

### Introduction

The Company started 2019 with very defensive positioning. Accounting for GBP/USD exchange rate movements and the dividend paid, the Company returned -3.70% to its shareholders in the first quarter of 2019, measured in USD. The Company paid a quarterly dividend of \$1.97 cents (1.5p) and the book value was \$0.92 at quarter end.

During the quarter we continued to decrease our exposure to risk assets, particularly equities and local markets. As at the end of March 2019, the Company's funds remained fully deployed, albeit in more defensive instruments, except for cash retained for collateral and working capital purposes.

During the period under review, exposure to credit markets lost -6.6%, whilst equity investments returned 4.6% and local currency bond exposure returned -0.1%. EM Currency exposure contributed -1.6%.

Return Contribution for Each Asset Class			
	Asset Class	Year-to-Date	
Credit			-6.6%
Equity			4.6%
FX			-1.6%
Rates			-0.1%
TOTAL	*		-3.7%

The Company is well on track to meet its target annual dividend yield of 6.0% and the dividend is well covered by economic income in the portfolio. Net of funding costs, 70.6% of total income is stemming from the FX portfolio, 15.5% from the credit portfolio and the remaining 13.9% from the Equity and Strategic portfolios.

At the end of the first quarter of 2019, the Company's exposure to credit and government bonds was 24.1% of book value. Local currency bond exposure was 12.7% of book value. EM equities accounted for 12.4% of book value and EM Currency exposure 48.9% of Book Value.

Portfolio Breakdown			
Asset Class	% of Book Value		
EM Credit and Government Bonds	24.1%		
EM Local Currency Bonds	12.7%		
EM Currency Exposure	48.9%		
EM Equities	124%		
Cash	77.9%		
TOTAL	176.0%		

### **KEY FACTS**

Company Name	APQ Global Ltd	
Ticker	APQ LN	
ISIN	GG00BZ6VP173	
SEDOL	BZ6VP17	
Board of Directors	Bart Turtelboom Wayne Bulpitt Wesley Davis Philip Soulsby	
Domicile	Guernsey	
Official Listing	The International Stock Exchange London Stock Exchange - AIM	
Currency	US Dollar	
Market Cap.	Appr. \$71m	
Book Value Per Share	\$0.92*	
Dividend	The Company aims to maintain an annualised dividend yield of 6 per cent based on the issue price	
Nominated Advisor & Broker	N+1 Singer Advisory LLP	
Principal Banker	Barclays Bank	
Legal Advisors	Stephenson Harwood Mourant Ozannes	
Company Secretary	Active Services (Guernsey) Limited	
Auditors	BDO LLP	
Registrar	LINK Registrars (Guernsey) Limited	



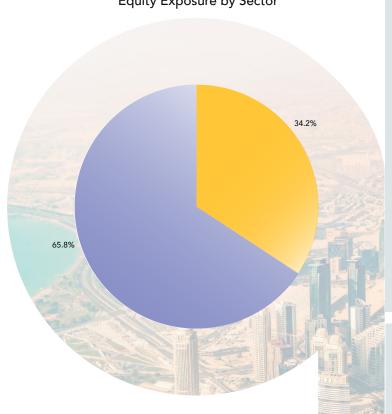
## Liquid Markets Portfolio

During the first quarter of 2019, the Company further reduced its EM equity portfolio, keeping a small EM equity index position. The Company kept its position in City of London Investment Group and divested its stake in Anglo Pacific Group. The Company did add exposure to Brazilian equities, on a view that the Government will be successful in pushing the social security reform through Congress.

EM Equity Exposure			
Security Name	% of Book Value		
City of London Investment Group PLC	8.2%		
iShares MSCI Brazil EDT	4.3%		

The Company believes that the medium-term global economic growth outlook will be supportive for emerging markets equities. However, the near-term impact of a hiccup in the China-US trade negotiations, ongoing tensions in the Middle East and the Gulf will likely dampen market sentiment after the sharp rally in the first quarter of 2019. From a sector perspective, the bulk of the Company's EM exposure is in Financials, followed by Materials and Energy, after taking into account the sector composition of the Brazilian Index exposure.

# Equity Exposure by Sector



## Corporate Overview

APQ Global (Ticker: APQ LN) is a listed company based in Guernsey. The Company successfully listed on the Channel Islands Stock Exchange and was admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's AIM Market with a market capitalization of ca. £80m in August 2016 ("Admission").

The Company's business strategy will be implemented through three core activities.

The Company manages a liquid markets portfolio of bonds, equities and currencies with a focus on global emerging markets.

The Company is building a portfolio of strategic stakes in emerging markets focused companies at an equity or debt level. In doing so, it aims to be a constructive stakeholder to the management of those companies within the context of a multi-year investment horizon.

The Company plans to, selectively, acquire management control in companies with the aim of generating sustainable cash distributions and long-term growth for the Company's shareholders.

Country Index

Financial

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The Company's emerging markets credit book is well diversified for stable income growth and the largest position is in Oman, accounting for 1.9% of book value.

Geographically, the credit portfolio is also well diversified with the largest positions concentrated in Mexico (8.9%), Oman (7.7%) and the UK (6.1%).

From a sector perspective, the credit exposure is concentrated in government entities, financials and corporations in the energy sector.

20.0%

Basic Materials

Energy

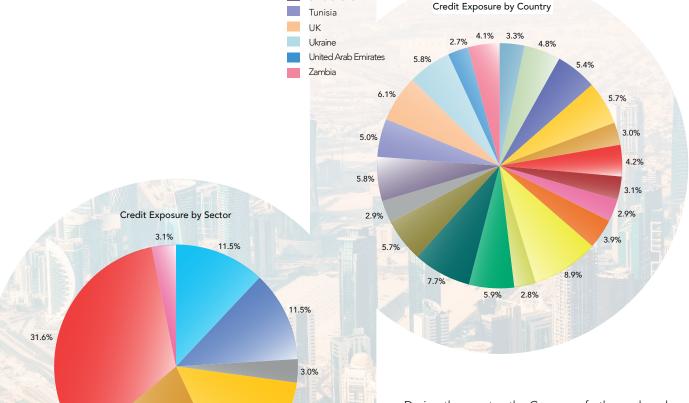
Financial

Industrial

Government

Communications
Consumer, Cyclical

Angola	Credit Exposure (% of	Credit Exposure (% of Book Value)	
Argentina Australia	Security Name	Exposure % of Book Value	
Bahrain	OMAN 6 3/4 01/17/48	1.9%	
Brazil	RBS 8 5/8 PERP	1.5%	
Chile	PEMEX 4 7/8 01/24/22	1.4%	
Georgia	EUCHEM 5 1/2 03/13/24	1.4%	
Iraq	UKRAIN 7 3/4 09/01/20	1.4%	
Kazakhstan	BATELC 4 1/4 05/01/20	1.4%	
Mexico	STOAU 4 1/8 09/14/27	1.3%	
Netherlands	BTUN 5 3/4 01/30/25	1.2%	
Nigeria	ZAMBIN 5 3/8 09/20/22	1.0%	
Oman	ANGOL 9 1/2 11/12/25	0.8%	



Russia South Africa Switzerland

During the quarter, the Company further reduced its direct currency exposure. The largest long positions were held in the Argentine Peso (3.8% of book value), Egyptian Pound (3.0%) and the Brazilian Real (1.9%). The largest short positions were held in Mexican Peso (-17.86%), Russian Ruble (-14.6%) and South African Rand (-5.2%)

The portfolio stress tests indicate that the Company would lose -2.07% of book value for a 10% sell-off in the S&P equity index, -0.35% in value if credit spreads were to widen 10% and 0.87% in value if interest rates in the US were to increase by 1%.

Stress Test Scenario				
Scenario	Change in % of Book Value			
Equity Stress Test (S&P -10%)	-2.07%			
Credit Stress Test (Credit Spreads up 10%)	-0.35%			
Interest Rates Stress Test (Yields up 1%)	-0.87%			

15.2%



## Strategic Investment Portfolio

The Company has maintained its investment in City of London Investment Group ('CLIG') representing 8.2% of its overall book value. APQ Global believes that the positive outlook for the EM equity asset class, the prudent management and an attractive dividend yield bode well for the CLIG stock price.

#### Direct Investment Portfolio

In the first quarter of 2019, the Company completed the 100% acquisition of Frontier Consultancy Ltd. and rebranded it as New Markets Media & Intelligence (NMMI). The investment was made via a newly created holding company, APQ Knowledge Ltd. Guernsey, which is 100% owned by APQ Global Ltd. The investment constitutes approximately 0.50% of APQ's Book Value and incorporated earn out acquisition terms with significant scope for business expansion. The business has multiple tiers of service offerings at escalating pricing and term contracts to a varied client base. The business includes an existing conference and event planning business with large scope for expansion both by specific subject matter and geographic region.

The business operations and development are led by the former Emerging Markets Editor-at-Large for Bloomberg, Gavin Serkin, who has deep relationships with journalists across the most sophisticated financial media. This enables NMMI to run a lean business with global reach and distribution that creates the narrative to secure maximum media coverage and engineer brand building for their clients.

NMMI's network includes a full complement of writers, broadcasters, marketers, event organisers and investment professionals, covering every skill set in marketing, PR and investor relations. The rich editorial content New Markets Media & Intelligence generates empowers unique digital marketing capabilities that accurately deliver thought leadership.

Additionally, in the first quarter of 2019 APQ Corporate Services Ltd. (a wholly owned entity of APQ Global Limited) completed the 100% acquisition of Palladium Trust Services Ltd, U.K. Palladium Trust Services provides advice and execution services relating to the establishment and administration of corporate, trust, and fund vehicles. It leverages its London base through a global network of boutique corporate fiduciaries to provide operational capabilities in over 25 jurisdictions. Palladium specialises in structuring solutions for trusts and funds and setting up limited partnerships and companies.

Palladium has delivered a variety of customized structures to suit client needs that have included Sharia compliant funds, real estate / intellectual property companies, family limited partnerships with devolved financial and insulated controlling interests, bespoke structuring solutions for Latin American families, and special purpose investment vehicles structuring to cater to specific client needs.

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