Update on current markets

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You will no doubt have seen the further falls in equity markets in recent days and we wanted to keep you up to date with our thoughts and provide some reassurance in what we recognise is a difficult period for our clients and partners.

There are clearly still many unknowns with regard to the potential impact of the Covid-19 virus and we do not believe that we, or indeed anyone else, can currently quantify this with any certainty. What we can do however is ensure that all our investment portfolios are well balanced, position them to provide a degree of protection against any potential further falls, and ensure that we are alert to the investment opportunities this type of environment naturally creates.

In the last couple of days we have raised some cash from our fixed interest exposure so that we can be ready to invest opportunistically in the market as and when we see potentially attractive buying opportunities. We are always focused on ensuring that everything we hold in your portfolio(s) is extremely liquid and we believe that this is particularly crucial at times like this when market confidence is at a low ebb.

Our Investment Committee is a team of highly experienced investment professionals who have all worked through periods of market distress on more than one occasion. It remains to be seen whether the market recovery will be sharp or more gradual when it comes, however we are very confident that we will be able to successfully navigate our way through the interim period.

In readiness for any potential travel restrictions imposed by the UK Government, we have already stress-tested our remote working systems to ensure there will be minimal disruption to our business and, from your point of view, it will be business as usual.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your investment manager or financial adviser.

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