m:							
1.10	8.7	10.4	12.2	13.9	15.7			
1.15	8.2	9.9	11.5	13.2	14.9			
1.20	7.7	9.3	10.9	12.5	14.1			
1.25	7.3	8.8	10.4	11.9	13.5			
1.30	6.9	8.4	9.9	11.4	12.8			

#### **Assumes:**

- 1. Average net fee 75 bps
- 2. Annual operating costs £5m plus US\$9m plus S\$1m (£1 = S\$1.7)
- 3. Profit-share 30%
- 4. EIP 5%
- 5. Average tax of 21%

Note: The above table is intended to illustrate the approximate impact of movement in US\$/£, given an assumed set of trading conditions. It is not intended to be interpreted or used as a profit forecast.

## **Philosophy - The Six Drivers**

- Focus on profits, margins, costs
- Investment performance drives our business
- Technology leverages our capabilities
- Aversion to risk in the management of our business
- Diversification based upon core competencies
- Proactive client servicing increases client retention

## **Investment Performance - Key Strengths**

- Excellent investment performance over 25 years
- Specialist investment expertise in Closed-End Funds Emerging Markets, Developed Markets, Frontier Markets and Opportunistic Value
- A proven risk averse culture and prudent investment process
- International presence and expertise
- Low turnover of staff and loyal client base

#### **Global View - Local Expertise**

- Offices in London (1991), US (Coatesville, 1995 and Seattle, 2015), Singapore (2000) and Dubai (2007)
- Of an Investment Team totalling twenty
  - Seventeen have been with CLIM for in excess of five years, of those fifteen have worked for CLIM for in excess of ten years
  - Fund managers have an average tenure of fourteen years
- Diverse staff over 20 languages or dialects spoken
  - Afrikaans

- Korean
- Arabic (7 dialects)
- Mandarin

Cantonese

Montenegrin

English

Portuguese

French

Punjabi

German

Spanish

Gujarati

Swedish

Italian

# Performance Global Emerging Markets SMA Composite

#### Annual Returns<sup>†</sup>: Calendar Years

	2004*	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019**	Inception*
Global EM SMA	+19.59%	+37.81%	+34.01%	+50.81%	-54.36%	+79.27%	+23.20%	-20.56%	+17.89%	+2.05%	+1.77%	-10.67%	+7.78%	+35.34%	-14.10%	+8.85%	+297.85%
S&P Super BMI	+22.73%	+41.83%	+25.60%	+46.41%	-55.11%	+76.12%	+20.86%	-19.17%	+18.28%	+0.32%	-0.87%	-12.39%	+9.65%	+36.40%	-14.65%	+5.99%	+244.64%
Out/Underperformance	-3.14%	-4.02%	+8.41%	+4.40%	+0.75%	+3.15%	+2.34%	-1.39%	-0.39%	+1.73%	+2.64%	+1.72%	-1.87%	-1.06%	+0.55%	+2.86%	+53.21%

The Global Emerging Markets SMA Composite contains \$167.7 million in assets, representing 2 segregated portfolios and represents approximately 3.1% of the total assets under City of London's management as at September 30, 2019. Returns are time weighted and are net of fees on a trade date valuation basis. Returns are quoted in US dollar terms. The benchmark was changed from the S&P Emerging BMI Plus on January 1, 2009 to better reflect the investment strategy of the Funds. The S&P Emerging BMI Plus was the successor index to the S&P/IFC Global Composite Index, the benchmark for the Funds prior to September 1, 2008, which has been discontinued. The current benchmark is the S&P Emerging Frontier Super Composite Net Total Return BMI (S&P Super BMI).

Source: City of London Investment Management, S&P

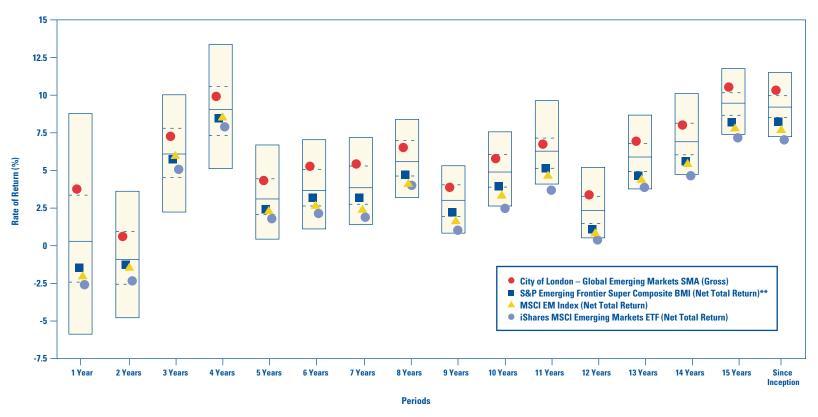
<sup>\*</sup>Inception February 2004

<sup>\*\*</sup>Values as at September 30, 2019.

<sup>†</sup>Net returns. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## Global Emerging Markets SMA Composite Ending September 30, 2019

#### **According to Evestment Alliance\***



<sup>\*75.1%</sup> of the universe has been updated through Quarter 3 2019. Inception February 2004.

Source: eASE Analytics System, S&P, MSCI, Bloomberg

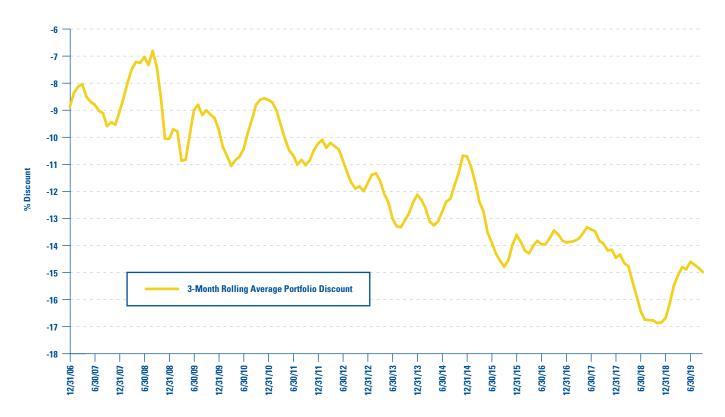
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#### **Representative Account\***

#### 3-Month Rolling Average Portfolio Discount

#### **December 2006 to September 2019**

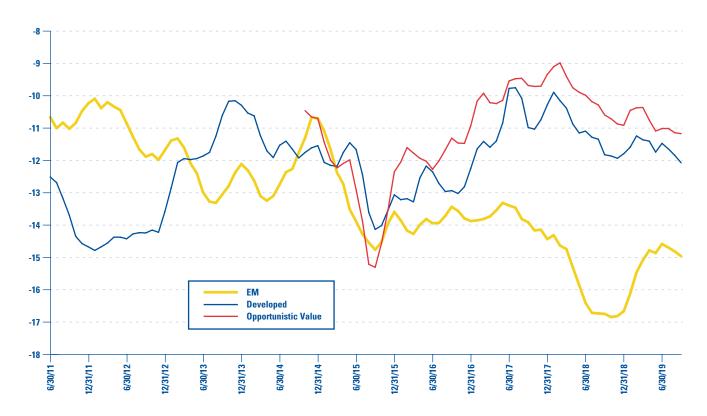


\*Representative Account within the Global Emerging Markets SMA Composite.

Source: City of London Investment Management

# Representative Accounts 3-Month Rolling Average Portfolio Discounts by Strategy

**June 2011 - September 2019** 



Source: City of London Investment Management

#### **Investment Performance - Process**

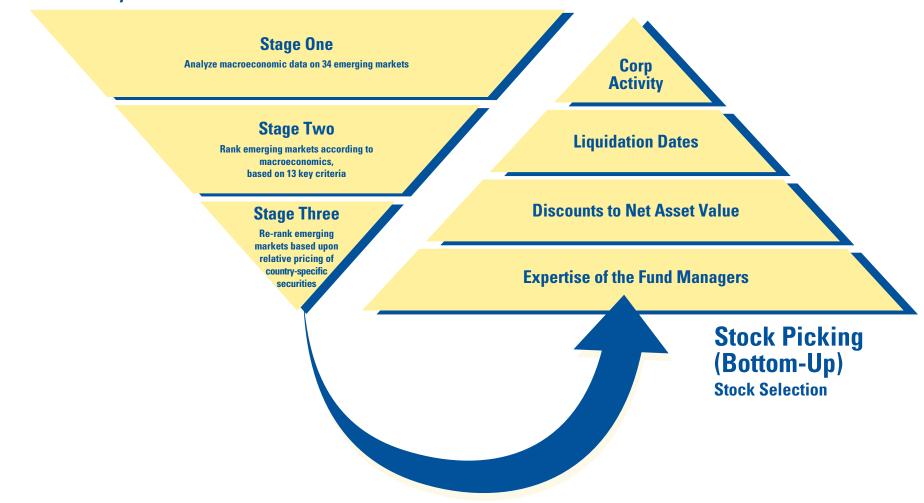
Quarterly Macroeconomic overview

- Analytical research on approximately 370 emerging market securities listed in 31 financial centres around the world
- Real-time monitoring of estimated NAVs
- Maintenance of proprietary database including fund performance data since inception
- Extensive manager due diligence

## The Investment Process (CEFs)

**Macro Process (Top-Down)** 

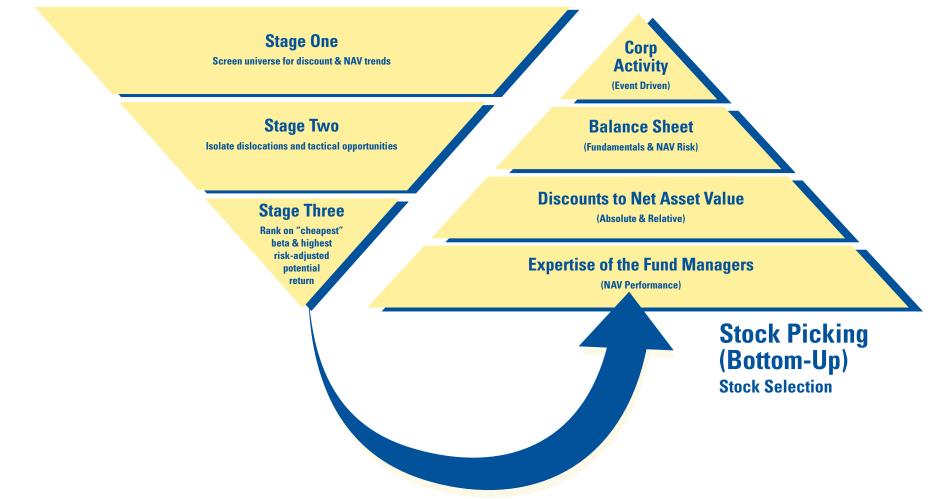
**Country Allocation** 



## The Investment Process (Customised CEF Solutions)

#### **Macro Process (Top-Down)**

**Dislocations & Opportunities** 



#### The Importance of Corporate Governance for Closed-End Funds

- Our long-standing views are captured in our "Statement on Corporate Governance and Proxy Voting Policy for Closed-End Funds"
  - First Published in 1999; currently in its Eleventh Edition
- CLIM Promotes Fully Independent Boards
  - · Duty to safeguard shareholders' interests
  - Negotiate competitive IMA terms
  - Oversee Manager performance including risk control
  - Effective discount management
  - Corporate activity protects Shareholder value
- ▶ Board initiatives over the last six years\* have returned significant value to investors

Open-Endings: \$8.5 billion

Tender Offers: \$2.8 billion

Capital Gains Distributions: \$1.7 billion

Liquidations: \$1.0 billion

• Total: \$14.0 billion

Source: City of London Investment Management

<sup>\*</sup> Includes transactions announced for 2019

#### The Importance of Corporate Governance for Closed-End Funds

	0 + 10		Universe Reduction (millions)
Damille Investments Ltd	Oct-13	Liquidated	\$55.0
MS India Investment Fund Inc	Nov-13	Tender Offer for 10% of shares outstanding at 98.5% of NAV	\$33.8
Fondul Proprietatea*	Nov-13	Tender Offer for 4.4% of shares outstanding at 85% of NAV	\$180.0
Pu Hui Fund	Dec-13	Open Ended	\$306.5
Advance Developing Markets Trust	Dec-13	Tender Offer for 10% of shares outstanding at 99% of FAV	\$30.0
Aberdeen EM Smaller Cos. Opportunities Fund	Feb-14	Capital Gains Distribution of 38% of NAV	\$49.7
Thai Fund Inc	Feb-14	Capital Gains Distribution of 39.5% of NAV	\$108.0
Fubon Fund	Feb-14	Open Ended	\$156.0
India Fund Inc	Apr-14	Tender Offer for 15% of shares outstanding at 98% of NAV	\$128.0
MS Asia Pacific Fund	Apr-14	Tender Offer for 20% of shares outstanding at 98.5% of NAV	\$63.4
Tong Yi Fund	Apr-14	Open Ended	\$324.9
Tai He Fund	Apr-14	Open Ended	\$338.5
Jing Hong Fund	Apr-14	Open Ended	\$290.5
Han Sheng Fund	Apr-14	Open Ended	\$323.5
Prosperity Voskhod	May-14	Compulsory partial redemption of shares at NAV	\$50.0
An Shun Fund	May-14	Open Ended	\$513.2
Xing He Fund	May-14	Open Ended	\$445.6
DPF India Opportunities Fund	Jun-14	Open Ended	\$85.0
Advance Developing Markets Trust	Jun-14	Tender Offer for 10% of shares outstanding at 99% of NAV	\$27.3
Lazard World Trust Fund	Jun-14	Tender Offer for 15% of shares outstanding at 98% of FAV	\$29.6
Yu Long Fund	Jun-14	Open Ended	\$403.9
Pu Feng Fund	Jun-14	Open Ended	\$392.0
Tian Yuan Fund	Jul-14	Open Ended	\$456.0
Jin Xin Fund	Nov-14	Open Ended	\$546.4
Tong Sheng Fund	Dec-14	Open Ended	\$549.3
Fondul Proprietatea*	Dec-14	Tender Offer for 6% of shares outstanding at a fixed price equivalent to a 6.5% discount	\$234.0
Templeton Dragon Fund Inc	Dec-14	Capital Gains Distribution of 15% of NAV	\$129.1
Prosperity Voskhod	Jan-15	Compulsory partial redemption of shares at NAV	\$25.5
Han Xing Fund	Jan-15	Open Ended	\$490.8
Jing Fu Fund	Jan-15	Open Ended	\$506.3
Pacific Alliance Asia Opportunity Fund	Jan-15	Share buyback at 5% discount to Dec month-end NAV	\$29.5
Thai Fund Inc	Jan-15	Capital Gains Distribution of 26% of NAV	\$44.3
Morgan Stanley Eastern Europe Fund Inc	Mar-15	Liquidated	\$51.1

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes security with conditional discount control mechanism.

Source: City of London Investment Management

#### The Importance of Corporate Governance for Closed-End Funds (Continued)

Fund	Date	Corporate Action	Universe Reduction (millions)
Templeton Dragon Fund	Sep-15	Capital Gains Distribution of 10% of NAV	\$80.5
Morgan Stanley China A Share Fund	Sep-15	Capital Gains Distribution of 15% of NAV	\$105.0
Templeton Russia Fund	Nov-15	Liquidated	\$55.1
Korea Fund Inc	Dec-15	Capital Gains Distribution of 10% of NAV	\$32.2
Morgan Stanley China A Share Fund	Dec-15	Capital Gains Distribution of 26% of NAV	\$186.4
Templeton Dragon Fund	Dec-15	Capital Gains Distribution of 8% of NAV	\$60.2
Qatar Investment Fund*	Dec-15	Tender Offer for 14% of shares outstanding at 99% of FAV	\$25.0
HSBC China Dragon Fund*	Feb-16	Tender Offer for 20% of shares outstanding at 99.6% of NAV	\$52.0
Fondul Proprietatea*	Jul-16	Tender Offer for 5.2% of shares outstanding at RON 0.842 per share	\$121.0
HSBC China Dragon Fund*	Aug-16	Tender Offer for 20% of shares outstanding at 99.6% of NAV	\$44.0
Tong Qian Fund	Aug-16	Open Ended	\$281.4
Templeton Dragon Fund	Sep-16	Capital Gains Distribution of 6% of NAV	\$53.5
Fenghe Fund	Mar-17	Open Ended	\$438.9
Great Wall Jiujia Fund	Mar-17	Open Ended	\$279.2
Fondul Proprietatea*	Mar-17	Special dividend paid at RON 0.05 per share	\$120.0
Fondul Proprietatea*	Mar-17	Tender Offer for 6.4% of shares outstanding at RON 0.91 per share	\$150.8
Hong Yang Fund	Mar-17	Open Ended	\$291.1
Ke Rui Fund	Mar-17	Open Ended	\$367.5
HSBC China Dragon Fund*	Apr-17	Tender offer for 20% of shares outstanding at 99.8% of NAV	\$39.0
JPMorgan China Region Fund	May-17	Liquidated	\$108.8
Korea Equity Fund	May-17	Liquidated	\$86.4
Korea Fund Inc	May-17	Tender offer for 10% of shares outstanding at 98% of NAV	\$28.3
Invesco Asia Trust*	Aug-17	Tender offer for 15% of shares outstanding at 98% of FAV	\$48.0
Templeton Dragon Fund	Sep-17	Capital Gains Distribution of 7.5% of NAV	\$58.5
MS India Investment Fund	Dec-17	Capital Gains Distribution of 10% of NAV	\$61.7
MS China A Share Fund	Dec-17	Capital Gains Distribution of 4.2% of NAV	\$25.9
India Fund Inc	Dec-17	Capital Gains Distribution of 8.9% of NAV	\$79.6
Turkish Investment Fund	Dec-17	Liquidated	\$39.7
HSBC China Dragon Fund*	Jan-18	Tender offer for 20% of shares outstanding at 99.7% of NAV	\$36.1
Thai Fund Inc	Jan-18	Liquidated	\$126.0
Fondul Proprietatea*	Feb-18	Tender offer for 13% of shares outstanding at RON 0.935 per share	\$225.0
Huaan Zhizeng Selected Flexible Mixed Fund	Mar-18	Open Ended	\$185.0

Source: City of London Investment Management

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes security with conditional discount control mechanism.

#### The Importance of Corporate Governance for Closed-End Funds (Continued)

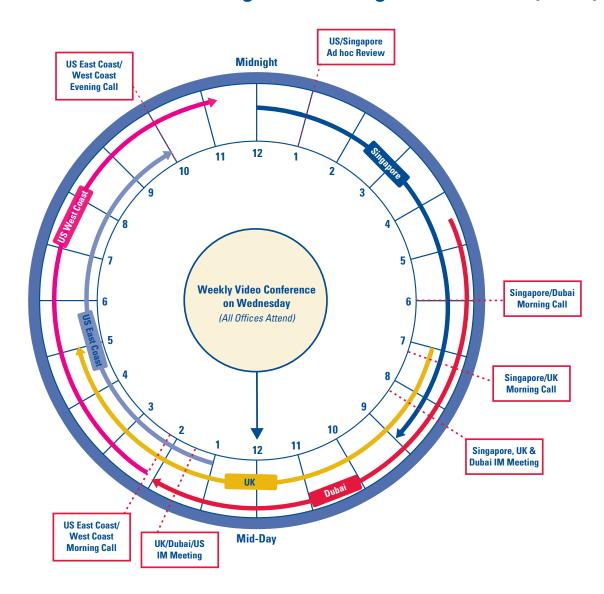
Fund	Date	Corporate Action	Universe Reduction (millions)
Aberdeen Emerging Markets Investment Company	Apr-18	Tender offer for 10% of shares outstanding at 96.5% of NAV	\$42.3
Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	Jun-18	Capital Gains & Special Cash Distributions of 9% of NAV	\$97.2
MS India Investment Fund	Jun-18	Capital Gains Distribution of 7% of NAV	\$31.2
Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	Jun-18	Tender Offer for 32% of NAV	\$224.9
HSBC China Dragon Fund*	Jul-18	Tender offer for 20% of shares outstanding at 99.8% of NAV	\$26.0
Templeton Dragon Fund	Aug-18	Capital Gains Distribution of 6% of NAV	\$47.5
Genesis Emerging Markets Fund	Sep-18	Tender offer for 10% of shares outstanding at 96.5% of NAV	\$133.0
Latin American Discovery Fund	Sep-18	Liquidated	\$80.0
MS India Investment Fund	Dec-18	Capital Gains Distribution of 18% of NAV	\$52.2
India Fund Inc	Dec-18	Capital Gains Distribution of 7% of NAV	\$45.9
BlackRock Emerging Europe	Dec-18	Liquidated	\$104.3
MS Asia Pacific Fund	Dec-18	Open Ended	\$220.3
Vietnam Holding Ltd	Dec-18	Tender offer for 15% of shares outstanding at 98% of FAV	\$27.5
Edinburgh Dragon Trust	Jan-19	Tender offer for 30% of shares outstanding at 98% of FAV	\$288.0
China Fund Inc	Jan-19	Tender offer for 30% of shares outstanding at 99% of NAV	\$89.3
Asia Pacific Fund	Feb-19	Liquidated	\$136.4
Yinhua Mingze Fund	Feb-19	Open Ended	\$52.3
MS Emerging Markets Fund Inc	Mar-19	Open Ended	\$232.0
Lazard World Trust Fund	Mar-19	Liquidated	\$135.0
Caitong Fuxin Fund	Apr-19	Open Ended	\$44.3
Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	Jun-19	Tender offer for 15% of shares outstanding at 98% of NAV	\$70.0
Fondul Proprietatea	Aug-19	Tender offer for 150m shares at RON 1.21 per share	\$41.7
Templeton Dragon Fund	Sep-19	Capital Gains Distribution of 7.5% of NAV	\$37.0
Other		Multiple transactions < \$25m between Oct 2013 - Sep 2019	\$489.7
			Total as of 30-Sep-2019 (millions)
			<b>\$13,995</b>
Terra Capital*	2019	Liquidation	\$60.0
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Projected Total (millions) \$14,055

Source: City of London Investment Management

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes security with conditional discount control mechanism.

#### Communication and the 24 Hour Trading and Management Clock (GMT)



Plus:

- Emails
- Blogs
- Intranet
- Video Conference

#### **ESG** - Environmental, Social and Governance

- CLIM is a signatory to Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and UK Stewardship Code
- For Shareholders
  - Environmental initiatives introduced with respect to carbon footprint, waste reduction, recycling and energy efficiency
  - Social sphere encompasses employee welfare and development and community support
  - Highest standards of Governance applied to all business dealings and employee conduct
  - Measurement and tracking via Annual Report
  - Objective is to apply ESG principles within existing CLIM framework
- For Clients
  - Using Sustainalytics research to incorporate ESG into the investment process
  - Measuring the ESG characteristics of CEF portfolios vs relevant benchmarks
  - Encourage better transparency of ESG characteristics from CEFs
  - Objective remains to deliver superior investment performance no alteration to the CLIM investment process

#### **Investment Performance - Valuation Drivers**

- China is rebalancing
- EMs have significant Foreign Exchange Reserves
- EMs trade at low (11.9x) forward (12 months) P/Es\*
- Currencies are generally not now pegged to the US\$
- Increasing intra EM trade
- Commodity prices have stabilised
- Politics and Protectionism remain key

\*Source: MSCI, Bloomberg (30 September 2019)

#### **Use of Technology - Investment Management**

- CoL has consistently sought to introduce integrated technology solutions:
  - DART A custom research database with improved performance and functionality from its predecessor
  - The use of Charles River allows for significant economies of scale
  - Development of internal programming capabilities
- This supports:
  - Focus on relative investment performance
  - Five centre team approach, which allows 24 hour trading, reduces risk and assists with disaster recovery
  - Consistent improvement in investment process via use of training and technology
  - Investment performance achieved with low volatility vs. benchmarks
  - Introduction of multiple dashboards used for review/analysis of data

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## **Use of Technology - Marketing/Client Servicing/Performance & Attribution**

- This allows...
  - CRM database to track marketing opportunities with client prospects and consultants
  - Client servicing database client data including performance
  - Proprietary attribution database
    - (country allocation / currency / NAV performance / discount moves)
  - Investment operations across international offices, 24 hours a day
  - FIX trade messaging

#### **Aversion to Risk**

- Business
  - Relative-return fees provide more stable revenues than absolute-return performance fees
  - New offices need to become profit centres
- Counterparty
  - No stock lending
  - Comprehensive counterparty review semi-annually
  - All trades cash against delivery
  - CLIM does not handle client monies (all CoL fund assets held by custodians and are audited)
  - No bad debts

...risk management needs to be part of a company's culture

#### **Growth Plans**

- Increase range of investment markets to be covered, building upon our core expertise
- Diversification products now approximately 24% of AUM
  - Developed Closed-End Funds
  - Customised CEF Solutions
  - Frontier Markets
  - Opportunistic Value
- Hired an experienced REIT team. EM and International REIT Funds launched January 2019.
- Recruiting, encouraging and retaining team talent
- Actively seeking acquisition opportunities

...while maintaining low risk profile and lean cost base

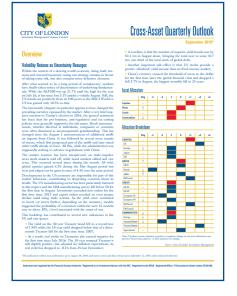
#### **Economies of Scale**

- Macro Products
  - Frontier Markets
  - Developed Markets
  - Emerging Markets
  - Cross Assets



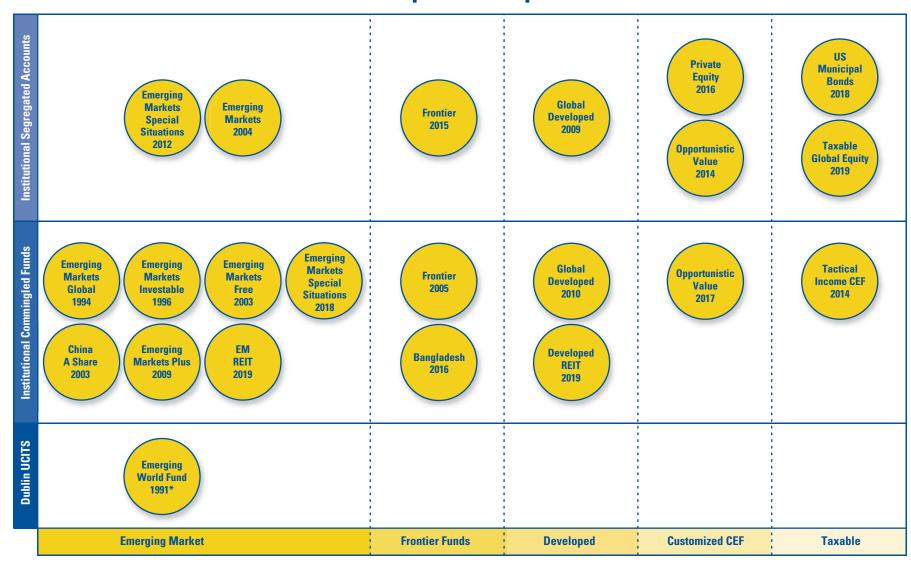






... Significant economies of scale.

#### **Business Diversification Product Map as of September 2019**



\*Formerly Emerging Markets Country Trust

### **Client Accounts**

	30/6/2015 (\$m)	30/6/2016 (\$m)	30/6/2017 (\$m)	30/6/2018 (\$m)	30/6/2019 (\$m)	30/9/2019 (\$m)
European Accounts:						
World Markets Umbrella Fund	105	108	145	150	127	122
Segregated accounts	49	71	69	60	63	56
Total	154	179	214	210	190	178
US Accounts:						
Commingled products - EM CEFs	2,266	1,952	2,160	2,264	2,312	2,259
Segregated accounts - EM CEFs	1,168	1,230	1,560	1,494	1,405	1,325
Emerging Markets Plus	40	36	68	61	63	60
Developed CEF	78	51	154	437	700	821
Frontier Markets	103	127	172	245	206	186
Opportunistic Value	104	121	110	174	233	244
Other US Accounts (China, PE, REIT)	96	138	62	63	105	90
Total	3,855	3,655	4,287	4,738	5,024	4,985
Other accounts:	202	171	160	159	183	181
Total FUM	4,211	4,005	4,661	5,107	5,396	5,344

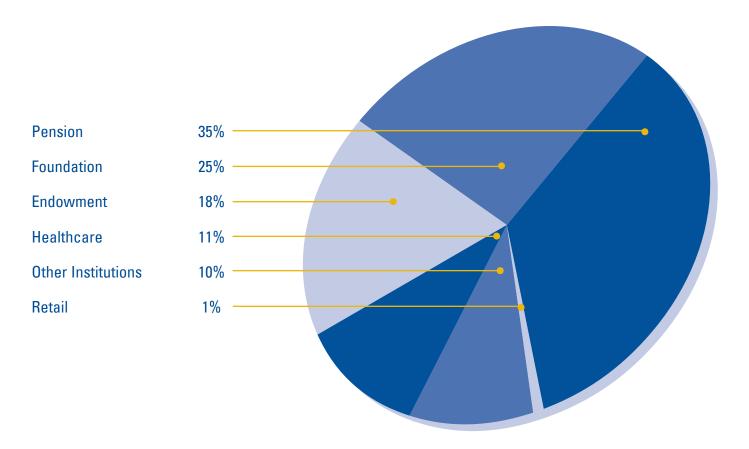
# **Assets by Strategy**

	Funds Under Management (\$mn)				Strategy Index		
	Sep-19 (estimate)	Jun-19	% inc / dec	Net Flows		% inc / dec	
Emerging	4,058	4,221	-3.9%	(12)	MSCI EM	-4.2%	
Developed	849	729	16.5%	142	MSCI ACWI x US	-1.8%	
Opportunistic Value	245	233	5.2%	10	ACWI/Barclays Global Agg	0.4%	
Frontier	186	206	-9.7%	-	S&P Frontier 150	-5.6%	
Total FUM*	5,338	5,389		140			

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes seed investments.

# Client Type\*

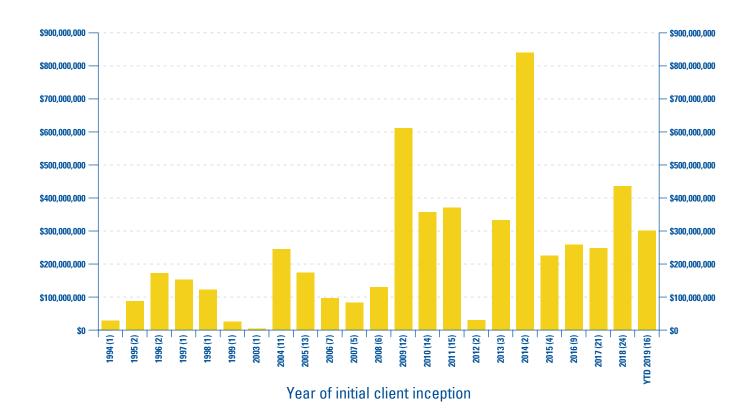
#### As a Percentage of Total Assets (%)



\*As at 30 September 2019

#### **Client Tenure\***

The graph below shows the length of time that clients have been invested with us.



\*As at 30 September 2019

## **Financial Calendar**

	2019-20
AGM	21-0ct-2019
Final Dividend Payment	29-Oct-2019
Start of Close Period	2-Jan-2020
2nd Quarter FUM Announcement	14-Jan-2020
Half Year Results, Interim Dividend Announcement & End of Close Period	17-Feb-2020
Interim Ex-Dividend Date	5-Mar-2020
Interim Dividend Record Date	6-Mar-2020
Interim Dividend Payment	. 20-Mar-2020
3rd Quarter FUM Announcement	21-Apr-2020
Year End	30-Jun-2020

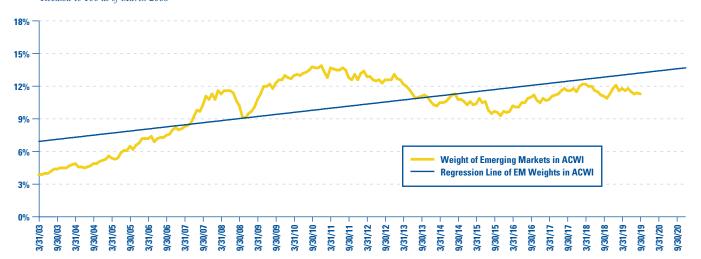
#### **History**

- ▶ 1989 Established as part of Olliff & Partners, stockbrokers
- ▶ 1991 Launched first fund, Emerging Markets Country Trust, a UK unit trust
- ▶ 1995 Launched first US fund The Emerging Markets Country Fund
  - US office opened on East coast
- 1997 Stockbroking activities discontinued
- 2000 Singapore office opened
- **2006** Admission to AIM
- **2007** Dubai office opened
- 2009 Launch of Developed CEF Strategy
- 2010 Admission to official list (premium segment)
- **2012** Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors (QFII) scheme in China
- 2013 Additional quota granted to Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors (QFII) scheme in China
- 2015 Opened West Coast (US) office and appointed an additional marketer
- **2019** Launch of EM and International REIT funds

#### Relationship Between MSCI Emerging Markets Index & MSCI All Country World Index\*



Rebased to 100 as of March 2003



\*Index returns subject to change due to restatements by index vendors in the historical index levels.

Source: City of London Investment Management, Bloomberg, MSCI

### **Shareholders**

#### As at 30 September 2019

	%	
Barry Olliff	7.6%	
Other Directors, Staff & EBT	9.6%	
Subtotal	17.2%	
BlackRock	10.1%	
Canaccord Genuity Group Inc	5.0%	
Eschaton Opportunities Fund Management LP	4.8%	
Polar Capital	4.1%	
Other	58.8%	
Total	100.0%	

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