



# abr dn Capital Offshore Strategy Fund Limited

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the six months ended 30 June 2023

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# Management and Administration

## Directors of the Company

### **Aaron Le Cornu (Chairman)**

Aaron Le Cornu is the founder of A2Z Consulting Ltd and is an independent Director, with 30 years experience in financial services. Aaron held a number of senior and Board positions within HSBC, latterly as Deputy CEO of HSBC International. During his 10 years with HSBC, he was involved in several acquisitions including the purchase of Marks and Spencer Money.

Aaron was the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer for the law firm, Ogier, and was Chief Financial Officer of the team which completed a management buy out of the Ogier fiduciary business (subsequently renamed Elian) in 2014. Aaron was also the Chief Operating Officer for GLI Finance and was a Board Director of its Fintech Ventures subsidiary.

Aaron is a Chartered Accountant having qualified with Arthur Andersen in London. He has a First Class Honours degree in European Management Science from Swansea University.

Appointed to the Board on 22 February 2021.

Appointed as Chairman on 27 May 2021.

### **Timothy Coote**

Tim Coote is Head of Governance and Oversight and a Director of abrdn Capital International Limited in Jersey, which is licenced to conduct Investment and Fund Service business. He joined abrdn in 2005.

He has over forty years experience in Corporate Banking, Investment and Fund Management. Prior to joining abrdn, Tim spent seven years as Operations Director for Insinger de Beaufort International Limited. Previous to this, Tim held a senior position with Citibank in Jersey, latterly supporting their business in Dublin.

Appointed to the Board on 11 September 2018.

### **Lynn Scott**

Lynn Scott is the Head of Product Consultancy of abrdn. Lynn was previously Head of Product Management for abrdn, Head of Product Development for non UCITS structures for Aberdeen Standard Investments and Head of Product Management and Investment Director (Technical) for Standard Life Investments. She joined Standard Life Investments in 2006. Prior to being employed by Standard Life Investments, she was employed by Standard Life Assurance Limited in various actuarial roles between 1994 and 2006.

She has a BSc (Hons) in Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics and has been a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries (FFA) since 1997.

Lynn is also a Director of the Manager, abrdn Capital (CI) Limited.

Appointed to the Board on 26 January 2015.

### **Andrew Curtin (Senior Independent Director)**

Andrew Curtin is an independent Director of a range of Irish and Jersey regulated financial service providers including other fund companies sponsored by abrdn. He has over 25 years experience as a corporate banker and capital markets professional in both developed and emerging markets. From 2009 to 2012 he was Managing Director of ANP International Finance, a specialist proprietary liquidity and asset manager. He has also held various senior positions with Citibank, Anglo Irish Bank and the Saudi Industrial Development Fund.

Andrew graduated from University College Dublin with a BA (Hons) in Economics and a Masters in International Development. He is also a Chartered Director.

Appointed to the Board on 10 May 2016.

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### Registered Office of the Company

IFC 1  
The Esplanade  
St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP

abrdrn Capital Offshore Strategy Fund Limited is regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

### Manager, Secretary and Registrar

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Investment Helpline  
Jersey (01534) 709130

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Registered in Jersey No. 5769  
Regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

### Investor contact details

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The Esplanade  
St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP

### Administrator

The Manager has also appointed the Administrator as Secretary and Registrar to the Company.

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### Directors of the Manager

Kevin Charles Mundy (Chairman)  
Andrew Ian Wignall  
Gary Clark  
Lynn Scott  
Barry Jon Hardisty

### Custodian

BNP Paribas Depository  
Services (Jersey) Limited  
IFC 1  
The Esplanade  
St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP  
Regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

### Compliance Officer

Lisa Ronayne (resigned 30 June 2023)  
Barry Jon Hardisty (appointed 30 June 2023)

### Money Laundering Compliance Officer

Lisa Ronayne (resigned 30 June 2023)  
Timothy Coote (appointed 30 June 2023)

### Money Laundering Reporting Officer

Lisa Ronayne (resigned 30 June 2023)  
Timothy Coote (appointed 30 June 2023)

### Investment Manager

abrdrn Capital Limited  
1 George Street  
Edinburgh, EH2 2LL  
Registered in Scotland No. SC317950  
Registered office as address above.  
Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

### Principal Bankers to the Company

BNP Paribas S.A. Jersey Branch  
IFC 1  
The Esplanade  
St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP  
Regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

### Legal Advisers

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22 Grenville Street  
St Helier, Jersey, JE4 8PX

### Auditor

KPMG Channel Islands Limited  
37 Esplanade, St Helier  
Jersey, JE4 8WQ

### Fund Accountants

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited  
160 Queen Victoria Street  
London  
EC4V 4LA

# Chairman's Statement

## Global Market Overview

### Global equities

Global stock markets rose robustly over the period. Core inflation remained elevated in many countries despite aggressive central bank actions over the period. Nevertheless, global economic growth held up better than many investors expected, defying fears that the tighter interest rate environment would trigger a recession. The new year started on a positive note, with strong stock market gains. Slowing US and eurozone annual inflation rates prompted hopes that an end to interest-rate rises might be imminent. The collapse of two regional US banks and the forced sale of Credit Suisse to rival UBS in March then brought fears of a banking crisis. However, stock markets recovered after an initial sell-off. After a quiet April, most stock markets fell in May. This was against a backdrop of further interest-rate rises, protracted negotiations over raising the US government's debt ceiling and signs of slowing economic momentum. At the end of the period, news of a compromise agreement over the debt limit and further encouraging inflation data led to equities having a strong month in June.

### UK

The UK stock market, as represented by the FTSE All-Share Index, advanced over the period, and the FTSE 100 Index also registered gains. The latter is home to many so-called defensive shares that tend to hold their value better during times of economic uncertainty. The FTSE 250 Index, which contains smaller companies typically more focused on the domestic UK economy, also rose over the period. In the first half of 2023, the Bank of England (BoE) continued to hike interest rates to combat still-elevated inflation. The BoE increased its base rate by 0.50% in February, by 0.25% in both March and May, and then by a further 0.50% in June. The UK annual consumer inflation has remained stubbornly high, in part due to surging food prices. This was despite 13 straight interest-rate rises, and at the end of the review period, stood significantly higher than in the US and eurozone. Annual core inflation climbed to 7.1% in May, its highest level since 1992.

### US

US equities performed well over the 6-month period. The US economy maintained its positive momentum entering 2023, despite the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) rate hikes aimed at taming inflation. This led the Fed to continue raising rates in 2023. The 0.25% increase in May 2023 took the target range for the fed funds rate to 5.00-5.25%, its highest level since 2007. US stock markets steadily rose as the period progressed, even shaking off turmoil in the banking sector in March, when two regional banks, Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, collapsed. In particular, investor sentiment was helped by the long-awaited news of an agreement over raising the US debt ceiling and a strong performance by the

technology sector amid investor demand for artificial intelligence (AI)-related stocks.

### Europe

European equities performed strongly, with double-digit gains over the period. The region's equity markets were buffeted for much of 2022 by surging inflation, higher interest rates and the shock of the Russia-Ukraine war. However, as 2023 unfolded, investors were cheered by falling annual inflation, dwindling fears of disruption to energy supplies and an unexpectedly resilient European economy. The European Central Bank (ECB) announced a further series of rate rises in the first half of 2023 as it strived to bring the annual inflation rate down to its 2.0% target. The ECB's 0.25% increase in its key interest rates in June 2023 took its base rate to 4.0%. Having been as high as 11.6% in October 2022, the annual inflation rate declined to an estimated 5.5% in June. Germany, Europe's largest economy, entered a technical recession after the German economy contracted by 0.3% in the first quarter of 2023, having also shrunk in the final quarter of 2022.

### Asia Pacific

Stock markets in the Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) region rose modestly. Chinese stock markets continued to rise sharply entering 2023 as the Chinese economy reopened, and the latest wave of Covid-19 infections peaked. This supported other Asian stock markets as well. However, Chinese share prices then gave up some of their post-reopening gains on signs of a faltering economic recovery. Meanwhile, the Taiwanese and South Korean stock markets recorded substantial gains in the first six months of 2023, helped by their sizeable exposure to the technology sector. The Japanese stock market, as measured by the TOPIX Index, recorded a strong double-digit gain over the period. The Bank of Japan (BoJ) faced milder inflationary pressures than the world's other major central banks. Consequently, it left its key interest rate unchanged at -0.1% over the period. The Japanese yen further weakened after new BoJ Governor Ueda stressed his commitment to an ultra-loose monetary policy. Solid company results and an increased focus by Japanese companies on shareholder returns supported share prices from April to June, with the Nikkei 225 Index hitting its highest level since 1990 in May.

### Emerging markets

Emerging-market equities rose over the period, though they trailed developed markets. US monetary policy decisions and the pace of China's economic recovery were among the main market drivers. The Fed kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged in June, after 10 straight hikes, as US inflation showed signs of easing. However, Fed chair Jerome Powell signalled at least two more rate increases in 2023, which stoked recession fears. In China, initial optimism surrounding the country's reopening fizzled as economic data missed investors' high expectations, suggesting the recovery will be more gradual than had been anticipated. China's central bank cut its key interest rates to support growth, while the

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government rolled out targeted stimulus measures. Other factors that weighed on risk appetite included worsening US-China relations as well as negotiations over the US debt ceiling to avoid the government defaulting on its obligations. The US Congress eventually raised the debt ceiling, which eased some of the worries that had gripped capital markets. Meanwhile, in March, banking sector turmoil in the US and Europe sparked fears of a credit crunch and contagion risks. It prompted regulators to intervene and maintain global financial stability.

### Bond markets

Global government bonds (apart from UK Gilts) recorded small gains despite expectations of further interest-rate rises ahead. The Fed continued to raise rates in 2023 as the strong momentum in the US economy continued and annual core inflation remained elevated. The BoE increased its base rate four more times as annual inflation stayed stubbornly high and the core rate rose further. Similarly, the ECB continued to raise rates, with further 0.50% increases in February and March followed by 0.25% hikes in May and June. In contrast, the BoJ maintained its ultra-loose monetary policy. Corporate bond prices (apart from in the UK) held up well over the period, with investment-grade bonds underperforming riskier high-yield bonds. Growing expectations that global inflationary pressures may be peaking, leading to hopes that the cycle of interest-rate rises may be nearing its end, helped corporate bonds to perform better. Spreads tightened until March as investors' appetite for riskier assets began to return. Turbulence in the global banking sector then caused credit spreads to widen to levels last seen at the start of 2023; however, the effect was offset by lower government bond yields amid a flight to safety. Calm returned to bond markets over the second quarter, with spreads steadily tightening, although they still ended the period near to where they were before March's volatility.

### Outlook

Global equity markets will continue to face challenges, with investors concerned that entrenched inflation and sustained rate rises could result in tougher financial conditions. However, in the US, there is ongoing optimism surrounding the AI sector, which was further buoyed by chipmaker NVIDIA's returns in June.

In fixed-income markets, the ECB and BoE both raised rates in June, by 25 basis points (bps) and 50 bps, respectively. The Fed left rates unchanged, although the Federal Open Market Committee indicated there could be two further rises later this year. As widely predicted, the Fed hiked the fed funds rate by 25 bps in July, with Fed Chair Jerome Powell suggesting that the central bank may make a further rise in September. The ECB's June rate rise was in line with consensus expectations, with analysts' predictions for a further rate hike of the same magnitude in July coming to fruition. Although inflation continued to moderate, it remains stubbornly above the ECB's target range of 2.0%. In the UK, the reacceleration in the pace of tightening in June, with the

BoE's rate rise of 50 bps, reflects the Bank's concerns over upside inflation surprises. Despite a smaller increase of 25 bps in August, policymakers stressed that rates are likely to remain higher for the foreseeable future.

# Chairman's Statement

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### Fund reports and performance (annualised %)

The Fund Reports, included in the Individual Financial Statements, provide information on the performance of each Class Fund and portfolio activity during the period.

Class	6 months*	1 Year	3 years	5 years	Since Inception
Bridge	2.50	3.40	3.46	4.59	5.98
Global Equity	7.30	8.63	6.82	7.95	6.57
Global Fixed Interest	3.04	3.53	-2.95	-0.34	3.79
Income	1.22	0.77	3.71	4.55	5.75
Sterling Fixed Interest	-1.41	-6.93	-7.18	-2.23	3.11
UK Equity	-2.90	1.42	4.43	-0.91	5.42

\*2023 year to date %

### Sustainable Investing

Environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations have been an integral part of our decision-making process for almost 30 years. With ESG factors at the heart of our investment processes, we believe that we can generate better outcomes for our clients, society and the wider world. Please refer to the Fund Report of each Fund class for more details.

### Board Changes

There have been no changes from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023.

### Significant Events

On 26 February 2023, abrdn agreed the sale of abrdn Capital Limited (ACL), its discretionary fund management business, to LGT. The sale is expected to complete around the start of September 2023, following satisfaction of certain conditions including receipt of customary regulatory approvals. ACL is the sole shareholder of abrdn Capital International Limited (ACIL), and ACIL is in turn the sole shareholder of abrdn Capital (CI) Limited (the Manager), which is the manager of abrdn Capital Offshore Strategy Fund Limited (the Fund). ACL is the Investment Manager of the Fund (the Investment Manager). Assuming and upon completion of the sale (i) the Buyer's group will therefore assume control of the Manager and the Investment Manager of the Fund and the ultimate beneficial ownership of the Fund's management shares; (ii) there will be minor changes to the constitution of the boards of directors of the Fund and the Manager to remove a Director who will remain aligned to abrdn plc and to appoint a Director aligned to LGT; and (iii) the names of the Fund, its class funds, the Manager and the Investment Manager will be changed to align with the Buyer's group branding. It is anticipated that the Investment Manager will delegate certain services in respect of the Fund to abrdn Investment

Management Limited for a transitional period following completion. We do not envisage any material changes to the way in which the Fund is managed or operated and investors will be provided with a fuller explanation of all of the changes following completion.

On 24 February 2022, Russia launched a military offensive against Ukraine resulting in widespread sanctions on Russia and heightened security and cyber threats. Market disruptions associated with the geopolitical event have had a global impact, and uncertainty exists as to the implications. Such disruptions can adversely affect assets of funds and performance thereon. Only the Global Fixed Interest Fund Class had direct exposure to Ukrainian assets at 30 June 2023, totalling 0.27% of total net assets.

abrdn and abrdn Capital conduct regular reviews of the following:

- Market liquidity across each asset class and Fund;
- Asset class bid-offer spread monitoring;
- Review of Fund level dilution rate appropriateness;
- Review of daily subscriptions / redemptions to anticipate any potential concerns to meet redemption proceeds;
- Any requirement to gate or defer redemptions;
- Any requirement to suspend a Fund(s); and
- Any fair value price adjustments at a Fund level.

abrdn's Valuation and Pricing Committee (VPC) also continue to review the valuation of assets and the recoverability of income from those assets making appropriate adjustments where necessary. The VPC is made up of a wide range of specialists across abrdn with a wide range of experience in asset pricing. abrdn and abrdn Capital have also evaluated, and will continue to evaluate, the operational resilience of all service providers. Key suppliers do not have operations pertaining to abrdn in Ukraine or Russia. These are regularly presented to the board in making decisions on behalf of the Company.



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The latest prices are available on the abrdn Capital website at:

[www.abrdn.com/discretionary/offshore/adviser/fund-centre/literature-page](http://www.abrdn.com/discretionary/offshore/adviser/fund-centre/literature-page)

I hope that you find this report informative and I would like to thank you for investing with us.

**Aaron Le Cornu**

Chairman

10 August 2023

# Report of the Directors

The Directors submit their Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for abrdn Capital Offshore Strategy Fund Limited (the "Company") for the six months ended 30 June 2023. The Company was incorporated in Jersey on 4 April 1996 with registration number 64833. On 2 July 1996 the Company obtained Recognized Fund status under the Collective Investment Funds (Jersey) Law 1988 and under the United Kingdom Financial Services Act 1986.

The Company is an open-ended investment company whose shares are divided into a number of Fund Classes. The Company is a recognized fund in the category of an umbrella fund as defined in the Collective Investment Funds (Recognized Funds) (Rules) (Jersey) Order 2003.

As at 30 June 2023, the Company has six Fund Classes all constituting Securities Funds in which investors may subscribe for shares, as follows:

Class	Inception date
Bridge	18 October 1999
Global Equity	6 April 1998
Global Fixed Interest	22 April 2004
Income	9 March 2015
Sterling Fixed Interest	4 February 2000
UK Equity	29 May 1997

Each Fund Class has two classes of shares in issue; these being Z and Retail Participating Shares. The Z Participating Shares are only available to those investors who are clients of the Investment Manager or other relevant Group entities. The principal difference between Z Shares and Retail Shares is that the Z Shares are not subject to the periodic charge of the Manager under the relevant Fund Class rules because the clients have already agreed to pay a fee pursuant to their specific fee arrangements with the Investment Manager or other relevant Group entity.

The Directors may create additional Fund Classes by adopting fund rules approved by the Custodian and specifying the name, investment objective, base currency, initial price, and other relevant provisions for a class fund not contained in the Articles of Association of the Company.

Each Fund Class owns a pool of assets to which the proceeds of issue of shares of the Fund Class and the revenue arising from the investment of those proceeds together with related expenses are applied.

Accordingly, separate accounting records are maintained and separate Statements of Financial Position, Statements of Total Return and Statements of Movements in Shareholders' Funds have been prepared for each Fund Class.

The Company is a recognised scheme in the United Kingdom for the purposes of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA) by virtue of s270 of FSMA.

## Holdings in other Fund Classes of the Company

As at 30 June 2023, no Fund Class held shares in any other Fund Class of the Company.

## Alternative Investment Fund Managers ('AIFM') Directive

On 17 July 2014, an amended and restated Management Agreement was signed by the Company in anticipation of the potential impact of Directive 2011/61/EU (AIFMD) on the marketing of Participating Shares in the Company to professional investors in the European Economic Area and in contemplation of the Manager having primary responsibility for the portfolio management and risk management activities of the Company as a non-EU AIFM.

In accordance with the AIFM Directive, information in relation to the Company's leverage and the remuneration of the Company's AIFM, abrdn Capital (CI) Limited, is required to be made available to investors and is provided in the Annual Report of the Company each year.

# Report of the Directors

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### Investment Objective and Strategy

#### **abrdrn Bridge Offshore Class ("Bridge Class"):**

to provide investors with capital growth with an element of income. This Class will be primarily invested in a portfolio of international equities and fixed interest securities. Although this Class will normally be invested in securities, the Investment Manager may elect to hold cash or near cash from time to time. There will be no limits on the proportion of the Class invested in bonds or equities or in any one geographic region.

#### **abrdrn Global Equity Offshore Class ("Global Equity Class"):**

to provide investors with long-term capital growth together with an element of income. This Class will be primarily invested in a diversified portfolio of global equities.

#### **abrdrn Global Fixed Interest Offshore Class ("Global Fixed Interest Class"):**

to provide investors with a return from both income and capital growth. This Class will be primarily invested in global fixed interest securities. The Investment Manager may also elect to hold cash or near cash from time to time.

#### **abrdrn Income Offshore Class ("Income Class"):**

to provide investors with income and the potential for growth in the underlying invested capital. This Class will be invested primarily in a portfolio of international equities (including United Kingdom equities) and fixed interest securities. The Class may also hold other assets including cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management purposes), collective investment scheme investments, warrants, deposits and money market instruments as deemed appropriate to meet the investment objective.

#### **abrdrn Sterling Fixed Interest Offshore Class ("Sterling Fixed Interest Class"):**

to provide investors with a return of both capital growth and income. This Class will be primarily invested in a portfolio of sterling denominated fixed interest securities. The Investment Manager may also elect to hold cash from time to time and up to a maximum of 20% of the Class may also consist of euro and dollar denominated fixed interest securities. All non-sterling assets will be hedged back to sterling.

#### **abrdrn UK Equity Offshore Class ("UK Equity Class"):**

to provide investors with long-term capital growth together with an element of income. This Class will be invested primarily in a diversified range of UK equity investments.

### Reporting Fund Status

The Company received confirmation from HMRC of its entry into the Reporting Fund Regime with effect from 1 January 2010.

### A Word of Warning

Investors should remember that the value of shares can fluctuate and is not guaranteed. Past performance is not a guide to the future and you may not get back the full amount invested. Shares in the Company should be regarded as long-term investments and may not be suitable for money you may need at short notice. The value of overseas securities will be influenced by the rate of exchange, which is used to convert these into sterling. In the event of the Company being unable to meet liabilities attributable to any particular Fund Class out of the assets attributable to such Fund Class, the excess liabilities may have to be met out of the assets attributable to the other Fund Classes.

### Distribution Policy

The amount of revenue available for distribution will be determined by the Company. For the Bridge, Global Equity and UK Equity Classes, dividends will normally be paid six monthly on 28 February and 31 August in sterling to Shareholders who are on the register at 31 December and 30 June immediately prior to the distribution.

For the Sterling Fixed Interest, Global Fixed Interest and Income Classes, dividends will be paid quarterly. In addition to the dividend dates stated above, dividends will also be paid on 31 May and 30 November in sterling to Shareholders who are on the register at 31 March and 30 September immediately prior to the distribution.

Included in the creation and cancellation prices of Participating Shares and therefore reflected as a capital sum in those prices, is a revenue equalisation figure representing any revenue attributable to the Participating Shares accrued since the last record date for dividends. An amount representing an average equalisation will be included in the amount of the first dividend paid after the initial investment.

At present all net revenue earned is paid out as a distribution to Shareholders of each Share Class.

### Shares in Issue

The total number of Shares in issue and Net Asset Value History over the last 3 years (or since launch if shorter) of each Share Class is disclosed in the Net Asset Value History table in the Statistics section for each Share Class. These are disclosed under the heading "Statistics" just before the Portfolio Statements and not in the Directors' report as required by Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Fund Rules, as the Directors believe the information presented within each set of Fund Class results is a more informative presentation and will aid the understanding of the figures contained therein.

# Report of the Directors

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Each Fund class has two classes of shares in issue; these being Z and Retail Participating Shares.

### Market value per Share

The bid-market value per share of each Share Class is disclosed in the Net Asset Value History table in the Statistics for each Share Class.

### Corporate Governance Report

The Board has considered the Principles and Provisions of the AIC Code of Corporate Governance (AIC Code). The AIC Code addresses the Principles and Provisions set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code (the UK Code) as well as setting out additional Provisions on issues that are of specific relevance to abrdn Capital Offshore Strategy Fund Limited.

The Board considers that reporting against the Principles and Provisions of the AIC Code, which has been supported by the Jersey Financial Services Commission, provides more relevant information to shareholders.

The Company has complied with the Principles and Provisions of the AIC Code.

The AIC Code is available on the AIC website ([www.theaic.co.uk](http://www.theaic.co.uk)). It includes an explanation of how the AIC Code adapts the Principles and Provisions set out in the UK Code to make them relevant for investment companies.

### Management Structure

The management structure is a one-tier Board of Directors.

### Bank facilities and gearing

At 30 June 2023, the Company had 5 short term overdrafts (2022:3) and held cash of £11,277k (2022: £11,767k) which meant the Company was ungeared.

### Directors' Interests

The Directors at the date of this report are listed on page 4 and no Director has a service contract with the Company.

The Directors of the Company and their families had no interests in the Share Capital of the Company on 10 August 2023 or during the year, apart from Mr Coote who has a family interest of 289,005 Z class shares held within a discretionary portfolio managed by abrdn Capital International Limited (holding at 1 January 2023: 289,005).

There have been no changes in the interests of the Directors from the period end to the date of signing this report.

### Related party transactions

The contracts with abrdn Capital (CI) Limited and abrdn Capital Limited are the only related party arrangements

currently in place. Mrs Scott is a Director of the Manager, abrdn Capital (CI) Limited. Other than fees payable in the ordinary course of business, there have been no material transactions with these related parties which have affected the financial position or performance of the Company in the financial period.

### Substantial share interests

At 30 June 2023, 698,602,782 (76.7%) shares were held by nominee company Rexigon Nominees Limited, 206,282,072 (22.7%) shares by nominee company Allfunds Bank SA and 171,000 (0.0%) shares by nominee company BNP Paribas Securities Nominees Limited representing holdings on behalf of abrdn Capital's clients. Other corporate and nominee holdings represented 0.3% of shares. The remaining 0.3% of shares were held by 70 individual Shareholders.

Relations with Shareholders are given high priority by both the Board and the Manager. The prime medium by which the Company communicates with Shareholders is through the Half Year and Annual Reports.

It is the intention of the Board that the year end items and Notice of the AGM be issued to Shareholders so as to provide at least twenty one days' notice of the AGM.

Shareholders wishing to contact the Company are invited to do so by writing to the Company Secretary at the registered office address. The Chairman can also be contacted at this address on page 5 of the report.

### Responsible Investment

The Board has delegated all responsible investment activities for the Fund Classes to the Investment Manager. It is believed that the Investment Manager is best placed to undertake such activities and to ensure that these activities are integrated within the investment process. The Investment Manager has a well established approach to responsible investment. This approach encapsulates the exercise of voting rights, engaging with investee companies and influencing the debate on certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters.

In a rapidly changing world on a path to net zero, we believe that the consideration of ESG factors is essential to more constructive engagement and better informed investment decisions which help our clients to achieve their financial objectives. Thinking about the future desired by our customers is a priority and we are relentlessly curious, seeking to identify those technologies, companies and sectors that will thrive in the economy, environment and society of tomorrow. Our investment decision-making incorporates ESG factors to improve client outcomes and drive positive change.

### Other Information

At the reporting date, the Manager, abrdn Capital (CI) Limited, was a subsidiary of abrdn plc.

# Report of the Directors

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### Other Matters

There are no changes to report for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

### Website

The Prospectus, Financial Statements, quarterly factsheets and daily fund prices are available on the website of the Investment Manager.

**[www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com)**

Notice of annual general meetings and results of all Shareholders' meetings are available on request.

Helpline no. (01534) 709130

### By Order of the Board

abrdn Capital (CI) Limited Manager as Company Secretary

10 August 2023

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Interim Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable Law, regulations and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland' ("FRS 102").

The Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, Alternative Investment Funds (Jersey) Regulations 2012 and Collective Investment Funds (Recognized Funds) (Rules) (Jersey) Order 2003 (together the "Laws") require the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial period in accordance with any generally accepted accounting principles. The Financial Statements of the Company are required by the Laws to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at the period end and of the net revenue and the net gains of the Company for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors should:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- specify which generally accepted accounting principles have been adopted in their preparation; assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern to disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors confirm they have complied with all the above requirements in preparing the Financial Statements.

The Directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and are to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements prepared by the Company comply with the Laws. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and each Director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Investment Manager's website. Legislation in Jersey governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Aaron Le Cornu**

Chairman

10 August 2023

# Aggregated Financial Statements

## Aggregated Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital (losses)/gains					
Net capital losses on investments	3	(3,095)		(69,771)	
Other (losses)/gains	3	(427)		663	
			(3,522)		(69,108)
Revenue	4	8,944		8,241	
Expenses	5	(200)		(190)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(24)		(32)	
Net revenue before taxation		8,720		8,019	
Taxation		(506)		(458)	
Net revenue after taxation			8,214		7,561
<b>Total return before distributions</b>			<b>4,692</b>		<b>(61,547)</b>
Distributions	7		(8,363)		(7,708)
<b>Net (decrease) in Shareholders' funds from Investment activities</b>			<b>(3,671)</b>		<b>(69,255)</b>

## Aggregated Statement of Movement in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>363,589</b>		<b>469,518</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of Shares	137,777		24,474	
Amounts payable on cancellation of Shares	(43,556)		(32,149)	
		94,221		(7,675)
Dilution levy		163		3
Net decrease in Shareholders' funds from investment activities (see above)		(3,671)		(69,255)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>454,302</b>		<b>392,591</b>

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

All results above are derived from continuing activities for both the current and prior periods.

# Aggregated Financial Statements

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### Aggregated Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Assets</b>					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss*			443,029		352,812
Current assets					
Debtors	9	72,337		4,284	
Cash and bank balances		11,277		11,767	
Total current assets			83,614		16,051
Total assets			526,643		368,863
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Investment liabilities at fair value through profit or loss*		(122)		(1,035)	
Creditors					
Amounts due to future clearing houses and brokers		(13)		(9)	
Bank overdrafts		(5)		(3)	
Distribution payable	10	(5,478)		(3,488)	
Other creditors	10	(66,723)		(739)	
Total current liabilities			(72,219)		(4,239)
Total liabilities			(72,341)		(5,274)
<b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>			<b>454,302</b>		<b>363,589</b>

\*The net investment assets and investment liabilities equal the total net aggregated value of the Portfolio Statements within each Fund Class. The notes on pages 17 to 22 form part of the Financial Statements.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 10 August 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

**Aaron Le Cornu**

The Company has not prepared a cash flow statement as required by making use of the exemption detailed in Section 7.1 A of Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 which stipulates that one is not required for investment entities that meet all of the following conditions:

- i) Substantially all of the entity's investments are highly liquid;
- ii) Substantially all of the entity's investments are carried at market value; and
- iii) The entity provides a Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

(The Directors believe that the information required by a Statement of Changes in Net Assets is provided in the Statement of Movement in Shareholders' Funds on page 15).



# Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

## 1 Accounting policies

### (a) Accounting Convention

Notes specific to individual Fund Classes are shown following the Financial Statements for each Fund Class.

### (b) Accounting Principles

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, Alternative Investment Funds (Jersey) Regulations 2012, the Collective Investment Funds (Recognized Funds) (Rules) (Jersey) Order 2003, and in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 - "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102").

The Directors have also chosen to prepare the Financial Statements in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by the IMA (now known as the Investment Association) in May 2014 and amended in June 2017 (the "SORP"). The comparative table has been prepared in accordance with Jersey Law.

These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit and loss.

The preparation of Financial Statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. In the opinion of the Directors there are no areas involving a high degree of judgement or complexity.

The Manager has undertaken a detailed assessment, and continues to monitor, the Fund's abilities to meet their liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, declines in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Funds continue to be open for trading and the Manager is satisfied the Funds have adequate financial resources to continue in operation and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### (c) Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, including cash and bank balances and other receivables, are initially recognised at transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at cost and at the end of each reporting year assessed for objective evidence of impairment. The impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

Other financial assets, including investments in securities, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Securities listed on a Stock Exchange or actively traded on any other regulated market are valued on the last business day of the year at bid market value on such exchange or market.

Collective Investment Scheme investments held by the Company are valued at the last sales price available at the valuation point. Certain of these Collective Investment Schemes have limited dealing frequencies and thus are not as liquid as securities listed on a Stock Exchange. No liquidity discount is applied to the valuation prices; accordingly, the carrying value based on the latest available price may not represent the proceeds which would be realised upon sale in due course.

Cash collateral provided by the Funds is identified on the Statement of Financial Position as pledged cash collateral and is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents.

Securities not listed on any Stock Exchange or traded on any regulated market are valued at their last available market price. Securities for which no listed price is available, or for which the price referred to in the previous paragraphs is not considered to represent fair value, will be valued prudently and in good faith by the Directors based on the most recent available information at the year end. The recorded fair value may not represent the proceeds which would be realised upon sale in due course.

#### Financial assets are derecognised when

- i) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or
- ii) substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party, or

# Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements

## for the six months ended 30 June 2023 continued

- iii) despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

### (d) Financial Liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including bank overdrafts and other payables, that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at cost.

Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

### (e) Bank Deposit Interest and Investment Revenue

Dividends on equities, and revenue from shares held in underlying funds are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Interest on deposits is accounted for on an accruals basis. Revenue on debt securities is recognised on the effective interest rate basis. Accrued interest purchased or sold is excluded from the cost of the security and is dealt with as revenue. Distributions from Offshore Collective Investment Schemes are recorded on an ex-dividend date and additional revenue is recorded when reported.

### (f) Foreign Exchange

All transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of such transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities at the end of the accounting period are translated at the exchange rates at close of business on the last business day of the period.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from translation are included in the Statement of Total Return and are included in net capital gains/(losses) on investments.

### (g) Derivatives

The Company also enters into derivative transactions in the form of forward foreign currency contracts, futures and option contracts.

For over the counter derivatives, market value is determined, based on valuation pricing models, which take into account relevant market inputs as well as the time values, liquidity and volatility factors underlying the positions. Amounts due to and from an individual counterparty which falls under a legally enforceable master netting agreement are netted.

Exchange traded products have been valued at the bid price at close of business on the last business day of the period.

Both realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on derivatives are taken to the Statement of Total Return and are included in net capital gains/(losses) on investments.

Returns from derivative securities are taken to capital and/or revenue depending on the motive and circumstances surrounding the particular transaction. The net revenue/expense on derivative positions are recognised as revenue and form part of the Fund's distribution.

### (h) Tax

The tax charge relates to irrecoverable withholding tax on interest on debt securities and overseas dividends.

### (i) Special dividends

Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis in determining whether the amount is capital or revenue in nature.

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## (j) Underwriting commission

Underwriting and sub-underwriting contracts and placings may also be entered into. Commissions earned on these transactions are accounted for when the issue underwritten takes place and, to the extent that the shares are taken up, a proportion of the commission is accounted for as capital, otherwise the commission is treated as revenue.

## (k) Functional and presentation currency

The Company's base and functional currency is the British Pound Sterling ("Sterling") which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates.

The Financial Statements are presented in Sterling, which is the currency in which the Company's performance is evaluated and its liquidity managed. Therefore Sterling is considered as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The figures in the Financial Statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

## (l) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts are presented in the Financial Statements when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## 2 Distribution policies

### (a) Basis of distribution

If, at the end of each accounting period, revenue exceeds expenses, the net revenue of the Share Class is available to be distributed to Shareholders of the Share Class.

### (b) Special Dividends

Amounts recognised as revenue form part of the relevant Share Class distribution.

### (c) Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital.

### (d) Expenses

For all Fund Classes, except the Sterling Fixed Interest, Global Fixed Interest and Income, the following fees and expenses solely for the purpose of calculating the amount that is distributable are charged to capital rather than revenue in line with the Manager's expectation of the split between capital and revenue growth:

Manager's periodic charge	75%
Custody charges	100%

For the Sterling Fixed Interest, Global Fixed Interest and Income Classes, all fees and expenses are charged to capital, (with the exception of collection charges) for the purpose of calculating the amount to be distributed.

# Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023 continued

## 3 Net capital losses

The net capital losses investments during the period comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Non-derivative securities	(6,558)	(59,159)
Derivative securities	(596)	(1,020)
Forward currency contracts	4,096	(9,559)
Other (losses)/gains – currency (losses)/gains	(427)	663
Custodial transaction fees	(38)	(33)
US REIT dividends	1	–
<b>Net capital (losses)</b>	<b>(3,522)</b>	<b>(69,108)</b>

## 4 Revenue

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Bank interest	27	–
Collateral interest	7	1
Derivative income	13	111
Franked distributions from authorised funds	156	110
Interest on debt securities	5,299	4,539
Money market deposit	201	52
Overseas dividends	2,133	2,093
UK dividends	969	1,215
UK REIT dividends	78	63
US REIT dividends	61	57
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>8,944</b>	<b>8,241</b>

## 5 Expenses

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
<b>Payable to the Manager or Associate of the Manager:</b>		
Manager's periodic charge	36	36
	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>		
Audit fees	46	31
Custodian fees	52	55
Directors' fees	23	24
Other expenses	43	44
	<b>164</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>190</b>

# Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023 continued

## 6 Interest payable and similar charges

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Derivative expense	21	30
Interest payable	3	2
<b>Total interest payable and similar charges</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>

## 7 Distributions

The distributions take account of equalisation amounts added on the creation of shares and equalisation amounts deducted on the cancellation of shares. They comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Interim distribution 31 March	3,382	3,346
Interim distribution 30 June	5,477	4,293
	<b>8,859</b>	<b>7,639</b>
Amounts added on creation of shares	(817)	(125)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	321	194
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>8,363</b>	<b>7,708</b>

## 8 Net movement between revenue after taxation and distributions

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Net revenue after taxation	8,214	7,561
Expenses paid from capital	151	147
US REIT Retention reflected in Capital	(2)	–
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>8,363</b>	<b>7,708</b>

## 9 Debtors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
Accrued revenue	4,092	3,019
Amount receivable for creation of shares	3,102	71
Amounts receivable from counterparties in respect of collateral on derivatives	438	1,147
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	64,490	3
Overseas tax recoverable	2	9
Prepaid expenses	3	6
Sales awaiting settlement	210	29
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>72,337</b>	<b>4,284</b>

# Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements

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## 10 Creditors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
<b>a) Distribution payable</b>		
Gross distribution payable	5,478	3,488
<b>Total distribution payable</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>3,488</b>
<b>b) Other creditors</b>		
Accrued expenses	138	129
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	526	79
Amounts payable to counterparties in respect of collateral on derivatives	528	528
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	64,902	3
Purchases awaiting settlement	629	–
<b>Total other creditors</b>	<b>66,723</b>	<b>739</b>

# Bridge Class Fund Report

## Environment

Global stock markets rose strongly over the period. Despite recent aggressive central bank actions, core inflation, which strips out volatile items such as energy and food, stayed at elevated levels in many countries. Nevertheless, global economic growth held up better than many investors expected, defying fears of a recession triggered by higher rates. Slowing US and eurozone annual inflation rates prompted hopes that an end to interest rate rises might be imminent.

The new year started on a highly positive note, with strong stock market gains. The collapse of two regional US banks and the forced sale of Credit Suisse to rival UBS in March then evoked fears of a banking crisis. Stock markets recovered after an initial selloff. After a quiet April, most stock markets fell in May. This was against a backdrop of further interest rate rises, protracted negotiations over raising the US government's debt ceiling and signs of slowing economic momentum. However, news of a compromise agreement over the debt limit and further encouraging inflation data then led to equities having a strong month in June.

Global government bonds (apart from UK gilts) recorded small gains despite expectations of further interest rate rises ahead. The US Federal Reserve continued to raise rates in 2023 as the strong momentum in the US economy continued and annual core inflation remained elevated. The Bank of England (BoE) increased its base rate four more times as annual inflation stayed stubbornly high and the core rate rose further. The European Central Bank continued to raise rates, with further 50 basis point (bps) increases in February and March followed by 25bps hikes in May and June. In contrast, the Bank of Japan maintained its ultra-loose monetary policy.

Corporate bond prices (apart from in the UK) held up well over the period, with investment grade bonds underperforming riskier high yield bonds. Growing expectations that global inflationary pressures may be peaking, leading to hopes that the cycle of interest rate rises may be nearing its end, helped corporate bonds to perform better. Spreads tightened until March as investors' appetite for riskier assets began to return. Turbulence in the global banking sector then caused credit spreads to widen to levels last seen at the start of 2023. However, the effect was offset by lower government bond yields amid a flight to safety. Calm returned to bond markets over the second quarter, with spreads steadily tightening, although they still ended the period near to where they were before March's volatility.

## Performance

The Fund ended the period up 2.5% (net of fees), behind a benchmark return of 5.01% but ahead of the peer group as measured by ARC Steady Growth, which returned 2.04%. Relative performance was driven by the allocation to alternative assets and the underperformance of the Funds' equity selections, while the underweight to government bonds was additive.

Over the period, we saw the BoE continue its rate increases with the base rate moving from 3.55% to 5%. By the end of the period, rate rise expectations had moved on materially with the market implied rate now over 6.1%. As a result, we saw weakness in both government, and to a lesser extent, corporate bonds as rising yields drives down prices. Therefore, the Fund being materially underweight government bonds added to relative performance.

We held an allocation to listed alternative assets since we liked the high yields and inflation protection that these real assets provided. However, we saw negative returns from these assets as their valuations adjusted to a higher interest rate environment. These vehicles have yielded a big premium over government bonds over the last decade. However, the yield pick-up was eroded by the increase in base rates making the vehicles less attractive. Over the period, the alternatives held within the Bridge Fund fell nearly 10%, materially underperforming bonds. The worst performing of the holdings within the subsector was the private equity holding Schiehallion, which lost 27% as the market feared that raised funding costs would hinder private equity returns. Social Infrastructure company, HICL Infrastructure lost more than 16% in the period mainly owing to the move in base rates in the UK.

Equities did very well over the period, and as a result of the Fund being underweight the asset class, this detracted from relative returns. Having said that, the Fund's holdings in the healthcare and industrial sectors generated strong returns, while the consumer discretionary and technology sector exposures underperformed.

Within healthcare, pharmaceutical and biotechnology holdings Eli Lilly and Dechra Pharmaceuticals drove relative performance. Eli Lilly performed strongly over the period following positive results for its Alzheimer's drug, donanemab, in a phase 3 trial. What also helped the stock was the strong ramp-up in diabetes drug Mouniario and the anticipation of a likely approval for Mounjaro for use in treating obesity following strong weight-loss data from the recent SURMOUNT-2 trial. Dechra shares rallied on the back of an offer from private equity company EQT. The firm offer price was 5% below the initial soft offer, but still a healthy premium on the closing price before the bid interest was made known. The holding was subsequently sold. Medical equipment and services holding West Pharmaceutical Services was another positive contributor as the stock recovered from its poor 2022 with a 53% return as the market began to re-appreciate the longer term possibilities for the company, after its Covid boom had ended.

# Bridge Class Fund Report

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The Industrial sector consists of a wide range of sub-sectors. Schneider Electric, which manufactures a variety of electrical components and is a key beneficiary of electrification, reported strong growth across all its key regions and raised its full year guidance. Meanwhile, building materials giant CRH continued to show good momentum after its solid full year results, which reflected resilient infrastructure demand in its key market of the US. A recently introduced holding, water consultancy company Tetra Tech, produced an encouraging set of results that showed that its new acquisition, RPS, had performed ahead of expectations and disclosed new contract wins in both the US and the UK. Accenture, despite a weaker short-term outlook for IT spend at its corporate clients, rose in anticipation of AI-related consulting becoming a significant growth driver. On the downside, it was a weaker period for DS Smith, which sold off in tandem with the broader paper and packaging sector, despite outperforming its peers on volumes in a tough environment for box-makers.

Within the consumer discretionary sector, stock selection was negative due to personal goods holdings Estée Lauder and Watches of Switzerland. Estée Lauder shares underperformed following a disappointing earnings release, which showed that the recovery in Asia travel retail was much slower than the company expected. This was significant as the division is a key contributor to profitability and the slower-than-expected recovery led to material earnings downgrades as the market revised its expectations for the next few quarters. Watches of Switzerland underperformed following an earnings release that showed that although growth held up in the fourth quarter in 2022, the company revised guidance due to a slower start to 2023. Furthermore, sales on credit have been a headwind to margins as rates have moved higher. Leisure goods holding Keywords Studios also weighed on relative returns. Keywords' share price came under pressure following the market's focus on business models that might be adversely impacted by generative AI. Management has since provided a robust defence of the opportunities that AI creates, rather than presenting risks to the company. Amazon, another consumer discretionary holding, rallied 47% as tech holdings were the obvious beneficiary of the AI-related theme.

The strength in the technology sector was driven by a handful of mega-cap companies. These companies benefitted from a variety of different factors, some stylistic, and others more fundamentals driven. These included the emergence of AI as a potentially powerful new structural growth driver; the perceived defensiveness of the dominant tech businesses given their strong ecosystems and critical nature of their products and services; the re-rating of higher duration growth stocks as the market has anticipated a peak in this latest tightening cycle and finally the market rewarding tech companies' efforts to protect their margins through recently announced cost-cutting measures. Some of these factors also contributed to better-than-expected first quarter earnings delivery. The Fund was hampered by the negative stock selection effect due to not holding Nvidia and Meta Platforms, which unfortunately, the positive contribution from holdings in Microsoft, Alphabet, TSMC and ASML failed to offset.

Events in the banking sector weighed heavily on markets in the first quarter of the year. Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) collapsed amid large deposit withdrawals from its largely venture capital clients. The Federal Reserve took action to protect deposit holders of the bank. First Republic Bank, sadly suffered from contagion from the issues at SVB. First Republic's full name is the First Republic Bank of San Francisco, highlighting the bank's largest market. Despite not having the same fundamental issues that SVB had, First Republic suffered large deposit outflows as clients feared they could lose capital above the deposit insurance level of \$250 thousand. We took the painful decision to exit the position as we felt that efforts to save the bank would not succeed. Following our sale, the bank was taken over by JP Morgan, and at this point it is most likely that equity holders will not receive anything for their holding.

## Activity

Within equities, the focus has been on selectively adding to higher quality stocks with quality earnings, solid financial positions and defensive business models as we see a more difficult economic environment ahead. Taking a longer-term view, we also looked to introduce, as well as build existing positions in stocks with exposure to end markets exhibiting attractive long-term growth prospects.

We introduced Prologis, which is an owner, operator and developer of industrial real estate, with a focus on logistics and distribution facilities. Its portfolio is skewed to the Americas (68%) and EMEA (30%), where demand for industrial space should continue to grow supporting rental revenues and development activity. We funded this acquisition by selling Tritax Big Box as we sought to diversify the portfolio away from the UK where its logistics feature.

We also introduced Tetra Tech into the Fund over the period. The company provides consultancy and engineering services focusing on water, environment, sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy and international development to a customer base of government/development agencies and corporates, predominantly in the US (making up approximately 70% of revenues), but with a growing international presence in markets like Canada, Australia and the UK. It gives the portfolio exposure to a differentiated set of growth drivers related to water resilience and climate transition which are underpinned by growing fiscal support and corporate and management quality. There is a catalyst-rich environment for the next two years with recently passed legislation, such as the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) beginning to convert into projects and cash-flows, growth of the international business following the recent RPS deal (and expected synergies) and the growth in the software offering. Furthermore, there are defensive qualities given the large backlog of projects (approximately \$4 billion) and their often



# Bridge Class Fund Report

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governmental/non-discretionary nature. Finally, the valuation appeared undemanding given the outlook for consistent double digit growth potential, and the de-rating since late-2021 provided us with a fair entry point.

Against these, we sold the position in Dechra Pharmaceuticals following EQT's firm offer to buy the company. The shares were trading slightly below the offer price, but this reflects regulatory approval risks and the time value of money discount to deal completion.

As mentioned above, we exited our position in First Republic Bank, and we also sold our holdings in SolarEdge Technologies. We decided to exit the position given it has higher exposure to residential solar power, and coming into a harder economic backdrop, we believe there are better opportunities for companies such as Ameresco that operate more in the utility scale segment of the market. Consequently, we added to Ameresco following weakness.

Looking across to the fixed income positioning, the relative attractiveness of the asset class has increased, and we took action by adding to duration. The macroeconomic outlook is highly uncertain and remains difficult to see how a 'soft landing' can be achieved. Loan demand is falling and lending standards are tightening, while at the same time, delinquencies are rising. We added to interest rate sensitivity by adding to UK government bonds, while also adding a number of higher quality corporate bond issues.

## Outlook

Although central banks seem to be reducing the pace at which they are pushing up borrowing costs, we believe that persistently stubborn core inflation will result in many having to go further, possibly leaving them in place for longer than expected before even considering loosening their policies. The result is that most major economies will likely slip into recession by the end of the year.

While we are keenly aware of the near-term risks and economic uncertainty at present, we believe the Fund will benefit from a diversified portfolio of high-quality assets that are well placed to take advantage of powerful structural growth trends over the medium to long term. We believe that our experienced and well-resourced team is well equipped to seek out the most attractive opportunities going forward.

# Statistics

## Net Asset Value History by Share Class

Retail Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	7,184,306	221.97	3,236,554
31 December 2021	7,202,986	247.57	2,909,420
31 December 2022	6,064,804	212.57	2,853,126
30 June 2023	5,994,318	216.24	2,772,053

Z Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	51,382,916	70.98	72,391,873
31 December 2021	60,935,829	79.72	76,439,905
31 December 2022	53,404,154	68.78	77,649,536
30 June 2023	63,340,793	70.14	90,311,494

## Distribution Information by Share Class

For the period ended 30 June 2023

Interim Distribution (In pence per share)	01/01/23 to 30/06/23	01/01/22 to 30/06/22
<b>Retail Shares</b>		
Payable 31 August 2023	2.9453	2.4281
<b>Z Shares</b>		
Payable 31 August 2023	1.0120	0.8424

# Statistics

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### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

The table below shows the top ten purchases and sales (excluding any derivative transactions) for the period:

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Tetra Tech	774
United Kingdom Gilt 3.75% 22/10/2053	756
Prologis	715
Shell	650
United Kingdom Gilt 0.625% 31/7/2035	563
United Kingdom Gilt 3.75% 29/1/2038	522
AstraZeneca	439
Ameresco	417
Microsoft	405
BP	387

  

<b>Sales</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	1,026
SolarEdge Technologies	950
Tritax Big Box REIT	564
Hermes International	394
Shell	371
AstraZeneca	251
Microsoft	227
BP	206
RELX	181
ABN AMRO 2.875% 18/1/2028	175

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>UK Government Stocks 7.61% (5.57%)</b>			
United Kingdom Gilt 0.625% 31/7/2035	GBP 3,800,700	2,458	3.55
United Kingdom Gilt 1% 22/4/2024	GBP 1,658,400	1,601	2.31
United Kingdom Gilt 3.75% 29/1/2038	GBP 572,100	525	0.76
United Kingdom Gilt 3.75% 22/10/2053	GBP 774,900	689	0.99
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds 9.03% (6.40%)</b>			
America Movil 5% 27/10/2026	GBP 200,000	191	0.28
Assura Financing 1.5% 15/9/2030	GBP 227,000	164	0.24
AT&T 4.375% 14/9/2029	GBP 134,000	121	0.17
Aviva 6.125% 14/11/2036	GBP 140,000	134	0.19
Barclays 3.25% 17/1/2033	GBP 170,000	127	0.18
BNP Paribas 1.25% 13/7/2031	GBP 200,000	137	0.20
BP Capital Markets 4.25% Perpetual	GBP 300,000	263	0.38
Cadent Finance 5.75% 14/3/2034	GBP 140,000	134	0.19
Centrica 7% 19/9/2033	GBP 150,000	160	0.23
Digital Stout 4.25% 17/1/2025	GBP 100,000	96	0.14
E.ON International Finance 5.875% 30/10/2037	GBP 150,000	144	0.21
Eastern Power Networks 5.75% 08/3/2024	GBP 154,000	153	0.22
Engie 5.625% 03/4/2053	GBP 200,000	189	0.27
European Investment Bank 4.5% 07/6/2029	GBP 350,000	340	0.49
Experian Finance 3.25% 07/4/2032	GBP 200,000	166	0.24
General Motors Financial 2.35% 03/9/2025	GBP 161,000	146	0.21
GlaxoSmithKline Capital 5.25% 19/12/2033	GBP 80,000	79	0.11
HSBC 5.75% 20/12/2027	GBP 109,000	103	0.15
International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 1% 21/12/2029	GBP 450,000	353	0.51
Legal & General 5.375% 27/10/2045	GBP 100,000	95	0.14
Lloyds Banking 2.25% 16/10/2024	GBP 100,000	95	0.14
Lloyds Banking 6.625% 02/6/2033	GBP 193,000	183	0.26
London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2% 31/3/2032	GBP 250,000	185	0.27
Mizuho Financial 5.628% 13/6/2028	GBP 266,000	253	0.36
Mobico 4.25% Perpetual	GBP 150,000	130	0.19
National Grid Electricity Transmission 5.272% 18/1/2043	GBP 218,000	199	0.29
Nationwide Building Society 3.25% 20/1/2028	GBP 200,000	178	0.26
NatWest Markets 6.375% 08/11/2027	GBP 200,000	196	0.28
Optivo Finance 3.283% 22/3/2048	GBP 250,000	168	0.24
RI Finance Bonds No 3 6.125% 13/11/2028	GBP 100,000	93	0.13
Sanctuary Capital 6.697% 23/3/2039	GBP 125,000	139	0.20
Segro 2.375% 11/10/2029	GBP 200,000	161	0.23
Segro 5.125% 06/12/2041	GBP 208,000	188	0.27
Southern Electric Power Distribution 5.5% 07/6/2032	GBP 150,000	147	0.21

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 2.75% 27/4/2030	GBP 250,000	201	0.29
United Utilities Water Finance 1.75% 10/2/2038	GBP 300,000	180	0.26
Virgin Media Secured Finance 4.25% 15/1/2030	GBP 150,000	118	0.17
Vodafone 5.125% 02/12/2052	GBP 185,000	157	0.23
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds 0.81% (1.68%)</b>			
Activision Blizzard 3.4% 15/9/2026	USD 290,000	217	0.31
Broadcom 3.187% 15/11/2036	USD 8,000	5	0.01
Broadcom 4.15% 15/11/2030	USD 66,000	48	0.07
Broadcom 4.926% 15/5/2037	USD 204,000	145	0.21
Carrier Global 2.242% 15/2/2025	USD 195,000	145	0.21
<b>Australia 1.50% (1.76%)</b>			
BHP	44,432	1,040	1.50
<b>Denmark 1.26% (1.34%)</b>			
Ørsted	11,715	873	1.26
<b>France 3.15% (2.74%)</b>			
Hermes International	728	1,243	1.79
Schneider Electric	6,601	943	1.36
<b>Germany 1.44% (1.31%)</b>			
Mercedes-Benz	15,838	1,000	1.44
<b>Hong Kong 1.36% (1.64%)</b>			
AIA	118,600	942	1.36
<b>Israel 0.00% (1.41%)</b>			
<b>Italy 1.27% (1.13%)</b>			
Enel	166,962	884	1.27
<b>Japan 0.94% (1.02%)</b>			
Shimano	5,000	651	0.94
<b>Netherlands 4.90% (4.28%)</b>			
Adyen	502	683	0.98
ASML	2,800	1,593	2.30
Koninklijke KPN	400,537	1,123	1.62
<b>Republic of Ireland 5.25% (5.38%)</b>			
Accenture	5,319	1,290	1.86
CRH	28,359	1,233	1.78
Greencoat Renewables	632,100	552	0.79
Keywords Studios	31,452	569	0.82
<b>Singapore 1.48% (1.75%)</b>			
DBS	56,000	1,025	1.48

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Switzerland 3.00% (3.32%)</b>			
Nestle	13,370	1,264	1.82
Roche	3,397	817	1.18
<b>Taiwan 1.95% (1.60%)</b>			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	17,025	1,351	1.95
<b>United Kingdom 16.69% (20.28%)</b>			
AstraZeneca	18,362	2,070	2.99
BP	330,543	1,515	2.19
DS Smith	222,997	606	0.87
Prudential	58,865	653	0.94
RELX	59,086	1,549	2.23
Rio Tinto	19,497	972	1.40
Segro	74,195	532	0.77
Shell	130,980	3,068	4.43
Watches of Switzerland	99,001	604	0.87
<b>United States of America 28.66% (25.39%)</b>			
Alphabet	11,374	1,071	1.54
Amazon.com	9,601	984	1.42
Ameresco	20,567	786	1.13
American Tower	4,498	686	0.99
Apple	7,435	1,133	1.63
Autodesk	4,903	789	1.14
Boston Scientific	20,971	892	1.29
Coca-Cola	16,787	795	1.15
Eli Lilly	4,528	1,668	2.41
Equinix	1,272	784	1.13
Estee Lauder Cos	4,486	693	1.00
Intuit	2,797	1,007	1.45
Mastercard	5,066	1,566	2.26
Microsoft	8,327	2,229	3.22
NextEra Energy	20,473	1,194	1.72
Procter & Gamble	10,580	1,262	1.82
Prologis	7,137	688	0.99
Tetra Tech	5,947	766	1.10
West Pharmaceutical Services	2,917	877	1.27
<b>Investment Trusts 7.57% (8.26%)</b>			
3i Infrastructure	199,428	623	0.90
BBGI Global Infrastructure	397,865	549	0.79
Bluefield Solar Income Fund	539,283	647	0.93
Greencoat UK Wind	422,961	610	0.88

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Investment Trusts (Continued)</b>			
Gresham House Energy Storage Fund Fund	455,439	651	0.94
Hicl Infrastructure	408,361	547	0.79
International Public Partnerships	407,086	527	0.76
Renewables Infrastructure	545,956	627	0.91
Schiehallion Fund	376,783	113	0.16
VH Global Sustainable Energy Opportunities	383,227	353	0.51
<b>Derivatives 0.02% (0.00%)</b>			
<b>EUR Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.00% (-0.02%)</b>			
<b>USD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.02% (0.02%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 15/8/2023	USD (717,724)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 15/8/2023	GBP 578,317	14	0.02
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>67,875</b>	<b>97.89</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>1,460</b>	<b>2.11</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>69,335</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Total unapproved and unquoted securities 0.00%.

Comparative figures in brackets refer to 31 December 2022.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units, common shares or debt securities of the relevant companies or issuers, which are listed on an eligible securities market.

## Portfolio Statement by asset class

	Market value 30 June 2023 £000's	Percentage of total net assets 30 June 2023 %	Market value 31 December 2022 £000's	Percentage of total net assets 31 December 2022 %
Bonds	12,099	17.45	8,120	13.65
Equities	55,762	80.42	49,127	82.61
Derivatives	14	0.02	–	–
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>67,875</b>	<b>97.89</b>	<b>57,247</b>	<b>96.26</b>
Net current assets	1,460	2.11	2,222	3.74
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>69,335</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>59,469</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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## Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)					
Net capital gains/(losses) on investments	1	1,029		(9,427)	
Other gains	1	26		7	
			1,055		(9,420)
Revenue	2	1,147		861	
Expenses	3	(49)		(45)	
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(1)		–	
Net revenue before taxation		1,097		816	
Taxation		(116)		(98)	
Net revenue after taxation			981		718
<b>Total return before distributions</b>			<b>2,036</b>		<b>(8,702)</b>
Distributions	5		(996)		(734)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in Shareholders' funds from Investment activities</b>			<b>1,040</b>		<b>(9,436)</b>

## Statement of Movement in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>59,469</b>		<b>68,139</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	18,296		3,932	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(9,494)		(1,837)	
		8,802		2,095
Dilution levy		24		–
Net increase/(decrease) in Shareholders' funds from investment activities (see above)		1,040		(9,436)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>69,335</b>		<b>60,798</b>

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

All results above are derived from continuing activities for both the current and prior periods.



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### Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

		30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Assets</b>					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss			67,875		57,261
Current assets					
Debtors	7	177		128	
Cash and bank balances		2,321		2,774	
Total current assets			2,498		2,902
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>70,373</b>		<b>60,163</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Investment liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			–		(14)
Creditors					
Distribution payable	8	(996)		(653)	
Other creditors	8	(42)		(27)	
Total current liabilities			(1,038)		(680)
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>(1,038)</b>		<b>(694)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>			<b>69,335</b>		<b>59,469</b>

All liabilities are current.

The notes on pages 17 to 22 and pages 34 to 36 form part of the Financial Statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

## 1 Net capital gains/(losses)

The net capital gains/(losses) on investments during the period comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Non-derivative securities*	1,003	(9,359)
Forward currency contracts*	33	(64)
Other gains – currency gains*	26	7
Custodial transaction fees	(8)	(4)
US REIT dividends	1	–
<b>Net capital gains/(losses)</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>(9,420)</b>

\*Net gains (excluding custodial transaction fees) listed above of £1,061,790 comprise net realised gains of £1,509,457 and net unrealised losses of £(447,667) (2022: net losses of £(9,415,915) comprise net realised gains of £227,650 and net unrealised losses of £(9,643,565)). £1,589,971 of the net realised gains in the current period had been shown as net unrealised losses in previous periods (2022: £234,784 net realised gains).

## 2 Revenue

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Bank interest	10	–
Franked distributions from authorised funds	57	28
Interest on debt securities	221	102
Money market deposit	38	13
Overseas dividends	566	497
UK dividends	221	194
UK REIT dividends	10	9
US REIT dividends	24	18
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>861</b>

## 3 Expenses

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
<b>Payable to the Manager or Associate of the Manager:</b>		
Manager's periodic charge	20	21
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>		
Audit fees	8	5
Custodian fees	9	8
Directors' fees	4	4
Other expenses	8	7
	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Continued

### 4 Interest payable and similar charges

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Interest payable	1	–
<b>Total interest payable and similar charges</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>

### 5 Distributions

The distributions take account of equalisation amounts added on the creation of shares and equalisation amounts deducted on the cancellation of shares. They comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Interim distribution 30 June	996	738
	<b>996</b>	<b>738</b>
Amounts added on creation of shares	(74)	(15)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	74	11
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>734</b>

### 6 Net movement between revenue after taxation and distributions

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Net revenue after taxation	981	718
Expenses paid from capital	15	16
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>734</b>

### 7 Debtors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
Accrued revenue	173	125
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	4	–
Overseas tax recoverable	–	2
Prepaid expenses	–	1
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>128</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Continued

### 8 Creditors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
<b>a) Distribution payable</b>		
Gross distribution payable	996	653
<b>Total distribution payable</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>653</b>
<b>b) Other creditors</b>		
Accrued expenses	28	22
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	11	5
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	3	–
<b>Total other creditors</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>27</b>

# Global Equity Class Fund Report

## Environment

Global stock markets rose strongly over the period. Despite recent aggressive central bank actions, core inflation, which strips out volatile items such as energy and food, stayed at elevated levels in many countries. Nevertheless, global economic growth held up better than many investors expected, defying fears of a recession triggered by higher rates. Slowing US and eurozone annual inflation rates prompted hopes that an end to interest rate rises might be imminent.

The new year started on a highly positive note, with strong stock market gains. The collapse of two regional US banks and the forced sale of Credit Suisse to rival UBS in March then evoked fears of a banking crisis. Stock markets recovered after an initial selloff. After a quiet April, most stock markets fell in May. This was against a backdrop of further interest rate rises, protracted negotiations over raising the US government's debt ceiling and signs of slowing economic momentum. However, news of a compromise agreement over the debt limit and further encouraging inflation data then led to equities having a strong month in June.

## Performance

The Fund ended the reporting period up 7.3% (net of fees), marginally behind the benchmark return of 8.9%. On a gross of fee close of business pricing basis the Fund's performance was broadly in line with the benchmark over the period, marked by stronger performance in the first quarter and underperformance in the second.

During the first quarter the Fund benefitted from being underweight the financial sector in light of the 6% fall in the bank sector following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank. The Fund was very underweight banks, which added roughly half a percentage point in terms of relative performance from an asset allocation perspective. The Fund's only bank holding is DBS Group Holdings which fell by 4.5% during the quarter. The Fund also benefitted from having voids in other financial sectors such as investment banking and non-life insurance as these areas also came under pressure.

Healthcare was the next largest positive contributor to performance during the first quarter driven by medical technology, principally the 43% gain in West Pharmaceuticals as confidence returned following strong fourth quarter results in February after a tough 2022. Returns from the pharmaceutical sector were dragged down by the falls in Eli Lilly and Roche, which both dipped roughly 8%, while the void in healthcare providers proved beneficial given the 12% fall of that sub-sector.

Industrials also added to relative performance thanks to the outperformance of our holdings compared to the sector. The main driver of this was CRH. It gained 27% after announcing plans to pursue a US listing, which should drive a rerating of the valuation closer to that of its US peers. The 16.4% gain in Schneider Electric also stood out.

The Fund's only telecom holding, KPN, gained 11.6% whilst the Fund's real estate investments were mixed with Equinix gaining 7.6% but American Tower retreating 6.2%. Consumer staples lagged over the quarter, with Coca-Cola retreating 4.5% and Procter and Gamble 3.9%. Consumer discretionary stocks were also a drag on relative performance, despite the 19.6% gain in Amazon, owing to the declines in Estée Lauder (-3.2%) and Watches of Switzerland (-0.6%). In media, RELX had a good quarter gaining 14.4%.

In the second quarter, underperformance was mainly driven by technology and consumer discretionary stocks. Within the technology sector, the voids in NVIDIA (which rose a staggering 174% over the six-month reporting period) and Meta Platforms were a key driver of the underperformance in the sector. In consumer discretionary, a number of holdings suffered from a softening demand outlook as consumers continued to shift their spending from goods to services. Against this backdrop, Shimano, Watches of Switzerland and Estée Lauder all recorded negative returns. Keywords Studios, a service provider to the computer gaming industry, fell sharply over fears that the company would be negatively impacted by the emergence of AI. In contrast, both Microsoft and Amazon are considered to be well-positioned within the AI space, hence performed strongly over the quarter. The Fund also benefitted from strong gains from two companies in the healthcare sector, namely Dechra Pharmaceuticals, which rose 39% following a bid for the company, and Eli Lilly, which gained 22%.

## Activity

During the first quarter, we initiated a new position in Tetra Tech, a provider of consultancy and engineering services focusing on water, environment, sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy and international development to a customer base of government and development agencies and corporations, mainly in the US. This was funded by the sale of SolarEdge Technologies on the back of concerns about the more cyclical nature of residential solar as opposed to utility scale. We also topped up the position in Ameresco on weakness. We added to the position in Estée Lauder in January given the tailwind of China reopening and also increased the Fund's healthcare exposure by adding to AstraZeneca and Boston Scientific. We trimmed the position in Activision Blizzard amid greater scrutiny from the regulators over the implications for competition from Microsoft's bid. We also reduced the weightings in Infineon Technologies, Amazon and Procter & Gamble to reflect conviction, and nudged up the weighting in Coca-Cola. Finally, we were required to trim Microsoft after the weighting rose to more than 5%.

# Global Equity Class Fund Report

## Continued

In the second quarter, we began building a new position in the luxury goods company Hermès. This is likely to be a gradual process given the stock's relatively full valuation, although we feel that this is justified by the company's defensive and quality characteristics. We also topped up the positions in RELX, Nestlé, Roche, Coca-Cola and Schneider Electric to further increase the exposure to quality defensives, as well as Estée Lauder and Keywords Studios on weakness. We exited Dechra Pharmaceutical following the agreed offer from EQT and Adia. We also trimmed Apple, Amazon and Microsoft on the back of a strong rally. Lastly, we further trimmed the position in Activision Blizzard given the uncertainty surrounding the completion of the deal with Microsoft amid challenges to it from the Federal Trade Commission in the US and the Competition and Markets Authority in the UK.

## Outlook

Although central banks look to be reducing the pace at which they are pushing up borrowing costs, we believe that persistently stubborn core inflation will result in many having to go further, possibly leaving them in place for longer than expected before even considering loosening their policy. As result we believe that that most major economies may slip into recession by the end of the year, although we are watching the leading economic data closely.

While we are keenly aware of the near-term risks and economic uncertainty at present, we believe the diversified portfolio of high-quality stocks held in the fund will prove resilient and will continue to benefit from the tailwind from various structural growth drivers over the medium to long term.

# Statistics

## Net Asset Value History by Share Class

Retail Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	2,269,446	317.04	715,815
31 December 2021	2,609,734	373.45	698,822
31 December 2022	2,193,318	316.48	693,037
30 June 2023	2,351,111	338.99	693,563

Z Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	18,608,311	88.44	21,041,030
31 December 2021	15,837,996	104.90	15,098,150
31 December 2022	13,398,304	89.33	14,998,990
30 June 2023	14,558,968	95.92	15,178,726

## Distribution Information by Share Class

For the period ended 30 June 2023

Interim Distribution (In pence per share)	01/01/23 to 30/06/23	01/01/22 to 30/06/22
<b>Retail Shares</b>		
Payable 31 August 2023	3.0028	2.5425
<b>Z Shares</b>		
Payable 31 August 2023	0.9249	0.7916

# Statistics

## Continued

### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

The table below shows the top ten purchases and sales (excluding any derivative transactions) for the period:

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Tetra Tech	203
Estee Lauder Cos	142
Hermes International	123
Coca-Cola	108
Koninklijke KPN	53
AstraZeneca	49
Ameresco	39
RELX	35
Keywords Studios	34
Boston Scientific	32

  

<b>Sales</b>	<b>£000's</b>
SolarEdge Technologies	308
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	240
Microsoft	207
Amazon.com	101
Activision Blizzard	71
Apple	54
Infineon Technologies	51
Voltronic Power Technology	45
Procter & Gamble	42



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as at 30 June 2023

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<b>Denmark 1.52% (1.66%)</b>			
Ørsted	3,443	257	1.52
<b>France 4.09% (3.40%)</b>			
Hermes International	71	121	0.72
Schneider Electric	2,148	307	1.82
TotalEnergies	5,837	263	1.55
<b>Germany 2.98% (2.95%)</b>			
Infineon Technologies	6,380	207	1.22
Mercedes-Benz	4,710	297	1.76
<b>Hong Kong 1.91% (2.42%)</b>			
AIA	40,809	324	1.91
<b>Israel 0.00% (1.85%)</b>			
<b>Italy 1.49% (1.36%)</b>			
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<b>Singapore 1.54% (1.92%)</b>			
DBS	14,200	260	1.54
<b>Switzerland 3.16% (3.21%)</b>			
Nestle	3,255	308	1.82
Roche	942	226	1.34
<b>Taiwan 3.81% (3.56%)</b>			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	5,877	467	2.76
Voltronic Power Technology	3,599	178	1.05
<b>United Kingdom 12.22% (14.19%)</b>			
AstraZeneca	3,734	421	2.49
BP	87,021	399	2.36
DS Smith	65,229	177	1.05
RELX	15,478	406	2.40

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>United Kingdom (Continued)</b>			
Shell	20,512	480	2.84
Watches of Switzerland	29,975	183	1.08
<b>United States of America 47.88% (46.15%)</b>			
Activision Blizzard	2,058	136	0.80
Alphabet	5,080	478	2.83
Amazon.com	3,208	329	1.95
Ameresco	5,538	212	1.25
American Tower	1,693	258	1.53
Apple	5,612	855	5.06
Autodesk	1,816	292	1.73
Boston Scientific	9,272	394	2.33
Coca-Cola	8,366	396	2.34
Eli Lilly	2,038	751	4.44
Equinix	527	325	1.92
Estee Lauder Cos	2,261	349	2.06
Intuit	711	256	1.51
Mastercard	1,959	606	3.58
Microsoft	3,085	826	4.89
NextEra Energy	6,780	396	2.34
Procter & Gamble	3,516	420	2.48
Prologis	3,249	313	1.85
Tetra Tech	1,741	224	1.33
West Pharmaceutical Services	934	281	1.66
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>16,148</b>	<b>95.49</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>762</b>	<b>4.51</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>16,910</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Total unapproved and unquoted securities 0.00%.

Comparative figures in brackets refer to 31 December 2022.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units, common shares or debt securities of the relevant companies or issuers, which are listed on an eligible securities market.

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## Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)					
Net capital gains/(losses) on investments	1	1,153		(2,839)	
Other losses	1	–		(1)	
			1,153		(2,840)
Revenue	2	209		179	
Expenses	3	(16)		(14)	
Net revenue before taxation		193		165	
Taxation		(38)		(34)	
Net revenue after taxation			155		131
<b>Total return before distributions</b>			<b>1,308</b>		<b>(2,709)</b>
Distributions	4		(160)		(136)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in Shareholders' funds from Investment activities</b>			<b>1,148</b>		<b>(2,845)</b>

## Statement of Movement in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>15,592</b>		<b>18,448</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	418		463	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(248)		(633)	
		170		(170)
Net increase/(decrease) in Shareholders' funds from investment activities (see above)		1,148		(2,845)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>16,910</b>		<b>15,433</b>

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

All results above are derived from continuing activities for both the current and prior periods.

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### Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

		30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Assets</b>					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss			16,148		15,176
Current assets					
Debtors	6	86		10	
Cash and bank balances		890		530	
Total current assets			976		540
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>17,124</b>		<b>15,716</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors					
Distribution payable	7	(161)		(114)	
Other creditors	7	(53)		(10)	
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>(214)</b>		<b>(124)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>			<b>16,910</b>		<b>15,592</b>

All liabilities are current.

The notes on pages 17 to 22 and pages 45 to 46 form part of the Financial Statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

## 1 Net capital gains/(losses)

The net capital gains/(losses) on investments during the period comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Non-derivative securities*	1,154	(2,837)
Other losses – currency losses*	–	(1)
Custodial transaction fees	(1)	(2)
<b>Net capital gains/(losses)</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>(2,840)</b>

\*Net gains (excluding custodial transaction fees) listed above of £1,153,907 comprise net realised gains of £478,674 and net unrealised gains of £675,233 (2022: net losses of £(2,837,637) comprise net realised gains of £359,217 and net unrealised losses of £(3,196,854)). £326,977 of the net realised gains in the current period had been shown as net unrealised losses in previous periods (2022: £338,178 net realised gains).

## 2 Revenue

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Money market deposit	14	3
Overseas dividends	152	138
UK dividends	31	30
US REIT dividends	12	8
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>179</b>

## 3 Expenses

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
<b>Payable to the Manager or Associate of the Manager:</b>		
Manager's periodic charge	8	8
	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>		
Audit fees	2	1
Custodian fees	2	2
Directors' fees	1	1
Other expenses	3	2
	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Continued

### 4 Distributions

The distributions take account of equalisation amounts added on the creation of shares and equalisation amounts deducted on the cancellation of shares. They comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Interim distribution 30 June	161	136
	<b>161</b>	<b>136</b>
Amounts added on creation of shares	(2)	(2)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	1	2
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>136</b>

### 5 Net movement between revenue after taxation and distributions

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Net revenue after taxation	155	131
Expenses paid from capital	5	5
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>136</b>

### 6 Debtors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
Accrued revenue	9	9
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	39	–
Overseas tax recoverable	–	1
Sales awaiting settlement	38	–
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>10</b>

### 7 Creditors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
<b>a) Distribution payable</b>		
Gross distribution payable	161	114
<b>Total distribution payable</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>b) Other creditors</b>		
Accrued expenses	14	10
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	39	–
<b>Total other creditors</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10</b>

# Global Fixed Interest Class Fund Report

## Environment

Global investment-grade (IG) corporate bonds rose over the period. US 10-year Treasury bond yields fell by 4 basis points (bps) over the period to 3.84%, while the 10-year German Bund yield fell by 18bps to 2.39%. However, the 10-year Gilt yield rose by 72bps to 4.39%. Credit spreads contracted slightly over the period.

The Bank of England, US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank all raised interest rates over the period. The Fed skipped an interest rate rise at its June meeting. While the decision was widely anticipated, the Federal Open Market Committee's members indicated two further rises could be expected later in the year. Inflation data has been positive, with consumer prices rising by 4% year on year in May, the lowest level since 2021. Annual consumer prices rose by 4.9% in April, by 5% in March, down from 6% in February. Employment data largely remains strong. In Europe, the European Central Bank raised rates by 0.25% in May and June, in line with consensus expectations. Analysts predict a further rate hike, of the same magnitude, to come in either July or September's meeting. The eurozone's inflation rate was an estimated 5.5% year on year in June, slightly below analysts' expectations and down from 7.0% in April, which was a touch higher than in March. The Bank of England (BoE) raised interest rates by 0.50% in June, after 0.25% increase in May. June's move was higher than expected, as the bank tries to moderate rising prices. May's inflation figure stood at 8.7% year on year in May, unchanged from April. Ratings agency Moody's believes the UK and US will also fall into recession, as a result of stubborn inflation and high borrowing costs.

In Emerging Market (EM) debt, returns were fairly strong in the first quarter, although spreads on EM sovereign debt actually rose from around 450bps to 485bps. The widening was driven mostly by sub-investment-grade (IG) issuers and specifically by African names. Africa was the only region to deliver a negative total return in the first quarter. EM local markets outperformed US dollar sovereign bonds, due to falling yields on local-currency bonds and the weaker US dollar. EM were somewhat calmer in April and returns were weaker during May, as concerns about stubborn inflation and weaker growth numbers continued to weigh on risk assets. June was a better month for EM debt due to stronger economic growth, softer consumer price inflation in the US and corporate earnings remaining durable in the face of recession expectations.

High yield (HY) rallied early in the period as investors looked to increase risk within the asset class. Volatility increased as the period progressed, with stubborn inflation data and banking sector stress dominating headlines. The asset class was relative stable until June, which was an eventful month from both a central bank policy and economic data perspective. Some data points have indicated weakness in the industrial portion of the US economy, but in general the data was stronger than expected and was driven by resilient consumer demand, especially for services. While there are signs that inflation is cooling, it is still higher than policy makers would like.

## Activity

In the primary market, we bought attractive new issue bonds including the 2033 US dollar bonds of Medtronic, the 2033 US dollar bonds of General Mills, the 2053 pound bonds of Engie and the 2031 euro bond from Anglo American. Towards the end of the period, we bought attractive new issue US dollar bonds, including the 2028 bonds of Dollar General and the 2028 bonds of Nasdaq. We bought Daimler's 2029 euro issue.

In the secondary market, we topped up Deutsche Telekom. We switched telecommunications holdings from Comcast to Charter, as we considered our Comcast holdings to be fully valued. We also sold our long-dated Salesforce bonds, as the firm announced large stock buybacks which could hurt bondholders. More recently, we bought Lloyds bank but sold our holding of Thermo Fisher Scientific.

In the HY portfolio, early in the period we participated in the new issues from aerospace company Transdigm, telecommunications company Uniti, auto parts company Adient, media company Nielsen, wireline operator Frontier, pharmaceutical company Teva, cement producer Cemex, and energy pipeline company Western Midstream. We exited our positions in software provider LogMeln, crafts retailer Michael's, airport duty-free retailer Dufry and cryptocurrency broker Coinbase. We took profits from the from Credit Suisse and exited the bonds of packaging company Ball Corporation and protein producer JBS due to less attractive relative values. Lastly, we exited our position in consumer-facing media company Shutterstock given growing concerns around our fundamental outlook of the credit and the existence of an aggressive sponsor in ownership.

In April, we participated in new issues in the US dollar market from battery producer Clarion and electric generator Talen. In euros, we bought the new issue from fertilizer producer Montichem. We funded these new issues by selling tighter-trading credits, such as healthcare companies Tenet and Encompass Health. In May, we took part in new offerings from copper producer First Quantum, packaging company Owens-Illinois, Italian gaming operator Lottomatica and liquified natural gas facility operator Venture Global. Meanwhile, we exited commercial real estate lender Starwood Properties. Late in the period, we bought new issues from natural gas processor Howard Midstream and independent energy producer Civitas Resources. We also bought an off-benchmark new issue in an investment-grade offering from electric generator Vistra Corp, with a valuation in line with comparable HY companies. These purchases were funded by the selling out of chemical company Celanese and rental car company Avis.

# Global Fixed Interest Class Fund Report

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In EM bonds, early in the period, we bought the 30-year new issue from Romania. In the secondary market, we topped up Latin American bonds including Colombia and Argentina. We bought Serbia's 2033 issue, switching out of the less attractive 2027 bonds. On the sell side, we reduced Armenia, as we have ongoing concerns about the conflict with Azerbaijan, and the Ivory Coast. More recently, we bought the new 2035 bonds from Bahrain. We made several switches, selling shorter for longer duration bonds in the portfolio, including Hungary and Costa Rica. In Africa we sold Kenya and the Ivory Coast, while selling Peru and Argentina in Latin America.

## Performance

The Fund returned 3.04% (net of fees) over the six months to the end of June 2023. This compares with the 3.51% return of the benchmark (33.33% Bloomberg Global Agg Corporates (Hedged to sterling), 33.33% Bloomberg Global HY Corporate 2% Capped (Hedged to sterling), 33.33% JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified).

The IG portfolio performed well over the period, with good stock selection particularly in BBB rated bonds. Amid turmoil in the banking system, the banking sector performed well. We benefited from positioning in JP Morgan, Citigroup, ABN Amro and NatWest. However, Credit Suisse underperformed as a sale of the bank was forced by Switzerland's banking regulator. Lloyds and Virgin Money also detracted. Outside of banking, Oracle's long dated bonds were positive. However, solvency concerns over British water utility Thames Water weighed on our overweight position.

The EM debt portfolio outperformed the benchmark over the period. We benefited from underweights position in Turkey and the United Arab Emirates, which lagged over the period. Overweight Pakistan was beneficial, after striking a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which should run from July 2023 to April 2024 and likely unlocks bilateral financing from China, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. An overweight in Zambia also gained, as a restructuring deal on bilateral loans was reached during the Global Finance Summit in Paris. The deal will be sufficient for Zambia to secure IMF approval of its first programme review, paving the way for a US\$188 million disbursement and other multilateral financing. On the downside, we missed out on good performance from Sri Lanka and El Salvador. Northern African bonds also lagged, including Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

In the HY portfolio, our overweights to Altice France, Country Garden and Liquid Telecommunications weighed on returns. Our off-benchmark exposure to Kaisa Group and lack of exposure to Carvana also detracted from performance. Conversely, our overweight exposure to Adams Homes, Talen Energy, Lumen Technologies and BC Partners added to returns.

## Outlook

The Eurozone has entered a mild technical recession after the revision of first quarter gross domestic product data. However, the small uptick in purchasing manager index data in the first quarter is expected to translate into moderate positive growth in second half of the year. The economy continues on different paths, with a weaker and slowing manufacturing sector, while the service sector linked to the consumer remains resilient. Headline inflation is falling but core inflation is still too high for central banks to call an end to the hiking cycle. We do think inflation will continue to come down but the time lag of tighter monetary conditions and a slowing manufacturing sector affecting the overall economy is longer than expected. Economic data in the US has continued to surprise positively and the job market remains strong which makes a US recession in the near term less likely, which is positive for credit spreads. This backdrop was reflected in tighter credit spreads and higher government bond yields in June.

We expect IG credit spreads to remain range bound, tighter over summer as supply seasonally drops off and inflows continue, given attractive all-in yield levels. Later we could see more volatility if core inflation remains high or the US economy enters a mild recession. Euro IG credit valuations are attractive, with spreads above long-term averages but not fully priced for a US-led global recession. US dollar IG credit valuations had a strong rally at the end of June are less attractive and price less of a negative outcome from either a weaker economy or a more aggressive Fed. We are looking more to US dollar investment grade credit as source of cash or profit taking.

As planned, we have used the recent attractive primary market to fully invest, switching from Bunds, Treasuries, and cash into medium beta A- or BBB+ rated credits in higher quality industrials. We remain underweight cyclicals and favour defensive sectors such as utilities and telecoms.

The HY market has been almost exclusively macro driven. The US economy has exhibited strength recently, while in Europe the data has been more tepid. Optimism for a soft landing has increased. For the HY market, we continue to believe that investors have been too sanguine, as spreads are well inside their long-term averages. We expect the market to offer opportunities to add risk at more attractive levels as the delayed effect of the rate increases begin to be felt by the economy. In the meantime, we feel well compensated as the market yield approaches 9%, even in a more conservatively-positioned portfolio.



# Global Fixed Interest Class Fund Report

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EM sovereign spreads have tightened substantially from the wides reached in the peak of the March banking crisis, back to the tights last reached in February 2023. However, the absolute yield is higher at 8.3%. Wider concerns about the economic outlook in DMs could harm EM relative valuations if corporate earnings weaken and spreads move to price in expectations of a recession, however, a lower Fed terminal rate and the end of US growth exceptionalism could still be beneficial for EMs.

# Statistics

## Net Asset Value History by Share Class

Retail Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	959,957	98.70	972,634
31 December 2021	1,093,596	93.19	1,173,522
31 December 2022	493,017	73.17	673,806
30 June 2023	717,802	73.60	975,243

Z Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	106,262,524	49.91	212,910,725
31 December 2021	114,788,981	47.56	241,355,051
31 December 2022	72,392,037	37.58	192,613,963
30 June 2023	69,281,515	37.93	182,651,609

## Distribution Information by Share Class

For the period ended 30 June 2023

Interim Distribution (In pence per share)	01/01/23 to 30/06/23	01/01/22 to 30/06/22
<b>Retail Shares</b>		
Paid 31 May 2023	1.0570	1.1182
Payable 31 August 2023	1.0399	1.1009
	<b>2.0969</b>	<b>2.2191</b>
<b>Z Shares</b>		
Paid 31 May 2023	0.5433	0.5711
Payable 31 August 2023	0.5368	0.5632
	<b>1.0801</b>	<b>1.1343</b>

# Statistics

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### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

The table below shows the top ten purchases and sales (excluding any derivative transactions) for the period:

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Turkey 5.75% 11/05/2047	278
Philippine Government International Bond 2.65% 10/12/2045	271
Colombia Government International Bond 8% 20/4/2033	265
Qatar Government International Bond 4.625% 02/6/2046	265
Costa Rica Government International Bond 6.55% 03/04/2034	256
Costa Rica Government International Bond 7% 04/4/2044	248
Sprint Capital 8.75% 15/3/2032	241
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III 7.875% 15/09/2029	221
Bahrain Government International Bond 7.75% 18/4/2035	215
Commonwealth Edison 5.316% 13/03/2026	208

  

<b>Sales</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Iraq International Bond 6.752% 09/03/2023	532
Ivory Coast Government International Bond 6.625% 22/3/2048	353
Ecuador Government International Bond 5.5% 31/7/2030	316
Turkey 5.75% 11/05/2047	300
Petroleos Mexicanos 5.125% 15/3/2023	263
Ball 2.875% 15/8/2030	262
Costa Rica Government International Bond 6.55% 03/04/2034	249
Republic of Armenia International Bond 3.95% 26/9/2029	228
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III 7.875% 15/09/2029	225
Commonwealth Edison 5.316% 13/03/2026	211

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Overseas Government Bonds 28.90% (28.68%)</b>			
Angolan Government International Bond 8% 26/11/2029	USD 200,000	133	0.19
Angolan Government International Bond 9.375% 08/5/2048	USD 495,000	308	0.44
Argentine Republic Government International Bond 3.5% 09/7/2041	USD 64,100	16	0.02
Argentine Republic Government International Bond 3.625% 09/7/2046	USD 321,540	76	0.11
Argentine Republic Government International Bond 4.25% 09/1/2038	USD 1,329,800	369	0.53
Bahamas Government International Bond 6% 21/11/2028	USD 410,000	257	0.37
Bahrain Government International Bond 7% 26/1/2026	USD 500,000	400	0.57
Bahrain Government International Bond 7.75% 18/4/2035	USD 268,000	213	0.30
Benin Government International Bond 4.875% 19/1/2032	EUR 200,000	130	0.19
Brazilian Government International Bond 3.875% 12/6/2030	USD 278,000	194	0.28
Brazilian Government International Bond 5% 27/1/2045	USD 300,000	183	0.26
Brazilian Government International Bond 6% 20/10/2033	USD 151,000	117	0.17
Bulgaria Government International Bond 4.125% 23/9/2029	EUR 309,000	262	0.37
Chile Government International Bond 1.3% 26/7/2036	EUR 100,000	62	0.09
Chile Government International Bond 2.55% 27/7/2033	USD 521,000	334	0.48
Chile Government International Bond 3.1% 07/5/2041	USD 229,000	136	0.19
Chile Government International Bond 4.34% 07/3/2042	USD 200,000	139	0.20
Colombia Government International Bond 3% 30/1/2030	USD 200,000	122	0.17
Colombia Government International Bond 5.2% 15/5/2049	USD 320,000	175	0.25
Colombia Government International Bond 7.375% 18/9/2037	USD 139,000	104	0.15
Colombia Government International Bond 8% 20/4/2033	USD 313,000	250	0.36
Costa Rica Government International Bond 7% 04/4/2044	USD 634,000	484	0.69
Dominican Republic International Bond 5.875% 30/1/2060	USD 600,000	364	0.52
Dominican Republic International Bond 6% 22/2/2033	USD 186,000	135	0.19
Dominican Republic International Bond 6.4% 05/6/2049	USD 346,000	230	0.33
Dominican Republic International Bond 7.45% 30/4/2044	USD 350,000	269	0.38
Egypt Government International Bond 5.625% 16/4/2030	EUR 100,000	47	0.07
Egypt Government International Bond 5.8% 30/9/2027	USD 319,000	166	0.24
Egypt Government International Bond 8.5% 31/1/2047	USD 290,000	121	0.17
Egypt Government International Bond 8.7002% 01/3/2049	USD 350,000	148	0.21
Egypt Government International Bond 8.875% 29/5/2050	USD 260,000	110	0.16
Export-Import Bank of India 2.25% 13/1/2031	USD 292,000	185	0.26
Export-Import Bank of India 3.25% 15/1/2030	USD 370,000	256	0.37
Gabon Government International Bond 6.625% 06/2/2031	USD 498,000	311	0.44
Ghana Government International Bond 7.75% 07/4/2029	USD 200,000	66	0.09
Ghana Government International Bond 8.125% 26/3/2032	USD 552,000	184	0.26
Ghana Government International Bond 8.627% 16/6/2049	USD 386,000	124	0.18
Guatemala Government Bond 4.375% 05/6/2027	USD 367,000	272	0.39
Guatemala Government Bond 5.25% 10/8/2029	USD 232,000	173	0.25

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Overseas Government Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Hungary Government International Bond 5.5% 16/6/2034	USD 527,000	402	0.58
Hungary Government International Bond 6.75% 25/9/2052	USD 234,000	190	0.27
Hungary Government International Bond 7.625% 29/3/2041	USD 112,000	99	0.14
Indonesia Government International Bond 5.25% 17/1/2042	USD 449,000	351	0.50
Iraq International Bond 5.8% 15/1/2028	USD 191,875	138	0.20
Jordan Government International Bond 4.95% 07/7/2025	USD 337,000	256	0.37
Jordan Government International Bond 7.375% 10/10/2047	USD 200,000	135	0.19
Kazakhstan Government International Bond 6.5% 21/7/2045	USD 438,000	363	0.52
Mexico Government International Bond 4.75% 08/3/2044	USD 842,000	566	0.81
Mongolia Government International Bond 3.5% 07/7/2027	USD 255,000	169	0.24
Mongolia Government International Bond 8.75% 09/3/2024	USD 249,000	196	0.28
Morocco Government International Bond 3% 15/12/2032	USD 523,000	325	0.46
Morocco Government International Bond 5.5% 11/12/2042	USD 456,000	309	0.44
Mozambique International Bond 5% 15/9/2031	USD 335,000	199	0.28
Nigeria Government International Bond 7.143% 23/2/2030	USD 550,000	362	0.52
Nigeria Government International Bond 8.747% 21/1/2031	USD 454,000	320	0.46
Oman Government International Bond 6% 01/8/2029	USD 252,000	198	0.28
Oman Government International Bond 6.75% 28/10/2027	USD 440,000	357	0.51
Pakistan Government International Bond 6.875% 05/12/2027	USD 794,000	264	0.38
Pakistan Government International Bond 7.375% 08/4/2031	USD 329,000	118	0.17
Pakistan Government International Bond 8.875% 08/4/2051	USD 211,000	73	0.10
Panama Government International Bond 6.7% 26/1/2036	USD 276,000	232	0.33
Peruvian Government International Bond 2.783% 23/1/2031	USD 872,000	585	0.84
Philippine Government International Bond 2.65% 10/12/2045	USD 472,000	249	0.36
Philippine Government International Bond 3.95% 20/1/2040	USD 200,000	136	0.19
Qatar Government International Bond 4.625% 02/6/2046	USD 331,000	248	0.35
Qatar Government International Bond 4.817% 14/3/2049	USD 400,000	302	0.43
Qatar Government International Bond 5.103% 23/4/2048	USD 357,000	280	0.40
Republic of Armenia International Bond 3.6% 02/2/2031	USD 200,000	123	0.18
Republic of Azerbaijan International Bond 3.5% 01/9/2032	USD 205,000	138	0.20
Republic of Cameroon International Bond 5.95% 07/7/2032	EUR 420,000	258	0.37
Republic of Kenya Government International Bond 7% 22/5/2027	USD 633,000	447	0.64
Republic of South Africa Government International Bond 5.65% 27/9/2047	USD 269,000	150	0.21
Republic of South Africa Government International Bond 5.875% 20/4/2032	USD 262,000	182	0.26
Republic of Uzbekistan International Bond 4.75% 20/2/2024	USD 395,000	307	0.44
Romanian Government International Bond 2.625% 02/12/2040	EUR 236,000	123	0.18
Romanian Government International Bond 2.75% 14/4/2041	EUR 215,000	113	0.16
Romanian Government International Bond 3.624% 26/5/2030	EUR 200,000	150	0.21
Romanian Government International Bond 5% 27/9/2026	EUR 96,000	83	0.12

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Overseas Government Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Romanian Government International Bond 7.625% 17/1/2053	USD 82,000	71	0.10
Rwanda International Government Bond 5.5% 09/8/2031	USD 493,000	292	0.42
Saudi Government International Bond 3.75% 21/1/2055	USD 503,000	299	0.43
Saudi Government International Bond 4.5% 26/10/2046	USD 523,000	361	0.52
Saudi Government International Bond 4.625% 04/10/2047	USD 556,000	389	0.56
Saudi Government International Bond 5% 17/4/2049	USD 200,000	147	0.21
Serbia International Bond 1.65% 03/3/2033	EUR 632,000	360	0.52
Tunisian Republic 5.625% 17/2/2024	EUR 261,000	185	0.26
Tunisian Republic 5.75% 30/1/2025	USD 355,000	184	0.26
Tunisian Republic 6.375% 15/7/2026	EUR 240,000	119	0.17
Ukraine Government International Bond 7.75% 01/9/2025	USD 459,000	90	0.13
Uruguay Government International Bond 5.1% 18/6/2050	USD 171,600	134	0.19
Venezuela Government International Bond 7% 01/12/2049	USD 681,000	31	0.04
Venezuela Government International Bond 7.65% 21/4/2025	USD 458,000	30	0.04
Venezuela Government International Bond 11.75% 21/10/2026	USD 672,300	44	0.06
Zambia Government International Bond 8.5% 14/4/2024	USD 200,000	92	0.13
Zambia Government International Bond 8.97% 30/7/2027	USD 627,000	283	0.40
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds 5.81% (5.46%)</b>			
Aspire Defence Finance 4.674% 31/3/2040	GBP 90,254	82	0.12
BAT Capital 2.125% 15/8/2025	GBP 139,000	126	0.18
BAT International Finance 2.25% 26/6/2028	GBP 100,000	80	0.11
Bellis Acquisition 4.5% 16/2/2026	GBP 236,000	202	0.29
BNP Paribas 2% 24/5/2031	GBP 100,000	84	0.12
Cidron Aida Finco Sarl 6.25% 01/4/2028	GBP 114,000	100	0.14
CPUK Finance 3.588% 28/2/2042	GBP 155,000	143	0.20
CPUK Finance 5.876% 28/8/2027	GBP 100,000	95	0.14
Deutsche Bank 2.625% 16/12/2024	GBP 200,000	186	0.27
Electricite de France 5.5% 25/1/2035	GBP 100,000	89	0.13
Encore Capital 4.25% 01/6/2028	GBP 125,000	96	0.14
EnQuest 7% 15/10/2023	GBP 225,000	222	0.32
Finance 6.25% 14/12/2026	GBP 100,000	97	0.14
Ford Motor Credit 2.748% 14/6/2024	GBP 150,000	143	0.20
Ford Motor Credit 4.535% 06/3/2025	GBP 134,000	127	0.18
Gatwick Funding 6.5% 02/3/2043	GBP 100,000	101	0.14
Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 05/4/2031	GBP 74,500	73	0.10
Greene King Finance 6.80166% FRN 15/12/2034	GBP 113,000	84	0.12
Intesa Sanpaolo 6.625% 31/5/2033	GBP 100,000	96	0.14
Jerrold Finco 4.875% 15/1/2026	GBP 100,000	88	0.13
Jerrold Finco 5.25% 15/1/2027	GBP 120,000	101	0.14

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.625% 28/2/2028	GBP 100,000	85	0.12
Mitchells & Butlers Finance 5.965% 15/12/2025	GBP 36,392	36	0.05
Mizuho Financial 5.628% 13/6/2028	GBP 100,000	95	0.14
Morgan Stanley 5.789% 18/11/2033	GBP 100,000	96	0.14
NatWest 2.105% 28/11/2031	GBP 100,000	82	0.12
NatWest 2.875% 19/9/2026	GBP 100,000	91	0.13
NatWest 3.622% 14/8/2030	GBP 100,000	92	0.13
Pacific National Finance Pty 5% 19/9/2023	GBP 100,000	99	0.14
Pinewood Finance 3.25% 30/9/2025	GBP 100,000	92	0.13
Rolls-Royce 5.75% 15/10/2027	GBP 125,000	116	0.17
Tesco Property Finance 4 5.8006% 13/10/2040	GBP 92,459	86	0.12
UBS 2.125% 12/9/2025	GBP 100,000	93	0.13
United Utilities Water Finance 5.75% 26/6/2036	GBP 100,000	98	0.14
Virgin Media Vendor Financing Notes III DAC 4.875% 15/7/2028	GBP 150,000	118	0.17
Virgin Money UK 5.125% 11/12/2030	GBP 100,000	90	0.13
Vodafone 5.125% 02/12/2052	GBP 100,000	85	0.12
Volkswagen Financial Services 1.625% 10/2/2024	GBP 100,000	97	0.14
Yorkshire Water Finance 2.75% 18/4/2041	GBP 155,000	99	0.14
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds 60.68% (62.78%)</b>			
180 Medical 3.875% 15/10/2029	USD 249,000	171	0.24
AbbVie 4.45% 14/5/2046	USD 210,000	145	0.21
Abertis Infraestructuras Finance 3.248% Perpetual	EUR 100,000	77	0.11
Academy 6% 15/11/2027	USD 129,000	97	0.14
Adams Homes 7.5% 15/2/2025	USD 127,000	98	0.14
Adient Global 7% 15/4/2028	USD 49,000	39	0.06
Adient Global 8.25% 15/4/2031	USD 67,000	54	0.08
AEP Texas 3.45% 15/1/2050	USD 37,000	21	0.03
Affinity Gaming 6.875% 15/12/2027	USD 235,000	163	0.23
AIA 0.88% 09/9/2033	EUR 100,000	68	0.10
Albion Financing 1 SARL / Aggreko 5.25% 15/10/2026	EUR 100,000	81	0.12
Alexandria Real Estate Equities 2.95% 15/3/2034	USD 43,000	27	0.04
Alexandria Real Estate Equities 4.9% 15/12/2030	USD 96,000	73	0.10
Allianz 5.824% 25/7/2053	EUR 100,000	88	0.13
Allstate 5.25% 30/3/2033	USD 104,000	82	0.12
Allwyn Entertainment Financing UK 7.25% 30/4/2030	EUR 120,000	105	0.15
alstria office REIT-AG 1.5% 15/11/2027	EUR 100,000	62	0.09
Altice Financing 5.75% 15/8/2029	USD 229,000	140	0.20
Altice Finco 4.75% 15/1/2028	EUR 100,000	57	0.08
Altice France 8% 15/5/2027	EUR 100,000	50	0.07

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Altice France 5.875% 01/2/2027	EUR 100,000	71	0.10
Amazon.com 3.6% 13/4/2032	USD 31,000	23	0.03
Amazon.com 4.7% 01/12/2032	USD 150,000	119	0.17
American International 4.75% 01/4/2048	USD 67,000	47	0.07
American Tower 0.5% 15/1/2028	EUR 100,000	72	0.10
American Tower 3.8% 15/8/2029	USD 92,000	66	0.09
American Tower Trust #1 3.652% 15/3/2048	USD 31,000	23	0.03
Amgen 4.875% 01/3/2053	USD 48,000	35	0.05
Amgen 5.6% 02/3/2043	USD 90,000	71	0.10
Anglo American Capital 5% 15/3/2031	EUR 100,000	88	0.13
Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide 4.7% 01/2/2036	USD 153,000	117	0.17
Apple 3.95% 08/8/2052	USD 79,000	55	0.08
Apple 4.85% 10/5/2053	USD 80,000	64	0.09
ARD Finance 5% 30/6/2027	EUR 100,000	66	0.09
ASP Unifrax 5.25% 30/9/2028	USD 107,000	61	0.09
AT&T 3.55% 15/9/2055	USD 70,000	38	0.05
AT&T 3.65% 15/9/2059	USD 16,000	9	0.01
AT&T 3.8% 01/12/2057	USD 97,000	55	0.08
AT&T 5.25% 01/3/2037	USD 114,000	88	0.13
AT&T 5.4% 15/2/2034	USD 98,000	77	0.11
Australia & New Zealand Banking 5.101% 03/2/2033	EUR 100,000	84	0.12
Autoroutes du Sud de la France 3.25% 19/1/2033	EUR 100,000	83	0.12
Autostrade per l'Italia 2% 04/12/2028	EUR 100,000	75	0.11
Ball 2.875% 15/8/2030	USD 90,000	59	0.08
Ball 3.125% 15/9/2031	USD 81,000	52	0.07
Baltimore Gas and Electric 4.55% 01/6/2052	USD 28,000	20	0.03
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 6.5% Perpetual	USD 200,000	148	0.21
Banco de Sabadell 0.875% 16/6/2028	EUR 100,000	72	0.10
Bank of America 1.381% 09/5/2030	EUR 178,000	129	0.18
Bank of America 2.496% 13/2/2031	USD 150,000	99	0.14
Bank of America 2.592% 29/4/2031	USD 65,000	43	0.06
Bank of America 2.651% 11/3/2032	USD 152,000	99	0.14
Bank of America 2.687% 22/4/2032	USD 250,000	163	0.23
Bank of America 3.974% 07/2/2030	USD 69,000	50	0.07
Bank of New York Mellon 4.706% 01/2/2034	USD 98,000	74	0.11
Bankinter 1.25% 23/12/2032	EUR 100,000	70	0.10
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 4.375% 02/5/2030	EUR 100,000	85	0.12
Barclays 0.577% 09/8/2029	EUR 131,000	90	0.13
Barclays 5.262% 29/1/2034	EUR 100,000	86	0.12



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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
BAT International Finance 2.25% 16/1/2030	EUR 100,000	72	0.10
Bayer 2.375% 12/11/2079	EUR 100,000	80	0.11
Bayer 4% 26/8/2026	EUR 104,000	89	0.13
Baytex Energy 8.5% 30/4/2030	USD 102,000	78	0.11
Becton Dickinson and 3.794% 20/5/2050	USD 38,000	24	0.03
Becton Dickinson and 4.298% 22/8/2032	USD 34,000	25	0.04
Benteler International 9.375% 15/5/2028	EUR 100,000	87	0.12
Berry Global 1.5% 15/1/2027	EUR 224,000	172	0.25
BNP Paribas 2.5% 31/3/2032	EUR 200,000	153	0.22
Boeing 2.196% 04/2/2026	USD 99,000	71	0.10
Boeing 3.2% 01/3/2029	USD 159,000	112	0.16
Boeing 5.93% 01/5/2060	USD 69,000	54	0.08
BOI Finance 7.5% 16/2/2027	EUR 258,000	190	0.27
Boston Gas 3.001% 01/8/2029	USD 78,000	53	0.08
BP Capital Markets 3.47% 15/5/2025	CAD 200,000	115	0.16
BPCE 4.375% 13/7/2028	EUR 200,000	170	0.24
BPCE 4.625% 11/7/2024	USD 200,000	154	0.22
Braskem Netherlands Finance 4.5% 10/1/2028	USD 200,000	145	0.21
Builders FirstSource 4.25% 01/2/2032	USD 106,000	73	0.10
Burlington Northern Santa Fe 4.15% 15/12/2048	USD 77,000	53	0.08
Burlington Northern Santa Fe 5.15% 01/9/2043	USD 72,000	56	0.08
C&W Senior Financing DAC 6.875% 15/9/2027	USD 200,000	137	0.20
CAB SELAS 3.375% 01/2/2028	EUR 200,000	139	0.20
Caesars Entertainment 7% 15/2/2030	USD 5,000	4	–
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 5.001% 28/4/2028	USD 126,000	98	0.14
Canadian Pacific Railway 3.15% 13/3/2029	CAD 144,000	78	0.11
Carnival 6% 01/5/2029	USD 88,000	62	0.09
Carnival 10.5% 01/2/2026	USD 24,000	20	0.03
Carrier Global 2.7% 15/2/2031	USD 93,000	62	0.09
CCM Merger 6.375% 01/5/2026	USD 225,000	172	0.25
CCO 4.25% 01/2/2031	USD 176,000	112	0.16
CCO 4.25% 15/1/2034	USD 226,000	134	0.19
CCO 4.75% 01/2/2032	USD 154,000	99	0.14
CCO 5.5% 01/5/2026	USD 162,000	124	0.18
CCO / CCO Capital 4.75% 01/2/2032	USD 122,000	78	0.11
Celanese US 4.777% 19/7/2026	EUR 141,000	118	0.17
Cellnex Finance 1.5% 08/6/2028	EUR 100,000	73	0.10
Cellnex Finance 2% 15/9/2032	EUR 100,000	67	0.10
Centene 3.375% 15/2/2030	USD 46,000	31	0.04

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Channel Link Enterprises Finance 2.706% 30/6/2050	EUR 100,000	77	0.11
Chart Industries 7.5% 01/1/2030	USD 107,000	86	0.12
Chart Industries 9.5% 01/1/2031	USD 58,000	48	0.07
Charter Communications Operating 3.85% 01/4/2061	USD 38,000	18	0.03
Charter Communications Operating 5.05% 30/3/2029	USD 66,000	50	0.07
Charter Communications Operating 6.384% 23/10/2035	USD 64,000	49	0.07
Charter Communications Operating 2.25% 15/1/2029	USD 37,000	24	0.03
Cheniere Energy Partners LP 4% 01/3/2031	USD 124,000	86	0.12
Cheniere Energy Partners LP 4.5% 01/10/2029	USD 107,000	77	0.11
Cheniere Energy Partners LP 5.95% 30/6/2033	USD 55,000	43	0.06
Chrome Bidco SASU 3.5% 31/5/2028	EUR 200,000	145	0.21
Cie de Saint-Gobain 3.5% 18/1/2029	EUR 100,000	84	0.12
Cirsa Finance International Sarl 6.25% 20/12/2023	EUR 28,959	25	0.04
Citigroup 2.572% 03/6/2031	USD 139,000	91	0.13
Citigroup 3.2% 21/10/2026	USD 104,000	77	0.11
Citigroup 3.98% 20/3/2030	USD 98,000	71	0.10
Citigroup 4.075% 23/4/2029	USD 83,000	61	0.09
Citigroup 6.174% 25/5/2034	USD 110,000	87	0.12
Civitas Resources 8.375% 01/7/2028	USD 85,000	68	0.10
Civitas Resources 8.75% 01/7/2031	USD 85,000	68	0.10
Clarios Global LP / Clarios US Finance 6.75% 15/5/2028	USD 55,000	43	0.06
Clean Harbors 4.875% 15/7/2027	USD 94,000	71	0.10
Clean Harbors 6.375% 01/2/2031	USD 34,000	27	0.04
Cleveland-Cliffs 6.75% 15/4/2030	USD 91,000	69	0.10
Colonial Enterprises 3.25% 15/5/2030	USD 183,000	128	0.18
Comcast 2.887% 01/11/2051	USD 126,000	66	0.09
Comcast 2.937% 01/11/2056	USD 35,000	18	0.03
Comcast 3.75% 01/4/2040	USD 100,000	66	0.09
Commonwealth Edison 3.125% 15/3/2051	USD 146,000	80	0.11
Consensus Cloud Solutions 6% 15/10/2026	USD 88,000	63	0.09
Consensus Cloud Solutions 6.5% 15/10/2028	USD 56,000	38	0.05
Consolidated Energy Finance 5.625% 15/10/2028	USD 200,000	134	0.19
Constellation Brands 4.9% 01/5/2033	USD 59,000	46	0.07
Constellation Energy Generation 5.6% 01/3/2028	USD 91,000	72	0.10
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA 4% 10/1/2030	EUR 100,000	84	0.12
Corebridge Financial 3.5% 04/4/2025	USD 58,000	43	0.06
Corebridge Financial 3.9% 05/4/2032	USD 66,000	45	0.06
Cornerstone Building Brands 6.125% 15/1/2029	USD 151,000	94	0.13
Country Garden 3.125% 22/10/2025	USD 200,000	49	0.07

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Credit Suisse 1% 24/6/2027	EUR 140,000	106	0.15
CSC 3.375% 15/2/2031	USD 215,000	114	0.16
CSL Finance 4.625% 27/4/2042	USD 32,000	23	0.03
CT Investment 5.5% 15/4/2026	EUR 116,000	92	0.13
CTP 0.75% 18/2/2027	EUR 106,000	73	0.10
Cullinan Holdco Scsp 4.625% 15/10/2026	EUR 200,000	145	0.21
CVS Health 4.78% 25/3/2038	USD 52,000	38	0.05
CVS Health 5% 30/1/2029	USD 60,000	47	0.07
CVS Health 5.125% 20/7/2045	USD 102,000	74	0.11
CVS Health 5.875% 01/6/2053	USD 51,000	41	0.06
CVS Pass-Through Trust 6.036% 10/12/2028	USD 113,379	88	0.13
Daimler Truck International Finance 3.875% 19/6/2029	EUR 100,000	85	0.12
Danske Bank 1% 15/5/2031	EUR 100,000	75	0.11
Danske Bank 1.375% 12/2/2030	EUR 200,000	159	0.23
Darling Ingredients 6% 15/6/2030	USD 139,000	107	0.15
Darling Ingredients 6% 15/6/2030	USD 36,000	28	0.04
Deutsche Bank 1.75% 19/11/2030	EUR 100,000	68	0.10
Deutsche Bank 2.129% 24/11/2026	USD 150,000	105	0.15
Deutsche Bank 5% 05/9/2030	EUR 100,000	83	0.12
Deutsche Bank 5.625% 19/5/2031	EUR 100,000	82	0.12
Deutsche Telekom International Finance 8.75% 15/6/2030	USD 82,000	77	0.11
Diamondback Energy 6.25% 15/3/2033	USD 67,000	54	0.08
DISH Network 11.75% 15/11/2027	USD 124,000	95	0.14
DNB Bank 3.625% 16/2/2027	EUR 100,000	84	0.12
Dollar General 5.2% 05/7/2028	USD 53,000	41	0.06
DTE Electric 4.05% 15/5/2048	USD 77,000	50	0.07
Duke Energy Carolinas 3.45% 15/4/2051	USD 64,000	37	0.05
Duke Energy Carolinas 3.7% 01/12/2047	USD 26,000	16	0.02
Duke Energy Florida 5.95% 15/11/2052	USD 50,000	43	0.06
Duke Energy Progress 3.7% 15/10/2046	USD 67,000	41	0.06
East Ohio Gas 3% 15/6/2050	USD 56,000	28	0.04
Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage 3.6% 15/12/2024	USD 16,000	12	0.02
Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage 3.9% 15/11/2049	USD 75,000	43	0.06
EDP - Energias de Portugal 3.875% 26/6/2028	EUR 100,000	86	0.12
EDP Finance 1.71% 24/1/2028	USD 391,000	263	0.38
Electricite de France 2.875% Perpetual	EUR 200,000	146	0.21
Electricite de France 4.75% 12/10/2034	EUR 100,000	87	0.12
Eli Lilly & 4.95% 27/2/2063	USD 50,000	40	0.06
Empresa Nacional del Petroleo 3.45% 16/9/2031	USD 264,000	173	0.25

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Enerflex 9% 15/10/2027	USD 272,000	208	0.30
Energy Transfer LP 2.9% 15/5/2025	USD 91,000	68	0.10
Energy Transfer LP 5.75% 15/2/2033	USD 72,000	57	0.08
Energy Transfer LP 6.125% 15/12/2045	USD 49,000	37	0.05
Energy Transfer LP 6.5% 01/2/2042	USD 58,000	46	0.07
Eni 3.625% 19/5/2027	EUR 112,000	95	0.14
EnLink Midstream 6.5% 01/9/2030	USD 187,000	147	0.21
EnLink Midstream Partners LP 5.45% 01/6/2047	USD 78,000	50	0.07
Enterprise Products Operating 4.9% 15/5/2046	USD 48,000	35	0.05
Enterprise Products Operating 5.1% 15/2/2045	USD 134,000	100	0.14
Equifax 3.1% 15/5/2030	USD 59,000	40	0.06
Equinix 2.5% 15/5/2031	USD 114,000	73	0.10
Equinix 3.2% 18/11/2029	USD 41,000	28	0.04
ERAC USA Finance 3.8% 01/11/2025	USD 75,000	56	0.08
Erste Bank 1% 10/6/2030	EUR 200,000	155	0.22
Eskom SOC 7.125% 11/2/2025	USD 569,000	439	0.63
Experian Finance 4.25% 01/2/2029	USD 200,000	149	0.21
Exxon Mobil 1.408% 26/6/2039	EUR 179,000	103	0.15
First Quantum Minerals 6.875% 15/10/2027	USD 200,000	153	0.22
First Quantum Minerals 8.625% 01/6/2031	USD 200,000	161	0.23
Fiserv 4.5% 24/5/2031	EUR 110,000	95	0.14
Fiserv 5.45% 02/3/2028	USD 67,000	53	0.08
Florida Power & Light 2.45% 03/2/2032	USD 136,000	90	0.13
Florida Power & Light 4.625% 15/5/2030	USD 64,000	50	0.07
Ford Motor Credit 2.386% 17/2/2026	EUR 141,000	113	0.16
Ford Motor Credit 7.35% 04/11/2027	USD 289,000	232	0.33
Fox 5.476% 25/1/2039	USD 66,000	48	0.07
Fresenius & 4.25% 28/5/2026	EUR 100,000	85	0.12
Frontier Communications 6% 15/1/2030	USD 31,000	18	0.03
Frontier Communications 8.75% 15/5/2030	USD 100,000	77	0.11
Galaxy Pipeline Assets Bidco 2.16% 31/3/2034	USD 177,420	118	0.17
General Electric 4.125% 19/9/2035	EUR 123,000	105	0.15
General Motors 5.4% 15/10/2029	USD 49,000	38	0.05
General Motors 5.6% 15/10/2032	USD 44,000	34	0.05
General Motors Financial 4.3% 15/2/2029	EUR 100,000	83	0.12
General Motors Financial 5.8% 23/6/2028	USD 95,000	74	0.11
General Motors Financial 5.85% 06/4/2030	USD 39,000	30	0.04
Georgia Power 4.95% 17/5/2033	USD 72,000	56	0.08
Georgia Power 5.125% 15/5/2052	USD 90,000	69	0.10

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Georgian Railway JSC 4% 17/6/2028	USD 600,000	405	0.58
GLP Capital LP 5.75% 01/6/2028	USD 242,000	186	0.27
Goldman Sachs 1.757% 24/1/2025	USD 100,000	77	0.11
Goodyear Europe 2.75% 15/8/2028	EUR 150,000	108	0.15
Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% 15/7/2029	USD 83,000	59	0.08
Goodyear Tire & Rubber 9.5% 31/5/2025	USD 220,000	177	0.25
Graphic Packaging International 3.75% 01/2/2030	USD 310,000	210	0.30
Gruenthal 4.125% 15/5/2028	EUR 100,000	79	0.11
GSK Consumer Healthcare Capital US 4% 24/3/2052	USD 250,000	163	0.23
Guara Norte Sarl 5.198% 15/6/2034	USD 176,852	122	0.17
Halliburton 2.92% 01/3/2030	USD 115,000	79	0.11
Halliburton 5% 15/11/2045	USD 95,000	67	0.10
Hartford Financial Services 3.6% 19/8/2049	USD 48,000	28	0.04
Hartford Financial Services 6.1% 01/10/2041	USD 37,000	29	0.04
HCA 4.5% 15/2/2027	USD 83,000	63	0.09
HCA 5.5% 15/6/2047	USD 81,000	60	0.09
HCA 5.875% 01/2/2029	USD 214,000	169	0.24
Heathrow Funding 1.5% 11/2/2030	EUR 239,000	174	0.25
Hellas Telecommunications Finance 8.011% 15/7/2015	EUR 512,999	–	–
Heritage Petroleum 9% 12/8/2029	USD 363,000	297	0.42
Hilcorp Energy 5.75% 01/2/2029	USD 108,000	77	0.11
Howmet Aerospace 3% 15/1/2029	USD 112,000	77	0.11
Howmet Aerospace 5.95% 01/2/2037	USD 307,000	244	0.35
HSBC 2.251% 22/11/2027	USD 329,000	230	0.33
HT Troplast 9.25% 15/7/2025	EUR 250,000	218	0.31
Hyatt Hotels 5.75% 30/1/2027	USD 57,000	45	0.06
Iberdrola Finanzas 4.875% Perpetual	EUR 100,000	83	0.12
IHO Verwaltungs 8.75% 15/5/2028	EUR 112,457	100	0.14
IHS Netherlands Holdco 8% 18/9/2027	USD 200,000	143	0.20
ING Groep 0.875% 09/6/2032	EUR 100,000	72	0.10
ING Groep 2.125% 26/5/2031	EUR 100,000	78	0.11
Intel 4.9% 05/8/2052	USD 66,000	48	0.07
Intel 5.125% 10/2/2030	USD 61,000	48	0.07
International Game Technology 3.5% 15/6/2026	EUR 100,000	83	0.12
IQVIA 1.75% 15/3/2026	EUR 125,000	99	0.14
Iron Mountain 5% 15/7/2028	USD 31,000	23	0.03
Iron Mountain 5.25% 15/7/2030	USD 138,000	97	0.14
ITT 6.5% 01/8/2029	USD 141,000	93	0.13
JAB 1.75% 25/6/2026	EUR 100,000	80	0.11

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
JBS USA LUX / JBS USA Food / JBS USA Finance 5.75% 01/4/2033	USD 265,000	195	0.28
JDE Peet's 0.625% 09/2/2028	EUR 101,000	74	0.11
JDE Peet's 1.375% 15/1/2027	USD 175,000	119	0.17
Jersey Central Power & Light 4.3% 15/1/2026	USD 83,000	63	0.09
JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-9 4% 25/2/2049	USD 1,816	1	–
JPMorgan Chase & 2.522% 22/4/2031	USD 306,000	203	0.29
JPMorgan Chase & 2.58% 22/4/2032	USD 242,000	158	0.23
JPMorgan Chase & 4.203% 23/7/2029	USD 215,000	161	0.23
JPMorgan Chase & 5.6% 15/7/2041	USD 91,000	74	0.11
Kaisa 9.375% 30/6/2024	USD 200,000	10	0.01
Kaisa 9.75% 28/9/2023	USD 200,000	11	0.02
KBC 4.375% 06/12/2031	EUR 100,000	85	0.12
Keurig Dr Pepper 4.5% 15/4/2052	USD 49,000	34	0.05
Level 3 Financing 10.5% 15/5/2030	USD 119,000	95	0.14
Lincoln National 3.05% 15/1/2030	USD 40,000	26	0.04
Liquid Telecommunications Financing 5.5% 04/9/2026	USD 200,000	88	0.13
Lloyds Banking 4.25% 22/11/2027	AUD 200,000	97	0.14
Lockheed Martin 5.2% 15/2/2055	USD 85,000	69	0.10
Lockheed Martin 5.9% 15/11/2063	USD 49,000	44	0.06
Lorca Telecom Bondco 4% 18/9/2027	EUR 100,000	78	0.11
Lottomatica SpA/Roma 7.588% FRN 01/6/2028	EUR 100,000	86	0.12
Lowe's Cos 2.8% 15/9/2041	USD 106,000	58	0.08
Lowe's Cos 4.25% 01/4/2052	USD 46,000	29	0.04
Lowe's Cos 5.625% 15/4/2053	USD 76,000	60	0.09
LSEGA Financing 2.5% 06/4/2031	USD 200,000	131	0.19
Macy's Retail 5.875% 01/4/2029	USD 158,000	113	0.16
MajorDrive IV 6.375% 01/6/2029	USD 156,000	97	0.14
Marsh & McLennan Cos 5.45% 15/3/2053	USD 72,000	58	0.08
Mass General Brigham 3.192% 01/7/2049	USD 113,000	64	0.09
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance 5.672% 01/12/2052	USD 32,000	26	0.04
Matterhorn Telecom 3.125% 15/9/2026	EUR 200,000	159	0.23
McDonald's 4.25% 07/3/2035	EUR 100,000	88	0.13
MEGlobal Canada ULC 5% 18/5/2025	USD 200,000	154	0.22
Melco Resorts Finance 5.75% 21/7/2028	USD 200,000	138	0.20
Mercedes-Benz Finance North America 4.8% 30/3/2028	USD 168,000	130	0.19
MetLife 5.25% 15/1/2054	USD 180,000	136	0.19
MGM China 4.75% 01/2/2027	USD 200,000	143	0.20
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial 3.273% 19/9/2025	EUR 200,000	169	0.24
MIWD Holdco II / MIWD Finance 5.5% 01/2/2030	USD 122,000	79	0.11

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
MIWD Holdco II Finance 5.5% 01/2/2030	USD 152,000	99	0.14
Moody's 4.875% 17/12/2048	USD 73,000	54	0.08
Morgan Stanley 1.794% 13/2/2032	USD 83,000	51	0.07
Morgan Stanley 3.622% 01/4/2031	USD 136,000	96	0.14
Morgan Stanley 4.656% 02/3/2029	EUR 140,000	121	0.17
Morgan Stanley 5.164% 20/4/2029	USD 75,000	58	0.08
Morgan Stanley 5.948% 19/1/2038	USD 93,000	72	0.10
Mylan 4.55% 15/4/2028	USD 98,000	73	0.10
Nasdaq 5.35% 28/6/2028	USD 53,000	42	0.06
National Australia Bank 3.933% 02/8/2034	USD 250,000	168	0.24
National Grid 4.275% 16/1/2035	EUR 102,000	86	0.12
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance 4.3% 15/3/2049	USD 32,000	21	0.03
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance 4.4% 01/11/2048	USD 63,000	42	0.06
NBCUniversal Media 4.45% 15/1/2043	USD 45,000	32	0.05
NCL 5.875% 15/2/2027	USD 124,000	95	0.14
NCL 8.375% 01/2/2028	USD 40,000	33	0.05
NCL Finance 6.125% 15/3/2028	USD 38,000	27	0.04
Neptune Bidco US 9.29% 15/4/2029	USD 84,000	60	0.09
Neptune Bidco US 9.29% 15/4/2029	USD 53,000	38	0.05
Netflix 4.625% 15/5/2029	EUR 276,000	239	0.34
New Enterprise Stone & Lime 5.25% 15/7/2028	USD 204,000	146	0.21
Nobel Bidco 3.125% 15/6/2028	EUR 212,000	142	0.20
Nordea Bank 3.625% 10/2/2026	EUR 116,000	98	0.14
Northern Oil and Gas 8.75% 15/6/2031	USD 89,000	69	0.10
Northern States Power Co/MN 4.5% 01/6/2052	USD 49,000	35	0.05
Novelis 3.25% 15/11/2026	USD 112,000	80	0.11
NPC Ukrenargo 6.875% 09/11/2028	USD 599,000	99	0.14
NRG Energy 3.375% 15/2/2029	USD 85,000	55	0.08
NRG Energy 3.625% 15/2/2031	USD 60,000	37	0.05
NRG Energy 3.875% 15/2/2032	USD 104,000	63	0.09
NRG Energy 5.25% 15/6/2029	USD 118,000	83	0.12
NSTAR Electric 4.55% 01/6/2052	USD 58,000	41	0.06
Nucor 3.125% 01/4/2032	USD 226,000	154	0.22
Nykredit Realkredit 0.375% 17/1/2028	EUR 128,000	91	0.13
Occidental Petroleum 6.375% 01/9/2028	USD 133,000	106	0.15
Occidental Petroleum 6.45% 15/9/2036	USD 243,000	196	0.28
Occidental Petroleum 6.625% 01/9/2030	USD 118,000	96	0.14
OCI 3.625% 15/10/2025	EUR 180,000	150	0.21
OI European 6.25% 15/5/2028	EUR 100,000	88	0.13

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Oncor Electric Delivery 3.75% 01/4/2045	USD 100,000	64	0.09
Oracle 3.65% 25/3/2041	USD 162,000	98	0.14
Oracle 5.55% 06/2/2053	USD 108,000	82	0.12
Oracle 6.15% 09/11/2029	USD 49,000	40	0.06
Oracle 6.5% 15/4/2038	USD 81,000	68	0.10
Orbia Advance 4% 04/10/2027	USD 200,000	148	0.21
Organon Foreign Debt Co-Issuer 2.875% 30/4/2028	EUR 140,000	104	0.15
Owens-Brockway Glass Container 7.25% 15/5/2031	USD 82,000	65	0.09
Pacific Gas and Electric 4.5% 01/7/2040	USD 118,984	73	0.10
Pacific Gas and Electric 5.9% 15/6/2032	USD 81,000	61	0.09
Pacific Gas and Electric 6.7% 01/4/2053	USD 34,000	26	0.04
Parker-Hannifin 4.2% 21/11/2034	USD 51,000	37	0.05
Penske Truck Leasing 4.4% 01/7/2027	USD 128,000	95	0.14
Perrigo Finance Unlimited 4.65% 15/6/2030	USD 253,000	176	0.25
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III 4.55% 29/3/2026	USD 643,000	501	0.72
Perusahaan Perseroan Persero Perusahaan Listrik Negara 4.375% 05/2/2050	USD 245,000	145	0.21
Petroleos de Venezuela 5.5% 12/4/2037	USD 764,200	21	0.03
Petroleos Mexicanos 3.625% 24/11/2025	EUR 125,000	98	0.14
Petroleos Mexicanos 6.35% 12/2/2048	USD 659,000	313	0.45
Petroleos Mexicanos 6.5% 13/3/2027	USD 200,000	140	0.20
Petroleos Mexicanos 6.75% 21/9/2047	USD 462,000	228	0.33
Petroleos Mexicanos 6.95% 28/1/2060	USD 348,000	171	0.24
Pfizer Investment Enterprises Pte 5.3% 19/5/2053	USD 34,000	28	0.04
Philip Morris International 5.125% 15/2/2030	USD 190,000	148	0.21
Phillips 66 3.75% 01/3/2028	USD 117,000	86	0.12
PNC Financial Services 5.068% 24/1/2034	USD 81,000	61	0.09
PNC Financial Services 5.582% 12/6/2029	USD 107,000	84	0.12
Progressive 4.95% 15/6/2033	USD 187,000	145	0.21
Prologis LP 5.125% 15/1/2034	USD 59,000	46	0.07
Raytheon Technologies 4.125% 16/11/2028	USD 130,000	98	0.14
Rede D'or Finance Sari 4.95% 17/1/2028	USD 200,000	144	0.21
RELX Capital 3% 22/5/2030	USD 49,000	34	0.05
Republic Services 4.875% 01/4/2029	USD 37,000	29	0.04
Rio Tinto Finance USA 5% 09/3/2033	USD 61,000	48	0.07
Rio Tinto Finance USA 5.125% 09/3/2053	USD 112,000	89	0.13
Rogers Communications 5.25% 15/3/2082	USD 204,000	149	0.21
Rogers Communications 6.11% 25/8/2040	CAD 90,000	56	0.08
Royal Caribbean Cruises 11.5% 01/6/2025	USD 37,000	31	0.04
Royalty Pharma 3.3% 02/9/2040	USD 96,000	54	0.08



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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Sabine Pass Liquefaction 5% 15/3/2027	USD 152,000	118	0.17
Sabre GBLB 7.375% 01/9/2025	USD 92,000	64	0.09
Sabre GBLB 11.25% 15/12/2027	USD 20,000	13	0.02
Sands China 3.35% 08/3/2029	USD 200,000	131	0.19
Santos Finance 4.125% 14/9/2027	USD 200,000	145	0.21
SBA Tower Trust 2.836% 15/1/2050	USD 92,000	69	0.10
Schaeffler 2.875% 26/3/2027	EUR 120,000	98	0.14
Schaeffler 3.375% 12/10/2028	EUR 100,000	78	0.11
Shimao 5.2% 16/1/2027	USD 200,000	12	0.02
Sika Capital 3.75% 03/11/2026	EUR 100,000	85	0.12
Sika Capital 3.75% 03/5/2030	EUR 100,000	86	0.12
Sirius Real Estate 1.125% 22/6/2026	EUR 100,000	71	0.10
Sirius Real Estate 1.75% 24/11/2028	EUR 100,000	61	0.09
Sirius XM Radio 4.125% 01/7/2030	USD 157,000	101	0.14
Six Flags Entertainment 7.25% 15/5/2031	USD 104,000	80	0.11
Six Flags Theme Parks 7% 01/7/2025	USD 2,000	2	–
Six Flags Theme Parks 7% 01/7/2025	USD 135,000	107	0.15
Societe Generale 6.446% 10/1/2029	USD 200,000	157	0.22
Southern Gas Capital 1.75% 15/1/2031	USD 149,000	92	0.13
Southwestern Electric Power 3.85% 01/2/2048	USD 63,000	37	0.05
Southwestern Energy 4.75% 01/2/2032	USD 228,000	158	0.23
Sprint Capital 6.875% 15/11/2028	USD 72,000	60	0.09
Sprint Capital 8.75% 15/3/2032	USD 242,000	230	0.33
Staples 7.5% 15/4/2026	USD 94,000	61	0.09
Starbucks 4.8% 15/2/2033	USD 83,000	64	0.09
Stichting AK Rabobank Certificaten 6.5% Perpetual	EUR 141,300	112	0.16
Summer BidCo 9% 15/11/2025	EUR 272,189	206	0.29
SunCoke Energy 4.875% 30/6/2029	USD 267,000	176	0.25
Suzano Austria 6% 15/1/2029	USD 200,000	156	0.22
Svenska Handelsbanken 3.75% 05/5/2026	EUR 117,000	99	0.14
Sysco Canada 3.65% 25/4/2025	CAD 115,000	66	0.09
Talen Energy Supply 8.625% 01/6/2030	USD 135,000	110	0.16
Target 4.5% 15/9/2032	USD 75,000	58	0.08
Target 4.8% 15/1/2053	USD 86,000	65	0.09
Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 674 mbH 6% 30/7/2026	EUR 100,229	84	0.12
Teck Resources 3.9% 15/7/2030	USD 272,000	195	0.28
Telecom Italia Capital 6.375% 15/11/2033	USD 170,000	113	0.16
Tempur Sealy International 3.875% 15/10/2031	USD 178,000	114	0.16
Tenet Healthcare 6.125% 01/10/2028	USD 53,000	40	0.06

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Tenet Healthcare 6.125% 15/6/2030	USD 108,000	84	0.12
TenneT 4.75% 28/10/2042	EUR 100,000	95	0.14
Terega 0.875% 17/9/2030	EUR 100,000	68	0.10
Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 0.875% 29/5/2026	EUR 105,000	82	0.12
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III 6% 15/4/2024	USD 84,000	66	0.09
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III 6.75% 01/3/2028	USD 55,000	43	0.06
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III 7.125% 31/1/2025	USD 328,000	261	0.37
Texas Instruments 5.05% 18/5/2063	USD 85,000	67	0.10
Thames Water Utilities Finance 0.875% 31/1/2028	EUR 100,000	68	0.10
Titan Acquisition / Titan Co-Borrower 7.75% 15/4/2026	USD 155,000	111	0.16
TK Elevator Holdco 6.625% 15/7/2028	EUR 10,000	7	0.01
TK Elevator Midco 4.375% 15/7/2027	EUR 100,000	76	0.11
T-Mobile USA 3.5% 15/4/2031	USD 221,000	153	0.22
T-Mobile USA 4.95% 15/3/2028	USD 58,000	45	0.06
T-Mobile USA 5.05% 15/7/2033	USD 100,000	77	0.11
Toronto-Dominion Bank 3.631% 13/12/2029	EUR 100,000	83	0.12
TotalEnergies 1.75% Perpetual	EUR 117,000	97	0.14
Trane Technologies Financing 5.25% 03/3/2033	USD 57,000	45	0.06
TransCanada PipeLines 8.05% 17/2/2039	CAD 153,000	114	0.16
TransDigm 6.75% 15/8/2028	USD 41,000	32	0.05
Travel + Leisure 4.625% 01/3/2030	USD 122,000	81	0.12
Travel + Leisure 4.625% 01/3/2030	USD 95,000	63	0.09
Trident TPI 12.75% 31/12/2028	USD 5,000	4	0.01
Truist Financial 5.122% 26/1/2034	USD 82,000	61	0.09
Truist Financial 6.047% 08/6/2027	USD 54,000	42	0.06
Turning Point Brands 5.625% 15/2/2026	USD 217,000	156	0.22
UBS 4.375% 11/1/2031	EUR 200,000	167	0.24
Unicaja Banco 7.25% 15/11/2027	EUR 100,000	86	0.12
UnitedHealth 3.25% 15/5/2051	USD 118,000	69	0.10
UnitedHealth 3.875% 15/8/2059	USD 47,000	30	0.04
UnitedHealth 4.95% 15/5/2062	USD 71,000	54	0.08
UnitedHealth 5.875% 15/2/2053	USD 44,000	38	0.05
UnitedHealth 6.625% 15/11/2037	USD 52,000	47	0.07
Uniti LP / Uniti Finance / CSL Capital 10.5% 15/2/2028	USD 51,000	40	0.06
Univision Communications 7.375% 30/6/2030	USD 136,000	102	0.15
Upjohn Finance 1.908% 23/6/2032	EUR 112,000	74	0.11
UPL 4.625% 16/6/2030	USD 200,000	134	0.19
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass 3.875% 01/11/2033	USD 280,000	180	0.26
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass 4.125% 15/8/2031	USD 188,000	127	0.18

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass 6.25% 15/1/2030	USD 28,000	22	0.03
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass 6.25% 15/1/2030	USD 78,000	61	0.09
Venture Global LNG 8.125% 01/6/2028	USD 150,000	120	0.17
Venture Global LNG 8.375% 01/6/2031	USD 150,000	119	0.17
Verisure 3.25% 15/2/2027	EUR 100,000	76	0.11
Verisure 3.875% 15/7/2026	EUR 100,000	80	0.11
Verizon Communications 4.05% 17/2/2025	AUD 230,000	118	0.17
Viatis 2.7% 22/6/2030	USD 336,000	214	0.31
Viatis 4% 22/6/2050	USD 87,000	45	0.06
Viking Cruises 13% 15/5/2025	USD 68,000	56	0.08
Virgin Money UK 4.625% 29/10/2028	EUR 100,000	80	0.11
Virginia Electric and Power 4.625% 15/5/2052	USD 55,000	38	0.05
Vodafone 4.375% 19/2/2043	USD 102,000	67	0.10
Volkswagen International Finance 3.875% Perpetual	EUR 100,000	72	0.10
Volkswagen International Finance 4.25% 15/2/2028	EUR 100,000	85	0.12
Vonovia 0.375% 16/6/2027	EUR 100,000	71	0.10
VZ Vendor Financing II 2.875% 15/1/2029	EUR 118,000	78	0.11
Walmart 4.5% 15/4/2053	USD 102,000	78	0.11
Weatherford International 8.625% 30/4/2030	USD 203,000	162	0.23
Wells Fargo & 2.393% 02/6/2028	USD 145,000	102	0.15
Wells Fargo & 5.389% 24/4/2034	USD 74,000	58	0.08
Welltower 2.75% 15/1/2031	USD 72,000	47	0.07
Western Midstream Operating LP 4.5% 01/3/2028	USD 69,000	51	0.07
Western Midstream Operating LP 6.15% 01/4/2033	USD 186,000	147	0.21
Westpac Banking 2.668% 15/11/2035	USD 126,000	76	0.11
Westpac Banking 4.11% 24/7/2034	USD 43,000	29	0.04
Wolverine World Wide 4% 15/8/2029	USD 130,000	81	0.12
WPC Eurobond 0.95% 01/6/2030	EUR 212,000	138	0.20
Wyeth 6.5% 01/2/2034	USD 38,000	33	0.05
ZF North America Capital 4.75% 29/4/2025	USD 120,000	92	0.13
Zhenro Properties 7.1% 10/9/2024	USD 413,000	15	0.02
<b>Kazakhstan 0.00% (0.00%)</b>			
Fortebank JSC*	2	0	0.00
Fortebank JSC GDR*	112	0	0.00

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Derivatives 2.69% (-0.91%)</b>			
<b>AUD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.00% (0.00%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	AUD (419,571)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 221,389	2	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	AUD (419,571)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 219,431	(1)	–
<b>CAD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.00% (0.00%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	CAD (728,951)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 433,275	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	CAD (728,951)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 434,778	2	–
<b>EUR Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.35% (-0.50%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (8,343,430)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 7,240,991	81	0.12
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (1,666,331)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 1,446,154	16	0.02
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (4,873,854)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 4,229,860	47	0.07
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR 97,460		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (84,845)	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR 75,563		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (65,771)	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR 87,490		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (76,152)	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (100,019)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 87,060	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (87,742)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 76,375	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (99,294)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 85,800	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (41,859)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 36,173	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR 81,100		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (69,788)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR 102,109		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (88,140)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (43,974)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 37,936	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR 104,863		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (90,270)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR 196,068		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (168,845)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (106,899)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 91,814	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (81,309)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 69,835	–	–

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## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>EUR Forward Foreign Currency Contracts (Continued)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (99,439)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 85,632	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (99,777)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 85,129	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (99,732)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 85,899	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (85,626)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 74,109	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (4,786,364)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 4,142,627	33	0.05
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (1,590,768)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 1,376,819	11	0.01
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (8,244,953)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 7,136,056	57	0.08
<b>USD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 2.32% (-0.50%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (28,016,925)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 22,618,699	582	0.83
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (17,551,741)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 14,169,918	364	0.52
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (17,964,931)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 14,503,496	373	0.53
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 844,687		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	EUR (785,863)	(10)	(0.02)
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 104,571		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (84,441)	(2)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 31,324		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (25,294)	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 66,335		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (53,565)	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 295,408		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (238,512)	(6)	(0.01)
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 5		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (4)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 171,624		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (138,864)	(4)	(0.01)
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (154,307)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 124,921	3	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (171,911)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 139,173	4	0.01
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (208,199)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 168,156	4	0.01
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 47,805		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (38,609)	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (38,320)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 30,859	1	–

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## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>USD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts (Continued)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 182,128		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (146,661)	(3)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 3,372		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (2,690)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 266,625		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (212,662)	(3)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 50,000		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (39,880)	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 17,312		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (13,956)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (54,000)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 43,411	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (331,475)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 266,473	6	0.01
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 246,475		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (198,133)	(4)	(0.01)
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (54,876)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 44,242	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (153,469)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 123,729	3	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 55,514		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (44,756)	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD (107,000)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP 85,843	2	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	USD 8,216		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 05/7/2023	GBP (6,592)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 06/7/2023	USD 56,986		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 06/7/2023	GBP (44,743)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (112,658)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 89,805	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (408,996)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 326,029	4	0.01
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (90,811)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 72,242	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 214,605		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (171,071)	(2)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (170,705)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 135,008	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (136,049)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 107,180	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (106,973)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 83,422	(1)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 55,136		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (43,017)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (94,980)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 74,613	–	–

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## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>USD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts (Continued)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 141,278		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (110,459)	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 17,415		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (13,681)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 19,609		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (15,404)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 101,820		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (79,983)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 244,173		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (191,173)	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (67,879)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 53,420	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (170,000)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 133,768	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (52,930)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 41,647	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (141,147)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 111,023	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 41,806		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (32,901)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (56,986)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 44,741	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 85,316		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (67,100)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 66,587		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (52,278)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 104,035		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (81,680)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (142,553)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 112,084	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (28,188,836)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 22,308,615	138	0.20
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (18,106,578)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 14,329,527	89	0.13
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (17,260,434)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 13,659,889	84	0.12
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 859,370		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (785,863)	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 301,355		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (238,512)	(2)	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (110,000)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 87,198	1	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 168,125		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (133,274)	(1)	–

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>USD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts (Continued)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 18,309		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (14,514)	–	–
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD 98,979		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP (77,981)	–	–
<b>Futures 0.02% (0.09%)</b>			
Australia 3 Year Bond September 2023 Futures	6	(2)	–
Canada 5 Year Bond September 2023 Futures	4	(3)	(0.01)
Euro-Bobl September 2023 Futures	(12)	17	0.02
Euro-Bund September 2023 Futures	(16)	21	0.03
Euro-Buxl September 2023 Futures	(1)	(2)	–
Long Gilt September 2023 Futures	(5)	–	–
US 2 Year Note (CBT) September 2023 Futures	16	(30)	(0.04)
US 5 Year Note (CBT) September 2023 Futures	5	(7)	(0.01)
US Long Bond (CBT) September 2023 Futures	12	6	0.01
US Ultra Bond (CBT) September 2023 Futures	8	15	0.02
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>68,656</b>	<b>98.08</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>1,343</b>	<b>1.92</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>69,999</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* In default.

Total unapproved and unquoted securities 0.00%.

Comparative figures in brackets refer to 31 December 2022.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units, common shares or debt securities of the relevant companies or issuers, which are listed on an eligible securities market.

## Portfolio Statement by asset class

	Market value 30 June 2023 £000's	Percentage of total net assets 30 June 2023 %	Market value 31 December 2022 £000's	Percentage of total net assets 31 December 2022 %
Bonds	66,770	95.39	70,639	96.92
Derivatives	1,886	2.69	(664)	(0.91)
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>68,656</b>	<b>98.08</b>	<b>69,975</b>	<b>96.01</b>
Net current assets	1,343	1.92	2,910	3.99
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>69,999</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>72,885</b>	<b>100.00</b>



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## Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)					
Net capital gains/(losses) on investments	1	1,112		(22,071)	
Other (losses)/gains	1	(440)		640	
			672		(21,431)
Revenue	2	2,037		2,679	
Expenses	3	(26)		(37)	
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(17)		(15)	
Net revenue before taxation		1,994		2,627	
Taxation		(1)		(7)	
Net revenue after taxation			1,993		2,620
<b>Total return before distributions</b>			<b>2,665</b>		<b>(18,811)</b>
Distributions	5		(2,019)		(2,657)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in Shareholders' funds from Investment activities</b>			<b>646</b>		<b>(21,468)</b>

## Statement of Movement in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>72,885</b>		<b>115,883</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	5,673		6,023	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(9,206)		(12,476)	
		(3,533)		(6,453)
Dilution levy		1		-
Net increase/(decrease) in Shareholders' funds from investment activities (see above)		646		(21,468)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>69,999</b>		<b>87,962</b>

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

All results above are derived from continuing activities for both the current and prior periods.

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### Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

		30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Assets</b>					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss			68,748		70,776
Current assets					
Debtors	7	66,074		2,388	
Cash and bank balances		2,066		2,111	
Total current assets			68,140		4,499
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>136,888</b>		<b>75,275</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Investment liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			(92)		(801)
Creditors					
Amounts due to futures clearing houses and brokers		(13)		–	
Bank overdrafts		(5)		(3)	
Distribution payable	8	(991)		(1,014)	
Other creditors	8	(65,788)		(572)	
Total current liabilities			(66,797)		(1,589)
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>(66,889)</b>		<b>(2,390)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>			<b>69,999</b>		<b>72,885</b>

All liabilities are current.

The notes on pages 17 to 22 and pages 75 to 77 form part of the Financial Statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

## 1 Net capital gains/(losses)

The net capital gains/(losses) on investments during the period comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Non-derivative securities*	(2,340)	(12,224)
Derivative securities*	(86)	(795)
Forward currency contracts*	3,547	(9,040)
Other (losses)/gains – currency (losses)/gains*	(440)	640
Custodial transaction fees	(9)	(12)
<b>Net capital gains/(losses)</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>(21,431)</b>

\*Net gains (excluding custodial transaction fees) listed above of £681,172 comprise net realised losses of £(566,447) and net unrealised gains of £1,247,619 (2022: net losses of £(21,418,127) comprise net realised losses of £(10,816,514) and net unrealised losses of £(10,601,613)). £(1,348,675) of the net realised losses in the current period had been shown as net unrealised losses in previous periods (2022: £(1,000,897) net realised gains).

## 2 Revenue

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Bank interest	5	–
Collateral interest	7	1
Derivative income	10	87
Interest on debt securities	1,990	2,581
Money market deposit	25	10
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>2,679</b>

## 3 Expenses

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
<b>Payable to the Manager or Associate of the Manager:</b>		
Manager's periodic charge	2	1
	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>		
Audit fees	5	7
Custodian fees	9	13
Directors' fees	4	5
Other expenses	6	11
	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 4 Interest payable and similar charges

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Derivative expense	16	14
Interest payable	1	1
<b>Total interest payable and similar charges</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>

### 5 Distributions

The distributions take account of equalisation amounts added on the creation of shares and equalisation amounts deducted on the cancellation of shares. They comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Interim distribution 31 March	991	1,308
Interim distribution 30 June	990	1,289
	<b>1,981</b>	<b>2,597</b>
Amounts added on creation of shares	(44)	(38)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	82	98
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,657</b>

### 6 Net movement between revenue after taxation and distributions

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Net revenue after taxation	1,993	2,620
Expenses paid from capital	26	37
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,657</b>

### 7 Debtors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
Accrued revenue	1,034	1,186
Amounts receivable from counterparties in respect of collateral on derivatives	438	1,147
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	–	51
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	64,444	3
Prepaid expenses	1	1
Sales awaiting settlement	157	–
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>66,074</b>	<b>2,388</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 8 Creditors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
<b>a) Distribution payable</b>		
Gross distribution payable	991	1,014
<b>Total distribution payable</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1,014</b>
<b>b) Other creditors</b>		
Accrued expenses	24	28
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	91	13
Amounts payable to counterparties in respect of collateral on derivatives	528	528
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	64,857	3
Purchases awaiting settlement	288	–
<b>Total other creditors</b>	<b>65,788</b>	<b>572</b>

# Income Class Fund Report

## Environment

Global stock markets rose strongly over the period. Despite recent aggressive central bank actions, core inflation, which strips out volatile items such as energy and food, stayed at elevated levels in many countries. Nevertheless, global economic growth held up better than many investors expected, defying fears of a recession triggered by higher rates. Slowing US and Eurozone annual inflation rates prompted hopes that an end to interest rate rises might be imminent.

The new year started on a positive note, with strong stock market gains. The collapse of two regional US banks and the forced sale of Credit Suisse to rival UBS in March then evoked fears of a banking crisis. Stock markets recovered after an initial selloff but after a quiet April, most stock markets fell again in May. This was against a backdrop of further interest rate rises, protracted negotiations over raising the US government's debt ceiling and signs of slowing economic momentum. However, news of a compromise agreement over the debt limit and further encouraging inflation data then led to equities having a strong month in June.

Global government bonds (apart from UK gilts) recorded small gains despite expectations of further interest rate rises ahead. The US Federal Reserve continued to raise rates in 2023 as the strong momentum in the US economy continued and annual core inflation remained elevated. The Bank of England (BoE) increased its base rate four more times as annual inflation stayed stubbornly high and the core rate rose further. The European Central Bank continued to raise rates, with further 50 basis point (bps) increases in February and March followed by 25bps hikes in May and June. In contrast, the Bank of Japan maintained its ultra-loose monetary policy.

Corporate bond prices (apart from in the UK) held up well over the period, with investment grade bonds underperforming riskier high yield bonds. Growing expectations that global inflationary pressures may be peaking, leading to hopes that the cycle of interest rate rises may be nearing its end, helped corporate bonds to perform better. Spreads tightened until March as investors' appetite for riskier assets began to return. Turbulence in the global banking sector then caused credit spreads to widen to levels last seen at the start of 2023. However, the effect was offset by lower government bond yields amid a flight to safety. Calm returned to bond markets over the second quarter, with spreads steadily tightening, although they still ended the period near to where they were before March's volatility.

## Performance

The Fund ended the period up 1.22% (net of fees), behind a benchmark return of 5.01%. Relative performance was driven by the negative stock selection.

The Fund's positive performance drivers included stock selection in healthcare, as well as underweight positions in financials, government bonds and consumer staples.

Within healthcare, West Pharmaceutical Services and Dechra Pharmaceuticals drove positive relative performance. Shares in West Pharmaceutical recovered strongly on the back of solid quarterly results which saw sales and operating profit guidance come in ahead of consensus expectations. Dechra rallied on the back of an offer from private equity company EQT. The firm offer price was 5% below the initial soft offer, but still a healthy premium on the closing price before the bid interest was made known. The holding was subsequently sold.

The underweight allocation to financials was also a positive contributor during the first quarter, primarily driven by the large underweight to the banks sub-sector. The sector caused significant market volatility at the end of the quarter as the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and the takeover of Credit Suisse caused concerns about a systemic issue. The Fund has a position in DBS Group, which held up relatively well given its regional Asian focus.

Within government bonds, the short duration position was positive for relative performance as rate expectations increased. The BoE base rate moved from 3.5% to 5% during the period. The scale of this increase tested market expectations, which assumed rates would peak at 4.6% in September. By the end of June, markets were implying peak rates of more than 6.1%, which drove underperformance at the front end of the curve.

Consumer staples was also a notable positive for relative performance due to voids in the tobacco and beverages sub-sectors.

These positive effects were more than offset by the negative contribution from alternatives, technology, consumer discretionary and materials holdings.

Within consumer discretionary, stock selection created a negative performance effect due to personal goods holdings Estée Lauder and Watches of Switzerland. Estée Lauder shares underperformed following a disappointing earnings release which showed that the recovery in Asia travel retail was much slower than the company expected. This was material as the division is a key contributor to profitability and the slower-than-expected recovery led to material earnings downgrades as the market revised its expectations for the next few quarters. Watches of Switzerland underperformed following an earnings release which showed that although growth held up in the fourth quarter, the company revised guidance due to a slower start to the year.

# Income Class Fund Report

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Furthermore, sales on credit have been a headwind to margins as rates have moved higher. Leisure goods holding Keywords Studios also weighed on relative returns. Keywords' share price came under pressure following the market's focus on business models that might be adversely affected by generative artificial intelligence (AI). Management have since provided a robust defence of the opportunities that AI creates, rather than presenting risks to the company.

The off-benchmark allocation to alternatives was a notable relative performance drag. Despite a strong reporting period for the companies, higher bond yields and concerns about the health of the banking sector weighed on risk appetite. The sector has also been hampered by interest rate increases which have driven shares to trade at meaningful discounts to net asset value. Private equity holdings Schiehallion Fund and Apax Global Alpha were particularly weak during the first three months of the year as long duration growth assets underperformed. Holdings in Bluefield Solar Income Fund, HICL Infrastructure, BBGI Global Infrastructure, Greencoat Renewables, Greencoat UK Wind, International Public Partnerships, Renewables Infrastructure Group and Gresham House Energy Storage all detracted during the period.

The technology sector performed strongly but this was driven by a handful of mega-cap companies, which benefitted from several factors: the emergence of AI as a potentially powerful new structural growth driver; the perceived defensiveness of the dominant tech businesses given their strong ecosystems and critical nature of their products and services; the re-rating of higher duration growth stocks as the market has anticipated a peaking of this latest tightening cycle; and the market rewarding tech companies' efforts to protect their margins through recently announced cost-cutting measures. Some of these factors also contributed to better-than-expected first quarter earnings delivery. The Fund was affected by a negative stock selection effect through not holding Nvidia and Meta Platforms. The positive contribution from holdings in Microsoft, Alphabet, TSMC and ASML failed to offset this.

Later in the period, the materials sector underperformed. Chinese crude steel production is running marginally ahead year-on-year but concerns about demand drove iron ore prices just shy of \$100 per tonne. While the long-term case for some materials (particularly those crucial to decarbonisation) is robust, the materiality and scale of the global slowdown is a key risk.

## Activity

During the first quarter, we initiated a new position in Keywords Studios. The company is one of the world's largest video game services outsourcers, with studios across geographies providing services to more than 90% of the biggest gaming companies. It is well positioned to grow organically as developers continue to outsource and increase demand for services. Selective acquisitions are also a strategic pillar and should provide additional valuation upside.

We started a position in Tetra Tech and added to this in the second quarter. The company provides consultancy and engineering services focusing on water, environment, sustainable infrastructure, renewable energy and international development to a customer base of government/development agencies and corporates, predominantly in the US (which accounts for around 70% of revenues), but with a growing international presence in markets like Canada, Australia and the UK. The company offers exposure to a differentiated set of growth drivers related to water resilience and climate transition, which are underpinned by growing fiscal support and corporate and management quality. The valuation appears undemanding given the outlook for consistent growth potential, and the de-rating since late-2021 provided us with a fair entry point.

The Fund increased the position in BP and reduced TotalEnergies to reflect a relative preference within the sector.

In fixed income, positions were added in investment grade credit to increase duration. The macroeconomic outlook is highly uncertain, and it remains difficult to see how a soft landing can be manufactured. Loan demand is falling and lending standards are tightening, while delinquencies are rising. Combined with concerns about weakening earnings growth, we have a clear preference for higher quality credit, which offers a relatively appealing all-in yield. The short-dated gilt position was reduced to help fund this action.

During the second quarter, the focus was on selectively adding to higher quality stocks with quality earnings, solid financial positions and defensive business models as we see a more difficult economic environment ahead.

Eli Lilly was introduced to the Fund in the second quarter using the proceeds from Dechra. Eli Lilly is one of our highest conviction pharmaceutical holdings and possesses one of the industry's highest growth drug franchises as well as deepest pipelines. Leading the charge and helping to ensure a continuation of strong growth for the diabetes business is Mounjaro (tirzepatide), which has already been approved for type 2 diabetes and is well set for obesity approval later this year. Other key pipeline catalysts include donanemab for Alzheimer's and a growing oncology and immunology businesses.

We also introduced Prologis to the Fund. The company is an owner, operator and developer of industrial real estate, with a focus on logistics and distribution facilities. Its portfolio is skewed to the Americas (68%) and EMEA (30%), where demand for industrial space should continue to grow, supporting rental revenues and development activity.

# Income Class Fund Report

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We sold Verizon Communications due to declining conviction levels and disposed of Reckitt Benckiser to fund higher conviction investments.

In fixed income, we further reduced the short duration position in gilts and added around the middle of the curve to capture a reasonably attractive yield. We also added at the long end as previous concerns about the issuance/demand imbalance had somewhat dissipated.

## Outlook

Although central banks look to be reducing the pace at which they are pushing up borrowing costs, we believe that persistently stubborn core inflation will result in many having to go further, possibly leaving them in place for longer than expected before even considering loosening their policy. The result is that most major economies will likely slip into recession by the end of the year.

While we are keenly aware of the near-term risks and economic uncertainty at present, we believe the Fund will benefit from a diversified portfolio of high-quality assets that are well placed to take advantage of powerful structural growth over the medium to long term. Our experienced and well-resourced team is well equipped to seek out the most attractive opportunities going forward.



# Statistics

## Net Asset Value History by Share Class

Retail Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	247,420	64.17	385,587
31 December 2021	385,470	70.86	544,008
31 December 2022	288,228	61.86	465,974
30 June 2023	467,720	61.79	756,965

Z Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	101,238,290	67.67	149,596,320
31 December 2021	136,193,818	75.42	180,587,747
31 December 2022	117,722,506	66.27	177,652,256
30 June 2023	124,669,721	66.41	187,730,577

## Distribution Information by Share Class

For the period ended 30 June 2023

Interim Distribution (In pence per share)	01/01/23 to 30/06/23	01/01/22 to 30/06/22
<b>Retail Shares</b>		
Paid 31 May 2023	0.5329	0.6137
Payable 31 August 2023	0.6409	0.5681
	<b>1.1738</b>	<b>1.1818</b>
<b>Z Shares</b>		
Paid 31 May 2023	0.5714	0.6538
Payable 31 August 2023	0.6882	0.6061
	<b>1.2596</b>	<b>1.2599</b>

# Statistics

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### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

The table below shows the top ten purchases and sales (excluding any derivative transactions) for the period:

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Eli Lilly	4,495
United Kingdom Gilt 3.75% 29/1/2038	2,595
United Kingdom Gilt 3.75% 22/10/2053	2,577
Tetra Tech	2,472
Keywords Studios	2,431
BP	1,448
Prologis	1,329
European Investment Bank 4.5% 07/6/2029	1,324
International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 1% 21/12/2029	1,307
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 5.25% 04/4/2036	1,263

  

<b>Sales</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	4,001
Verizon Communications	3,453
Reckitt Benckiser	3,345
United Kingdom Gilt 0.75% 22/7/2023	3,190
AbbVie	1,965
BB Biotech	1,824
TotalEnergies	1,443
Supermarket Income Reit	944
BHP	884
Shell	748

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>UK Government Stocks 9.83% (9.82%)</b>			
United Kingdom Gilt 0.25% 31/7/2031	GBP 4,936,600	3,563	2.85
United Kingdom Gilt 0.625% 31/7/2035	GBP 2,869,900	1,856	1.48
United Kingdom Gilt 0.75% 22/7/2023	GBP 4,428,700	4,416	3.53
United Kingdom Gilt 3.75% 29/1/2038	GBP 1,423,700	1,306	1.05
United Kingdom Gilt 3.75% 22/10/2053	GBP 1,297,800	1,154	0.92
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds 9.57% (4.10%)</b>			
Admiral 5.5% 25/7/2024	GBP 153,000	151	0.12
Amgen 4% 13/9/2029	GBP 353,000	317	0.25
Arqiva Financing 4.882% 31/12/2032	GBP 133,333	120	0.10
Assura Financing 1.5% 15/9/2030	GBP 421,000	304	0.24
AT&T 4.25% 01/6/2043	GBP 244,000	186	0.15
Aviva 6.125% 14/11/2036	GBP 250,000	240	0.19
Bank of America 7% 31/7/2028	GBP 100,000	102	0.08
Barclays 3.25% 17/1/2033	GBP 280,000	209	0.17
Bellis Acquisition 3.25% 16/2/2026	GBP 252,000	210	0.17
BG Energy Capital 5.125% 01/12/2025	GBP 61,000	59	0.05
BNP Paribas 1.25% 13/7/2031	GBP 500,000	343	0.27
BP Capital Markets 4.25% Perpetual	GBP 234,000	205	0.16
Cadent Finance 5.75% 14/3/2034	GBP 253,000	243	0.19
Centrica 7% 19/9/2033	GBP 100,000	106	0.09
Citigroup 2.75% 24/1/2024	GBP 159,000	156	0.12
Credit Agricole 7.5% Perpetual	GBP 146,000	137	0.11
E.ON International Finance 5.875% 30/10/2037	GBP 250,000	240	0.19
Eastern Power Networks 5.75% 08/3/2024	GBP 141,000	140	0.11
Electricite de France 5.875% 18/7/2031	GBP 144,000	137	0.11
Engie 5.625% 03/4/2053	GBP 300,000	284	0.23
ENW Finance 4.893% 24/11/2032	GBP 358,000	330	0.26
European Investment Bank 4.5% 07/6/2029	GBP 650,000	631	0.50
Experian Finance 3.25% 07/4/2032	GBP 121,000	101	0.08
GlaxoSmithKline Capital 5.25% 19/12/2033	GBP 84,000	83	0.07
HSBC 5.75% 20/12/2027	GBP 254,000	241	0.19
International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 1% 21/12/2029	GBP 800,000	627	0.50
Legal & General 5.375% 27/10/2045	GBP 300,000	284	0.23
Lloyds Bank 7.625% 22/4/2025	GBP 131,000	132	0.11
Lloyds Banking 6.625% 02/6/2033	GBP 350,000	331	0.26
London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2% 31/3/2032	GBP 500,000	370	0.30
Mizuho Financial 5.628% 13/6/2028	GBP 480,000	457	0.37
National Grid Electricity Distribution West Midlands 5.75% 16/4/2032	GBP 317,000	309	0.25
National Grid Electricity Transmission 5.272% 18/1/2043	GBP 448,000	409	0.33

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Nationwide Building Society 3.25% 20/1/2028	GBP 135,000	120	0.10
NatWest Markets 6.375% 08/11/2027	GBP 144,000	142	0.11
NGG Finance 5.625% 18/6/2073	GBP 284,000	270	0.22
Optivo Finance 3.283% 22/3/2048	GBP 450,000	303	0.24
Orsted 5.75% 09/4/2040	GBP 120,000	117	0.09
Premier Foods Finance 3.5% 15/10/2026	GBP 253,000	220	0.18
RI Finance Bonds No 3 6.125% 13/11/2028	GBP 100,000	93	0.07
Sanctuary Capital 6.697% 23/3/2039	GBP 275,000	305	0.24
Santander UK 3.625% 14/1/2026	GBP 156,000	142	0.11
Segro 2.375% 11/10/2029	GBP 400,000	323	0.26
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 5.25% 04/4/2036	GBP 632,000	588	0.47
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 6.25% 07/6/2029	GBP 62,000	61	0.05
Southern Electric Power Distribution 5.5% 07/6/2032	GBP 300,000	294	0.24
Tesco Property Finance 3 5.744% 13/4/2040	GBP 157,564	146	0.12
Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.125% 28/9/2037	GBP 344,000	287	0.23
Vodafone 3% 12/8/2056	GBP 166,000	92	0.07
Walmart 5.25% 28/9/2035	GBP 192,000	192	0.15
Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% 13/9/2028	GBP 100,000	83	0.07
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds 1.33% (1.82%)</b>			
Activision Blizzard 3.4% 15/9/2026	USD 556,000	416	0.33
AstraZeneca 4% 17/1/2029	USD 209,000	158	0.12
Charter Communications Operating / Charter Communications Operating Capital 3.75% 15/2/2028	USD 226,000	163	0.13
Cigna 3.05% 15/10/2027	USD 227,000	165	0.13
Country Garden 8% 27/1/2024	USD 200,000	108	0.09
EOG Resources 4.375% 15/4/2030	USD 47,000	36	0.03
Matterhorn Telecom 3.125% 15/9/2026	EUR 309,000	246	0.20
Morgan Stanley 4.431% 23/1/2030	USD 205,000	153	0.12
Schaeffler 2.875% 26/3/2027	EUR 276,000	225	0.18
<b>Australia 2.40% (3.11%)</b>			
BHP	128,178	2,999	2.40
<b>Denmark 1.07% (1.12%)</b>			
Ørsted	17,998	1,341	1.07
<b>France 3.53% (3.86%)</b>			
Schneider Electric	14,674	2,096	1.68
TotalEnergies	51,461	2,321	1.85
<b>Germany 1.95% (1.62%)</b>			
Mercedes-Benz	38,730	2,445	1.95

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Italy 1.32% (1.14%)</b>			
Enel	311,948	1,651	1.32
<b>Netherlands 5.88% (5.28%)</b>			
Adyen	880	1,198	0.96
ASML	6,257	3,559	2.84
Koninklijke KPN	926,739	2,599	2.08
<b>Republic of Ireland 5.16% (3.70%)</b>			
Accenture	10,068	2,442	1.95
CRH	49,970	2,172	1.74
Greencoat Renewables	1,057,939	924	0.74
Keywords Studios	50,529	914	0.73
<b>Singapore 1.05% (0.99%)</b>			
DBS	71,900	1,317	1.05
<b>Switzerland 5.55% (5.69%)</b>			
Nestle	24,073	2,277	1.82
Roche	8,929	2,147	1.72
Zurich Insurance	6,744	2,519	2.01
<b>Taiwan 2.26% (1.82%)</b>			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	35,721	2,835	2.26
<b>United Kingdom 20.55% (24.22%)</b>			
Assura	957,547	434	0.35
AstraZeneca	32,791	3,698	2.95
BP	804,056	3,686	2.95
DS Smith	646,753	1,758	1.40
National Grid	237,327	2,468	1.97
Persimmon	90,108	924	0.74
Primary Health Properties	779,858	744	0.59
RELX	101,145	2,651	2.12
Rio Tinto	52,979	2,641	2.11
Shell	191,839	4,494	3.59
Tritax Big Box REIT	667,907	834	0.67
Watches of Switzerland	226,872	1,385	1.11
<b>United States of America 20.80% (18.29%)</b>			
AbbVie	11,423	1,210	0.97
Alphabet	24,204	2,279	1.82
Amazon.com	21,954	2,250	1.80
American Tower	7,998	1,220	0.98
Autodesk	7,497	1,206	0.96
Eli Lilly	6,277	2,312	1.85
Estee Lauder Cos	7,262	1,122	0.90

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>United States of America (Continued)</b>			
Mastercard	7,193	2,223	1.78
Microsoft	15,300	4,095	3.27
NextEra Energy	37,777	2,204	1.76
Procter & Gamble	16,207	1,933	1.54
Prologis	6,672	643	0.51
Tetra Tech	10,248	1,319	1.05
West Pharmaceutical Services	6,696	2,013	1.61
<b>Investment Trusts 7.31% (9.64%)</b>			
3i Infrastructure	387,358	1,211	0.97
Apax Global Alpha	428,515	791	0.63
BBGI Global Infrastructure	843,755	1,164	0.93
Bluefield Solar Income Fund	883,867	1,061	0.85
Greencoat UK Wind	944,610	1,361	1.09
Gresham House Energy Storage Fund Fund	434,498	621	0.50
Hicl Infrastructure	550,833	738	0.59
International Public Partnerships	698,902	904	0.72
Renewables Infrastructure	940,346	1,080	0.86
Schiehallion Fund	733,109	219	0.17
<b>Derivatives 0.03% (0.04%)</b>			
<b>EUR Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.00% (-0.01%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 15/8/2023	EUR (557,203)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 15/8/2023	GBP 481,868	3	–
<b>USD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.03% (0.05%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 15/8/2023	USD (1,539,550)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 15/8/2023	GBP 1,240,515	30	0.03
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>124,622</b>	<b>99.59</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>515</b>	<b>0.41</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>125,137</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Total unapproved and unquoted securities 0.00%.

Comparative figures in brackets refer to 31 December 2022.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units, common shares or debt securities of the relevant companies or issuers, which are listed on an eligible securities market.

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

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## Portfolio Statement by asset class

	Market value 30 June 2023 £000's	Percentage of total net assets 30 June 2023 %	Market value 31 December 2022 £000's	Percentage of total net assets 31 December 2022 %
Bonds	25,937	20.73	18,571	15.74
Equities	98,652	78.83	94,979	80.48
Derivatives	33	0.03	53	0.04
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>124,622</b>	<b>99.59</b>	<b>113,603</b>	<b>96.26</b>
Net current assets	515	0.41	4,408	3.74
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>125,137</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>118,011</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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## Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)					
Net capital gains/(losses) on investments	1	99		(14,421)	
Other gains	1	34		9	
			133		(14,412)
Revenue	2	2,688		2,596	
Expenses	3	(52)		(50)	
Net revenue before taxation		2,636		2,546	
Taxation		(323)		(315)	
Net revenue after taxation			2,313		2,231
<b>Total return before distributions</b>			<b>2,446</b>		<b>(12,181)</b>
Distributions	4		(2,363)		(2,281)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in Shareholders' funds from Investment activities</b>			<b>83</b>		<b>(14,462)</b>

## Statement of Movement in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>118,011</b>		<b>136,579</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	12,663		5,105	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(5,625)		(5,919)	
		7,038		(814)
Dilution levy		5		-
Net increase/(decrease) in Shareholders' funds from investment activities (see above)		83		(14,462)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>125,137</b>		<b>121,303</b>

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

All results above are derived from continuing activities for both the current and prior periods.



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### Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

		30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Assets</b>					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss			124,622		113,613
Current assets					
Debtors	6	453		302	
Cash and bank balances		1,558		4,858	
Total current assets			2,011		5,160
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>126,633</b>		<b>118,773</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Investment liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			–		(10)
Creditors					
Distribution payable	7	(1,297)		(715)	
Other creditors	7	(199)		(37)	
Total current liabilities			(1,496)		(752)
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>(1,496)</b>		<b>(762)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>			<b>125,137</b>		<b>118,011</b>

All liabilities are current.

The notes on pages 17 to 22 and pages 90 to 92 form part of the Financial Statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

## 1 Net capital gains/(losses)

The net capital gains/(losses) on investments during the period comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Non-derivative securities*	(100)	(14,256)
Forward currency contracts*	205	(160)
Other gains – currency gains*	34	9
Custodial transaction fees	(6)	(5)
<b>Net capital gains/(losses)</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>(14,412)</b>

\*Net gains (excluding custodial transaction fees) listed above of £138,956 comprise net realised gains of £869,786 and net unrealised losses of £(730,830) (2022: net losses of £(14,406,500) comprise net realised gains of £139,724 and net unrealised losses of £(14,546,224)). £1,248,543 of the net realised gains in the current period had been shown as net unrealised losses in previous periods (2022: £1,250,205 net realised gains).

## 2 Revenue

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Bank interest	1	–
Franked distributions from authorised funds	99	82
Interest on debt securities	447	188
Money market deposit	85	22
Overseas dividends	1,415	1,442
UK dividends	550	781
UK REIT dividends	66	50
US REIT dividends	25	31
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>2,596</b>

## 3 Expenses

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
<b>Payable to the Manager or Associate of the Manager:</b>		
Manager's periodic charge	1	1
	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>		
Audit fees	15	12
Custodian fees	16	17
Directors' fees	7	7
Other expenses	13	13
	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 4 Distributions

The distributions take account of equalisation amounts added on the creation of shares and equalisation amounts deducted on the cancellation of shares. They comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Interim distribution 31 March	1,080	1,187
Interim distribution 30 June	1,297	1,090
	<b>2,377</b>	<b>2,277</b>
Amounts added on creation of shares	(48)	(23)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	34	27
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>2,281</b>

### 5 Net movement between revenue after taxation and distributions

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Net revenue after taxation	2,313	2,231
Expenses paid from capital	52	50
US REIT Retention reflected in Capital	(2)	–
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>2,281</b>

### 6 Debtors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
Accrued revenue	427	278
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	20	9
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	3	–
Overseas tax recoverable	2	6
Prepaid expenses	1	2
Sales awaiting settlement	–	7
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>302</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Continued

### 7 Creditors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
<b>a) Distribution payable</b>		
Gross distribution payable	1,297	715
<b>Total distribution payable</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>715</b>
<b>b) Other creditors</b>		
Accrued expenses	35	34
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	161	3
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	3	–
<b>Total other creditors</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>37</b>

# Sterling Fixed Interest Class Fund Report

## Environment

Corporate bond prices fell over the period, amid a backdrop of rising interest rates and stubbornly high inflation, accompanied by a worsening economic outlook.

This has been a volatile period, with credit spreads tightening significantly in January and February before banking woes in the US and the collapse of Credit Suisse sent them wider. Gilt yields fell initially then rose on hopes of a soft economic landing, before falling again amid the banking sector issues. Although headline inflation is now falling, core inflation moved higher again, which led the market to expect even more interest-rate hikes in the UK.

Early in the period, financials underperformed with both senior and subordinated debt lagging. Both senior and Tier 2 debt roared back after the weakening in March due to turmoil in the sector; however, while senior debt held their gains, Tier 2 bank spreads widened to end the period relatively unchanged in spread level. Real estate outperformed, having rallied in the first few months of the year despite spreads widening into the quarter-end. Non-financials performed well, with the exception of water companies in the UK, where concerns around Thames Water led to a lot of volatility towards the end of the period.

## Performance

The Fund returned -1.41% (net) over the six month period, underperforming the benchmark return of -0.99%.

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While BBB rated holdings were positive, the Fund's high yield bonds struggled over the period.

Discounted perps from Westpac and ANZ contributed positively to performance. These are legacy subordinated bank issues that rose 12-20% in value. They are no longer considered efficient capital for banks, and the regulator has encouraged banks to refinance them. Numerous banks have started to do so and further redemptions at par led to a surge in our holdings. Metrocentre, a legacy holding that is trading at depressed levels but starting to show some life, also positively contributed. Coupons are being switched back on, based on reasonably strong operating performance at the Gateshead shopping centre.

On the other hand, UK water names held in the fund underperformed. The biggest story in UK credit markets during the month was undoubtedly a report that the UK Government were drawing up contingency measures around Thames Water. Thames Water is seeking to raise a further £1.5bn in equity, on top of the £500m already raised, to fund the company through the next review period. Consequently, other water utilities including United Utilities also lagged. Significant investment is required by water companies to upgrade infrastructure to reduce leakages and further cut sewage discharges.

## Activity

The Fund participated in new senior bank deals from Barclays, ABN Amro, Credit Agricole and Mizuho, as well as a Tier 2 deal from Lloyds. In non-financials, we took part in deals from water utilities Yorkshire Water, Northumbrian Water and United Utilities, as well as an 18-year deal from British Telecom. More recently, we took part in new issues from Center Parcs, Welsh Water, Anglian Water and Volkswagen.

We added Tier 2 Legal & General bonds, which drifted wider from early April levels, and added back to some Barclays exposure. We also added National Australia Bank Tier 2 and Grainger (UK real estate) bonds, both on valuations.

We trimmed AXA Tier 2 bonds after a strong rally as well as our high-yield exposure through Virgin Media. We exited Commerzbank AT1 bonds in the wake of the Credit Suisse event. We have sold Medical Properties Trust after a loss of conviction, Prologis on relative value concerns. as well as Next, Enel and General Motors on valuations.

# Sterling Fixed Interest Class Fund Report

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### Outlook

Credit markets, like most risk assets, have been enjoying relatively good trading conditions. However, this was predicated on either inflation falling, central banks nearing the end of rate hikes and a soft landing being achieved. This is being tested right now as perhaps central banks may have to go further to tame inflation. This makes a soft landing even less likely than before, as the lagged pain of rate hikes for the consumer and the macroeconomic environment take hold.

Demand for investment-grade credit remains strong, and retail investors are finding the asset class far more attractive after the significant rise in all-in yields through 2022. Meanwhile, insurance companies and pension schemes have maintained their demand for the asset class, with some of this demand postponed due to the heightened volatility throughout the last year. This, coupled with a number of companies returning further cash to investors in the fourth quarter of 2022, means the market appears well supported for now. It feels likely that credit spreads over Gilts could continue to squeeze lower in the short term.

### Strategy

If spreads continue to tighten in the short term, we will look to bolster cash, Gilts and higher-quality supranational holdings, as we believe there will be further volatility ahead. In terms of duration, we have lengthened but done so too early. For now, we maintain a long-duration position relative to the index but will monitor the Bank of England's actions before lengthening further.

# Statistics

## Net Asset Value History by Share Class

Retail Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	517,462	92.24	561,009
31 December 2021	991,618	87.06	1,139,046
31 December 2022	507,495	66.71	760,727
30 June 2023	444,327	64.56	688,287

Z Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	137,092,743	55.76	245,871,848
31 December 2021	117,910,117	53.11	221,997,945
31 December 2022	87,290,600	40.97	213,064,584
30 June 2023	164,435,819	39.77	413,454,839

## Distribution Information by Share Class

For the period ended 30 June 2023

Interim Distribution (In pence per share)	01/01/23 to 30/06/23	01/01/22 to 30/06/22
<b>Retail Shares</b>		
Paid 31 May 2023	0.6674	0.6253
Payable 31 August 2023	0.7355	0.6097
	<b>1.4029</b>	<b>1.2350</b>
<b>Z Shares</b>		
Paid 31 May 2023	0.4102	0.3818
Payable 31 August 2023	0.4527	0.3729
	<b>0.8629</b>	<b>0.7547</b>

# Statistics

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### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

The table below shows the top ten purchases and sales (excluding any derivative transactions) for the period:

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>£000's</b>
United Kingdom Gilt 4.5% 07/9/2034	16,215
United Kingdom Gilt 6% 07/12/2028	7,780
United Kingdom Gilt 4.25% 07/12/2046	4,263
United Kingdom Gilt 0.125% 31/1/2028	1,683
Santander UK 7.098% 16/11/2027	1,511
Credit Suisse 2.25% 09/6/2028	1,497
United Kingdom Gilt 4.75% 07/12/2030	1,431
United Kingdom Gilt 0.125% 30/1/2026	1,280
CaixaBank 1.5% 03/12/2026	1,058
Lloyds Banking 2% 12/4/2028	1,036

  

<b>Sales</b>	<b>£000's</b>
United Kingdom Gilt 4.5% 07/9/2034	12,765
United Kingdom Gilt 6% 07/12/2028	8,119
United Kingdom Gilt 4.25% 07/12/2046	2,298
United Kingdom Gilt 0.125% 31/1/2028	1,663
United Kingdom Gilt 0.125% 30/1/2026	1,276
Citigroup 6.8% 25/6/2038	523
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA 4.625% 23/5/2029	501
Enel Finance International 5.75% 14/9/2040	492
MPT Operating Partnership LP / MPT Finance 3.692% 05/6/2028	472
United Kingdom Gilt 4.75% 07/12/2030	469



# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>UK Government Stocks 4.65% (1.86%)</b>			
United Kingdom Gilt 4.25% 07/12/2046	GBP 2,000,000	1,926	1.17
United Kingdom Gilt 4.25% 07/12/2055	GBP 905,700	889	0.54
United Kingdom Gilt 4.5% 07/9/2034	GBP 3,900,000	3,930	2.38
United Kingdom Gilt 4.75% 07/12/2030	GBP 900,000	920	0.56
<b>Overseas Government Bonds 0.79% (0.18%)</b>			
CPPIB Capital 4.375% 02/3/2026	GBP 600,000	577	0.35
Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 4.5% 18/6/2025	GBP 600,000	583	0.35
SNCF Reseau 5.25% 31/1/2035	GBP 150,000	151	0.09
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds 86.81% (90.70%)</b>			
AA Bond 6.269% 02/7/2043	GBP 350,000	334	0.20
ABN AMRO Bank 5.125% 22/2/2028	GBP 600,000	561	0.34
ABN AMRO Bank 5.25% 26/5/2026	GBP 800,000	774	0.47
Accent Capital 2.625% 18/7/2049	GBP 1,190,000	735	0.45
America Movil 4.375% 07/8/2041	GBP 403,000	333	0.20
America Movil 5% 27/10/2026	GBP 255,000	244	0.15
Anglian Water Osprey Financing 2% 31/7/2028	GBP 218,000	163	0.10
Anglian Water Osprey Financing 4% 08/3/2026	GBP 700,000	627	0.38
Anglian Water Services Financing 2.625% 15/6/2027	GBP 340,000	294	0.18
Anglian Water Services Financing 4.5% 05/10/2027	GBP 200,000	186	0.11
Anglian Water Services Financing 6% 20/6/2039	GBP 341,000	340	0.21
Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.25% 24/5/2029	GBP 600,000	503	0.30
Annington Funding 2.308% 06/10/2032	GBP 387,000	268	0.16
Annington Funding 2.646% 12/7/2025	GBP 200,000	181	0.11
Annington Funding 3.184% 12/7/2029	GBP 680,000	541	0.33
Annington Funding 3.935% 12/7/2047	GBP 420,000	286	0.17
APA Infrastructure 3.5% 22/3/2030	GBP 500,000	415	0.25
Arqiva Financing 4.882% 31/12/2032	GBP 440,000	397	0.24
Arqiva Financing 5.34% 30/12/2037	GBP 110,000	100	0.06
Arqiva Financing 7.21% 30/6/2045	GBP 341,000	340	0.21
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank/The 4.375% 11/6/2026	GBP 430,000	411	0.25
Aspire Defence Finance 4.674% 31/3/2040	GBP 402,920	366	0.22
Assicurazioni Generali 6.269% Perpetual	GBP 700,000	677	0.41
Assura Financing 1.5% 15/9/2030	GBP 692,000	499	0.30
Assura Financing 1.625% 30/6/2033	GBP 502,000	328	0.20
Aster Treasury 4.5% 18/12/2043	GBP 900,000	796	0.48
AT&T 4.25% 01/6/2043	GBP 200,000	152	0.09
AT&T 4.875% 01/6/2044	GBP 1,500,000	1,239	0.75
AT&T 7% 30/4/2040	GBP 350,000	368	0.22
Athene Global Funding 1.75% 24/11/2027	GBP 904,000	714	0.43

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Aviva 4% 03/6/2055	GBP 212,000	158	0.10
Aviva 4.375% 12/9/2049	GBP 300,000	253	0.15
Aviva 5.125% 04/6/2050	GBP 1,010,000	876	0.53
Banco Santander 1.5% 14/4/2026	GBP 900,000	773	0.47
Banco Santander 2.25% 04/10/2032	GBP 1,200,000	947	0.57
Bank of America 7% 31/7/2028	GBP 750,000	765	0.46
Barclays 1.7% 03/11/2026	GBP 1,000,000	878	0.53
Barclays 3.125% 17/1/2024	GBP 820,000	805	0.49
Barclays 3.75% 22/11/2030	GBP 753,000	673	0.41
Barclays 5.875% Perpetual	GBP 930,000	831	0.50
Barclays 6.369% 31/1/2031	GBP 732,000	701	0.42
Barclays 7.125% Perpetual	GBP 350,000	317	0.19
Barclays 8.407% 14/11/2032	GBP 915,000	908	0.55
BAT International Finance 2.25% 26/6/2028	GBP 1,400,000	1,116	0.68
BAT International Finance 4% 04/9/2026	GBP 880,000	803	0.49
BAT International Finance 4% 23/11/2055	GBP 180,000	99	0.06
BAT International Finance 6% 24/11/2034	GBP 282,000	245	0.15
Bazalgette Finance 2.375% 29/11/2027	GBP 615,000	522	0.32
Bazalgette Finance 2.75% 10/3/2034	GBP 416,000	311	0.19
Bellis Acquisition 3.25% 16/2/2026	GBP 263,000	220	0.13
Bellis Acquisition 4.5% 16/2/2026	GBP 469,000	401	0.24
Berkeley 2.5% 11/8/2031	GBP 1,000,000	649	0.39
Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.375% 19/6/2039	GBP 550,000	372	0.23
Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.625% 19/6/2059	GBP 277,000	162	0.10
Blackstone Property Partners Europe Sarl 4.875% 29/4/2032	GBP 105,000	79	0.05
Blend Funding 2.922% 05/4/2056	GBP 100,000	62	0.04
Blend Funding 3.459% 21/9/2049	GBP 543,000	395	0.24
BNP Paribas 1.25% 13/7/2031	GBP 1,200,000	824	0.50
BNP Paribas 1.875% 14/12/2027	GBP 900,000	733	0.44
BNP Paribas 2% 24/5/2031	GBP 800,000	672	0.41
BP Capital Markets 4.25% Perpetual	GBP 1,000,000	878	0.53
BPCE 1.375% 23/12/2026	GBP 500,000	421	0.26
BPCE 2.5% 30/11/2032	GBP 400,000	316	0.19
BPCE 5.25% 16/4/2029	GBP 200,000	178	0.11
BPHA Finance 4.816% 11/4/2044	GBP 500,000	449	0.27
British Telecommunications 5.75% 13/2/2041	GBP 235,000	216	0.13
Broadgate Financing 4.821% 05/7/2036	GBP 340,000	311	0.19
Broadgate Financing 5.098% 05/4/2035	GBP 374,000	326	0.20
Bromford Housing 3.125% 03/5/2048	GBP 838,000	570	0.35

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Cadent Finance 2.75% 22/9/2046	GBP 200,000	116	0.07
Cadent Finance 5.75% 14/3/2034	GBP 375,000	360	0.22
CaixaBank 1.5% 03/12/2026	GBP 1,900,000	1,641	1.00
Canary Wharf Finance II 6.455% 22/10/2033	GBP 17,048	–	–
Canary Wharf Finance II 6.455% 22/10/2033	GBP 17,048	16	0.01
Centrica 7% 19/9/2033	GBP 200,000	213	0.13
Chancellor Masters & Scholars of The University of Cambridge/The 2.35% 27/6/2078	GBP 221,000	125	0.08
Channel Link Enterprises Finance 3.043% 30/6/2050	GBP 250,000	205	0.12
Channel Link Enterprises Finance 6.341% 30/6/2046	GBP 239,116	221	0.13
Circle Anglia Social Housing 7.25% 12/11/2038	GBP 220,000	249	0.15
Citigroup 1.75% 23/10/2026	GBP 403,000	347	0.21
CK Hutchison Telecom Finance 2% 17/10/2027	GBP 241,000	199	0.12
Close Brothers 7.75% 14/6/2028	GBP 459,000	454	0.28
Comcast 5.5% 23/11/2029	GBP 595,000	586	0.36
Connect Plus M25 Issuer 2.607% 31/3/2039	GBP 465,833	361	0.22
CPUK Finance 3.588% 28/2/2042	GBP 431,000	397	0.24
CPUK Finance 4.875% 28/2/2047	GBP 200,000	189	0.11
CPUK Finance 6.136% 28/2/2047	GBP 423,000	398	0.24
Credit Agricole 5.75% 29/11/2027	GBP 1,300,000	1,249	0.76
Credit Suisse AG/London 7.75% 10/3/2026	GBP 539,000	545	0.33
Danske Bank 2.25% 14/1/2028	GBP 1,000,000	836	0.51
Danske Bank 4.625% 13/4/2027	GBP 308,000	290	0.18
Deutsche Bank 1.875% 22/12/2028	GBP 900,000	702	0.43
Deutsche Bank 2.625% 16/12/2024	GBP 900,000	836	0.51
Digital Stout 3.3% 19/7/2029	GBP 300,000	242	0.15
Dignity Finance 4.6956% 31/12/2049	GBP 350,000	222	0.13
DWR Cymru Financing UK 1.625% 31/3/2026	GBP 500,000	438	0.27
DWR Cymru Financing UK 2.375% 31/3/2034	GBP 1,364,000	940	0.57
E.ON International Finance 4.75% 31/1/2034	GBP 400,000	357	0.22
E.ON International Finance 5.875% 30/10/2037	GBP 250,000	240	0.15
E.ON International Finance 6.375% 07/6/2032	GBP 850,000	865	0.52
E.ON International Finance 6.75% 27/1/2039	GBP 900,000	938	0.57
Electricite de France 5.5% 27/3/2037	GBP 300,000	262	0.16
Electricite de France 5.5% 17/10/2041	GBP 1,700,000	1,457	0.88
Electricite de France 5.625% 25/1/2053	GBP 800,000	683	0.41
Electricite de France 5.875% Perpetual	GBP 500,000	411	0.25
Electricite de France 6% 23/1/2114	GBP 400,000	349	0.21
Enel Finance International 2.875% 11/4/2029	GBP 500,000	415	0.25

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Engie 5.625% 03/4/2053	GBP 500,000	473	0.29
ENW Finance 4.893% 24/11/2032	GBP 409,000	376	0.23
Eversholt Funding 2.742% 30/6/2040	GBP 533,077	409	0.25
Eversholt Funding 3.529% 07/8/2042	GBP 1,230,000	875	0.53
Eversholt Funding 6.697% 22/2/2035	GBP 218,571	217	0.13
Finance 6.25% 14/12/2026	GBP 575,000	561	0.34
Firstgroup 6.875% 18/9/2024	GBP 321,000	318	0.19
Ford Motor Credit 2.748% 14/6/2024	GBP 1,100,000	1,050	0.64
Ford Motor Credit 4.535% 06/3/2025	GBP 300,000	284	0.17
Futures Treasury 3.375% 08/2/2044	GBP 500,000	366	0.22
Gatwick Funding 2.5% 15/4/2032	GBP 300,000	238	0.14
Gatwick Funding 2.875% 05/7/2051	GBP 366,000	212	0.13
Gatwick Funding 4.625% 27/3/2036	GBP 700,000	610	0.37
Gatwick Funding 6.125% 02/3/2028	GBP 600,000	591	0.36
GE Capital UK Funding Unlimited 5.875% 18/1/2033	GBP 163,000	157	0.10
GlaxoSmithKline Capital 1.625% 12/5/2035	GBP 744,000	501	0.30
GlaxoSmithKline Capital 6.375% 09/3/2039	GBP 936,000	1,021	0.62
Go-Ahead 2.5% 06/7/2024	GBP 800,000	761	0.46
Grainger 3% 03/7/2030	GBP 998,000	753	0.46
Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 05/4/2031	GBP 223,500	218	0.13
Gwynt y Mor OFTO 2.778% 17/2/2034	GBP 138,606	113	0.07
Hammerson 3.5% 27/10/2025	GBP 900,000	781	0.47
Hammerson 7.25% 21/4/2028	GBP 400,000	356	0.22
Heathrow Funding 2.625% 16/3/2028	GBP 871,000	706	0.43
Heathrow Funding 2.75% 09/8/2051	GBP 120,000	70	0.04
Heathrow Funding 5.875% 13/5/2043	GBP 500,000	481	0.29
Heathrow Funding 6.45% 10/12/2031	GBP 1,200,000	1,216	0.74
Hexagon Housing Association 3.625% 22/4/2048	GBP 450,000	305	0.18
Home 3.125% 27/3/2043	GBP 194,000	131	0.08
HSBC 1.75% 24/7/2027	GBP 946,000	806	0.49
HSBC 2.625% 16/8/2028	GBP 350,000	292	0.18
HSBC 3% 29/5/2030	GBP 384,000	311	0.19
HSBC 6% 29/3/2040	GBP 500,000	438	0.27
HSBC 8.201% 16/11/2034	GBP 250,000	253	0.15
Hyde Housing Association 1.75% 18/8/2055	GBP 396,000	181	0.11
Imperial Brands Finance 8.125% 15/3/2024	GBP 500,000	504	0.31
Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 24/7/2058	GBP 279,620	199	0.12
Incommunities Treasury 3.25% 21/3/2049	GBP 100,000	71	0.04
ING Groep 1.125% 07/12/2028	GBP 1,300,000	1,019	0.62

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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
ING Groep 6.25% 20/5/2033	GBP 1,000,000	926	0.56
KBC 5.5% 20/9/2028	GBP 1,100,000	1,042	0.63
Land Capital Markets 2.399% 08/2/2031	GBP 500,000	416	0.25
Land Capital Markets 2.625% 22/9/2039	GBP 350,000	245	0.15
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 1.125% 08/12/2025	GBP 400,000	345	0.21
Legal & General 4.5% 01/11/2050	GBP 1,020,000	851	0.52
Lloyds Banking 1.875% 15/1/2026	GBP 1,100,000	1,018	0.62
Lloyds Banking 1.985% 15/12/2031	GBP 1,273,000	1,052	0.64
Lloyds Banking 2% 12/4/2028	GBP 1,200,000	995	0.60
Lloyds Banking 6.625% 02/6/2033	GBP 814,000	771	0.47
Lloyds Banking 8.5% Perpetual	GBP 500,000	469	0.28
London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.25% 20/7/2029	GBP 460,000	369	0.22
London & Quadrant Housing Trust 3.75% 27/10/2049	GBP 200,000	144	0.09
London & Quadrant Housing Trust 4.625% 05/12/2033	GBP 1,000,000	907	0.55
M&G 5.56% 20/7/2055	GBP 950,000	809	0.49
M&G 5.625% 20/10/2051	GBP 321,000	283	0.17
McDonald's 3.75% 31/5/2038	GBP 500,000	399	0.24
Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 12/7/2037	GBP 187,733	163	0.10
Metrocentre Finance 8.75% 06/12/2028	GBP 1,475,498	708	0.43
Metropolitan Housing Trust 1.875% 28/7/2036	GBP 1,450,000	930	0.56
Mitchells & Butlers Finance 5.965% 15/12/2025	GBP 6,106	6	-
Mizuho Financial 5.628% 13/6/2028	GBP 860,000	818	0.50
Mobico 2.375% 20/11/2028	GBP 200,000	162	0.10
Mobico 4.25% Perpetual	GBP 507,000	440	0.27
Morgan Stanley 2.625% 09/3/2027	GBP 200,000	175	0.11
Morgan Stanley 5.789% 18/11/2033	GBP 900,000	862	0.52
Morhomes 3.4% 19/2/2040	GBP 1,344,000	1,016	0.62
Motability Operations 2.375% 03/7/2039	GBP 400,000	269	0.16
National Australia Bank 1.699% 15/9/2031	GBP 1,247,000	1,018	0.62
National Australia Bank 3% 04/9/2026	GBP 510,000	465	0.28
National Gas Transmission 1.125% 14/1/2033	GBP 500,000	318	0.19
National Grid Electricity Distribution East Midlands 1.75% 09/9/2031	GBP 800,000	583	0.35
National Grid Electricity Distribution West Midlands 5.75% 16/4/2032	GBP 1,350,000	1,317	0.80
National Grid Electricity Distribution West Midlands 6% 09/5/2025	GBP 300,000	294	0.18
Nationwide Building Society 6.178% 07/12/2027	GBP 600,000	581	0.35
NatWest 2.057% 09/11/2028	GBP 403,000	328	0.20
NatWest 2.105% 28/11/2031	GBP 800,000	658	0.40
NatWest 2.875% 19/9/2026	GBP 503,000	456	0.28
NatWest 3.619% 29/3/2029	GBP 407,000	350	0.21

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
NatWest 3.622% 14/8/2030	GBP 1,402,000	1,289	0.78
NatWest 4.5% Perpetual	GBP 300,000	225	0.14
NatWest 5.125% Perpetual	GBP 230,000	189	0.11
Nestle 2.5% 04/4/2032	GBP 300,000	244	0.15
NewRiver REIT 3.5% 07/3/2028	GBP 219,000	178	0.11
NGG Finance 5.625% 18/6/2073	GBP 1,316,000	1,250	0.76
NIE Finance 5.875% 01/12/2032	GBP 342,000	338	0.20
Northern Gas Networks Finance 6.125% 02/6/2033	GBP 439,000	433	0.26
Northern Powergrid Northeast 1.875% 16/6/2062	GBP 277,000	129	0.08
Northern Powergrid Northeast 3.25% 01/4/2052	GBP 300,000	205	0.12
Northumbrian Water Finance 4.5% 14/2/2031	GBP 201,000	180	0.11
Northumbrian Water Finance 6.375% 28/10/2034	GBP 636,000	638	0.39
Optivo Finance 3.283% 22/3/2048	GBP 625,000	420	0.25
Orange 5.625% 23/1/2034	GBP 800,000	797	0.48
Orsted 2.5% 18/2/3021	GBP 1,018,000	670	0.41
Orsted 4.875% 12/1/2032	GBP 250,000	232	0.14
Pacific National Finance Pty 5% 19/9/2023	GBP 300,000	298	0.18
Paragon Treasury 2% 07/5/2036	GBP 300,000	194	0.12
Paragon Treasury 3.625% 21/1/2047	GBP 500,000	363	0.22
Peabody Capital No 2 4.625% 12/12/2053	GBP 150,000	127	0.08
Penarian Housing Finance 3.212% 07/6/2052	GBP 410,000	279	0.17
Pension Insurance 3.625% 21/10/2032	GBP 293,000	212	0.13
Pension Insurance 5.625% 20/9/2030	GBP 502,000	434	0.26
Petroleos Mexicanos 3.75% 16/11/2025	GBP 450,000	393	0.24
Porterbrook Rail Finance 4.625% 04/4/2029	GBP 250,000	226	0.14
Quadrant Housing Finance 7.93% 10/2/2033	GBP 86,353	92	0.06
Realty Income 1.75% 13/7/2033	GBP 1,270,000	847	0.51
RL Finance Bonds NO 4 4.875% 07/10/2049	GBP 801,000	580	0.35
Royal Bank of Canada 1% 09/9/2026	GBP 700,000	592	0.36
Sanctuary Capital 5% 26/4/2047	GBP 800,000	726	0.44
Santander UK 3.625% 14/1/2026	GBP 246,000	225	0.14
Santander UK 7.098% 16/11/2027	GBP 2,000,000	1,963	1.19
Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission 2.25% 27/9/2035	GBP 1,501,000	1,035	0.63
Segro 5.125% 06/12/2041	GBP 910,000	824	0.50
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 2% 02/6/2040	GBP 612,000	356	0.22
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 2.75% 05/12/2031	GBP 320,000	251	0.15
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.625% 30/11/2034	GBP 422,000	375	0.23
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 5.25% 04/4/2036	GBP 191,000	178	0.11
Societe Generale 1.25% 07/12/2027	GBP 500,000	394	0.24

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Societe Generale 1.875% 03/10/2024	GBP 700,000	659	0.40
Societe Generale 6.25% 22/6/2033	GBP 600,000	595	0.36
South Eastern Power Networks 5.625% 30/9/2030	GBP 168,000	165	0.10
South Eastern Power Networks 6.375% 12/11/2031	GBP 600,000	617	0.37
Southern Gas Networks 4.875% 21/3/2029	GBP 300,000	282	0.17
Southern Housing 2.375% 08/10/2036	GBP 304,000	208	0.13
Southern Water Services Finance 1.625% 30/3/2027	GBP 351,000	290	0.18
Southern Water Services Finance 3% 28/5/2037	GBP 631,000	426	0.26
Sovereign Housing Capital 2.375% 04/11/2048	GBP 135,000	78	0.05
Swedbank 5.875% 24/5/2029	GBP 987,000	938	0.57
TC Dudgeon Ofco 3.158% 12/11/2038	GBP 399,269	327	0.20
Telereal Secured Finance 4.01% 10/12/2033	GBP 342,198	301	0.18
Telereal Securitisation 1.3657% 10/12/2033	GBP 86,261	71	0.04
Telereal Securitisation 1.9632% 10/12/2033	GBP 161,158	140	0.08
Telereal Securitisation 4.9741% 10/12/2033	GBP 63,000	61	0.04
Tesco Property Finance 3 5.744% 13/4/2040	GBP 783,263	725	0.44
Tesco Property Finance 4 5.8006% 13/10/2040	GBP 832,138	772	0.47
Thames Water Utilities Finance 1.875% 24/1/2024	GBP 500,000	466	0.28
Thames Water Utilities Finance 3.5% 25/2/2028	GBP 300,000	255	0.15
Thames Water Utilities Finance 4.375% 03/7/2034	GBP 1,050,000	844	0.51
Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.125% 28/9/2037	GBP 1,400,000	1,169	0.71
Time Warner Cable 5.75% 02/6/2031	GBP 325,000	297	0.18
Toronto-Dominion Bank/The 2.875% 05/4/2027	GBP 504,000	440	0.27
Toyota Motor Finance Netherlands 4.625% 08/6/2026	GBP 1,000,000	955	0.58
Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 14/12/2031	GBP 700,000	555	0.34
UBS 1.875% 03/11/2029	GBP 963,000	747	0.45
UBS 2.125% 15/11/2029	GBP 294,000	229	0.14
UBS 2.25% 09/6/2028	GBP 3,106,000	2,561	1.55
UNITE 3.5% 15/10/2028	GBP 360,000	303	0.18
United Utilities Water Finance 1.75% 10/2/2038	GBP 229,000	138	0.08
United Utilities Water Finance 1.875% 03/6/2042	GBP 618,000	338	0.20
United Utilities Water Finance 5.125% 06/10/2038	GBP 529,000	481	0.29
United Utilities Water Finance 5.75% 26/6/2036	GBP 808,000	794	0.48
University of Oxford 2.544% 08/12/2117	GBP 139,000	72	0.04
Vattenfall 2.5% 29/6/2083	GBP 350,000	278	0.17
Verizon Communications 1.875% 03/11/2038	GBP 1,703,000	1,008	0.61
Virgin Money UK 2.625% 19/8/2031	GBP 529,000	428	0.26
Virgin Money UK 4% 03/9/2027	GBP 500,000	437	0.26
Virgin Money UK 5.125% 11/12/2030	GBP 601,000	539	0.33

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Virgin Money UK 7.875% 14/12/2028	GBP 200,000	198	0.12
Vmed O2 UK Financing 1 4% 31/1/2029	GBP 580,000	459	0.28
Vodafone 3% 12/8/2056	GBP 540,000	300	0.18
Vodafone 5.125% 02/12/2052	GBP 600,000	508	0.31
Volkswagen Financial Services 1.375% 14/9/2028	GBP 1,200,000	923	0.56
Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 03/12/2024	GBP 200,000	187	0.11
Volkswagen Financial Services 5.5% 07/12/2026	GBP 600,000	574	0.35
Volkswagen Financial Services 5.875% 23/5/2029	GBP 800,000	766	0.46
Walmart 5.25% 28/9/2035	GBP 800,000	800	0.49
Wellcome Trust 2.517% 07/2/2118	GBP 245,000	126	0.08
Wells Fargo & 2% 28/7/2025	GBP 210,000	190	0.12
Wells Fargo & 2.125% 24/9/2031	GBP 250,000	184	0.11
Wells Fargo & 4.625% 02/11/2035	GBP 300,000	265	0.16
Welltower OP 4.8% 20/11/2028	GBP 510,000	459	0.28
Westfield Stratford City Finance NO 2 1.642% 04/8/2031	GBP 504,000	425	0.26
Wheatley Capital 4.375% 28/11/2044	GBP 250,000	210	0.13
Workspace 2.25% 11/3/2028	GBP 1,835,000	1,340	0.81
Wrekin Housing 2.5% 22/10/2048	GBP 400,000	233	0.14
Yorkshire Building Society 3.511% 11/10/2030	GBP 111,000	91	0.06
Yorkshire Building Society 6.375% 15/11/2028	GBP 649,000	617	0.37
Yorkshire Housing Finance 4.125% 31/10/2044	GBP 580,000	459	0.28
Yorkshire Power Finance 7.25% 04/8/2028	GBP 400,000	411	0.25
Yorkshire Water Finance 1.75% 27/10/2032	GBP 389,000	271	0.16
Yorkshire Water Finance 5.25% 28/4/2030	GBP 807,000	760	0.46
Yorkshire Water Finance 6.375% 19/8/2039	GBP 350,000	356	0.22
Zurich Finance Ireland Designated Activity 5.125% 23/11/2052	GBP 838,000	724	0.44
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds 3.52% (5.40%)</b>			
Anglo American Capital 5% 15/3/2031	EUR 679,000	596	0.36
Athora Netherlands 7% Perpetual	EUR 600,000	484	0.29
Australia & New Zealand Banking 5.525% FRN Perpetual	USD 1,300,000	937	0.57
CaixaBank 5.25% Perpetual	EUR 800,000	579	0.35
Charter Communications Operating / Charter Communications Operating Capital 5.125% 01/7/2049	USD 600,000	371	0.23
Cromwell Ereit Lux Finco Sarl 2.125% 19/11/2025	EUR 520,000	382	0.23
Deutsche Bank 4.625% Perpetual	EUR 400,000	236	0.14
Deutsche Bank 10% Perpetual	EUR 400,000	340	0.21
Digital Intrepid 0.625% 15/7/2031	EUR 300,000	179	0.11
Standard Chartered 7.014% Perpetual	USD 600,000	453	0.27
Telefonica Europe 2.376% Perpetual	EUR 600,000	404	0.25



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Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (Continued)</b>			
Vodafone 3% 27/8/2080	EUR 750,000	517	0.31
Westpac Banking 5.35957% FRN Perpetual	USD 450,000	324	0.20
<b>Derivatives 0.02% (-0.10%)</b>			
<b>EUR Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.01% (-0.04%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	EUR 97,252		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	GBP (84,843)	(2)	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	EUR (93,297)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	GBP 80,416	-	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (236,953)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 204,097	1	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	EUR (4,188,598)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 3,609,905	14	0.01
<b>USD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.02% (0.11%)</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	USD 143,609		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	GBP (114,589)	(2)	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	USD (92,810)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	GBP 74,952	2	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	USD 47,175		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	GBP (37,436)	-	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	USD (238,144)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	GBP 192,763	6	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	USD (211,865)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	GBP 168,896	2	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	USD (55,067)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 12/7/2023	GBP 43,748	1	-
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	USD (2,280,597)		
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 14/7/2023	GBP 1,824,043	30	0.02
<b>Futures -0.01% (-0.17%)</b>			
Euro-Bund September 2023 Futures	(3)	4	-
Long Gilt September 2023 Futures	72	1	-
US 5 Year Note (CBT) September 2023 Futures	47	(26)	(0.01)
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>157,938</b>	<b>95.79</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>6,942</b>	<b>4.21</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>164,880</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Total unapproved and unquoted securities 0.00%.

Comparative figures in brackets refer to 31 December 2022.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units, common shares or debt securities of the relevant companies or issuers, which are listed on an eligible securities market.

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## Portfolio Statement by asset class

	Market value 30 June 2023 £000's	Percentage of total net assets 30 June 2023 %	Market value 31 December 2022 £000's	Percentage of total net assets 31 December 2022 %
Bonds	157,907	95.77	86,167	98.14
Derivatives	31	0.02	(91)	(0.10)
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>157,938</b>	<b>95.79</b>	<b>86,076</b>	<b>98.04</b>
Net current assets	6,942	4.21	1,722	1.96
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>164,880</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>87,798</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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## Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital losses					
Net capital losses on investments	1	(6,109)		(19,516)	
Other (losses)/gains	1	(47)		8	
			(6,156)		(19,508)
Revenue	2	2,691		1,696	
Expenses	3	(51)		(37)	
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(6)		(17)	
Net revenue before taxation		2,634		1,642	
Taxation		(28)		(4)	
Net revenue after taxation			2,606		1,638
<b>Total return before distributions</b>			<b>(3,550)</b>		<b>(17,870)</b>
Distributions	5		(2,657)		(1,675)
<b>Net decrease in Shareholders' funds from Investment activities</b>			<b>(6,207)</b>		<b>(19,545)</b>

## Statement of Movement in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>87,798</b>		<b>118,902</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	100,615		7,752	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(17,458)		(9,516)	
		83,157		(1,764)
Dilution levy		132		–
Net decrease in Shareholders' funds from investment activities (see above)		(6,207)		(19,545)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>164,880</b>		<b>97,593</b>

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

All results above are derived from continuing activities for both the current and prior periods.

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### Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

		30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Assets</b>					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss			157,968		86,286
Current assets					
Debtors	7	5,510		1,438	
Cash and bank balances		3,946		1,218	
Total current assets			9,456		2,656
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>167,424</b>		<b>88,942</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Investment liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			(30)		(210)
Creditors					
Amounts due to futures clearing houses and brokers		–		(9)	
Distribution payable	8	(1,877)		(836)	
Other creditors	8	(637)		(89)	
Total current liabilities			(2,514)		(934)
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>(2,544)</b>		<b>(1,144)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>			<b>164,880</b>		<b>87,798</b>

All liabilities are current.

The notes on pages 17 to 22 and pages 109 to 110 form part of the Financial Statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

## 1 Net capital losses

The net capital losses on investments during the period comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Non-derivative securities*	(5,897)	(18,987)
Derivative securities*	(510)	(225)
Forward currency contracts*	311	(295)
Other (losses)/gains – currency (losses)/gains*	(47)	8
Custodial transaction fees	(13)	(9)
<b>Net capital losses</b>	<b>(6,156)</b>	<b>(19,508)</b>

\*Net losses (excluding custodial transaction fees) listed above of £(6,142,716) comprise net realised losses of £(2,393,349) and net unrealised losses of £(3,749,367) (2022: net losses of £(19,498,892) comprise net realised losses of £(852,891) and net unrealised losses of £(18,646,001)). £1,435,992 of the net realised gains in the current period had been shown as net unrealised losses in previous periods (2022: £(541,688) net realised losses).

## 2 Revenue

Bank interest	10	–
Derivative income	3	24
Interest on debt securities	2,641	1,668
Money market deposit	37	4
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>1,696</b>

## 3 Expenses

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
<b>Payable to the Manager or Associate of the Manager:</b>		
Manager's periodic charge	2	2
	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>		
Audit fees	15	5
Custodian fees	15	14
Directors' fees	7	6
Other expenses	12	10
	<b>49</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>

## 4 Interest payable and similar charges

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Derivative expense	5	16
Interest payable	1	1
<b>Total interest payable and similar charges</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 5 Distributions

The distributions take account of equalisation amounts added on the creation of shares and equalisation amounts deducted on the cancellation of shares. They comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Interim distribution 31 March	1,311	851
Interim distribution 30 June	1,877	822
	<b>3,188</b>	<b>1,673</b>
Amounts added on creation of shares	(648)	(34)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	117	36
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>1,675</b>

### 6 Net movement between revenue after taxation and distributions

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Net revenue after taxation	2,606	1,638
Expenses paid from capital	51	37
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>1,675</b>

### 7 Debtors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
Accrued revenue	2,427	1,403
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	3,082	11
Prepaid expenses	1	2
Sales awaiting settlement	–	22
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>1,438</b>

### 8 Creditors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
<b>a) Distribution payable</b>		
Gross distribution payable	1,877	836
<b>Total distribution payable</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>836</b>
<b>b) Other creditors</b>		
Accrued expenses	33	31
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	263	58
Purchases awaiting settlement	341	–
<b>Total other creditors</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>89</b>

# UK Equity Class Fund Report

## Environment

The UK stock market, as represented by the FTSE All-Share Index, recorded a modest gain over the period. The FTSE 100 Index registered a small increase. It is home to many so-called defensive shares that tend to hold their value better during times of economic uncertainty. In contrast, the FTSE 250 Index, which contains smaller companies typically more focused on the domestic UK economy, fell slightly over the period.

The Bank of England continued to hike interest rates to combat still-elevated inflation. It increased the base rate by 50 basis points (bps) in February, by 25bps in both March and May, and then by a further 50bps in June. In part due to surging food prices, UK annual consumer inflation has remained stubbornly high, despite 13 straight interest-rate rises, and stands significantly higher than in the US and eurozone. Annual core inflation climbed to 7.1% in May, its highest level since 1992.

## Performance

The Fund ended the period down 2.9% (net of fees), behind a positive benchmark return of 2.61%.

Positive relative performance was driven by consumer staples and healthcare. In consumer staples, the underweight and void in tobacco were the main drivers. In healthcare, the outperformance was driven by stock selection, as Dechra recorded a 40% return during the period following the sale of the company to EQT and ADIA.

The positive relative performance from these areas was more than offset, however, by the negative relative performance from consumer discretionary, telecommunications and financials. In consumer discretionary, the drawdowns of Focusrite, Watches of Switzerland and Keywords Studios all had a meaningful impact. In telecommunications, Spirent Communications also saw a material drawdown as the company's earnings profile proved to be less resilient than expected. Within the financials sector, the underperformance of Close Brothers and void in HSBC also contributed to the negative relative performance.

## Activity

In terms of activity, we introduced Burberry and SSE, while topping up positions in defensive quality names such as National Grid, Haleon and RELX.

Due to lower conviction in the investment case, we exited Spirent Communications, Synthomer, Ashmore, Petershill, Tritax Big Box, Vodafone and Persimmon. Dechra was also sold following the completion of the sale to EQT and ADIA.

Finally, we trimmed a number of cyclical stocks including Shell, BP, Melrose, Watches of Switzerland and NatWest.

## Outlook

Although central banks look to be reducing the pace at which they are pushing up borrowing costs, we believe that persistently stubborn core inflation will result in many having to go further, possibly leaving them in place for longer than expected before even considering loosening their policy. The result is that most major economies will likely slip into recession by the end of the year.

While we are keenly aware of the near-term risks and economic uncertainty at present, we believe the Fund will benefit from a diversified portfolio of high-quality assets that are well placed to take advantage of powerful structural growth over the medium to long term. Our experienced and well-resourced team is well equipped to seek out the most attractive opportunities going forward.

# Statistics

## Net Asset Value History by Share Class

Retail Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	1,078,485	196.82	547,958
31 December 2021	1,058,180	216.29	489,237
31 December 2022	760,885	191.82	396,668
30 June 2023	715,623	183.41	390,184

Z Shares as at	Net Asset Value (£)	Pence per share	Shares in issue
31 December 2020	9,789,199	51.15	19,139,179
31 December 2021	10,508,986	56.60	18,567,185
31 December 2022	9,073,463	50.44	17,988,243
30 June 2023	7,325,632	48.34	15,152,861

## Distribution Information by Share Class

For the period ended 30 June 2023

Interim Distribution (In pence per share)	01/01/23 to 30/06/23	01/01/22 to 30/06/22
<b>Retail Shares</b>		
Payable 31 August 2023	3.4053	4.1538
<b>Z Shares</b>		
Payable 31 August 2023	0.9387	1.1319



# Statistics

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### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

The table below shows the top ten purchases and sales (excluding any derivative transactions) for the period:

<b>Purchases</b>	<b>£000's</b>
SSE	211
Burberry	180
Haleon	123
HSBC	122
Assura	87
National Grid	41
Diageo	40
Keywords Studios	40
Intermediate Capital	38
Close Brothers	34

  

<b>Sales</b>	<b>£000's</b>
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	255
Reckitt Benckiser	201
Diageo	184
Shell	177
Spirent Communications	134
Vodafone	132
AstraZeneca	123
BP	121
Tritax Big Box REIT	116
Ashmore	111

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Republic of Ireland 2.34% (2.63%)</b>			
<b>Computers 2.34% (2.63%)</b>			
Keywords Studios	10,363	188	2.34
<b>United Kingdom 93.02% (95.14%)</b>			
<b>Apparel 1.98% (0.00%)</b>			
Burberry	7,480	159	1.98
<b>Automobile Parts &amp; Equipment 0.62% (0.00%)</b>			
Dowlais	39,556	50	0.62
<b>Banks 3.43% (2.16%)</b>			
HSBC	21,913	136	1.69
NatWest	58,033	140	1.74
<b>Beverages 4.55% (5.44%)</b>			
Diageo	10,847	366	4.55
<b>Chemicals 0.00% (0.74%)</b>			
<b>Commercial Services 5.10% (3.94%)</b>			
RELX	15,644	410	5.10
<b>Computers 1.19% (1.96%)</b>			
Kainos	7,820	96	1.19
<b>Cosmetics &amp; Personal Care 7.99% (6.20%)</b>			
Haleon	49,834	161	2.00
Unilever	11,771	482	5.99
<b>Distribution &amp; Wholesale 1.31% (0.00%)</b>			
Inchcape	13,480	105	1.31
<b>Diversified Financial Services 2.15% (3.31%)</b>			
Close Brothers	19,591	173	2.15
<b>Electricity 5.53% (2.19%)</b>			
National Grid	22,596	235	2.92
SSE	11,381	210	2.61
<b>Electronics 1.44% (1.28%)</b>			
Renishaw	2,968	116	1.44
<b>Forest Products &amp; Paper 1.80% (2.00%)</b>			
Mondi	12,069	145	1.80
<b>Home Builders 0.00% (0.86%)</b>			
<b>Home Furnishings 0.56% (1.02%)</b>			
Focusrite	10,691	45	0.56
<b>Household Products 1.52% (3.19%)</b>			
Reckitt Benckiser	2,071	122	1.52
<b>Insurance 5.61% (4.97%)</b>			
Legal & General	51,868	118	1.47
Prudential	30,032	333	4.14

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

## Continued

Investments	Holding	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets %
<b>Investment Companies 2.10% (2.58%)</b>			
Melrose Industries	33,317	169	2.10
<b>Machinery Construction &amp; Mining 2.10% (1.88%)</b>			
Weir	9,611	169	2.10
<b>Metal &amp; Hardware 1.85% (1.56%)</b>			
Bodycote	23,317	149	1.85
<b>Mining 6.80% (8.05%)</b>			
Anglo American	9,109	203	2.53
Rio Tinto	6,886	343	4.27
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Producers 15.18% (15.51%)</b>			
BP	111,808	512	6.37
Shell	30,208	708	8.81
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Services 0.87% (0.82%)</b>			
John Wood	51,759	70	0.87
<b>Packaging &amp; Containers 1.93% (2.16%)</b>			
DS Smith	57,205	155	1.93
<b>Pharmaceuticals 11.42% (12.76%)</b>			
AstraZeneca	7,123	803	9.99
GSK	8,276	115	1.43
<b>Private Equity 2.17% (1.54%)</b>			
Bridgepoint	23,271	47	0.58
Intermediate Capital	9,290	128	1.59
<b>Real Estate Investment Trusts 2.24% (2.16%)</b>			
Assura	165,000	75	0.93
Segro	14,716	105	1.31
<b>Retail 1.58% (3.35%)</b>			
Watches of Switzerland	20,724	127	1.58
<b>Telecommunications 0.00% (3.51%)</b>			
<b>Investment Trusts 0.00% (0.87%)</b>			
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>7,668</b>	<b>95.36</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>373</b>	<b>4.64</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>8,041</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Total unapproved and unquoted securities 0.00%.

Comparative figures in brackets refer to 31 December 2022.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units, common shares or debt securities of the relevant companies or issuers, which are listed on an eligible securities market.

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## Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital losses	1		(379)		(1,497)
Revenue	2	172		230	
Expenses	3	(6)		(7)	
Net revenue			166		223
<b>Total return before distributions</b>			<b>(213)</b>		<b>(1,274)</b>
Distributions	4		(168)		(225)
<b>Net decrease in Shareholders' funds from Investment activities</b>			<b>(381)</b>		<b>(1,499)</b>

## Statement of Movement in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>9,834</b>		<b>11,567</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	112		1,199	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(1,525)		(1,768)	
		(1,413)		(569)
Dilution levy		1		3
Net decrease in Shareholders' funds from investment activities (see above)		(381)		(1,499)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>8,041</b>		<b>9,502</b>

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

All results above are derived from continuing activities for both the current and prior periods.

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### Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

		30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
<b>Assets</b>					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss			7,668		9,700
Current assets					
Debtors	6	37		18	
Cash and bank balances		496		276	
Total current assets			533		294
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>8,201</b>		<b>9,994</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors					
Distribution payable	7	(156)		(156)	
Other creditors	7	(4)		(4)	
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>(160)</b>		<b>(160)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>			<b>8,041</b>		<b>9,834</b>

All liabilities are current.

The notes on pages 17 to 22 and pages 118 to 119 form part of the Financial Statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2023

## 1 Net capital losses

The net capital losses on investments during the period comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Non-derivative securities*	(378)	(1,496)
Custodial transaction fees	(1)	(1)
<b>Net capital losses</b>	<b>(379)</b>	<b>(1,497)</b>

\*Net losses (excluding custodial transaction fees) listed above of £(377,819) comprise net realised losses of £(246,456) and net unrealised losses of £(131,363) (2022: net losses of £(1,496,631) comprise net realised gains of £422,722 and net unrealised losses of £(1,919,353)). £(207,383) of the net realised losses in the current period had been shown as net unrealised losses in previous periods (2022: £106,951 net realised gains).

## 2 Revenue

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Bank interest	1	–
Money market deposit	2	–
Overseas dividends	–	16
UK dividends	167	210
UK REIT dividends	2	4
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>230</b>

## 3 Expenses

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
<b>Payable to the Manager or Associate of the Manager:</b>		
Manager's periodic charge	3	3
	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>		
Audit fees	1	1
Custodian fees	1	1
Directors' fees	–	1
Other expenses	1	1
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 4 Distributions

The distributions take account of equalisation amounts added on the creation of shares and equalisation amounts deducted on the cancellation of shares. They comprise:

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Interim distribution 30 June	156	218
	<b>156</b>	<b>218</b>
Amounts added on creation of shares	(1)	(13)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	13	20
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>225</b>

### 5 Net movement between revenue after taxation and distributions

	30 June 2023 £000's	30 June 2022 £000's
Net revenue after taxation	166	223
Expenses paid from capital	2	2
<b>Gross distributions for the period</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>225</b>

### 6 Debtors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
Accrued revenue	22	18
Sales awaiting settlement	15	–
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>

### 7 Creditors

	30 June 2023 £000's	31 December 2022 £000's
<b>a) Distribution payable</b>		
Gross distribution payable	156	156
<b>Total distribution payable</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>b) Other creditors</b>		
Accrued expenses	4	4
<b>Total other creditors</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

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