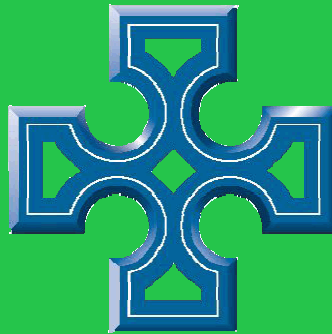


**THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY  
OF THE  
CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**RB GENERAL UNIT TRUST  
(REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)**



*Summary of Annual Report and Financial Statements*

*Year ended 30 June 2007*

## **WHO MAY INVEST IN THE RB GENERAL UNIT TRUST (RI)**

The RB General Unit Trust (RI) is open to charitable trusts donated and bequeathed to, or accepted by, The Representative Church Body (RCB) for specific/general purposes of the Church of Ireland and for parishes and dioceses in the Republic of Ireland.

It is also open to trust funds administered by trustees other than the RCB where the specific purposes of the trusts are for the benefit of the Church of Ireland.

The RCB must receive all necessary documentation/information (copy of will or governing instrument, terms of trust, etc) prior to date of investment.

In some instances the RCB may request a disclaimer to be completed by a parish, diocese or other trust fund prior to investment in order to indemnify The Representative Church Body in its role as trustee, fund manager and administrator.

Inquiries or clarification on the acceptance of new trusts should be addressed to the Head of Trusts, The Representative Church Body, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6 (telephone + 353 1 4978422).

## **RB GENERAL UNIT TRUST (RI)**

### **STATUS**

The Trust was established on 1 January 1991 under a Deed of Trust granted by the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland (the “Charity Commissioners”) in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Charities Act, 1961.

### **AIMS**

The Trust aims:

- to maintain a balanced spread of investments primarily in Irish, UK and Continental European equities, or a mix of equities and fixed interest stocks, depending on market conditions.
- to generate a stable income base and, over the longer term, to seek to provide an increasing income stream with capital appreciation.

### **VALUATION**

The Trust portfolio is valued at market prices at the end of each month and the price of new units acquired reflects the income accrued by the Trust in the period.

### **PURCHASES/SALES**

Units in the Trust may be bought or sold on the first day of every month. Income acquired on new units on any issue date is reflected in the unit distribution at the end of the distribution period.

### **CHARGES**

A charge of 1% to cover market transaction costs is included in the purchase price of new units. No charge is made on unit sales.

The costs of administering the Trust are covered by The Representative Church Body which is partly reimbursed by means of a 0.2% charge on the capital value of the Trust to be taken from income (subject to the maximum permitted under the Trust Deed approved by the Charity Commissioners).

### **TRUSTEE AND MANAGER**

The Representative Church Body (which is an incorporated trustee body for the Church of Ireland with full charitable status) is Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed approved by the Charity Commissioners.

The Investment Committee of The Representative Church Body, and its investment team, formulate investment policy and manage the Trust on behalf of the Trustee.

## MANAGER'S REPORT – YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2007

### Investment Performance

The capital value of a unit in the Trust rose by 15.0% while the total return (capital and income) was 18.7%. The Fund's high weighting in financials detracted from performance, as interest rate hikes created uncertainty regarding debt levels. Irish banks were also impacted by the increasing evidence of a slowdown in the domestic housing market with Allied Irish Banks and Bank of Ireland rising by 7.7% and 7.1% respectively over the period.

Movements in market indices for comparative purposes over the year were:

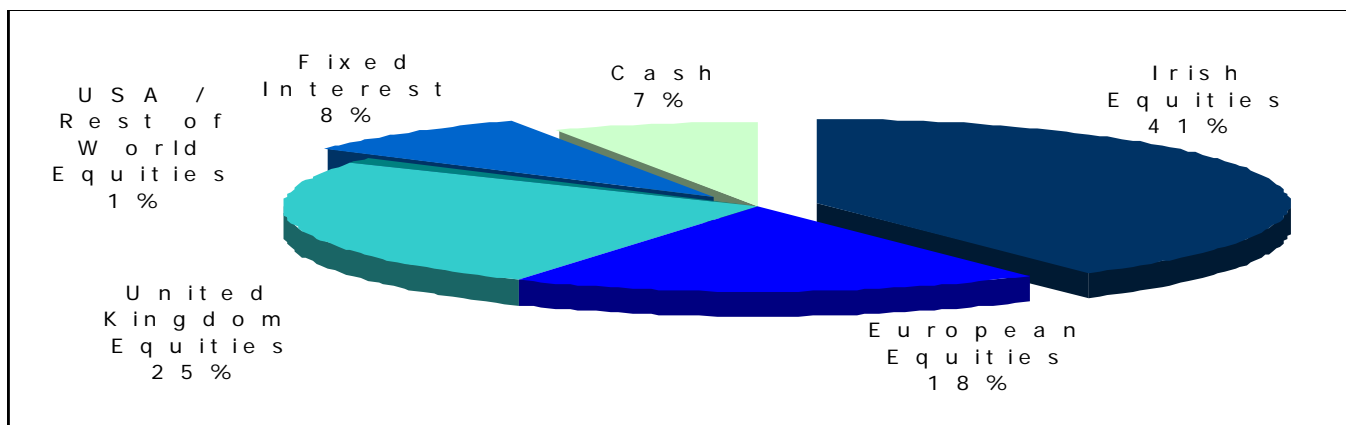
Index	Capital Return %	Total Return %
<b>ISEQ Overall</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>26.3</b>
<b>ISEQ Financial</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>FTSE All-Share (in €)</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>21.4</b>
<b>DJ Eurostoxx 50</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>27.1</b>
<b>ISEQ Bond Index Total</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>PRMS Average*</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18.2</b>
<b>RB General Unit Trust</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>18.7</b>

As a result of the positive capital return on the Trust in the financial year, and also allowing for the increases in the distribution rates declared (over the previous year), the income yield to Unit holders at the financial year-end was 3.0% (from 2.9% in 2006).

### Portfolio Composition

At 30 June 2007, 72% of the Trust's assets were invested in Irish and other Euro denominated securities (including international securities) and cash, while 28% were denominated in sterling (UK holdings and cash).

The trust asset distribution within the geographical areas was:



### The ten largest equity holdings at 30 June 2007 were:

	% of Fund		% of Fund
<b>Allied Irish Banks</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>Irish Life &amp; Permanent</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Bank of Ireland</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>E.On</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Anglo Irish Bank</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>ENI</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>CRH</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>Royal Dutch Shell</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>BHP Billiton</b>	<b>1.3</b>

\* PRMS is the survey of balanced Irish segregated pension funds. However, the survey differs in its asset base to that of the RB General Unit Trust (RI), which has significant weightings in Irish & UK stocks.

## Unit Details

Date	Cent per unit	Number of units in issue
30 June 06	462.91c	51,251,588
30 June 07	532.11c	51,839,889

## Income Distributions

The ex dividend and payment dates and the cent per unit paid by the Trust were:

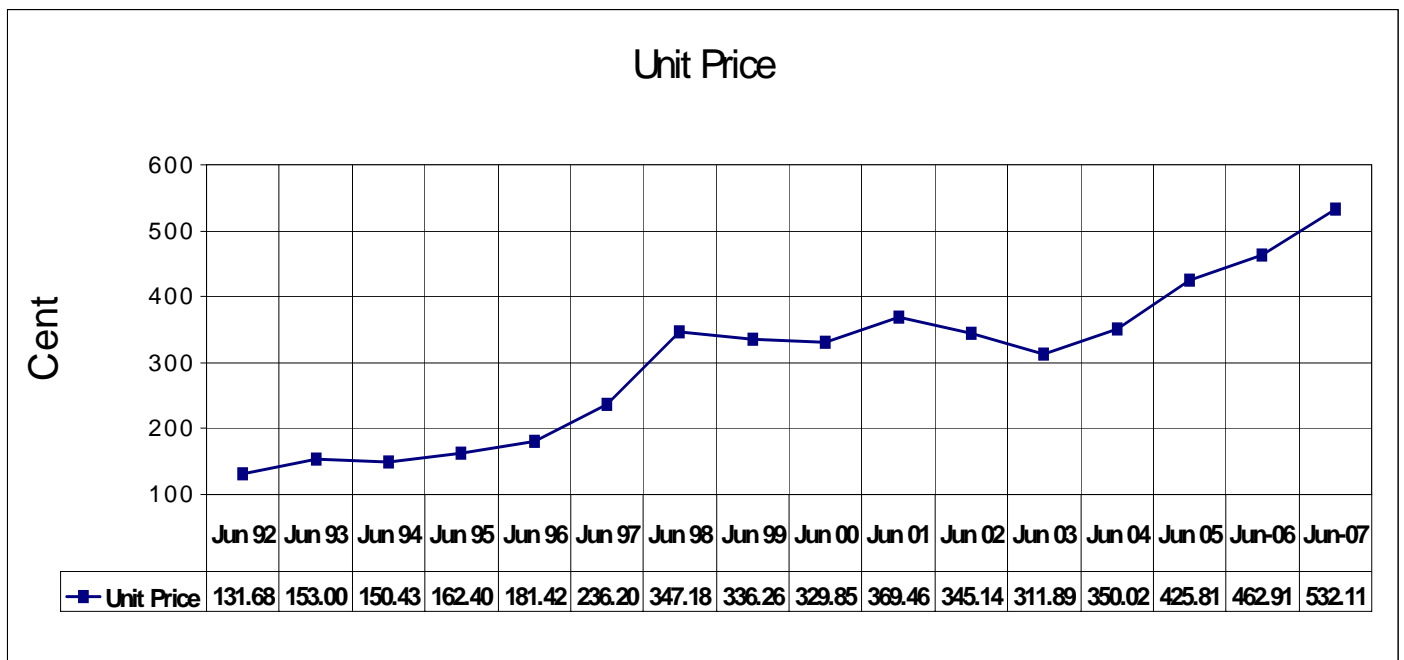
Half year to	XD date	Payment date	Cent per unit
31 December 2006	30/11/06	31/12/06	5.6c
30 June 2007	31/05/07	30/06/07	10.4c

The current policy of the Trustee and the Manager is to seek to maintain the rate of distribution **and** to build up a prudent level of dividend or income reserves. The Dividend Equalisation Reserve is essential to provide for income stability and to help to guard against any longer term difficulties which might arise in the future. Following an exceptional year for income and in agreement with the Trustee, a sum of €353,772 was transferred to the Dividend Equalisation Reserve at 30 June 2007 resulting in a balance of €2,118,281.

The primary objective of the Trust is to provide an increasing income over time consistent with a prudent spread of investment and security of capital.

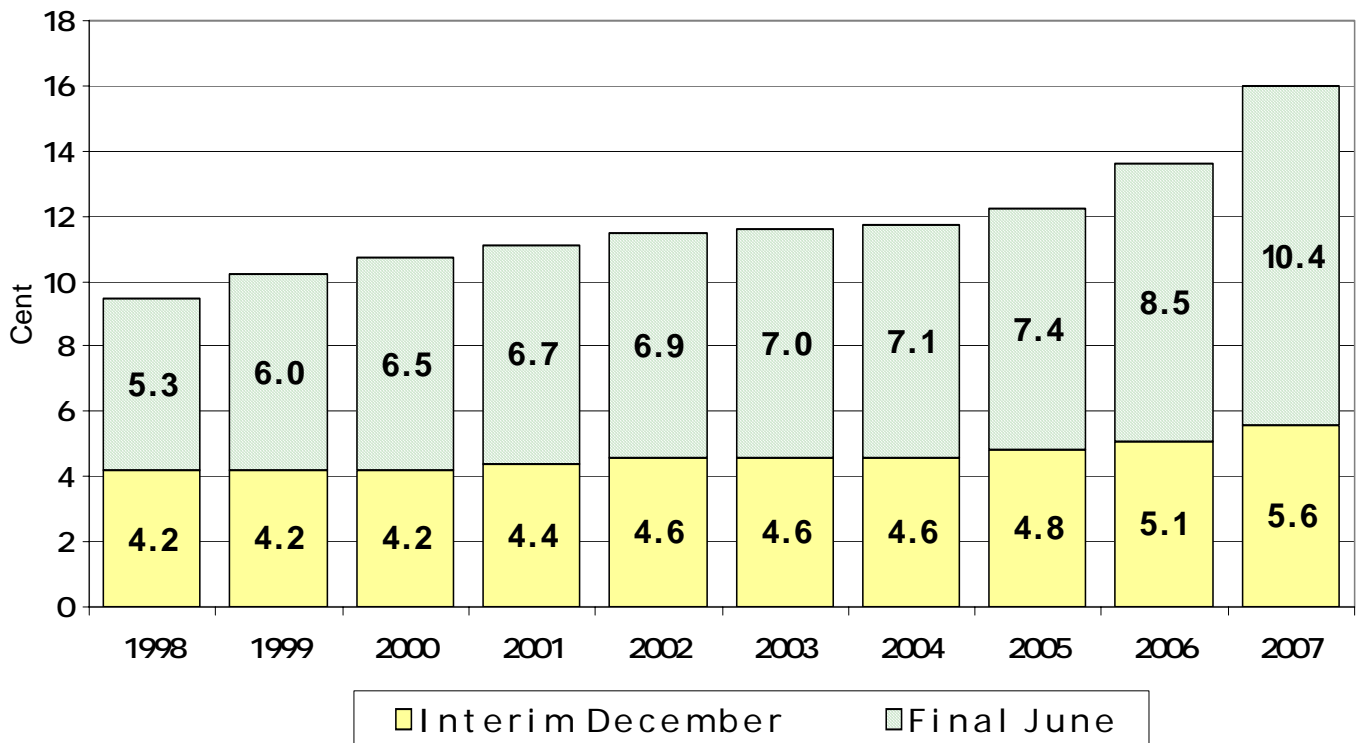
Income distributions totalling 16.0 cent per unit were paid in the year and represented an increase of 17.6% over the previous financial year.

## PERFORMANCE STATISTICS (Unit Value in Cent)



## Income Distributions (1998-2007)

Financial Year-end 30 June



### A cash investment of €1,000 on 1 January 1991 (date of inauguration)

- would have bought 787.56 units
- was worth €4,191 at 30 June 2007 – an increase of 319%
- has increased its income from €60 p.a. in the first year to €126 p.a. in the financial year ended 30 June 2007 – an increase of 110%

### A cash investment of €1,000 on 1 July 2007

- would have bought 185.75 units (based on the offer price of 538.37 cent)
- will give an annual income of circa €30 in the first year

*Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future and the value of the units can go down as well as up*

## ACCOUNTS

The accounts of the Trust are audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors. The following abstract from the audited figures summarises the period under review.

### **INCOME AND DISTRIBUTION**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
<i>Income</i>	9,087	7,443
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
<i>Net Income available for distribution</i>	9,084	7,441
<i>Distribution</i>	<u>(8,730)</u>	<u>(7,260)</u>
<i>Surplus Income after distribution</i>	354	181
<i>Transfer(to) Dividend Equalisation Reserve</i>	<u>(354)</u>	<u>(181)</u>

### **BALANCE SHEET**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>€'000</b>	<b>€'000</b>
<i>Investments at Market Value</i>	<u>256,811</u>	<u>228,554</u>
<i>Current Assets</i>		
<i>Debtors</i>	2,214	384
<i>Cash at Bank</i>	<u>19,104</u>	<u>10,336</u>
	21,318	10,720
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
<i>Creditors</i>	(163)	(263)
<i>Net Current Assets</i>	<u>21,155</u>	<u>10,457</u>
<i>Trust Capital Fund</i>	<u>277,966</u>	<u>239,011</u>

Copies of the audited accounts with full portfolio details can be obtained by writing to the Chief Officer and Secretary of The Representative Church Body.

RS Neill  
Chairman of Investment Committee  
19 November 2007

***TRUST DEED***

Dated 5 February 1991  
[Charities Act 1961]

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(at 19 November 2007)**

RS Neill (Chairman)

GW Stirling	RP Wilson
TB McCormick	D Gillespie
WL Dermott	TH Forsyth