# MARTIN-BAKER PENSION SCHEME REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

# PENSIONS SCHEMES REGISTRY NO. 10090466

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#### MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Trustees present the report and financial statements of the Martin-Baker Pension Scheme for the year ended 30 September 2024. The financial statements have been prepared and audited in accordance with regulations made under sections 41 (1) and (6) of the Pensions Act 1995.

#### THE SCHEME

The Martin-Baker Pension Scheme provides defined pension and lump sum benefits payable to members on their retirement from Killinchy Aerospace Holdings Limited and Martin-Baker Aircraft Company Limited, or to their dependants on death before or after retirement.

#### **LEGAL STATUS**

The Scheme was established by an Interim Trust Deed dated 1 October 1973 and was governed by a Definitive Trust Deed and Rules dated 18 July 1983. A revised Definitive Trust Deed and Rules dated 13 November 1990 was created, being effective from 6 April 1988. A new Definitive Trust Deed and Rules was made on 26 July 2005, effective from that date. A Deed of Amendment dated 19 September 2013 closed the Scheme for future service accrual with effect from midnight at the end of 30 September 2013, although pensions payable to members who remain in service after that date were linked to final pensionable salary up to age 65. A Deed of Amendment dated 5 August 2019 discontinued the provision of Life Assurance under the Scheme with effect from midnight at the end of 30 September 2019. A Deed of Amendment dated 24 September 2024 terminated the salary linkage at the end of September 2024.

The Scheme has been approved as an exempt approved Scheme under the terms of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Since 6 April 2006 the Scheme has been classed as a Registered Scheme by HM Revenue & Customs as defined in Section 283, Part 1 of the Finance Act 2004.

#### **TRUSTEES**

Under the Definitive Trust Deed, trustees could be appointed or removed by the Principal Employer. This arrangement is no longer permitted and with effect from November 2006 the Scheme has had Member Nominated Trustees.

#### PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

The participating employers, whose employees are entitled to be members of the Scheme, are:

Killinchy Aerospace Holdings Limited Martin-Baker Aircraft Company Limited

There have been no employer related investments at any time during the year.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### **INCREASES TO PENSIONS IN PAYMENT**

Pensions arising from service on or after 5 April 1997 are subject to Limited Price Indexation (LPI). The Scheme provides that any other increase is at the discretion of the Trustees. At a meeting held on 10 September 2024 the Trustees resolved that pensions in payment attributable to pensionable service accrued prior to 6 April 1997 should be increased in line with RPI capped at 2.5%. This increase should be applied annually at the same time as the LPI increases are applied. This enhancement was approved by the Principal Employer on 12 September 2024.

#### **FINAL SALARY PENSION SECTION**

This section was closed to new employees with effect from 1 January 2005. This section was originally non-contributory, but with effect from 1 October 2006, members were required to contribute towards the cost of this arrangement. Members of this section could transfer to the Cash Benefit section, which was non-contributory. This section of the Scheme was closed to future service accrual with effect from midnight at the end of 30 September 2013 (as mentioned above). As stated above the salary linkage of these pensions was terminated with effect from 30 September 2024.

#### **CASH BENEFIT SECTION**

Employees commencing service with the Principal Employer between 1 January 2005 and 30 September 2012 were eligible to join a section of the Scheme which provides a cash benefit on retirement in addition to Life Assurance while in active service. Members of this Cash Benefit section did not start to earn their retirement benefits until they had completed one year of service with the Company. If they did not exercise the option to join this section on completion of one year's service, the option lapsed. This section of the Scheme was closed to future service accrual with effect from midnight at the end of 30 September 2013 (as mentioned above). As stated above the salary linkage of these pensions was terminated with effect from 30 September 2024.

#### **DEATH IN SERVICE COVER**

Since 1 October 2019, death in service cover has been provided by a separate trust.

#### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

MEMBERSHIP	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
EMPLOYED MEMBERS			
Final Salary Members Cash Benefit Members Members with both Final Salary & Cash Benefit	1	137 70 7	153 78 7
		214	238
PENSIONER MEMBERS			
Members receiving pension from Company service Members receiving Dependant's pension only	2	522 173	523 175
		695	698
DEFERRED PENSIONER MEMBERS			
Final Salary Members Cash Benefit Members Members with both Final Salary & Cash Benefit	1	145 60 4	164 57 4
		209	225
TOTAL		1118	1161

#### **NOTES**

- 1. Some employees chose not to contribute towards the cost of the Final Salary Pension after the Scheme became contributory and became members of the Cash Benefit section of the Scheme.
- 2. Some Pensioners receive pensions from their own service with the Company and a Dependant's pension in addition, if their spouse had also worked for the Company.
- 3. Some Members have had two periods of service with the Company, which may have different rules applied to each period of service. This, plus the options available following "pensions freedoms", means that they may have entitlements to benefits in more than one of the categories appearing above.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS	£000
The financial development of the Scheme during the year can be summarised as follows:	
The total of contributions received from the participating employers, death benefits and transfer values received during the year was	56
Net (loss) realised on sales of investments	(275)
Investment and other income, less expenses, amounted to	1,494
Benefits paid, including transfer values and contribution refunds amounted to	1,275 4,729
Leaving a (deficit) to be deducted from the Accumulated Fund of	(3,454)
The value of the Fund at the beginning of the year was	97,681
Net Increase in unrealised gains on investments	6,726
Making the value of the Fund at 30 September 2024	100,953

#### **ACTUARIAL POSITION**

A copy of the Actuary's Certification of the Calculation of Technical Provisions as at 1 October 2023, signed on 11 November 2024, appears on page 26. The Valuation indicated that the resources of the Scheme were sufficient to meet in full the liabilities of the Scheme as they fall due, based on the Scheme's Statement of Funding Principles. The Schedule of Contributions, which appears on page 27, shows that no contributions are required in respect of future accrual. The Schedule also states that no deficit funding contributions are required.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) are the responsibility of the Trustees. Pension scheme regulations require and the Trustees are responsible for ensuring that those Financial Statements:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Scheme during the Scheme year and of the amount and disposition at the end of the Scheme year of its assets and liabilities, other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the Scheme year; and
- contain the information specified in Regulation 3A of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, including making a statement whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework applicable to occupational pension schemes.

In discharging the above responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for selecting suitable accounting policies, to be applied consistently, making any estimates and judgements on a prudent and reasonable basis, and for the preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Scheme will not be wound up.

The Trustees are also responsible for making available certain other information about the Scheme in the form of an Annual Report.

The Trustees also have a general responsibility for ensuring that adequate accounting records are kept and for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Scheme and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, including the maintenance of an appropriate system of internal control.

The Trustees are responsible under pensions legislation for preparing, maintaining and from time to time reviewing and if necessary revising a Schedule of Contributions showing the rates of contributions payable towards the Scheme by or on behalf of the Employer and the active members of the Scheme and the dates on or before which such contributions are to be paid. The Trustees are also responsible for keeping records in respect of contributions received in respect of any active member of the Scheme and for adopting risk-based processes to monitor whether contributions are made to the Scheme by the Employer in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions. Where breaches of the Schedule occur, the Trustees are required by the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2004 to consider making reports to the Pensions Regulator and the members.

#### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### TRUSTEES' SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year, no contributions were paid to the Scheme by the Employer. No contributions were required to be paid to the Scheme under the Schedule of Contributions.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 10th February 2025.

R J Martin Trustee

P A Carpenter Trustee

#### **INVESTMENT REPORT**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

During the year the Trustees revised their investment objectives in the light of an analysis of the Scheme's liability profile. As a result, the Trustees' main investment objectives are to ensure that the Scheme can meet the members' entitlements under the Trust Deed and Rules as they fall due and to manage the expected volatility of the returns achieved. The revised strategy eliminated the Scheme's exposure to equities.

The Trustees' investment profile targets as at 30 September 2024 were:-

18-28%	in the LGIM Over 5 Year Index-Linked Gilts Fund
7-17%	in the LGIM Under 15 Year Index-Linked Gilts Fund
9-19%	in the LGIM Over 15 Year Gilts Index Fund
11-21%	in the LGIM Buy & Maintain Credit Fund
19-29%	in the M&G Long-Dated Corporate Bond Inc Fund
1-21%	in Cash and the LGIM Sterling Liquidity Fund

The Scheme also has a holding in the M&G UK Property Fund, which is in liquidation, with capital being returned to the Scheme as and when the underlying holdings are sold.

The LGIM investments are accumulation units. The M&G units are distribution units.

The annualised returns on the current investments for periods of one, three and five years ending 30 September 2024 are as follows:-

	<u>1 Year</u>	3 Years	5 Years
LGIM Over 5 Year Index-Linked Gilts Fund	+ 6.42%	-14.25%	- 8.69%
LGIM Under 15 Year Index-Linked Gilts Fund	+ 5.15%	- 0.58%	- 0.26%
LGIM Over 15 Year Gilts Index Fund	+10.11%	-14.77%	-10.38%
LGIM Buy & Maintain Credit Fund	+ 9.99%	- 2.43%	- 1.17%
LGIM Sterling Liquidity	+ 5.46%	+ 3.41%	+ 2.15%
M&G Long Dated Corporate Bond Inc Fund	+13.51%	- 9.52%	- 4.91%
M&G Property Fund (Inc)	+ 5.87%	+ 7.13%	+ 5.12%

During recent years there has been considerable volatility in all financial markets. The effects of Covid-19 and the mini-Budget of 23 September 2022 have been particularly marked. The effect on gilts and corporate bonds is clearly shown in the table above. The Trustees' current investment strategy aims to minimise the impact of this volatility on the Scheme, so that movements in the valuation of the liabilities should be matched by movements in the value of investments.

#### **INVESTMENT REPORT (continued)**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

As stated above, the managers of the M&G Property Fund (INC) decided to close the Fund and are proceeding with an orderly disposal of all of the Fund's assets. Some of the underlying holdings were sold soon after the decision to close the Fund had been made and the sale proceeds have been distributed to the unit holders. Several properties are currently under offer, with the remainder of the assets currently being marketed. It is hoped that the liquidation of the Fund should be complete by the end of the next financial year.

The distribution of assets at the beginning and end of the year is shown in the table below.

	30 September 2024 %	30 September 2023 %
Fixed Interest & Cash	98.6	97.4
Gilts and Fixed Interest	88.6	84.4
Cash & Other Liquid Assets (including Cash at Bank)	10.0	13.0
Property	1.4	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0
Total Market Value of the Fund	£101,402,743	£97,872,790

The securities that are held by the Fund are regarded as readily marketable, with the exception of the M&G property units. As noted previously, the managers of this Fund have decided to close the Fund and liquidate all of the assets. All of the investments are made in accordance with the Statement of Investment Principles, a copy of which is available on request. lt can also be viewed on the Pension Scheme's website www.martinbakerpensions.com.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARTIN-BAKER PENSION SCHEME

#### **OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of the Martin-Baker Pension Scheme (the Scheme) for the year ended 30 September 2024, which comprise the Fund Account, the Net Assets Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- show a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Scheme during the year ended 30 September 2024, and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities, other than the liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the year; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- contain the information specified in Regulation 3A of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996 made under the Pensions Act 1995.

#### **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Scheme in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARTIN-BAKER PENSION SCHEME (Continued)

#### **CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN**

In auditing the financial statements we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised or issued.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements, and our Auditor's Report thereof. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially mis-stated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material mis-statements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material mis-statement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material mis-statement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, the Scheme's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material mis-statement, whether due to fraud or error.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARTIN-BAKER PENSION SCHEME (Continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to wind up the Scheme or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material mis-statement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material mis-statement when it exists. Mis-statements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material mis-statements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Scheme. We determined that the following were most significant: the Pension SORP 2018, the UK Pensions Regulator (TPR).
- We obtained an understanding of how the Scheme complies with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of the Trustees of the Scheme. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of correspondence during our audit work.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Scheme's financial statements to material mis-statements, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed included:
- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls the Trustees have in place to prevent and detect fraud.
- Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process.
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by the Trustees in significant accounting estimates.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARTIN-BAKER PENSION SCHEME (Continued)

- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entry posted with unusual account combinations; and
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.
- Assessing how the Trustees monitor pensioner existence and thereby ensure pensions are only paid to living pensioners.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material mis-statement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulations. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of any instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intention concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the Scheme's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, made under the Pensions Act 1995. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Scheme's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Scheme's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Belgrave House, 39-43 Monument Hill Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8RN

WARD WILLIAMS LIMITED Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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14th March 2025

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' STATEMENT ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARTIN-BAKER PENSION SCHEME

We have examined the summary of contributions to the Martin-Baker Pension Scheme for the scheme year ended 30 September 2024, which is set out in the Trustees' Report on page 8.

# STATEMENT ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE UNDER THE SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

In our opinion contributions for the Scheme year ended 30 September 2024 as reported in the Summary of Contributions and payable under the Schedule of Contributions have in all material respects been paid at least in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions dated 5 December 2022 that was certified by the Scheme Actuary on 19 December 2022.

#### SCOPE OF WORK ON STATEMENT ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS

Our examination involves obtaining evidence sufficient to give reasonable assurance that contributions reported in the attached Summary of Contributions have in all material respects been paid at least in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions. This includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts of contributions payable to the Scheme and the timing of those payments under the Schedule of Contributions.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND THE AUDITOR

As described more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Scheme's Trustees are responsible for preparing, and from time to time reviewing and if necessary revising, a Schedule of Contributions and for monitoring whether contributions are made to the Scheme by the Employer in accordance with the Schedule of Contributions.

It is our responsibility to provide a statement about contributions paid under the Schedule of Contributions and to report our opinion to you.

#### **USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 4 of The Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Statement about Contributions and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Scheme's Trustees as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Belgrave House, 39-43 Monument Hill Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8RN WARD WILLIAMS LIMITED Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

14th March 2025

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Occupational Pension Schemes (Requirement to Obtain Audited Accounts and a Statement from the Auditor) Regulations 1996, Financial Reporting Standard 102 – the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council and with the guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (revised June 2018), with the exception of the treatment of Additional Voluntary Contributions which are dealt with as explained in Note 7.

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The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Scheme and rounded to the nearest  $\pounds$ .

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### **Listed Investments**

Listed investments are stated at fair value based on the quoted bid price for the relevant units at the year end.

#### **Investment Income**

Investment income and interest are accounted for when received.

#### Contributions

Following the closure of the Scheme to future service accrual, no ordinary contributions are required from either the participating employers or the members. If special contributions are required from the participating employers in future, these will be accounted for when received. The participating employers also meet the costs of administration of the Scheme. Since April 2014, the payments for these costs have been made directly to the providers, but before that date the relevant contributions were accounted for when due.

#### Expenditure

All expenses and benefits are accounted for on an accruals basis, except that no account is taken of the long term liabilities to pay benefits. Members who leave the plan are assumed to have taken a preserved pension until the Trustees are advised otherwise.

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (continued)

#### Going Concern

Covid-19 impacted the value of the investments during the 2020 Scheme year. The investments performed well during the 2021 Scheme year and the Scheme was probably in surplus as at 30 September 2021. The performance of the investments was disappointing during the 2022 Scheme year, particularly following the mini-Budget in September 2022. There was, however, a significant increase in gilt yields, which resulted in a significant reduction in the value of the Scheme liabilities. The Scheme was, therefore, probably in surplus as at 30 September 2022. The Scheme Actuary performed a formal valuation as at 1 October 2023, which showed that the funding level was about 113%. There has been considerable volatility in the value of the Scheme's investments during the current year, but the current investment strategy aimed to minimise the impact of this volatility. The funding level at the end of this financial year is similar to the level at the start of the year. The Principal Employer continues to be resilient to the effects of Covid-19. As a result of the actuarial valuation as at 1 October 2023 showing a surplus, the escrow account has been closed and the funds have been released to the Principal Employer.

## **FUND ACCOUNT**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Contributions and Benefits	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Transfers in	1	56,453	28,039
Benefits payable Other payments Administrative expenses	2 3 4	4,705,254 23,638 576,318	3,922,736 69,309 237,912
		5,305,210	4,229,957
Net (withdrawals) from dealings with members and employers		(5,248,757)	(4,201,918)
Returns on investments Investment income			
Change in market value of investments	5 6	2,070,241 6,450,211	1,755,648 (1,476,737)
		8,520,452	278,911
Net increase/(decrease) during the year	<b>\</b> 4	3,271,695	(3,923,007)
Net assets of the Scheme	,		
At 1 October 2023		97,680,907	101,603,914
At 30 September 2024	:	100,952,602	97,680,907

The fund has no recognised gains and losses other than those reflected above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

#### **NET ASSETS STATEMENT**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Investments		
LGIM	74,255,604	59,695,728
M&G	25,941,765	25,431,088
Santander (formerly Abbey National plc)	0	564,887
Total investments	100,197,369	85,691,703
Current Assets and Liabilities		
Pre-payments and accrued income	600	2,757
Cash at bank	1,205,374	12,181,087
Less sundry creditors	(450,741)	(194,640)
Net current assets	755,233	11,989,204
Net assets of the Scheme at 30 September 2024	100,952,602	97,680,907

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Scheme and deal with the net assets at the disposal of the Trustees. They do not take account of obligations to pay pensions and benefits which fall due after the end of the Scheme year. The actuarial position of the Scheme, which does take account of such obligations, is dealt with in the Trustees' Report and Actuarial Certificates/Statements included in the annual Report and these financial statements should be read in conjunction with them.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10th February 2025.

RJ Martin 2.M.

Trustee

P A Carpenter PA Coreco

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#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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R J Martin 2. M. .

P A Carpenter PA. Carpel

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### 1 TRANSFERS IN

	2024 £	2023 £
Receipt of AVC funds to purchase pensions benefits	56,453	28,039

### 2 BENEFITS

	2024 £	2023 £
Pensions Lump Sums in part commutation of benefits Death benefits	3,623,295 1,020,157 61,802	3,328,435 594,301 0
	State of the state	
	4,705,254	3,922,736

#### **3 OTHER PAYMENTS**

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Individual transfers and refunds	23,638	69,309

Transfers out of the Scheme make no allowance for any discretionary benefits.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### 4 EXPENSES

2024 £	2023 £
Miscellaneous 576,318	237,912
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576,318	237,912

In earlier years, the participating employers paid most of the expenses directly to the providers. This included the cost of the annual audit, which was not re-charged to the Scheme. Part-way through the previous Scheme year it was agreed that these costs would be re-charged to the Scheme. The current year figure includes the re-charges for a full 12 month period.

#### **5 INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024 £	2023 £
Interest on cash deposits	575,869	300,535
Dividends	1,494,372	1,455,113
	2,070,241	1,755,648

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### 6. INVESTMENTS

	Value at 01.10,2023	Purchases at Cost	Sales Proceeds	Change in market value	Value at 30.09.2024
	£	£	£	£	£
LGIM (ILG Over 5 Yrs)	23,915,067		2,500,000	1,511,618	22,926,685
LGIM (ILG Under 15 Yrs)	11,541,064			594,826	12,135,890
LGIM (GI Over 15 Yrs)	9,496,617	3,500,000		1,029,516	14,026,133
LGIM (B&M Credit) - Acc	14,742,980			1,516,829	16,259,809
LGIM (Sterling Liquidity)	0	9,839,973	1,000,000	67,114	8,907,087
M&G (Property) - Inc	2,539,374		1,219,631	140,040	1,459,783
M&G (Bonds) - Inc	22,891,714			1,590,268	24,481,982
Santander (Cash)	564,887	17,150	582,037		0
	85,691,703	13,357,123	5,301,668	6,450,211	100,197,369

The Scheme's investment assets are stated at fair value based on quoted bid value.

The change in market value of investments during the year comprises all increases and decreases in the market value of investments held at any time during the year, including profits and losses realised on sales of investments during the year.

#### 7. ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Members were permitted to make Additional Voluntary Contributions which are invested with Utmost Life (formerly Equitable Life Assurance Society), Santander (formerly Abbey National plc) or Clerical Medical, at the contributing member's option. The funds accumulated by these contributions can only be used to provide additional pensions benefits within the overall limits allowed by HM Revenue & Customs.

In these accounts no value is placed on the investment accounts held by the Trustees under these arrangements. The benefits accrued under these arrangements are accounted for to the members concerned when the benefits become payable. The accumulated value of the investment accounts at the last anniversary of each fund amounted to £635,347 (2023: £595,308).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The funds accrued under these arrangements may be applied in a number of ways laid down by HM Revenue & Customs, at the member's option. The chosen benefits have to be purchased via the Scheme. The receipt of these funds by the Trustees is included in the transfers in for the year (See Note 1). The cost of the various benefits is included in the relevant heading in Note 2.

#### 8. INVESTMENT RISK DISCLOSURES

FRS 102 requires the disclosure of information in relation to certain investment risks. These risks are set out by FRS 102 as follows:

Credit risk: this is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Market risk: this comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

- Currency risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.
- Interest rate risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.
- Other price risk: this is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The Trustees determine their investment strategy after taking advice from a professional investment adviser. The Scheme has exposure to these risks because of the investments it makes to implement its investment strategy described in the Investment Report. The Trustees manage investment risks, including credit risk and market risk, within agreed risk limits which are set taking into account the Scheme's strategic investment objectives. These investment objectives and risk limits are implemented through the investment management agreements in place with the Scheme's investment managers and monitored by the Trustees by regular reviews of the investment portfolio.

Further information on the Trustees' approach to risk management and the Scheme's exposure to credit and market risks are set out in the Investment Report.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### Purpose of this statement

This implementation statement has been produced by the Trustees of the Martin-Baker Pension Scheme ("the Scheme") to set out the following information over the year to 30 September 2024:

- how the Trustees' policies on exercising rights (including voting rights) and engagement activities have been followed over the year; and
- the voting activity undertaken by the Scheme's investment managers on behalf of the Trustees over the year, including information regarding the most significant votes.

#### Stewardship policy

The Trustees' Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) describes the Trustees' stewardship policy on the exercise of rights (including voting rights) and engagement activities as follows:

"The Trustees expect that the investment managers will use their influence as major institutional investors to exercise the Trustees' rights and duties as shareholders, including where appropriate engaging with underlying investee companies to promote good corporate governance, accountability and to understand how those companies take account of ESG issues in their businesses."

The SIP was last reviewed in August 2024 and adopted by the Trustees in November 2024. It has been made available online here:

http://www.martinbakerpensions.com/statement-of-investment-principles/

The Trustees have delegated the exercise of rights attaching to investments, including voting rights and undertaking engagement activities, to the Scheme's investment managers.

The Trustees decided not to set stewardship priorities for the Scheme. The Scheme solely invests through pooled investment vehicles where the Scheme's asset only represents a small proportion of the capital invested in the funds. The Trustees understand that they are constrained by the policies of the managers.

The Scheme currently does not hold any assets with voting rights attached. Given the Scheme's progress towards buying-out its liabilities with an insurer, the Trustees have decided not to set stewardship priorities. However, the Trustees take the stewardship priorities, climate risk, and ESG factors into account at manager selection. The Trustees also review the stewardship and engagement activities of the investment managers annually.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)

#### How voting and engagement policies have been followed

The Scheme invests entirely in pooled funds, and as such delegates responsibility for carrying out voting and engagement activities to the Scheme's investment managers.

Set out below is a table of the Scheme's funds:

Asset class	Fund name			
Property	M&G Investments Property Fund			
Corporate bonds	M&G Investments Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund			
Gilts and Cash	L&G Over 5 Year Index-Linked Gilts Index Fund			
	L&G Under 15 Year Index-Linked Gilts Index Fund			
	L&G Over 15 Year Gilts Index Fund			
	L&G Buy and Maintain Credit Fund			
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Based on the information provided by the Scheme's investment managers, the Trustees believe that its policies on voting and engagement have been met in the following ways:

- The Trustees undertook an initial review of the stewardship and engagement activities
  of the current managers at their 5 November 2019 meeting and were satisfied that
  their policies were reasonable and no remedial action was required at that time.
- Annually the Trustees receive and review voting information and engagement policies from the asset managers, which they review to ensure alignment with their own policies. The Trustees believe that the voting and engagement activities undertaken by the asset managers on their behalf have been in the members' best interests.

#### Full implementation statement

The information listed above has been extracted from the full Implementation Statement. An expanded version of the Implementation Statement drafted by our investment consultants appears on the Scheme's website (www.martinbakerpensions.com).

# **Martin-Baker Pension Scheme**

# Certification of the calculation of Technical Provisions

#### **Calculation of Technical Provisions**

I certify that, in my opinion, the calculation of the Scheme's Technical Provisions as at 1 October 2023 is made in accordance with regulations under section 222 of the Pensions Act 2004. The calculation uses a method and assumptions determined by the Trustees of the Scheme and set out in the Statement of Funding Principles dated 11 November 2024.

Signature:

Vanessa Smart

Date:

11 November 2024

Name:

Vanessa Smart FIA

Qualification:

Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

Address:

Decimal Place Chiltern Avenue Amersham HP6 5FG Employer:

Barnett Waddingham LLP

# Martin-Baker Pension Scheme Schedule of Contributions

#### **Status**

This Schedule of Contributions has been prepared by the Trustees of the Martin-Baker Pension Scheme (the "Scheme"), after obtaining the advice of the Scheme Actuary appointed by the Trustees.

# Contributions to be paid by the Employer from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2029

As at 1 October 2023, the Scheme was in surplus on the Technical Provisions basis agreed by the Trustees and the Employer and so no deficit reducing contributions are required.

This Schedule does not preclude the Employer from paying additional contributions to the Scheme at its discretion.

The Scheme shall pay the cost of the Pension Protection Fund ("**PPF**") levy and all other expenses associated with administering and operating the Scheme, unless otherwise agreed by the Trustees and Employer.

The contributions are subject to review at the next valuation due no later than as at 1 October 2026.

# This schedule has been agreed by the Trustees and the Employer

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of the Martin-Baker Pension Scheme

Date

11 November 2024

Signed on behalf of Martin-Baker Aircraft Company Limited

Date

11 November 2024

Date

11 November 2024

Date

# **Martin-Baker Pension Scheme**

# **Certification of the Schedule of Contributions**

# Adequacy of rates of contributions

I certify that, in my opinion, the rates of contributions shown in this Schedule of Contributions are such that the Statutory Funding Objective can be expected to continue to be met for the period for which the schedule is expected to be in force.

# Adherence to Statement of Funding Principles

Thereby certify that, in my opinion, this Schedule of Contributions is consistent with the Statement of Funding Principles dated 11 November 2024,

The certification of the adequacy of the rates of contributions for the purpose of securing that the Statutory Funding Objective can be expected to be met is not a certification of their adequacy for the purpose of securing the Scheme's liabilities by the purchase of annuities, if the Scheme were to be wound up.

Signature:

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Date:

11 November 2024

Name:

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