

# The Local Authorities' Property Fund

Fund fact sheet - 30 September 2024

## Investment objective

The fund aims to provide a high level of income and capital growth over the long term (defined as 5 years).

## Investment policy

The fund is an actively managed, diversified portfolio of UK commercial property. It will principally invest in UK commercial properties, but may invest in other assets, which may be either liquid or illiquid in nature.

The fund may also invest some of its assets in instruments that are easier to buy and sell to maintain appropriate levels of liquidity. Instruments used for this purpose may include cash and near-cash, participation notes, UK real estate investment trusts, regulated or unregulated investment funds, and loan notes.

The fund is managed in line with CCLA's responsible property investment policy, which you can read in the policies and reports section on our website.

## **Target investors**

The fund is designed for local authorities looking for exposure to UK commercial property for their long-term investments.

### Independent governance

The trustee is the Local Authorities' Mutual Investment Trust, a body controlled by members and officers appointed by the Local Government Association, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee, the Welsh Local Government Association and investors in the fund.

#### Who can invest?

Any local authority in the United Kingdom.

#### Income

Gross dividend yield (see note 1) 5.21%
MSCI/AREF UK Other Balanced OpenEnded Quarterly Property Fund Index yield 4.16%
Note 1: Based on the fund's net asset value and historic annual dividend of 14.39 pence per unit.

## **Fund update**

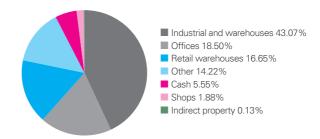
Over the quarter the Fund's total return was +1.4% compared with a return on the comparator benchmark of +1.1%. Over the past 12 months the Fund returned +2.2% compared to the comparator benchmark return of +1.4%.

Commercial property prices returned to growth in the third quarter, alongside the income that had made up most of this year's returns. This turnaround benefited the majority of sectors (industrial, retail warehouse, etc.) but performance differed between sectors. Rental growth continued, including in the office sector, where the supply of grade A offices refurbished to a high specification dwindled. Buyers and sellers across the country remained in cautious mood, however, so transaction volumes remained below their five-year and 10-year averages.

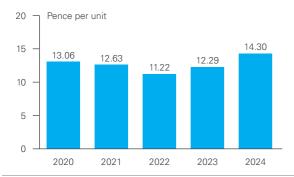
We manage the fund actively, with the aim of providing income and long term capital growth. During the quarter, the fund concluded new leases on three office buildings, in London and Edinburgh. Two leases expired, in Solihull and Leeds and the fund sold one warehouse unit, in Ellesmere Port at a premium to valuation.

In August, the Bank of England cut its Official Bank Rate for the first time in four years, from 5.25% to 5.00%. More recently, the Bank's governor stated that it could be "a bit more aggressive" in its two remaining meetings this year, depending on inflation. If bond yields fall as well, property prices may continue to recover for the remainder of 2024. We expect any such recovery to be uneven, however, with good performance in the industrial and retail sectors.

## **Asset allocation at 30 September 24**



#### 12 month distributions to 31st March:



Total return performance by year					
12 months to 30 September	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
The Local Authorities' Property Fund	-2.70%	+15.52%	+14.59%	-14.41%	+2.18%
Comparator benchmark	-2.75%	+12.94%	+13.30%	-14.52%	+1.36%
Annualised total return performance					
<b>Annualised total return performance</b> Performance to 30 September 2024	1 year		3 years		5 years
	1 year +2.18%		3 years +0.07%		5 years +2.41%

Performance shown after management fees and other expenses. The comparator benchmark is MSCI/AREF UK Other Balanced Open-Ended Quarterly Property Fund Index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Source: CCLA

## Top 10 holdings at 30 September 24 – Total 36.65%

London, Beckton Retail Park London, Kean Street London, Goodman's Yard London, Pickett's Lock London, Palace House Coventry, Torrington Avenue Leeds, 27 Industrial Estate Bolton, Wingates Bristol, Gallagher Retail Park Huntingdon, DHL Cardinal

#### **Key facts**

Manager CCLA Fund Managers Limited Investment Manager CCLA Investment Management Limited £1,032m Fund size Number of holdings 66

Income units 294.67 pence

Offer (buying) price Net asset value 276.04 pence Bid (selling) price 271.76 pence Launch date 18 April 1972 Income Unit type £25,000 Minimum initial investment

£10.000 Minimum subsequent investment

Dealing day Month-end valuation date (see note 2) **SEDOL** 0521664

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Dividend payment dates Last business day of January, April, July, and October

Annual management charge (taken from income) 0.65%

Fund management fee (FMF) 0.73% (see note 3) PRIIPs other ongoing costs 0.73% (see note 4)

Note 2: Dealing instructions for the purchase of units must be received by 5pm on the business day before the valuation date. Whilst units can be sold on each monthly dealing date, all redemption requests are currently subject to a minimum notice period of 6 months (this may be reduced to 90 days at the manager's discretion) and will therefore be processed on the next available dealing day following expiry of the notice period.

Note 3: The FMF includes the annual management charge and other costs and expenses of operating and administering the fund, such as depositary, custody,

Note 4: The packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) other ongoing costs include the FMF and, where relevant, synthetic charges. Synthetic charges are the effect that costs incurred as a result of investment in relevant underlying funds or similar investments have on the fund. The PRIIPs other ongoing costs do not include transaction costs. For more information on costs, including transaction costs, please see the fund's key information

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