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UK Mortgages Limited is a LSE-quoted listed closed-ended fund managed by TwentyFour Asset Management LLP.

### Commentary

#### Mortgage and Housing Market

Housing and mortgage market statistics are beginning to show a more mixed picture as we approach year-end, with the Stamp Duty relief period due to finish at the end of March 2021. The Government has confirmed there are no plans to extend the deadline, and time has probably run out to complete any purchases not already agreed.

With the market set to exceed one million sales this year according to Savills, the average house price up by over £15,000 between June and November according to Halifax, and the value of new mortgage commitments at a 13-year high according to the Bank of England, the year is ending on a high. However, RICS tempered their 21-year-high house price data by reporting 21% of respondents in their monthly survey have a negative expectation for the year ahead, and home.co.uk reported a 0.6% dip in prices for England and Wales in its December report, though it welcomed this current sense of caution on vendors' behalf as reducing the chances of larger corrections through next year. In fact, Rightmove predicted a 4% growth rate for 2021 as the official UK HPI showed annual growth at 5.3% to October and average house prices at a new record high of £245,000, though Halifax has warned (with a high level of uncertainty) prices could fall 5% in 2021, partially reversing the 7.6% growth it has seen in the last 12 months.

#### RMBS Market

Primary UK RMBS supply has now come to an end for the year with just one publicly placed deal in the last month, and that being a risk mitigation deal from a large UK clearing bank offering only mezzanine bonds, rather than a traditional funding transaction.

Overall, UK RMBS issuance in 2020 has been dominated by non-bank specialist lenders, with the mainstream banks notable for their near absence since the pandemic began, which is not unexpected given the ongoing funding mechanisms still available to them – the recent extension of the BoE's TFSME scheme until October 2021 suggests next year won't be any different.

As a result, spreads in secondary markets have continued to grind slowly tighter, though we remain wary of broader macro challenges, in particular the still unresolved Brexit trade deal and the potential for further restrictions both by severity and duration due to the coronavirus pandemic.

## **Fund Commentary**

The number of borrowers taking payment holidays continues to dwindle to de-minimis levels, with only a handful of borrowers taking up new or extended deferrals before the prolonged deadline for new requests comes to an end in January. Exposure in the combined TML owner-occupied portfolios fell again to just 1.55% in early December, from a peak in June of over 40%, while in the CHL BTL pool just 28 loans are now deferring payments from a pool of over 4,000 and Keystone now have no payment deferrals at all.

Meanwhile, the Fund's EGM on December 4 showed overwhelming approval with 80.5% in favour of the board's proposals for a revised mandate with a focus on increasing dividend cover and enhancing liquidity and returns.

As a result, the portfolio managers will continue to finalise preparations for the securitisation of the Keystone portfolio once the origination of the pool has been completed. Potential investors are well set following the non-deal roadshow and the investor due diligence session held over the last few months, which both saw strong investor attendance and subsequent encouraging feedback. With RMBS markets in good shape and an encouraging technical picture for the sector, such a deal, particularly given the portfolio's outstanding loan performance through the COVID-19 disruption, should attract strong demand, subject of course to timing as well as prevailing macro conditions.

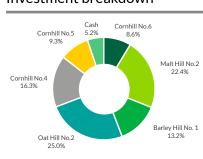
## Investment Outlook

The ABS market overall approaches the year-end in a relatively stable position. The primary market is done for 2020 and the focus now starts to shift towards the issuance pipeline for next year. Most market analysts suggest an increase overall for 2021, though this being from the reduced levels seen this year due to the shutdown during the first lockdown. This is also tempered by the technical factors still at play for UK banks, which will temper if not entirely suspend issuance from that sector, and should be supportive for spread performance across the whole UK RMBS market in the absence of any unexpected meaningful new supply.

Fundamental performance has been robust despite the unparalleled shock from the pandemic, and the rapid fiscal support measures have played their part across all markets. With rate of payment holidays diminishing to insignificant levels, so has the level of serious credit risk in the sector.

Buy-to-Let			Owner Occupied		
Purchased			Forward Flow Originated		
Cornhill 6	Malt Hill 2	Oat Hill 1	Cornhill 4	Barley Hill 1	Cornhill 5
Coventry Building Society	Coventry Building Society	Capital Home Loans	Keystone Property Finance	The Mortgage Lender	The Mortgage Lender
£155m	£333m	£474m	£316m*	£152m	£236m*
858	1,915	3,713	1,457*	894	1,209*
£181k	£174k	£128k	£217k	£170k	£196k
61.92%	60.18%	62.64%	71.62%	64.14%	70.15%
2.34%	2.71%	1.37%	3.41%	4.19%	3.88%
186	211	112	264	276	307
64	46	166	10	27	11
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## Investment breakdown



as at 30/11/2020

<sup>1.</sup> Dividend guidance in this factsheet is a target only and not a profit forecast and there can be no assurance that this target will be met.

<sup>\*</sup> from February 2020, pipeline has been excluded and figure refers to completed loans only as at 30/11/2020

## **Fund Facts**

Closed-ended Investment Scheme LSE Specialist Fund Market

ISA & SIPP Eligible: Yes

7th July 2015 £denominated

As of the last business day of each month

Daily during LSE opening hours Quarterly from April 2016

£146.2mn 232mn 63.00p 81.14p

NAV per Share (inc Dividend):\* 107.39n

-22.36%

Source: TwentyFour Asset Management. \* as at 31/10/2020

## Glossary

Asset Backed Securities Bank of England BTL: Buy-to-Let

Capital Home Loans Extraordinary General Meeting Monetary Policy Committee CHL: EGM:

MPC: RICS: Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors RMRS. Residential Mortgage Backed Securities Term Funding Scheme with additional incentives for SMEs TESME:

TML: The Mortgage Lender

# **Trading Information**

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## Investment Objective

The Company aims to provide Shareholders with stable income returns through low leveraged exposure to portfolios of loans secured against UK residential property.

## Investment Policy

The Company's investment policy is to invest in a diversified portfolio of UK residential mortgages

- The Company will purchase legacy portfolios with strong observable performance histories or new portfolios with robust underwriting standards  $\,$
- Primary origination mechanism may also be put in place
  Leverage will be used, initially via a banking facility, before fully securitized term structure put in place

This is only a summary; details of the Company's investment policy, including investment restrictions, are set out in the Prospectus.

#### IFRS 9

With regards to IFRS 9 – the company has been reporting its results in accordance with IFRS 9 since 1 July 2018. When making future loss provisions under IFRS 9 the low level of historic defaults in the UK mortgage sector and the credit protection afforded by the low LTV of the loans within our portfolio is factored into our provision calculations, along with the recent addition of mortgage payment holidays. The unaudited impact of IFRS 9 has been calculated at 0.92% on the Fund's NAV, for the 30 June 2020. The impact of expected credit losses is already modelled in the IRR calculations for our portfolios and is also included in our portfolio dividend and NAV models.

## **Key Risks**

- · All financial investment involves risk. The value of your investment isn't guaranteed, and its value and income will rise and fall. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance, and the Fund may not achieve its investment objective.
- The fund can invest in portfolios of mortgages or the equivalent risk. The lenders of such products may not receive in full the amounts owed to them by underlying borrowers, affecting the performance of the Fund.
- Prepayment risks also vary and can impact returns.
- The fund employs leverage, which may increase volatility of the Net Asset Value.

#### OCF Breakdown

UK Mortgages Ltd

0.81%

UK Mortgages DAC and SPVs (excl. servicing and transaction costs)

Total 0.96%

Servicing and Transaction costs (for information)\*

2.18%

0.15%

\*Servicing and transaction costs are provided for information only as deal specific servicing and other transaction costs are included in IRR projections per investment. As at 30/06/2020.

## **Fund Managers**

#### Robert Ford

Partner, Portfolio Management, industry experience since 1986. Previously a Managing Director and Head of European ABS Trading at Barclays Capital.

#### Ben Hayward

Partner, Portfolio Management, industry experience since 1998. Previously he was a senior fund manager to four portfolios at Citi Alternatives.

## **Douglas Charleston**

Portfolio Management, industry experience since 2006. Previous roles include structuring ABS at Lloyds, ratings analyst at S&P and a portfolio manager at Nationwide.

#### Silvia Piva

Portfolio Management, industry experience since 2007. Previously she was a structurer and originator at RBS covering UK financial institutions

## Shilna Pathak

Portfolio Assistant, industry experience since 2013. Previous roles include an application development consultant at Dow Jones and a software developer at Dell

## **Further Information**





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