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TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS

9 January 2024

Ref: RB/DNH/CFR/RL/HB

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Dear Shareholder,

Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust Plc (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) ('the Company')

As you may be aware, Derek Hyslop and I were appointed as Joint Liquidators of the Company on 11 November 2022. I now write to provide you with our report on the progress of the liquidation for the period from 11 November 2022 to 10 November 2023.

In accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016, we are required to provide certain information about the Company and the Joint Liquidators. The information can be found in Appendix A of this report.

A copy of our receipts and payments account for the period from 11 November 2022 to 10 November 2023 is at Appendix B. Our receipts and payments account shows a comparison to the Company's statement of assets and liabilities that was appended to the directors' Declaration of Solvency. Please note that the statement of assets and liabilities were as at 30 September 2022 and are, therefore, not representative of the Company's position at liquidation.

Should Shareholders have any queries regarding their shareholding in the Company, or if they wish to notify of a change of address or other personal details, please contact the Company's Registrars, Link Group on 0871 664 0300 or using shareholderenquiries@linkgroup.co.uk.

Background

The Company was liquidated as part of the recommended proposals for the members' voluntary liquidation of the Company and for the amendment of the Company's investment policy dated 11 October 2022 ('the Circular'). The Circular noted that the Company's Board of Directors ("the Board"), having sought feedback from its largest shareholders, concluded that it would be in the best interests of shareholders for the Company to be wound up and cash returned to shareholders. The Board also noted that, in the context of the Company entering into a members' voluntary liquidation, a new investment policy, with a focus on realising the Company's portfolio of investments whilst seeking to comply with the conditions necessary to maintain the Company's investment trust status, would be a more appropriate investment policy for the Company.

In accordance with the proposals in the Circular, shareholders passed resolutions to place the Company into members' voluntary liquidation and approve the amendment to the Company's investment policy at a General Meeting of the Company on 11 November 2022. Thereafter, the Company's investment portfolio was realised in full following the appointment of the Joint Liquidators and two distributions have subsequently been paid to shareholders from the liquidation; £12.40 per ordinary share on 16 December 2022 and £0.30 per ordinary share on 23 August 2023.

A final distribution to shareholders will be made at the conclusion of the liquidation. Further details in respect of the estimated timing and quantum of the final distribution are set out within this report.

Progress during the period of the report

Receipts

The following material amounts have been received in the period covered by this report.

Realisation of investment portfolio ('the Portfolio')

As set out in the Circular, Fundsmith LLP ('the Investment Manager') had agreed with the Company, and the Joint Liquidators, to realise the Portfolio following the appointment of the Joint Liquidators and that no management fees would be payable to the Investment Manager by the Company with effect from the appointment of the Joint Liquidators.

The final net asset value ("NAV") at the close of business on 10 November 2022 immediately prior to liquidation on 11 November 2022 was £342,722,918, equivalent to £13.03 per ordinary share. The value of the Portfolio was estimated to be £295,328,007. The Portfolio consisted of marketable securities issued by listed or traded companies which have a majority of their operations in, or revenue derived from, Developing Economies. These securities have been realised in the period covered by this report and, following the necessary currency conversion to Pound Sterling ("Sterling"), resulted in cash proceeds in the amount of £290,780,946. The difference between the amount realised for the sale of the Portfolio and the estimated value in the final NAV is attributed to the impact of weakening of the underlying currencies of the Company's investments against Pound Sterling in the Portfolio realisation period.

In addition, funds in the amount of £1,706,250 were received in respect of the sale of certain investments in the Portfolio that had been effected, but had not settled, prior to the date of liquidation.

Cash at bank

On the date of liquidation, the Company held cash in various currencies in accounts held with the Company's custodian, Northern Trust Investor Services Limited ('the Custodian'). These funds were secured by the Joint Liquidators and, following conversion into Sterling, amounted to £52,897,718.

Following the realisation of the majority of the Portfolio within the first five weeks of the liquidation, the Joint Liquidators instructed the transfer of £325,974,709 to Link Group, the Company's Registrar, on 15 December 2022 for the purposes of making the first cash distribution to shareholders.

Further instructions were issued to the Custodian during the period as the Portfolio was realised and other funds were received, as described later in this report, to transfer these funds to the liquidation estate bank account. No further funds are held by the Custodian and the Company's accounts with them have now been closed. The Company's residual funds are held in bank accounts under the control of the Joint Liquidators.

Dividend income

During the period covered by this report, funds in the amount of £508,963 were received in respect of accrued dividend income due to the Company at the date of liquidation. Furthermore, the Company also received dividend income in the amount of £18,061 in relation to dividends declared and paid from certain of the investments in the Portfolio during the liquidation.

All dividend income has now been received.

Bank interest

During the period, accrued bank interest in the amount of £41,157, relating to pre-liquidation periods, was received in accounts held with the Custodian. A further £386,012 of bank interest has been received in respect of funds held with the Custodian and in the liquidation estate bank accounts during the period covered by this report.

The Company's remaining funds are held in the liquidation estate bank accounts, as set out in the Joint Liquidators' receipts and payments account at Appendix B, which are interest bearing accounts.

Income tax refund

During the period covered by this report, an income tax refund was received from the Indian revenue authority in respect of a pre-liquidation tax period. Once converted to Sterling, the amount of £11,619 was received into the Company's custody account.

No further income tax refunds are expected.

Distributions to shareholders

As noted above, on 16 December 2022, in accordance with the Circular, the Joint Liquidators made a first cash distribution to Ordinary Shareholders in the amount of £325,974,709, equivalent to £12.40 per Ordinary Share.

On 23 August 2023, the Joint Liquidators made a second cash distribution in the amount of £7,886,485, equivalent to £0.30 per Ordinary Share.

The total distributed to Ordinary Shareholders during the period covered by this report therefore amounted to £333,861,194, representing a total return to date of £12.70 pence per Ordinary Share.

Payments

In addition to the distributions described above, the following significant payments have been made in the period covered by this report.

Accrued costs and expenses

At the date of liquidation, the Company had various accrued costs and provisions including professional costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Circular. In the period, accrued costs in the amount of £1,118,731, excluding VAT, have been settled in respect of services and advice provided to the Company prior to the liquidation and/or as part of implementation of the proposals in the Circular.

Payments that were made include, but are not limited to, Northern Trust Global Services SE (£282,079), Fundsmith LLP (£407,201), Travers Smith LLP (£218,343), Investec (£37,500), Frostrow LLP (£33,232), Ernst & Young LLP (£20,000), BDO LLP (£37,145), The London Stock Exchange (£11,550), Link Market Services Limited (£6,986) and Directors' fees and expenses (£23,252).

Overseas tax liabilities

The Company was liable to settle various local taxes incurred in relation to the sale of investments in certain overseas jurisdictions as part of the realisation of the Portfolio. During the reporting period, payments in the amount of £6,475,803 and £279,129 were made by the Company to the tax authorities in India and Bangladesh, respectively.

Registrar fees

The Company has paid registrar fees to the Company's Registrar, Link Group, in the amount of £100,102 in respect of the costs of maintaining the share register in the post liquidation period and making the first two cash distributions to shareholders.

Further costs will be incurred by the Registrar to maintain the share register for the remainder of the liquidation and in making the final cash distribution to shareholders at the conclusion of the liquidation.

Tax advisory fees

The Company's tax advisors, Grant Thornton LLP and BDO LLP, were retained during the liquidation period to provide services to the Company to assist with finalising the Company's tax affairs in the UK and various overseas jurisdictions.

Payments in the amount of £46,883 have been made to the Company's tax advisors during the reporting period and further fees will be incurred to conclude the outstanding tax matters noted below.

Other Matters

Overseas tax matters

During the period covered by this report, the Joint Liquidators have been liaising with the Company's tax advisors, BDO LLP, in relation to the Company's tax obligations and filing requirements in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The Joint Liquidators have incurred a significant amount of time, with assistance from the Investment Manager and BDO, understanding, reviewing and agreeing the Company's filing requirements in each of these jurisdictions to ensure that the Company fully complies with its overseas tax obligations.

A summary of the tax position in each of the non-UK jurisdictions is provided below.

Pakistan

The Joint Liquidators were required to notify the Pakistan tax authorities of the liquidation and to request cancellation of the Company's tax registration. The Joint Liquidators submitted a letter of undertaking to the Pakistan tax authorities on behalf of the Company, confirming that all known taxes had been settled and there were no outstanding returns.

I am pleased to advise that the Company's tax advisors have confirmed that the Pakistan tax authorities have reviewed this request and confirmed the Company's tax obligations in Pakistan have been met and no further filings or liabilities are due from the Company.

India

The Company's tax advisors confirmed that a tax return for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 would need to be prepared and submitted to the Indian tax authorities.

A detailed analysis was undertaken, in conjunction with the Investment Manager, of the Company's financial transactions in India during this period, including realisations of the Portfolio and income received from the Portfolio. Following completion of this review, the Indian tax return was submitted during the period of this report.

Tax was paid on the realisation of the Company's Indian investments during the period covered by this report. The relevant tax was deducted at source at the time of each individual transaction and totalled, following conversion into Sterling, £6,475,803.

Since the period end, the Joint Liquidators have been informed by the Company's tax advisors that the Indian revenue authority have raised an assessment in respect of the Company's 2022/23 tax return. The Joint Liquidators and BDO, in conjunction with the investment manager, will seek to resolve any queries such that the Company's tax affairs in India can be finalised as soon as practicable.

Bangladesh

The Company had no tax registration in Bangladesh but did undertake taxable activities in this jurisdiction and, as a result, certain confirmations were required from the Company's custodian in Bangladesh, Standard Chartered Bank, that there were no remaining tax liabilities due to the Bangladesh tax authorities from these activities.

This confirmation was received during the period covered by this report and the Joint Liquidators, therefore, consider this matter closed.

Tax was paid on the realisation of the Company's Bangladesh investments during the liquidation period. The relevant tax was deducted at source and totalled, following conversion into Sterling, circa ££279,129.

Recoverable input VAT

The Company's final pre-liquidation VAT return for the period to 10 November 2022 has been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") and a VAT repayment of £62,727 is anticipated.

During the period covered by the report, input VAT incurred on costs and expenses that have been settled during the liquidation period amounted to £118,581.

The Joint Liquidators have consulted with their VAT specialists and, based on the Company's activities, calculated that a partial recovery rate of 95% is appropriate when submitting reclaims for VAT incurred during the liquidation period. Consequently, it is anticipated that the Company should be able to recover VAT, in respect of the liquidation period to date, of approximately £112,500. The appropriate returns will be submitted to HMRC after the reporting period end.

Corporation tax, PAYE and National Insurance Contributions ('NIC')

During the period of the liquidation, the Company's final pre-liquidation Corporation Tax return has been prepared and submitted to HMRC together with the final returns for PAYE and NIC.

The Joint Liquidators have also notified HMRC of their appointment and have requested HMRC's agreement to the Company's pre-liquidation corporation tax return. The Joint Liquidators and their staff are actively pursuing this with HMRC to ensure confirmation is obtained to avoid any unnecessary delay with the conclusion of the liquidation in due course.

In addition, the Joint Liquidators have instructed the Company's tax advisors, Grant Thornton LLP, to prepare and submit a final corporation tax return for the post liquidation period to 10 November 2023, and it is anticipated that this will be submitted in January 2024.

Third and final cash distribution to shareholders

A third and final distribution will be paid to shareholders at the conclusion of the liquidation. Although the timing of the final distribution to shareholders and the conclusion of the liquidation is largely dependent on resolution of the Company's tax affairs in India and HMRC acknowledging the Company's final tax position, it is anticipated that the third and final distribution to shareholders will be made by April 2024. To the extent that there is any delay to this timetable, an update will be provided to shareholders on the Company's website (www.feetplc.co.uk).

At this stage, and as an indicative guide only, it is anticipated that the final cash distribution to shareholders may be in the region of 15 pence per Ordinary Share, taking total distributions from the liquidation to approximately £12.85 per ordinary share.

The final published NAV on 10 November 2023 was £13.03 per Ordinary Share. The difference between the final NAV and the estimated total distributions to shareholders from the liquidation is attributed to the impact of weakening of the underlying currencies of the Company's investments against Pound Sterling in the Portfolio realisation period.

Joint Liquidators' remuneration

Our remuneration was fixed on a time-cost basis by a resolution of the shareholders on 11 November 2022.

During the period covered by this report, we have incurred time costs in the amount of £208,345. Of this sum, £15,000 has been invoiced and paid from the liquidation estate. The Joint Liquidators intend to draw further fees, on account of their time incurred to date, prior to the conclusion of the Liquidation.

The Joint Liquidators time incurred in conducting the liquidation has been higher than anticipated at the point of liquidation due to the significant amount of time required to be spent in relation to finalising the Company's UK and overseas tax affairs, substantial shareholder enquiries in relation to the liquidation and first two distributions and extensive correspondence with the Company's Custodian in relation to reconciliation of accrued expenses and associated payments and the transfer of funds on realisation of the Portfolio and subsequent closure of custody accounts.

Whilst the Joint Liquidators are entitled to invoice the time incurred in accordance with the resolution of the shareholders, they do not intend to invoice their full-time costs incurred, and will review this position prior to the conclusion of the liquidation and provide a further update to shareholders at that stage.

At Appendix C to this report there is an analysis of the time spent and a statement of our policy in relation to charging time.

As noted earlier in this report, EY issued an invoice in the amount of £20,000 plus VAT in respect of costs incurred in the pre-liquidation period in relation to preparation for commencement of the liquidation of the Company.

Joint Liquidators' statement of expenses incurred

During the period covered by this report, we have incurred expenses in relation to the Joint Liquidators' statutory bonding, advertising and travel costs totalling £1,439.60 plus VAT. The expenses can be summarised as follows:

Type of expense	Incurred	Paid	Outstanding
Statutory advertising	£753	£753	Nil
Statutory bonding	£660	Nil	£660
Travel to the General Meeting of shareholders	£26.60	Nil	£26.60
Total	£1,439.60	£753	£686.60

The unpaid expenses in the amount of £686.60 will be invoiced at the same time as the final Joint Liquidators' fees prior to conclusion of the liquidation.

Members' rights to further information about, and challenge, remuneration and expenses

In certain circumstances, members are entitled to request further information about our remuneration or expenses, or to apply to court if members consider the costs to be excessive. Further information is provided in Appendix C.

Other matters

As shareholders will note from the contents of my report, the Joint Liquidators are grateful to the Investment Manager who has provided significant support in order to realise the portfolio and assist with concluding the outstanding affairs of the Company during the liquidation period and continues to do so in order to enable a timely and successful conclusion of the liquidation.

Once all of the Company's corporation tax returns for the post liquidation periods have been submitted, and all recoverable VAT has been received, the Joint Liquidators will take steps to make the final distribution to members and conclude the liquidation.

Should you wish to discuss any matters arising from this report, please do not hesitate to contact Jamie Coleman, on the above direct dial.

Yours faithfully
for the Company



R Barker
Joint Liquidator

D N Hyslop and R P Barker are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as an Insolvency Practitioner by the Insolvency Practitioners Association.

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Appendix A

Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust Plc (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) ("the Company")

Information about the Company and the Joint Liquidators

Registered office address of the Company:	1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF
Registered number:	08756681
Full names of the Joint Liquidators:	Richard Barker and Derek Hyslop
Liquidators' address(es):	Ernst & Young LLP 1 More London Place London SE1 2AF
Telephone number through which the Joint Liquidators can be contacted	0131 460 2388
Date of appointment of the Joint Liquidators:	11 November 2022
Details of any changes of Liquidator:	None

Appendix B

Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust Plc (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) ("the Company")

Joint Liquidators' receipts and payments account for the period from 11 November 2022 to 10 November 2023

In this period to 10
November 2023

	£
Receipts	
Cash at bank	52,897,718
Investment sale receivable (pre liquidation trade)	1,706,250
Sale of investments	290,780,946
Accrued dividend income	508,963
Accrued interest income	41,157
Post liquidation dividend income	18,061
Bank interest	386,012
Indian income tax refund	11,619
Total Receipts	<u>346,350,726</u>
Payments	
Accrued expenses	(1,118,731)
Bangladesh tax liabilities	(279,129)
Indian tax liabilities	(6,475,803)
Registrar fees	(100,102)
Tax advisory fees	(46,883)
Custodian expenses	(2,995)
Joint Liquidators' fees	(15,000)
Joint Liquidators' expenses	(753)
Bank charges	(177)
Input VAT	(118,581)
Total Payments	<u>(8,158,154)</u>
Distributions to Shareholders	
First cash distribution	(325,974,709)
Second cash distribution	(7,886,485)
Total Distributions	<u>(333,861,194)</u>
Balance as at 10 November 2023	<u>4,331,378</u>
Represented by: Cash at bank as at 10 November 2023	<u>4,331,378</u>

Notes

1. Receipts and payments are stated net of VAT.
2. The Joint Liquidators' remuneration was fixed on a time-cost basis by a resolution of the members passed on 11 November 2022.
3. All funds held within the Company's custody account have now been transferred to the Liquidation estate accounts.

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4. The Joint Liquidators' remuneration was fixed on a time-cost basis by a resolution of the members passed on 11 November 2022.
5. The Declaration of Solvency sworn by the directors on 10 October 2022, included a statement of the Company's assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2022. As a result of the period of time between the date of the statement of assets and liabilities and the liquidation commencement date, the figures stated in the Declaration of Solvency are not directly comparable to those in the receipts and payments account but are set out below for completeness :

Declaration of Solvency Estimated to Realise Values

	£
Cash at bank	28,069,166
Investment sale receivable	6,880,799
Sale of investments	339,659,488
Total assets	374,609,453
Accrued expenses	(1,545,014)
Other liabilities	(8,938,714)
Total liabilities	(10,483,728)
Estimated surplus	364,125,725

Appendix C

Members' rights to request further information about remuneration or expenses or to challenge a liquidator's remuneration – Rules 18.9 and 18.34 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 (as amended)

18.9 Creditors' and members' request for further information

18.9.—(1) The following may make a written request to the office-holder for further information about remuneration or expenses (other than pre-administration costs in an administration) set out in a progress report under rule 18.4(1)(b), (c) or (d) or a final report or account under rule 18.14—

- (a) a secured creditor;
 - (b) an unsecured creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question);
 - (c) members of the company in a members' voluntary winding up with at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company;
 - (d) any unsecured creditor with the permission of the court; or
 - (e) any member of the company in a members' voluntary winding up with the permission of the court.
- (2) A request, or an application to the court for permission, by such a person or persons must be made or filed with the court (as applicable) within 21 days of receipt of the report or account by the person, or by the last of them in the case of an application by more than one member or creditor.
- (3) The office-holder must, within 14 days of receipt of such a request respond to the person or persons who requested the information by—
- (a) providing all of the information requested;
 - (b) providing some of the information requested; or
 - (c) declining to provide the information requested.
- (4) The office-holder may respond by providing only some of the information requested or decline to provide the information if—
- (a) the time or cost of preparation of the information would be excessive; or
 - (b) disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the proceedings;
 - (c) disclosure of the information might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person; or
 - (d) the office-holder is subject to an obligation of confidentiality in relation to the information.

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- (5) An office-holder who does not provide all the information or declines to provide the information must inform the person or persons who requested the information of the reasons for so doing.
- (6) A creditor, and a member of the company in a members' voluntary winding up, who need not be the same as the creditor or members who requested the information, may apply to the court within 21 days of—
 - (a) the office-holder giving reasons for not providing all of the information requested; or
 - (b) the expiry of the 14 days within which an office-holder must respond to a request.
- (7) The court may make such order as it thinks just on an application under paragraph (6).

18.34 Members' claim that remuneration is excessive

18.34.—(1) This rule applies to an application in an administration, a winding-up or a bankruptcy made by a person mentioned in paragraph (2) on the grounds that—

- (a) the remuneration charged by the office-holder is in all the circumstances excessive;
- (b) the basis fixed for the office-holder's remuneration under rules 18.16, 18.18, 18.19, 18.20 and 18.21 (as applicable) is inappropriate; or
- (c) the expenses incurred by the office-holder are in all the circumstances excessive.

(2) The following may make such an application for one or more of the orders set out in rule 18.36 or 18.37 as applicable—

- (a) a secured creditor,
- (b) an unsecured creditor with either—
 - (i) the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors (including that creditor), or
 - (ii) the permission of the court, or
- (c) in a members' voluntary winding up—
 - (i) members of the company with at least 10% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the company, or
 - (ii) a member of the company with the permission of the court.

(3) The application by a creditor or member must be made no later than eight weeks after receipt by the applicant of the progress report under rule 18.3, or final report or account under rule 18.14 which first reports the charging of the remuneration or the incurring of the expenses in question ("the relevant report").

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Appendix D

Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust Plc (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) ("the Company")

Joint Liquidators' receipts and payments account for the period from 11 November 2022 to 10 November 2023

Liquidators' charging policy for remuneration

The members have determined that the liquidators' remuneration should be fixed on the basis of time properly spent by the liquidators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Liquidation.

The liquidators have engaged a manager and other staff to work on the cases. The work required is delegated to the most appropriate level of staff taking account of the nature of the work and the individual's experience. Additional assistance is provided by accounting and treasury executives dealing with the Company's bank accounts and statutory compliance diaries. Work carried out by all staff is subject to the overall supervision of the liquidators.

All time spent by staff working directly on case-related matters is charged to a separate time code established for each case. Time is charged in units of six minutes. Each member of staff has a specific hourly rate, which is subject to change over time. The average hourly rate for each category of staff over the period is shown below as are the current hourly rates used. The current hourly rates may be higher than the average rates, if hourly rates have increased over the period covered by this report

SIP 9 analysis for the period 11 November 2022 to 10 November 2023

	Staff Grade							Total Hours	Total Cost £	Average Rate £
	Partner	Director	Assistant Director	Manager	Executive	Assistant Executive	Analyst			
Accounting & banking matters	7.2	0.8	2.0	58.1	78.5	11.9	118.0	276.5	113,678.25	800.0
Creditors	0.3	-	-	1.2	-	-	0.6	2.1	1,201.20	572.0
Distributions to members	3.5	0.2	-	40.1	5.0	-	14.7	63.5	33,175.80	522.5
Immediate Tasks	0.6	-	-	10.8	-	-	13.8	25.2	9,874.55	391.8
Job Acceptance & Strategy	2.5	-	-	2.1	-	-	1.1	5.7	4,179.70	733.3
Members enquiries & correspondence	6.1	-	-	20.2	-	3.4	3.5	33.2	21,283.50	641.1
Statutory Duties	-	-	-	-	1.1	-	0.6	1.7	543.20	319.5
VAT & Taxation	2.6	-	2.0	24.7	-	5.0	14.1	48.4	24,409.70	504.3
Total Hours	22.8	1.0	4.0	157.2	84.6	20.3	166.4	456.3		
Time Costs (£)	24,978.80	763.00	3,244.50	94,082.10	37,162.30	6,148.80	41,966.40		208,345.90	
Average Hourly Rate (£)	1,095.6	763.0	811.1	598.5	439.3	302.9	252.2		456.6	

Summary of tasks undertaken by the Joint Liquidators and their staff in the period to 10 November 2023

Accounting and treasury matters	Including general treasury matters such as liaising with the Custodian in respect of Company's custody accounts and reconciliation of transactions through the custody accounts, setting up of liquidation bank accounts, managing the bank accounts (including undertaking bank account reconciliations), undertaking payments for outgoings from the Company's estate relating to validly incurred costs and expenses as well as recording of any receipts and maintaining the Joint Liquidators' accounting records, statutory bonding requirements, maintaining a case checklist and diary and completion of periodic case reviews in accordance with statute.
Creditors	Corresponding with known and potential creditors of the Company and dealing with creditor enquiries and correspondence throughout the liquidation.
Distributions to members	Preparation and analysis of calculations to enable declaration and payment of two cash distributions to shareholders including liaison with the Investment Manager on strategy and progress in relation to the Portfolio realisation. Liaising with the Registrar in respect of their processing of the shareholder distributions and associated queries from shareholders in respect of CREST and Record Dates.
Immediate Tasks	Work undertaken in relation to immediate on appointment administrative and statutory tasks, notifications and advertising requirements.
Job & Acceptance & Strategy	Time spent in complying with EY's internal compliance and acceptance procedures prior to accepting an appointment as required by statute and professional practice. Initial discussions with the Investment Manager in relation to Portfolio Realisation strategy and timings.
Members	Time spent liaising with the Company's shareholders and dealing with extensive ad-hoc shareholder queries during the liquidation period and liaison with registrar on ongoing share register matters.
Statutory Duties	Time spent in complying with statutory matters throughout the duration of the liquidation.
VAT & Taxation	Includes time incurred working with the Company's tax advisors and Investment Manager to finalise the Company's tax affairs and obligations in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the UK including undertaking any tax compliance in accordance with statutory requirements.

Charge out rates

Staff description	Hourly rate (£)
Partner	1,150 – 1,410
Director	990 – 1090
Assistant Director	865 – 950
Senior Executive	660 – 725
Executive	490
Assistant Executive	400 – 440
Analyst	285-440
Business Trainee	180