

**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 2008

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. Income accrued since the previous distribution date is not reflected in the price of a unit when units are sold.

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 borne 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 2008

Investment Performance

The capital value of a unit in the Trust fell by 33.8% while the total return (capital and income) was -30.1%. The Fund's weighting in financials detracted from performance, particularly in Ireland with Bank of Ireland and Allied Irish Banks falling by 63% and 52% respectively over the period. UK banks also underperformed, falling by 50% in Euro terms.

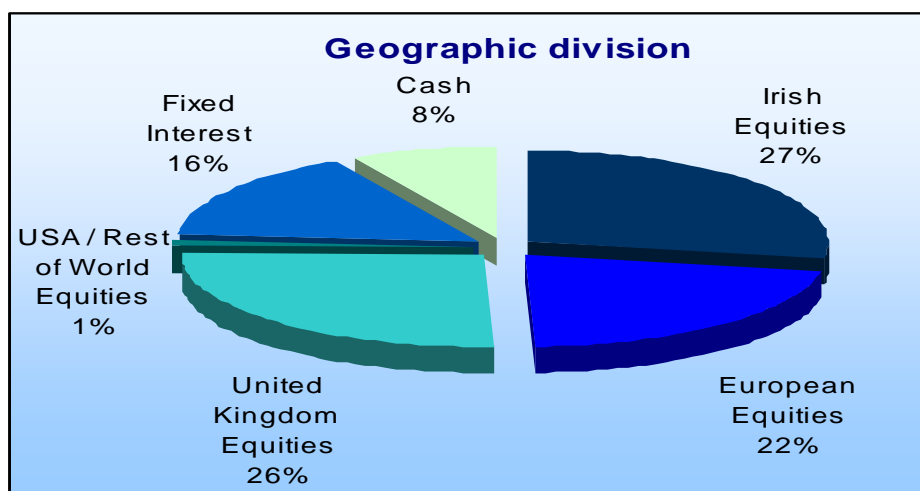
Annualised total returns of the Trust compared to market indices over the past ten years were:

Benchmarks:	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
ISEQ Overall	-42.3%	-5.0%	6.5%	2.3%
ISEQ Financial	-56.1%	-17.4%	-1.9%	1.6%
FTSE 100 (in €)	-24.5%	1.4%	7.9%	0.9%
DJ Eurostoxx 50	-22.4%	5.3%	10.3%	2.5%
ISEQ Bond Index Total	2.7%	0.5%	2.9%	n/a
RB General Unit Trust (RI)	-30.1%	-2.4%	6.3%	4.0%

Portfolio Composition

At 30 June 2008, 69% of the Trust's assets were invested in Irish and other Euro denominated securities (including international securities) and cash, while 31% 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 2008 were:

	% of Fund		% of Fund
Allied Irish Banks	7.8	Anglo Irish Bank	3.1
Bank of Ireland	5.8	BHP Billiton	2.3
Total	4.3	ENI	2.2
CRH	3.8	BG Group	2.1
E.On	3.5	Royal Dutch Shell	1.9

Unit Details

Date	Cent per unit	Number of units in issue	Fund Value
30 June 07	532.11c	51,839,889	€275,847,558
30 June 08	352.50c	51,901,013	€182,949,341

Income Distributions

The ex dividend and payment dates and the cent per unit paid by the Trust in the year ended 30 June, 2008 were:

Half year to	XD date	Payment date	Cent per unit
31 December 2007	30/11/07	31/12/07	6.0c (5.6c)
30 June 2008	31/05/08	30/06/08	11.1c (10.4c)

As shown above, income distributions totalling 17.1 cent per unit were paid in the year ended 30 June 2008. This figure represents an increase of 6.9% over the previous year.

Dividend Policy

It is the policy of the Trustee and the Manager to seek to provide unit holders with some stability, from year to year, in relation to the income they receive from their holding. To this end a Dividend Equalisation Reserve was created when the Trust was established. Over the past numbers of years this Dividend Equalisation Reserve has been credited with any exceptional income received in any year (e.g. where a company has paid an extra dividend in a year due to changes in its payment dates). Accordingly, in the year ended 30 June 2008 exceptional income of €1.015m was credited to the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to leave its balance at that date equal to €3.134m (representing 35.3% of the past year's distribution).

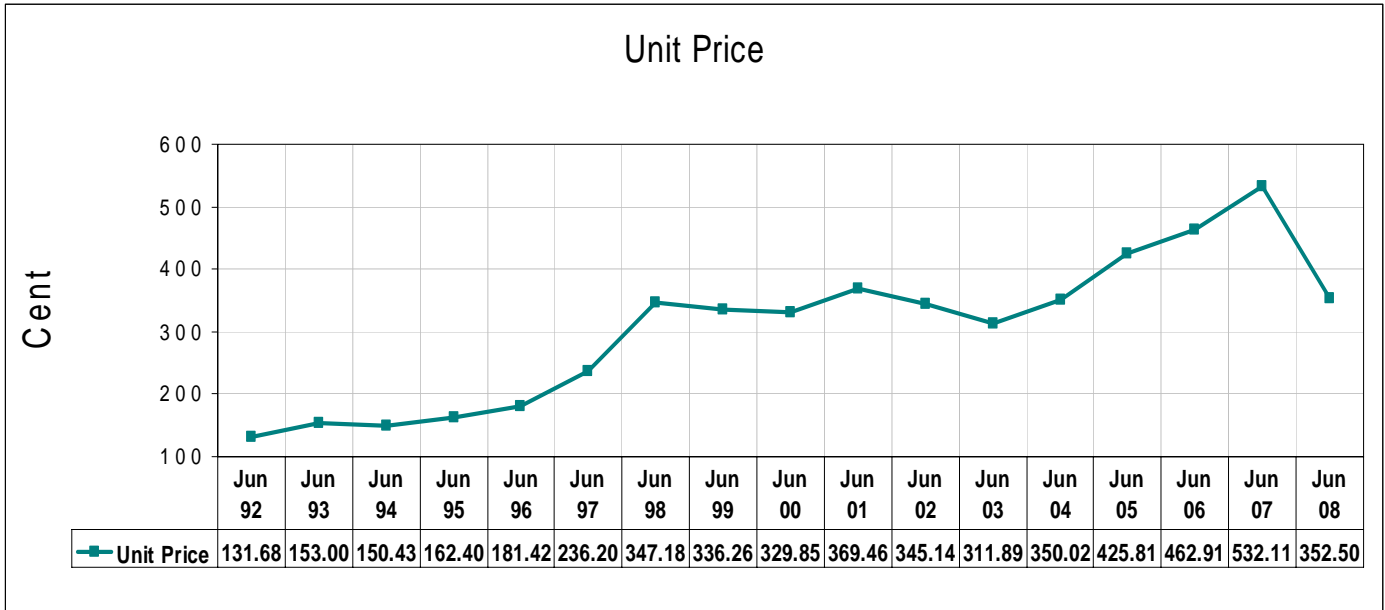
The effect of the current adverse market conditions on future distributions

The severe problems experienced over the past year in global financial markets and the fact that several economies are moving into recession, has had a knock-on effect on corporate profits generally and therefore on corporate dividends going forward. This has had an adverse impact on the projected total income earnings of the RB General Unit Trust (RI) for the current financial year (to 30 June 2009) which are forecast to show a significant reduction over the previous financial year.

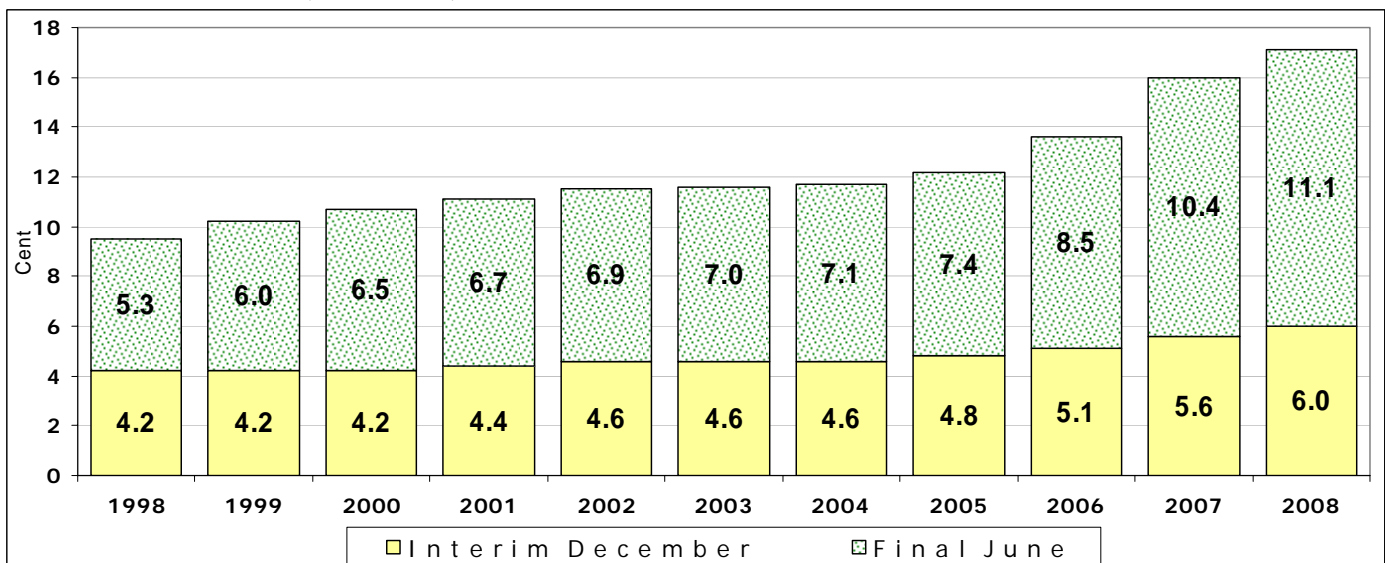
Having considered the position the Trustee has elected to supplement the projected income in the latter part of 2008 and in 2009 by utilising some of the Dividend Equalisation Reserve and thus cushioning the level of reduction in distribution to unit holders. The impact of this decision is that the Trustee is able to make a distribution of 5 cent per unit (6 cent last year) for the six months to 31 December 2008. This, combined with the distribution in June 2008 of 11.1 cent per unit, means that the 2008 calendar year distribution to unit holders will be down by circa 2% on 2007.

Having regard to the projected earnings on investments in 2009, and anticipating an additional drawing on the Dividend Equalisation Reserve, it is currently estimated that the distribution payable to unit holders on 30 June 2009 will be between 20% and 30% less than the payment to unit holders in June 2008. The final figure, however, will be dependent on the extent of reductions in future corporate dividends. The Trustee will continue to monitor the situation which remains very volatile.

PERFORMANCE STATISTICS (Unit Value in Cent)



Income Distributions (1998-2008) - 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 €2,776 at 30 June 2008 – an increase of 178%
- has increased its income from €60 p.a. in the first year to €35 p.a. in the financial year ended 30 June 2008 – an increase of 125%

A cash investment of €1,000 on 1 July 2008

- would have bought 280.10 units (based on the offer price of 357.02 cent)

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

	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
	<i>€'000</i>	<i>€'000</i>
<i>Income</i>	10,303	9,087
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u>
<i>Net Income available for distribution</i>	10,302	9,084
<i>Distribution</i>	<u>(9,287)</u>	<u>(8,730)</u>
<i>Surplus Income after distribution</i>	1,015	354
<i>Transfer(to) Dividend Equalisation Reserve</i>	<u>(1,015)</u>	<u>(354)</u>

BALANCE SHEET

	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
	<i>€'000</i>	<i>€'000</i>
<i>Investments at Market Value</i>	<u>168,730</u>	<u>256,811</u>
<i>Current Assets</i>		
<i>Debtors</i>	1,194	2,214
<i>Cash at Bank</i>	<u>16,239</u>	<u>19,104</u>
	17,433	21,318
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
<i>Creditors</i>	(81)	(163)
<i>Net Current Assets</i>	<u>17,352</u>	<u>21,155</u>
<i>Trust Capital Fund</i>	<u>186,082</u>	<u>277,966</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
17 November 2008

TRUST DEED

Dated 5 February 1991
[Charities Act 1961]

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**RCB INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
(at 17 November 2008)**

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TB McCormick	TH Forsyth
WL Dermot	DAC Smith
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