Investment Fund Services

IFSL Marlborough No 2 OEIC

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 July 2023



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AUTHORISED STATUS

IFSL Marlborough No 2 OEIC (the Company) is an investment company with variable capital incorporated under the Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC) Regulations 2001. It is a UCITS scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and is an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with the registration number IC000415 and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 21 October 2005. The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

Shareholders of the sub-funds do not have any proprietary interest in the underlying assets of the Company and will not be liable for the debts of the Company. A sub-fund is not a legal entity. If the assets attributable to a sub-fund were insufficient to meet its liabilities the shortfall will not be met out of the assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the Company. The sub-funds are segregated by law under the Protected Cell Regime.

The Company currently has five sub-Funds: IFSL Marlborough Far East Growth Fund; IFSL Marlborough Global Essential Infrastructure Fund; IFSL Marlborough Global SmallCap Fund; IFSL Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund; and IFSL Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IFSL Marlborough Far East Growth Fund

Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years.

The sub-fund aims to outperform the average of the IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan sector over any 5 year period, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund, however, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Investment policy

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in the shares of companies which are incorporated, headquartered, operating in or listed on stock markets in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan).

This may include up to 10% through funds (including exchange traded funds which typically track an index) which themselves invest in these markets or which gain exposure through financial instruments whose returns are linked to these markets (also known as derivatives). The sub-fund may also invest in shares of investment trusts and other securities whose returns are linked to company performance, such as depositary receipts.

The sub-fund may also hold money market instruments, a type of short term loan, and money market funds, which themselves invest in these instruments.

The sub-fund is actively managed which means the Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when, and will maintain a relatively concentrated portfolio. The sub-fund will normally hold between 50 - 70 holdings in companies of a range of sizes and will not go outside this range for more than 3 consecutive months or exceed between 45 - 80 holdings.

The team approaches construction of the portfolio from three overlapping standpoints:

- economic and market conditions in each country and sector;
- a selection of companies which the team believes to be financially strong or whose valuations appear out of line with expectations; and
- companies which fit broader themes, such as, manufacturing automation, which the investment team believes are likely to drive share price returns over the medium term. Themes will change and this can often happen quickly.

The team use the Morningstar OIP Asia Ex Japan Net Return Index as a reference point for portfolio construction and risk management purposes, however, the sub-fund will not be constrained by the Index.

The sub-fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions, including those whose returns are linked to exchange rates, in order to reduce risk (also known as hedging) although this is anticipated to be infrequent.

The sub-fund may hold cash to enable ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the sub-fund and in order to meet its objective. This will typically be below 10% but may from time to time exceed this level.

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IFSL Marlborough Far East Growth Fund (continued)

Performance target

The performance target is the level of performance the sub-fund aims to deliver however there is no certainty this will be achieved.

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics. The sub-fund aims to be in the top half of all funds included in the IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan sector.

Assessing performance

To assess the performance of the sub-fund, you may want to compare it to the performance of the Morningstar OIP Asia Ex Japan Net Return Index, which the investment team uses as a reference point for portfolio construction and risk management purposes, however the sub-fund is not constrained by this index.

IFSL Marlborough Global Essential Infrastructure Fund

Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, as well as to provide income, that is, money paid out from an investment as dividends from shares, over a minimum of 5 years.

Investment policy

The sub-fund will invest at least 80% in the shares of global infrastructure companies, including investment companies and investment trusts, listed on a range of global developed and emerging market stock exchanges, however exposure to emerging markets will be limited to 10% of the sub-fund. Notwithstanding the emerging markets limit, investments will span a range of global markets with no maximum or minimum exposure to any other market or geographical region.

The sub-fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. The sub-fund will generally hold between 25 and 45 listed companies.

The Investment Manager seeks to invest in global infrastructure companies that have assets that are "essential" for the basic functioning of a society, such as regulated utilities (eg electricity, gas and water), transport (eg toll roads, airports), energy (eg regulated or contracted pipelines) and communications (eg mobile phone towers).

The sub-fund may, from time to time, hold shares in companies that become unquoted following investment, due to a delisting or other corporate event, for example. The sub-fund will not make new investment into the shares of companies that are unquoted.

The sub-fund will not invest in other collective investment schemes.

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% in cash or near cash, to enable the ready settlement of liabilities (including redemptions), for the efficient management of the sub-fund and in pursuit of the sub-fund's objectives.

The sub-fund will not invest in derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset or other variable factor such as exchange rates or stock markets).

Investment strategy

The Investment Manager reviews financial publications, available broker opinions and talks to the directors and/or management of the companies that are within the scope of the investment policy, to form views on which companies are suitable for buying and selling. The Investment Manager will assess the appropriate weightings for each sector and company based on their view of the market and outlook for the future.

The Investment Manager aims to exploit the inefficiencies within the global listed infrastructure universe by conducting thorough research and analysis which considers the overall quality and long-term cash flow valuation of a company.

Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Infrastructure sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

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IFSL Marlborough Global SmallCap Fund

Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years.

The sub-fund aims to deliver greater returns than the MSCI World Small Cap Index in GBP over any 5 year period after charges, however, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Investment policy

The sub-fund will invest in the shares of companies, of which at least 90% of the sub-fund will be in the shares of small companies listed on a range of global stock exchanges. Investments will span a range of global markets with no maximum or minimum exposure to any one market or geographical region.

The Investment Manager defines small companies as either:

- any company within the MSCI World Small Cap Index above a market capitalisation (the market value of a company's shares) of USD 500 million.
- any company, that is not part of the above index, with a market capitalisation between USD 500 million and USD 5 billion listed in the developed countries represented within the MSCI World Small Cap Index.

Any company that no longer meets either of the above definitions will be sold within 12 months, where possible.

The sub-fund may, from time to time, hold shares in companies that become unquoted following investment, due to a delisting or other corporate event. The sub-fund will not make new investment into the shares of companies that are unquoted.

The sub-fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. The sub-fund will generally hold between 50 and 80 listed companies.

The sub-fund will not invest in other collective investment schemes.

The sub-fund may hold up to 10% in cash or near cash, to enable the ready settlement of liabilities (including redemptions), for the efficient management of the sub-fund and in pursuit of the sub-fund's objectives.

The sub-fund will not invest in derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset or other variable factor such as exchange rates or stock markets).

Investment strategy

The Investment Manager reviews financial publications, available broker opinions and talks to the directors and/or management of the companies that are within the scope of the investment policy, to form views on which companies are suitable for buying and selling. The Investment Manager will assess the appropriate weightings for each sector and company based on their view of the market and outlook for the future.

The Investment Manager aims to exploit the inefficiencies within the asset class by investing in quality companies, which in their view display unrecognised growth potential at attractive valuations.

Performance target

The performance benchmark is the level of performance the sub-fund aims to deliver however there is no certainty this will be achieved.

The MSCI World Small Cap Index has been chosen as the performance target as the composition of the index is broadly similar to the holdings in the sub-fund.

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IFSL Marlborough Global SmallCap Fund (continued)

Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Global sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

You should note that whilst the IA Global Sector represents the global nature of the sub-fund, the sector contains funds investing across the market capitalisation spectrum from large cap to small cap. Therefore, when larger cap shares are performing better than small cap shares the sub-fund is more likely to underperform the sector. Conversely, the sub-fund is more likely to outperform the sector when small cap shares perform better than large cap shares.

IFSL Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund

Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide income, that is, money paid out from an investment as dividends from shares, as well as to deliver capital growth, that is to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years.

The sub-fund aims to deliver a greater income than the FTSE All-Share Index, over any 3 year period, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund, however, there is no certainty that this will be achieved.

Investment policy

The sub-fund will invest at least 80% in the shares of companies and investment trusts listed on UK stock exchanges. This will include a range of small, medium and large companies, with a bias towards small and medium companies.

The sub-fund is actively managed, which means the manager decides which investments to buy and sell and when. Investments are selected based on individual company research.

The sub-fund invests in companies which the manager believes:

- have the ability to increase their dividends and offer the potential for growth; or
- companies which have previously paid steady dividends and are expected to continue to do so.

The sub-fund may also invest in companies which are listed on overseas stock exchanges, other securities which offer returns linked to the company performance, such as warrants, preference shares and convertible bonds, unquoted companies and other funds.

The sub-fund will normally be fully invested save for an amount to enable ready settlement of liabilities (including redemption of shares) and efficient management of the sub-fund both generally and in relation to strategic objectives however may hold higher cash balances in extreme market conditions.

Performance target

The performance benchmark is the level of performance the sub-fund aims to deliver however there is no certainty this will be achieved.

FTSE All-Share Index has been chosen as the performance target as the composition of the index is broadly similar to the holdings in the sub-fund.

Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA UK Equity Income sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

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IFSL Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund

Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase the value of your investment by more than any increase in the FTSE SmallCap Index (ex-Investment Companies) over any 10 year period, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund, however, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Investment policy

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in the shares of very small companies and investment trusts listed on UK stock exchanges. These are companies whose market capitalisation (the market value of a company's shares) is £200m or less at the time the initial purchase is made.

The aim of the investment team is to identify companies which they believe show good long-term growth potential or which appear to be under-valued given their future prospects.

The team consider economic and market conditions but the main focus is on individual company analysis and selection.

Following the same investment philosophy the sub-fund may also invest in companies which are listed on overseas stock exchanges, the shares of larger companies, other securities which offer returns linked to the company performance, such as, preference shares, convertible bonds and warrants, and unquoted companies.

The sub-fund is actively managed, which means the investment manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. The sub-fund invests in a diverse portfolio of investments and is not constrained by any industry or sector.

The sub-fund may hold cash, government bonds and money market instruments (short terms loans typically issued by governments and banks) to enable ready settlement of liabilities (including the redemption of units), for the efficient management of the sub-fund and in order to meet its objective.

Performance target

The performance benchmark is the level of performance the sub-fund aims to deliver however there is no certainty this will be achieved.

The FTSE SmallCap Index (ex-Investment Companies) has been chosen as the performance target as the composition of the index is broadly similar to the holdings in the sub-fund.

Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA UK Smaller Companies sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

Rights and terms attached to each share class

A share of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of each sub-fund. The allocation of income and taxation and the rights of each share in the event that a sub-fund is wound up are on the same proportional basis.

Assessment of value

The ACD is required to carry out an assessment of value at least annually and publish its findings in a report to investors. The subfunds of the Company are assessed and reported on, in a composite report which the ACD publishes on the website www.ifslfunds.com. The latest report was published on 30 September 2023.

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Changes in prospectus

On 11 August 2022, the investment policy of IFSL Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund changed to define 'very small companies' as companies with a maximum initial market capitalisation limit of £100m, at the time of initial purchase, to a new maximum initial market capitalisation limit of £200m.

On 20 September 2022, the Company launched two new new sub-funds: IFSL Marlborough Global Essential Infrastructure Fund; and IFSL Marlborough Global SmallCap Fund.

Up to date Key Investor Information Documents, Prospectus and Long Reports and Financial Statements for any fund within the ACD's range, can be requested by the investor at any time.

Cross Holdings

The sub-funds of the Company do not hold shares in other sub-funds of the Company.

Remuneration policy

In line with the requirements of UCITS V, Investment Fund Services Limited (the ACD) is subject to a remuneration policy which is consistent with the principles outlined in the European Securities and Markets Authority guidelines on sound remuneration policies under UCITS V. The remuneration policies are designed to ensure that any relevant conflicts of interest can be managed appropriately at all times and that the remuneration of its senior staff is in line with the risk policies and objectives of the UCITS funds it manages.

The quantitative remuneration disclosures as at 30 September 2022 (the ACD's year end) are set out below:

	Number of identified staff	Total remuneration paid	Fixed remuneration paid	
		£	£	£
Remuneration paid to staff of the ACD who have a material				
impact on the risk profile of the Company				
Senior management	7	757,911	667,666	90,245
Risk takers and other identified staff	2	245,763	203,403	42,360
Allocation of total remuneration of the employees of the ACD				
to the Company				
Senior management	0.64	68,777	60,588	8,189
Risk takers and other identified staff	0.18	22,302	18,458	3,844

The total number of staff employed by the ACD was 236 as at 30 September 2022. The total remuneration paid to those staff was £14,048,823 of which £5,197,123 is attributable to the ACD.

The allocation of remuneration to the Fund is based on Assets Under Management (AUM) and the figures disclosed only include remuneration paid to individuals directly employed by the ACD's group. The way these disclosures are calculated may change in the future.

AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Allan Hamer Director

Investment Fund Services Limited 20 December 2023

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Sally Helston Director

STATEMENT OF AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) requires the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company comprising of its sub-funds and of its net revenue and the net capital gains/(losses) for the year.

In preparing those financial statements the ACD is required to:

- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to UK Authorised Funds issued in May 2014 and amended in June 2017;
- follow United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and applicable accounting standards;
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is required to keep proper accounting records and to manage the Company in accordance with the COLL rules, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus. The ACD is responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The ACD is responsible for ensuring that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. It is the responsibility of the ACD to take all necessary steps as a director to familiarise itself with any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

STATEMENT OF THE DEPOSITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of IFSL Marlborough No 2 OEIC ("the Company") for the Period Ended 31 July 2023

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Company and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Company's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares of the Company are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Company's assets is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- the Company's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Corporate Director ("the ACD"), which is the UCITS Management Company, are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Regulations and Scheme documents in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as depositary of the Company, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Company, acting through the ACD:

(i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company; and

(ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

HSBC Bank plc 20 December 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IFSL MARLBOROUGH NO 2 OEIC

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of IFSL Marlborough No 2 OEIC ("the Company") comprising each of its sub-funds for the year ended 31 July 2023, which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the Balance Sheet, the related notes and the Distribution Tables, and the accounting policies of the Company, which include a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company comprising each of its sub-funds as at 31 July 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains/(losses) on the scheme property of the Company comprising each of its sub-funds for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the FRC) Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Corporate Director's ("the ACD") use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the ACD with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The ACD is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IFSL MARLBOROUGH NO 2 OEIC

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA")

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Instrument of Incorporation;
- there is nothing to indicate that adequate accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- the information given in the ACD's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

• we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purpose of our audit.

Responsibilities of the ACD

As explained more fully in the Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities set out on page 4, the ACD is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the ACD determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the ACD either intends to wind up or terminate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IFSL MARLBOROUGH NO 2 OEIC

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), including FRS 102, Investment Management Association's Statement of Recommended Practice (IMA SORP), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the ACD and the Company's administrators. We corroborated our enquiries through a review of the Company's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence revenue and amounts available for distribution. We identified fraud risks in relation to incomplete or inaccurate revenue recognition through incorrect classification of special dividends and the resulting impact to amounts available for distribution and the incorrect valuation of unquoted investments. In response to our fraud risks, we tested the appropriateness of management's classification of material special dividends as either a capital or revenue return and tested a sample of unquoted investment valuations by reviewing the prices used, agreeing the valuation inputs to external sources and providing challenge to management's valuations.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved enquiries of the ACD and those responsible for legal and compliance matters for their awareness of any non-compliance with laws and regulations; review of the reporting from the ACD with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures; and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting requirements of the Company.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Company, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the
 engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities, including the use of
 specialists where appropriate, to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's Shareholders, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's Shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young LLP Statutory Auditor Edinburgh

20 December 2023

Notes:

- The maintenance and integrity of the Investment Fund Services Limited website is the responsibility of the ACD; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.
- 2. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

for the year ended 31 July 2023

1.1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

During the year under review, IFSL Marlborough No 2 OEIC consisted of five sub-funds: IFSL Marlborough Far East Growth Fund; IFSL Marlborough Global Essential Infrastructure Fund; IFSL Marlborough Global SmallCap Fund; IFSL Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund; and IFSL Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund.

These accounting policies apply to all the sub-funds of the Company.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the sub-funds. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments and certain financial instruments at fair value.

There are no material events that have been identified that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for the next twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. The ACD believes that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Revenue

Dividends from quoted ordinary and preference securities are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

Dividends from non-quoted securities are recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

Interest on debt securities is recognised on an accruals basis. Accrued interest purchased and sold on debt securities is excluded from the capital cost of these securities and is treated as revenue. Interest earned from debt securities is accounted for on an effective yield basis. Effective yield is where the interest arising on the security that is purchased at a discount or premium to the maturity value is amortised and recognised at a consistent rate over the life of the security.

Bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Allocation of revenue

Revenue, attributable after expenses to multiple share classes, with the exception of the ACD's fee, which is directly attributable to individual share classes, is allocated to share classes pro-rata to the value of net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the revenue is incurred.

Expenses

All expenses, other than those relating to purchase and sale of investments, are charged against revenue on an accruals basis. On IFSL Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund and IFSL Marlborough Global Essential Infrastructure Fund the ACD's periodic charge is treated as a capital expense. This may constrain capital growth.

Valuation

The valuation point was 12:00 on 31 July 2023, being the last valuation point of the accounting year.

Where applicable, investment valuations exclude any element of accrued revenue.

Investments which are unquoted are held at fair value, which is initially equal to cost and thereafter requires significant estimation in concluding on their fair value. While there is a robust and consistent valuation process undertaken by the ACD's Fair Value Pricing Committee, it is recognised that in stating these assets at fair value there is a significant element of estimation uncertainty. In line with the ACD's Fair Value Policy for reviewing investment valuations, the assumptions and estimates made in determining the fair value of each unquoted investment are considered at least each six months or sooner if there is a triggering event. The judgements to the estimations of fair value are considered on an ongoing basis including considering impact of events in the wider market. In making these estimates, appropriate care is taken to consider the nature and inherent uncertainties of market events and their impact on the fair value of unquoted assets.

The ACD has followed the IA's Authorised Funds: Fair Value Pricing Guidance July, 2019 to implement a Fair Value Pricing Policy, and takes into account individual stock specific fair value pricing, sector fair value pricing, market fair value pricing and fund fair value pricing as is necessary.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES for the year ended 31 July 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For stock specific fair value pricing as is the case with unquoted investments, the ACD will consider these factors in determining the fair value of investments: a) the price of a recent investment, whilst an indicator of fair value, is not a default that would preclude re-estimating the valuation at the valuation date. However, if the price of recent investment is determined to be fair value then it is used to calibrate inputs to the valuation model(s); or b) where a value is indicated by a recent material arms-length transaction by an independent third party in the shares of a company, and after it is established that this is fair then this value will be used, unless the rights attributable to the shares impact the overall capital structure and rights of existing investors; or c) in the absence of (a and b) and depending upon both the subsequent trading performance and investment structure of an investee company, the valuation basis will usually move to an earnings multiple basis or, if appropriate, other valuation models such as: i) Adjusted recent transaction prices (which consider the company's performance against key milestones and the complexity of the capital structure) are also used; or ii) Discounted cash flow model which values a business based on estimates of future cash-flows with an appropriate discount rate.

To ensure that the ACD values the unquoted investments appropriately, an independent valuation provider is engaged to provide an appraisal.

Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at 20% on taxable income less expenses. Deferred taxation is provided on a full provision basis on timing differences arising from the different treatment of items for accounting and tax purposes. Potential future liabilities and assets are recognised where the transactions, or events giving rise to them, occurred before the balance sheet date.

Exchange rates

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at 12:00 on 31 July 2023 being the last valuation point of the accounting year. Revenue and expenditure transactions are translated at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates of the transactions. Exchange differences on such transactions follow the same treatment at the principal amounts.

1.2 DISTRIBUTION POLICIES

The distribution policy for each sub-fund is to distribute or accumulate all available revenue, after deduction of expenses properly chargeable against revenue. Gains and losses on non-derivative instruments and currencies, whether realised or unrealised, are taken to capital and are not available for distribution.

Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period. It is the average amount of income included in the purchase price of all group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to UK income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for UK capital gains tax purposes.

Stock and special dividends

Stock received in lieu of cash dividends is credited to capital in the first instance followed by a transfer to revenue of the cash equivalent and this forms part of the distributable revenue of the sub-fund.

Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis in determining whether the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital. Amounts recognised as revenue will form part of the distributable revenue of the sub-fund. Amounts recognised as capital are deducted from the cost of the investment.

1.3 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

In pursuing the investment objectives, the sub-funds hold a number of financial instruments. The sub-funds' financial instruments comprise securities, together with cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for issues and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued income.

The main risks arising from the sub-funds' financial instruments and the ACD's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. The ACD reviews (and agrees with the Depositary) the policies for managing each of these risks. The policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the year to which these financial statements relate.

The sub-funds are managed according to the COLL 5, 'Investment and Borrowing Powers' which helps achieve the statutory objective of protecting consumers by laying down the minimum standards for the investments that may be held by an authorised fund. In particular: (a) the proportion of transferable securities and derivatives that may be held by the authorised fund is restricted if those transferable securities and derivatives are not listed on an eligible market. The intention of this is to restrict the transferable securities and derivatives that cannot be accurately valued and readily disposed of; and (b) authorised funds are required to comply with a number of investment rules that require the spreading of risk.

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RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of a sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss a sub- fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the sub-funds' investments can be affected by foreign currency translation movements as some of a sub-fund's assets and income may be denominated in currencies other than sterling which is the sub-fund's functional currency.

The ACD has identified three areas where foreign currency risk could impact the sub-funds. These are, movements in exchange rates affecting the value of investments, short term timing differences such as exposure to exchange rate movements in the period between when an investment purchase or sale is entered into and the date when settlement of the investment occurs, and finally, movement in exchange rates affecting income received by a sub-fund. The sub-funds convert all receipts of income, received in currency, into sterling on the day of receipt.

To manage foreign currency risk the sub-funds are permitted to invest in forward foreign currency contracts for the purpose of reducing the exposure of the sub-funds to a foreign currency.

The foreign currency exposure within the sub-funds is monitored to ensure that this is manageable and sensible.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the sub-funds' investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates. The sub-funds' cash holdings are held in deposit accounts, whose rates are determined by the banks concerned on a daily basis.

Liquidity risk

The sub-funds' assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the sub-funds is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. Assets of the sub-funds may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions. The liquidity of the sub-funds' assets is regularly reviewed by the ACD.

Credit and counterparty risk

Certain transactions in securities that the sub-funds enter into expose them to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the sub-funds have fulfilled their responsibilities. The sub-funds only buy and sell investments through brokers which have been approved by the ACD as an acceptable counterparty.

Derivatives and other financial instruments

The ACD is permitted to use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. Forward currency transactions may also be entered to hedge the portfolio against currency movement. Investment performance of derivatives can be volatile and may present greater risks than traditional investments.

The ACD is obliged through FCA rules to put in place a risk management policy which sets out how the ACD measures and monitors these risks.

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Performance to 31 July 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Marlborough Far East Growth Fund	(6.95)%	(7.47)%	(1.70)%	(0.07)%
IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan Sector*	(5.36)%	0.09%	12.20%	20.59%
Morningstar OIP Asia excluding Japan Net Return	(2.10)%	1.52%	8.66%	18.82%
External Source of Economic Data Marningster (D Accumulation guate	al price to reveted price)			

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (P Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

Investment commentary

Market review

During the reporting period, the benchmark's positive returns were driven by companies quoted in South Korea, India, Singapore and Taiwan. Hong Kong and Chinese companies were the major detractors to performance.

Leadership in South Korea was mainly led by the materials and industrials sectors^{**}, in particular those exposed to the electric vehicle ('EV') battery industry. High participation by retail investors not only created significant fluctuations in share prices but also benefitted the poorer quality small and medium sized EV related companies. The strength in shares in Indian companies was broader based, with most sectors outperforming^{***} the benchmark. The strongest returns were from companies classified in the consumer discretionary and industrials sectors, on the back of the strong business investment cycle, a drive to move production back to India from overseas and a robust economic outlook.

Singapore's outperformance was more company specific and driven by corporate restructuring. In general, the defensiveness of the market and Singapore banks benefitting from rate increases during the period, boosted returns. Taiwan's outperformance was mainly driven by the information technology sector, on the emergence of the artificial intelligence theme. All those companies exposed to the theme, and especially suppliers to Nvidia, enjoyed strong returns relative to the benchmark.

Weakness from Hong Kong and China was mainly due to the pace of the Chinese economic recovery. There was disappointment towards weak central government policy measures, in addition to ongoing geopolitical concerns, which are the risks arising out of interactions between countries.

Fund performance and activity

Hong Kong and Chinese quoted companies held in the Sub-fund were the major detractors to performance. Markets were highly volatile during the reporting period, as high expectations of a China recovery were dashed in the second half following weak economic data releases and softer than expected policy response especially in addressing the fragile property market.

The outperformance from companies in the Association of South East Asia Nations ('ASEAN') region, especially contributions from Singapore, Philippines and Indonesia, mitigated some of the underperformance*** from the Hong Kong and Chinese positions. In addition to strong performance from holdings in this region, the ASEAN region also benefitted from an earlier reopening and recovery post the pandemic. Coupled with a relatively better economic outlook and attractive valuations, selected ASEAN nations enjoyed strong investment flows into the stock market.

By sector, positions classified as industrials, consumer discretionary and materials were the main underperformers. On the other hand, utilities and energy sector positions were outperformers.

The Sub-fund was generally positioned defensively, that is in companies that would be less impacted by an economic slowdown. Economic weakness saw the Sub-fund increase further that defensiveness leading to a high cash holding in September 2022. At this point the Sub-fund had a lower exposure than the benchmark in North Asia, especially in China. This position was quickly reversed when the Chinese authorities announced an easing of their COVID restrictions. The markets were also buoyed by easing geopolitical concerns after Presidents Biden and Xi had a face to face meeting in Bali. By year end, the Sub-fund had increased exposure to China as signs of a China reopening were well underway, supported by the positive policy response, attractive equity valuations and strong fund flows. The purchase of Chinese stocks was funded by sales of companies in the ASEAN region and India.

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Investment commentary (continued)

Markets were concerned by worrying geopolitical events involving China in early 2023, such as the suspected Chinese spy balloon spotted over Hawaii, leading to a reduction in the earlier exuberance towards China. Subsequent weak Chinese economic releases, a lack of policy stimulus by the government and continued weakness in the property sector led to investors rotating out of China. The Sub-fund also reduced its exposure to Chinese companies ending the reporting period with a lower exposure to China than the benchmark. The proceeds from the sale of Chinese holdings were invested in Taiwanese and Korean technology companies on the expectation of a pick-up in the semiconductor sector and further positive news based on the artificial intelligence theme. The Sub-fund also raised its India exposure as valuations turned more attractive, supported by a revival in the business investment cycle.

Investment outlook

Markets will likely continue to be volatile on the back of geopolitical tensions, the speed of China's policy response to support its economy and uncertainty regarding when the Federal Reserve, the US Central Bank, decides to stop raising rates.

The Sub-fund continues to prefer to invest in companies who have the largest market share in their industry and remains positive about companies in the energy and material sectors. Geopolitical tension, decarbonisation, underinvestment over the last decade and investors having low exposure to basic resources may support demand for shares in these companies in future. We have turned very positive about companies classified in the information technology sector, with expectations that the semiconductor demand cycle is no longer slowing. The emergence of artificial intelligence as a new focus for business growth strongly supports this view.

*Benchmark - Comparator for performance purposes

** Sector allocation or exposure discloses the principle areas of business by industry across all the Fund's holdings. For example, when the Sub-fund buys an investment whose main business is in information technology, the overall Sub-fund exposure to that sector will increase.

*** Outperformance and underperformance describe the performance compared to the benchmark. Hence 'outperformance' means delivering returns higher than the comparable position in the benchmark and 'underperformance' describes returns that are below the comparable position in the benchmark.

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Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
A Income (pence per share)				
Net income paid 31 March	0.2840	0.4646	0.0517	0.2135
Net income paid 30 September	-	2.3409	1.6752	1.9919
A Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 31 March	0.3542	0.5746	0.0796	0.2588
Net accumulation paid 30 September	1.0159	2.9077	2.0645	2.4282
P Income (pence per share)				
Net income paid 31 March	1.1526	1.5073	0.9901	1.0890
Net income paid 30 September	1.6280	3.2960	2.7068	2.8104
P Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 31 March	1.4233	1.8235	1.1801	1.2766
Net accumulation paid 30 September	2.0207	4.0128	3.2453	3.3256

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Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	Cost (£)
Tencent Holdings Alibaba Group Holding ICICI Bank Meituan Bharat Electronics AIA Group LG Chem Ping An Insurance (Group) Co 'H' Trip.Com Group	974,335 687,721 637,484 515,319 489,884 474,083 468,473 468,282 421,450 403,402
Singapore Telecommunications	407,193
Other purchases	16,519,413
Total purchases for the year	22,063,637
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Largest sales Alibaba Group Holding Singapore Telecommunications United Overseas Bank Reliance Industries JD.com DBS Group Holdings Ganfeng Lithium Co SITC International Holdings Co China Mengniu Dairy Co Santos	Proceeds (£) 1,103,460 897,256 800,416 777,521 773,500 703,487 692,847 585,047 569,973 562,731
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COMPARATIVE TABLE

<u>A Income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2023 pence	Year to 31.07.2022 pence	Year to 31.07.2021 pence
Opening net asset value per share	235.57	268.49	229.11
Return before operating charges*	(13.86)	(25.67)	45.29
Operating charges	(3.68)	(4.44)	(4.18)
Return after operating charges*	(17.54)	(30.11)	41.11
Distributions on income shares	-	(2.81)	(1.73)
Closing net asset value per share	218.03 ^E	235.57	268.49
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.92	1.32	0.38
Performance			
Return after charges ^A	(7.45)%	(11.21)%	17.94%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	_D	1,304,818	1,858,105
Closing number of shares	_D	553,897	692,055
Operating charges	1.87% ^B	1.68% ^B	1.67% ^B
Direct transaction costs	0.41%	0.50%	0.15%
Prices (pence per share)			
Highest share price	241.39	283.04	286.00
Lowest share price	208.64	233.30	223.82
<u>A Accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2023	Year to 31.07.2022	Year to 31.07.2021
0	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	295.63	333.09	282.42
Return before operating charges*	(18.86)	(31.95)	55.94
Operating charges	(5.27)	(5.51)	(5.27)
Return after operating charges*	(24.13)	(37.46)	50.67
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.37)	(3.48)	(2.14)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.37	3.48	2.14
Closing net asset value per share	271.50	295.63	333.09
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.14	1.63	0.48
Performance			
Return after charges ^A	(8.16)%	(11.25)%	17.94%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	6,951,010	12,984,676	18,612,101
Closing number of shares	2,560,255	4,392,171	5,587,728
Operating charges	1.87% ^B	1.68% ^B	1.67% ^B
Direct transaction costs	0.41%	0.50%	0.15%
Prices (pence per share)			
Prices (pence per share) Highest share price	302.94	351.11	352.62
	302.94 261.38	351.11 289.90	352.62 275.89

^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices
 ^B From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges in calculated by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

^c On 13 June 2023 the A Income share class was converted to the P share class and the A Income share class was closed.

^D Closing net asset value and closing number of shares as at 13 June 2023.

^E Closing net asset value per share is based on the last available quoted price.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

<u>P Income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2023	Year to 31.07.2022	Year to 31.07.2021
	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	235.97	269.02	229.52
Return before operating charges*	(15.02)	(25.78)	45.61
Operating charges	(2.51)	(2.47)	(2.41)
Return after operating charges*	(17.53)	(28.25)	43.20
Distributions on income shares	(2.78)	(4.80)	(3.70)
Closing net asset value per share	215.66	235.97	269.02
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.91	1.32	0.39
Performance			
Return after charges ^A	(7.43)%	(10.50)%	18.82%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	4,828,372	5,005,480	6,337,504
Closing number of shares	2,238,894	2,121,232	2,355,731
Operating charges	1.12% ^B	0.93% ^B	0.92% ^B
Direct transaction costs	0.41%	0.50%	0.15%
Prices (pence per share)			
Highest share price	241.90	284.39	287.47
Lowest share price	209.10	234.54	224.37
P Accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2023	31.07.2022	31.07.2021
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2023 pence	31.07.2022 pence	31.07.2021 pence
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	pence	pence	pence
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^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices

^B From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the year and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (all share classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk
Typically lower rew	ards				Туріс	ally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

This sub-fund has been measured as 6 because its investments have experienced high volatility historically. During the year the synthetic risk and reward indicator changed from 5 to 6.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 July 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	AUSTRALIA (31 July 2022 - 7.59%)	~	70
9,105	Charter Hall Group	53,917	0.31
	Goodman Group	245,691	1.39
	Karoon Energy	148,803	0.84
	Macquarie Group	141,853	0.80
	Northern Star Resources	162,393	0.92
, -	Santos	181,119	1.02
	Telstra Group	252,548	1.43
110,000	Total Australia	1,186,324	6.71
	CHINA/HONG KONG (31 July 2022 - 36.45%)		
	AIA Group	194,377	1.10
39,700	Alibaba Group Holding	385,348	2.18
14,900	Baidu	226,443	1.28
14,500	BYD Co	398,245	2.25
310,000	China Oilfield Services	283,910	1.61
440,000	CRRC	188,111	1.06
17,800	Ganfeng Lithium Co	88,428	0.50
	H World Group	112,310	0.64
346,000	Kunlun Energy Co	218,954	1.24
1,200	Kweichow Moutai Co	245,286	1.39
67,320	NARI Technology Co	177,954	1.00
850,000	PetroChina Co Ltd 'H'	481,139	2.72
	Ping An Insurance (Group) Co 'H'	114,814	0.65
	Sands China	168,399	0.95
	Swire Pacific	67,963	0.38
	Tencent Holdings	603,599	3.42
	Trip.Com Group	207,920	1.18
	Zijin Mining Group Co 'H'	316,400	1.79
,	Total China/Hong Kong	4,479,600	25.34
	INDIA (31 July 2022 - 14.25%)		
268,403	Bharat Electronics	331,248	1.87
37,968	Bharti Airtel	318,964	1.80
19,249	HDFC Bank	300,133	1.70
68,432	ICICI Bank	644,534	3.65
17,360	Larsen & Toubro	440,150	2.49
2,668	Maruti Suzuki India	247,236	1.40
116,341	Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd	292,550	1.66
	Reliance Industries	294,917	1.67
27,053	SBI Life Insurance Co	327,213	1.85
	Total India	3,196,945	18.09
	INDONESIA (31 July 2022 - 6.37%)		
,	Bank Artos Indonesia Tbk PT	98,536	0.56
462,700	Bank Central Asia	217,606	1.23
674,400	Bank Mandiri	198,121	1.12
1,025,200	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	298,535	1.69
869,700	Telkom Indonesia	166,744	0.94
	Total Indonesia	979,542	5.54
	MALAYSIA (31 July 2022 - 0.58%)		
E0 E70	PHILIPPINES (31 July 2022 - 2.72%)	407.050	0.64
,	BDO Unibank International Container Terminal Services	107,952 101 533	0.61
62,950		191,533	1.08
	Total Philippines	299,485	1.69

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 July 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	SINGAPORE (31 July 2022 - 7.47%)		
7,200	DBS Group Holdings	144,197	0.82
204,200	Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (Holdings)	182,635	1.03
	Total Singapore	326,832	1.85
	SOUTH KOREA (31 July 2022 - 10.15%)		
	LG Chem	339,743	1.92
540	LG Chem Pref	129,050	0.73
	Samsung Electronics Co	1,330,725	7.53
	Samsung SDI Co	284,982	1.61
	SK Hynix	565,656	3.20
1,070	SK Innovation Co	140,575	0.80
	Total South Korea	2,790,731	15.79
	TAIWAN (31 July 2022 - 9.14%)		
	Accton Technology	245,282	1.39
	ASE Technology Holding Co	206,423	1.17
	ASPEED Technology	229,180	1.30
40,000	Gigabyte Technology Co	310,184	1.75
,	Gold Circuit Electronics	251,160	1.42
,	Mediatek	102,094	0.58
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co	1,170,004	6.62
17,000	5	192,914	1.09
	Total Taiwan	2,707,241	15.32
	THAILAND (31 July 2022 - 1.19%)		
61,100	Airports of Thailand - NVDR	99,222	0.56
99,300	Central Retail	93,032	0.53
	Total Thailand	192,254	1.09
	UNITED STATES (31 July 2022 - 1.87%)		
5,344	Freeport-McMoRan	181,172	1.03
	Nvidia	253,914	1.44
4,026	Prologis	386,876	2.19
1,092	Stryker	240,178	1.36
	Total United States	1,062,140	6.02
	UNQUOTED SECURITIES (31 July 2022 - Nil)		
12,258	Jio Financial Services ^A		-
	Total Unquoted Securities	-	
	Portfolio of investments	17,221,094	97.44
	Net other assets	452,756	2.56
	Total net assets	17,673,850	100.00

^A These shares are unlisted and are valued at zero, based on the latest information received.

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 31 July 2023

	Notes	Notes 31 July 2023		31 July	2022
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Net capital losses	2		(2,079,742)		(3,774,002)
Revenue	4	545,530		939,732	
Expenses	5	(314,344)		(424,554)	
Net revenue before taxation		231,186		515,178	
Taxation	6	(45,024)		(104,046)	
Net revenue after taxation			186,162		411,132
Total return before distributions			(1,893,580)		(3,362,870)
Distributions	7		(185,537)		(444,355)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholde from investment activities	rs		(2,079,117)		(3,807,225)

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 31 July 2023

	31 July 2023		31 July	2022
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		25,458,950		37,442,715
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares Amounts payable on share class conversions	1,449,858 (7,268,136) (7,312)	(5,825,590)	3,435,523 (11,918,022) (15)	(8,482,514)
Dilution adjustment		8,445		18,747
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(2,079,117)		(3,807,225)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		111,162		287,226
Unclaimed distributions		-		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		17,673,850	-	25,458,950

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 July 2023

	Notes	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Assets:			
Fixed Assets:			
Investments	15	17,221,094	24,892,558
Current Assets:			
Debtors	8	75,640	409,067
Cash and bank balances		509,999	1,003,607
Total assets		17,806,733	26,305,232
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable on income shares		36,451	82,883
Bank overdrafts		1,046	605,706
Other creditors	9	95,386	157,693
Total liabilities		132,883	846,282
Net assets attributable to shareholders	5	17,673,850	25,458,950

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2023

1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

NET CAPIT	TAL LOSSES	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
The net los	ses on investments during the year comprise:		
	tive securities losses forward currency contract	(2,001,647) (335)	(3,774,881)
	osses)/gains	(65,908)	10,663
Transaction		(11,852)	(9,784)
Net capital		(2,079,742)	(3,774,002)
3 PURCHAS	ES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Purchases	excluding transaction costs:	~	~
Equities		22,031,472	36,338,762
Corporate a	actions	,,	(10,416)
- 1	-	22,031,472	36,328,346
Equities:	Commissions	16,742	32,360
·	Taxes and other charges	15,423	22,348
Total purch	ases transaction costs	32,165	54,708
Purchases	including transaction costs	22,063,637	36,383,054
Purchases	transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:		
Equities:	Commissions	0.08%	0.09%
Equilioo.	Taxes and other charges	0.07%	0.06%
Sales exclu	ding transaction costs:		
Equities		27,788,082	44,167,888
Corporate a	actions	-	10,041
	-	27,788,082	44,177,929
Equities:	Commissions	(25,595)	(36,240)
	Taxes and other charges	(29,871)	(68,675)
Total sales	transaction costs	(55,466)	(104,915)
Sales net o	of transaction costs	27,732,616	44,073,014
Sales trans	action costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:		
Equities:	Commissions	0.09%	0.08%
-	Taxes and other charges	0.11%	0.16%
	ases and sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the		
-	t asset value over the year:		
Commissio		0.20%	0.22%
Taxes and	other charges	0.21%	0.28%
	=	0.41%	0.50%

No significant in-specie transfers were identified in the year (2022: nil).

Transaction costs are commissions paid to agents, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

Transaction handling charges

These are charges payable to the depositary in respect of each transaction:

£11,852

£9,784

Average portfolio dealing spread

This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date	0.22%	0.23%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2023

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Indian capital gains tax (625) 33,223	a Analysis of the tax charge for the year		
	Overseas tax	45,649	70,823
Total tax charge (see note 6(b)) 45,024 104,046	Indian capital gains tax	(625)	33,223
	Total tax charge (see note 6(b))	45,024	104,046

b Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The taxation assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below.

10.00-	
46,237	103,036
(104,535)	(187,614)
58,661	84,578
(363)	-
45,649	70,823
(625)	33,223
45,024	104,046
	(104,535) 58,661 (363) 45,649 (625)

At 31 July 2023 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of £1,233,321 (2022: £1,174,660) arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

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7 DISTRIBUTIONS	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
The distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of shares and rev and comprise:	venue deducted on the ca	ancellation of shares,
Interim	65,515	112,164
Final	106,646	295,494
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	23,666	47,826
Amounts added on issue of shares	(2,972)	(11,109)
Equalisation on conversions	(7,312)	(15)
Revenue brought forward	(6)	(5)
Distributions	185,537	444,355
Movement between net revenue and distributions:		
Net revenue after taxation	186,162	411,132
Indian capital gains tax charged to capital	(625)	33,223
	185,537	444,355
8 DEBTORS	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	2,315	262
Sales awaiting settlement	-	312,543
Accrued income	42,872	65,945
Currency receivable		371
Taxation recoverable	30,453	29,946
Total debtors	75,640	409,067
9 OTHER CREDITORS	31 July 2023	31 July 2022
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	48,021	2,993
Purchases awaiting settlement		127,380
Currency deals awaiting settlement	1,623	-
Manager's periodic charge and registration fees	16,239	26,397
	-	
Accrued expenses	29,503	923

10 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 July 2023 (2022: nil).

11 RELATED PARTIES

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders and note 7. Amounts due to/from the ACD in respect of share transactions at the period end are disclosed in notes 8 and 9. Amounts paid to the ACD or associates in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and other fees are disclosed in note 5. Amounts due to the ACD at the year end are £61,945 (2022: £29,128).

In addition to the above, some shares in the sub-fund are owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or directors of UFC Fund Management plc, the ultimate parent company of Investment Fund Services Limited, as set out below:

	31 July 2023	31 July 2022
Proportion of shares owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or		
UFC Fund Management plc	0.78%	0.65%

12 SHARE CLASSES

The share classes in issue for the sub-fund and the annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

A Income ^A	1.50%
A Accumulation	1.50%
P Income	0.75%
P Accumulation	0.75%
	0.73%

^A On 13 June 2023 the A Income share class was converted to the P share class and the A Income share class was closed.

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13 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS RECONCILIATION

During the year the ACD has issued, cancelled and converted shares from one share class to another as set out below:

553,897 2,027 (24,138) (531,786)	4,392,171 426,164 (1,487,704)
(24,138)	-, -
· · · /	(1,487,704)
(531,786)	
	(770,376)
-	2,560,255
Income	P Accumulation
2,121,232	2,115,601
30,730	60,139
(442,745)	(766,235)
529,677	776,973
2.238.894	2,186,478
-	30,730 (442,745)

14 RISK DISCLOSURES

Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £861,055 (2022: £1,244,628). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Foreign currency risk

At the year end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2023	Investments	Net other assets	Total
	£	£	£
Australian Dollar	1,186,324	2.635	1,188,959
Chinese Yuan	423,240	16,300	439,540
Hong Kong Dollar	4,056,360	-	4,056,360
Indian Rupee	3,196,945	3,331	3,200,276
Indonesian Rupiah	979,543	-	979,543
Philippine Peso	299,485	-	299,485
Singapore Dollar	326,832	-	326,832
South Korean Won	2,790,730	5,579	2,796,309
Taiwan Dollar	2,707,240	35,640	2,742,880
Thailand Baht	192,254	-	192,254
United States Dollar	1,062,141	21,332	1,083,473
	17,221,094	84,817	17,305,911
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2022	Investments	Net other assets	Total
	£	£	£
Australian Dollar	1,930,310	(125,349)	1,804,961
Chinese Yuan	3,106,220	55,708	3,161,928
Hong Kong Dollar	6,171,905	409,569	6,581,474
Indian Rupee	3,626,803	8,063	3,634,866
Indonesian Rupiah	1,621,615	-	1,621,615
Malaysian Ringgit	148,487	-	148,487
Philippine Peso	692,484	385	692,869
Singapore Dollar	1,903,835	-	1,903,835
South Korean Won	2,584,606	7,229	2,591,835
Taiwan Dollar	2,327,682	677,165	3,004,847
Thailand Baht	302,175	-	302,175
United States Dollar	476,436	35,373	511,809
	24,892,558	1,068,143	25,960,701

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RISK DISCLOSURES

Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of Sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £865,296 (2022: £1,298,035). A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

Interest rate risk	31 July 2023 ج	31 July 2022 ج
The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities consists of the following:	~	~
Financial assets floating rate	509,999	1,003,607
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	17,296,734	25,301,625
Financial liabilities floating rate	(1,046)	(605,706)
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(131,837)	(240,576)
	17,673,850	25,458,950

As most of the sub-fund's financial assets are non-interest bearing, an interest rate sensitivity analysis has not been included.

Liquidity risk	31 July 2023 f	31 July 2022 £
The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:	~	~
Within one year:		
Distribution payable on income shares	36,451	82,883
Bank overdrafts	1,046	605,706
Other creditors	95,386	157,693
-	132,883	846,282

15 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

	31 July	2023	31 July	y 2022
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	17,221,094	-	24,892,558	-
Level 2 - Observable market data	-	-	-	-
Level 3 - Unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	17,221,094	-	24,892,558	-

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 - Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

16 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 July 2023, the Net Asset Value per share has changed as follows:

	Net As	set Value per share (pe	ence)
	31 July 2023 ^A	18 December 2023	Movement (%)
A Accumulation	271.78	273.28	0.55%
P Income	217.51	217.71	0.09%
P Accumulation	269.87	272.14	0.84%

^A These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Interim distribution for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 August 2022

		Net revenue 31 January 2023 pence per share	Equalisation 31 January 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 31 March 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 31 March 2022 pence per share
A Income	Group 1 Group 2	0.2840	- 0.2840	0.2840 0.2840	0.4646 0.4646
A Accumulation	Group 1 Group 2	0.3542	- 0.3542	0.3542 0.3542	0.5746 0.5746
P Income	Group 1 Group 2	1.1526 0.1389	- 1.0137	1.1526 1.1526	1.5073 1.5073
P Accumulation	Group 1 Group 2	1.4233 0.1193	- 1.3040	1.4233 1.4233	1.8235 1.8235

Final distribution for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 July 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2023

		Net revenue 31 July 2023 pence per share	Equalisation 31 July 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 30 September 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 30 September 2022 pence per share
A Income	Group 1 Group 2	-	-	-	2.3409 2.3409
A Accumulation	Group 1	1.0159	-	1.0159	2.9077
	Group 2	0.7883	0.2276	1.0159	2.9077
P Income	Group 1	1.6280	-	1.6280	3.2960
	Group 2	0.4635	1.1645	1.6280	3.2960
P Accumulation	Group 1	2.0207	-	2.0207	4.0128
	Group 2	1.9512	0.0695	2.0207	4.0128

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AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

The launch period of the sub-fund ran from 20 September 2022 to 17 October 2022. Shares were first valued on 18 October 2022.

Investment commentary

Market review

The Fund was launched in October 2022 and is managed by an investment team that works for Ausbil, an Australian fund manager. The team have managed an equivalent fund in Australia since 2018. The strategy has a deliberately tight focus and will only invest in 'essential infrastructure'.

The investment team define essential infrastructure as assets that are essential for the basic functioning of a society, such as water supply. These assets are typically regulated by governments or have a track record of very stable cash flows through the economic cycle. The Fund mostly invests in infrastructure sectors such as regulated electricity, gas and water utilities, regulated or contracted oil or gas pipelines, toll roads, airports and mobile phone towers. Other infrastructure sub-sectors, including rail and renewable energy, for example, wind farms, will be considered on a more case-by-case basis, depending on the specific investment characteristics such as contractual terms, competition, and industry structure.

Fund performance and activity

The Fund has been in existence for a relatively short period of time. Over the 12 month period under review, it has reduced investments in mobile phone towers, transportation and cash, and increased investments in energy infrastructure such as gas storage facilities and utilities. The Fund has increased its exposure in North America (+5.3%) being the strongest performing region and reduced exposure to companies quoted in Asia Pacific (-1.7%), Europe (-1.8%) and the United Kingdom (-1.6%).

The three largest positive contributions to Fund performance over the period under review were from Cellnex Telecom, Aena SME and Vinci SA.

Cellnex Telecom made a significant announcement at the end of 2022, stating its new strategy would shift the focus from takeover activity to improve the quality of its debt by attaining an investment grade credit rating and providing more substantial cash returns to its shareholders. This change in approach led to a change in the CEO position, with the appointment of Marco Patuano being seen as a positive move towards realising the company's objectives.

Aena SME is the largest global airport operator with c.275m passengers. It operates 46 airports in Spain as well as concessions in the UK (Luton), Colombia, Mexico and Jamaica. The shares moved higher in the period as the company continued their recovery from the COVID-19 impact with air traffic beating market expectations and returning ahead of 2019 levels.

Vinci SA has a broad portfolio of private operations where it works with governments including the strategic French road network ASF, key airport holdings with Portugal's Lisbon Airport and London Gatwick, alongside a strategic and growing renewable business among others. The shares continued their recovery from the COVID-19 impact and road and air travel have normalised ahead of market expectations.

The three largest negative contributions to Fund performance over the period under review were from Elia Group, American Water Works and SBA Communications.

Elia Group owns the high voltage electricity transmission grid in Belgium, 80% of 50 Hertz which owns electricity transmission assets in Germany and has an interest in the electricity transmission assets between Belgium and the UK. Elia shares have been under pressure due to uncertainty regarding the funding of its future investment program. Elia Group is at the centre of the energy transition in Europe with record investments planned to connect new renewable energy capacity including offshore wind. However, investors have been focussed on how Elia will fund this growth as interest rates rise and consequently whether projects will be profitable in Germany and Belgium.

American Water Works is the largest investor-owned water utility in the United States providing water and wastewater services to over 14 million customers in around 25 states. The relative weakness in the shares we attribute to the wider environment, as there is little by the way of company specific news to impact the share price. American Water Works is a relatively high growth, high quality, globally unique US regulated water company. These sorts of companies have been relatively poor performers recently as interest rates have risen.

SBA Communications is currently facing challenges due to economic factors. The US phone tower companies are particularly sensitive to higher interest rates because they reduce the present value of future cashflows. In addition to this, the economic environment has resulted in a slowdown in mobile carrier investment. This has led to a decrease in the projected growth from new leasing activities on the towers for the latter part of 2023 and into 2024. Despite these short-term setbacks, we believe the necessary build-out of 5G networks to support the increasing demand for data may provide significant growth opportunities in the future.

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Investment commentary (continued)

Market outlook and Fund strategy

Investors' recent expectation of a controlled slowing of economic growth led to weak performance of essential infrastructure assets compared to the broader market. The flipside is that valuations for several sectors are looking as cheap as they have done for a long time. Sectors such as mobile phone towers, energy infrastructure and utilities, particularly in the UK, we feel are offering very attractive opportunities for long-term investors.

More generally, given the recent increases in global share prices it would not be a surprise to see them pause for breath. If this were to happen, infrastructure companies should be an appealing proposition, given their strong cashflow generation and attractive valuations.

We continue to believe that interest rates are approaching their peak, which should bring relief to sectors that have suffered as interest rates have risen such as utilities and mobile phone towers. On the other hand, given that their contracts will include inflation in their pricing, although sometimes with a time lag, the benefits from inflation by boosting revenues should continue to feed through to sectors such as toll roads, airports and utilities. This should support earnings growth for the sector for the next couple of years, regardless of how quickly inflation gets back to target.

We therefore remain positive on the longer-term outlook for the Fund and continue to be fully invested, holding little cash, despite short-term negative sentiment.

Ausbil Investment Management Ltd 09 October 2023

Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>
X Income (pence per share)	
Net income paid 31 March	0.5060
Net income paid 30 September	1.4804
X Accumulation (pence per share)	
Net accumulation paid 31 March	0.5061
Net accumulation paid 30 September	1.4878

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Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Transurban Group NextEra Energy American Tower SBA Communications 'A' Cellnex Telecom Sempra Energy Ferrovial Cheniere Energy Williams Companies VINCI	293,266 286,849 264,278 234,510 221,883 211,919 189,162 188,514 187,647 184,693
Other purchases	2,958,279
Total purchases for the period	5,221,000
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Largest sales Atlas Arteria Vantage Towers Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane National Grid Severn Trent Cellnex Telecom VINCI Terna Ferrovial Aena SME	Proceeds (£) 129,349 79,335 77,665 63,166 61,002 55,788 49,601 47,205 45,537 44,474
Atlas Arteria Vantage Towers Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane National Grid Severn Trent Cellnex Telecom VINCI Terna Ferrovial	129,349 79,335 77,665 63,166 61,002 55,788 49,601 47,205 45,537

COMPARATIVE TABLE

The launch period of the sub-fund ran from 20 September 2022 to 17 October 2022 where shares were available at 100 pence. The first valuation point was on 18 October 2022.

<u>X Income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.07.2023 ^A pence
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges*	2.89
Operating charges	(0.47)
Return after operating charges*	2.42
Distributions on income shares	(1.99)
Closing net asset value per share	100.43
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.19
Performance	
Return after charges ^B	2.42%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£)	89,766
Closing number of shares	89,382
Operating charges	0.57% ^C
Direct transaction costs	0.23% ^C
Prices (pence per share)	
Highest share price	110.48
Lowest share price	99.11
<u>X Accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.07.2023 ^A
	pence
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges*	2.86
Operating charges	(0.47)
Return after operating charges* Distributions on accumulation shares	2.39 (1.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	(1.99)
Closing net asset value per share	102.39
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.19
Performance Return after charges ^B	2.39%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£)	4,191,276
Closing number of shares	4,093,554
Operating charges	0.57% ^C
Direct transaction costs	0.23% ^C
Prices (pence per share)	
Highest share price	111.00
Lowest share price	99.11

^A Period from 17 October 2022 being the end of the launch period.
 ^B The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

^c These figures have been annualised.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. However, the OCFs disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on IFSL's website, www.ifslfunds.com) give an estimate of future costs. As the sub-fund does not have 12 months accounting data the OCFs are based on estimated expenses. The sub-fund is benefiting from expense funding whereby some of the charges outlined in the prospectus have been fully or partially funded. Without this expense funding it is anticipated the OCF would be higher and potentially to the extent of having a noticeable impact on the returns investors receive. The expenses will continue to be funded until the sub-fund grows to a size able to support the OCF quoted on the KIID.

Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (all share classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk
Typically lower rew	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 6 because its investments have experienced high volatility in the past.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value ב	Percentage of total net assets
	AUSTRALIA	£	%
34 735	Transurban Group	259,282	6.06
54,755	Total Australia	259,282	6.06
			0.00
	BELGIUM		
1,686	Elia Group	161,705	3.78
	Total Belgium	161,705	3.78
	CANADA		
2,416	TC Energy	67,430	1.58
	Total Canada	67,430	1.58
	DENMARK		
2 552	Ørsted	174,005	4.06
2,002	Total Denmark	174,005	4.06
			4.00
	FRANCE		
	Aéroports de Paris	112,928	2.64
	Getlink	142,795	3.34
1,820	VINCI	166,571	3.89
	Total France	422,294	9.87
	ITALY		
28,620	Italgas	131,484	3.07
19,501		128,501	3.00
	Total Italy	259,985	6.07
	NETHERLANDS		
7,315	Ferrovial	188,908	4.41
	Total Netherlands	188,908	4.41
	NEW ZEALAND		
35 718	Auckland International Airport	144,817	3.38
00,710	Total New Zealand	144,817	3.38
	SPAIN		
	Aena SME	140,527	3.28
	Cellnex Telecom	208,037	4.86
16,145	-	42,981	1.00
	Total Spain	391,545	9.14
	UNITED KINGDOM		
20,194	Pennon Group	141,863	3.31
3,376	Severn Trent	86,189	2.00
	Total United Kingdom	228,052	5.31
	UNITED STATES		
1.401	Ameren	93,342	2.18
,	American Tower	231,013	5.40
	American Water Works Company	117,252	2.74
	CenterPoint Energy	149,853	3.50
	Cheniere Energy	132,137	3.09
	Crown Castle International	38,810	0.91
2,021	Edison International	113,046	2.64
1,838	Exelon	59,828	1.40
	NextEra Energy	251,179	5.87
	Ormat Technologies	122,933	2.87
	SBA Communications 'A'	183,689	4.29
1,673	Sempra Energy	193,820	4.53

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 July 2023

Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
UNITED STATES (continued)		
6,470 Williams Companies	173,281	4.05
1,991 Xcel Energy	97,097	2.27
Total United States	1,957,280	45.74
Portfolio of investments	4,255,303	99.40
Net other assets	25,739	0.60
Total net assets	4,281,042	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

	Notes	31 July 2023 £ £
Income: Net capital losses Revenue	2 4	(48,116) 91,465
Expenses Net revenue before taxation	5	<u>(17,243)</u> 74,222
Taxation	6	(10,216)
Net revenue after taxation		64,006
Total return before distributions		15,890
Distributions	7	(77,375)
Change in net assets attributable to sha from investment activities	areholders	(61,485)
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET AS for the period from 20 September 2022	SSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS to 31 July 2023	
		31 July 2023
Opening net assets attributable to shar	eholders	££
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of sh		4,298,643 (36,853)
Dilution adjustment		4,261,790 1,095

Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities

Retained distribution on accumulation shares

Closing net assets attributable to shareholders

As these are the first annual financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund, there are no comparative figures to disclose.

(61,485)

79,642

4,281,042

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 July 2023

	Notes	31 July 2023 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	15	4,255,303
Current Assets:		
Debtors	8	119,745
Cash and bank balances		48,845
Total assets		4,423,893
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Distribution payable on income shares		1,323
Bank overdrafts		22,824
Other creditors	9	118,704
Total liabilities		142,851
Net assets attributable to shareholders		4,281,042

As these are the first annual financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund, there are no comparative figures to disclose.

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1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

2 NET CAPI	TAL LOSSES	31 July 2023 £
The net los	ses on investments during the period comprise:	-
	tive securities losses	(23,506)
	forward currency contract	(5)
Currency lo Transactior		(24,074) (531)
Net capital	5	(48,116)
3 PURCHAS	ES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS	31 July 2023 £
	excluding transaction costs:	
Equities		5,208,991
Corporate a	actions	5,245
Equities:	Commissions	5,214,236 1,952
Equilies.	Taxes and other charges	4,812
Total purch	ases transaction costs	6,764
Purchases	including transaction costs	5,221,000
Purchases	transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:	
Equities:	Commissions	0.04%
	Taxes and other charges	0.09%
	iding transaction costs:	
Equities		940,596
Equities:	Commissions	940,596 (427)
Equilies.	Taxes and other charges	(427)
Total sales	transaction costs	(432)
	of transaction costs	940,164
Sales trans	action costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:	
Equities:	Commissions	0.05%
	Taxes and other charges	0.00%
	nases and sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the	
-	t asset value over the period:	
Commissio		0.06%
raxes and	other charges	0.12%
		0.18%

No significant in-specie transfers were identified in the period.

Transaction costs are commissions paid to agents, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

Transaction handling charges

These are charges payable to the depositary in respect of each transaction:

Average portfolio dealing spread

This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date

0.13%

£531

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for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

4 REVENUE	31 July 2023 £
UK dividends	11,984
Overseas dividends	65,523
Interest distributions	7,293
Overseas dividends (unfranked)	6,366
Bank interest	299
Total revenue	91,465
5 EXPENSES	31 July 2023
	£
Payable to the ACD or associate:	
ACD's periodic charge	15,601
Registration fees	260
ACD's fee rebate	(8,713)
	7,148
Other expenses:	
Depositary's fees	1,123
Safe Custody fees	116
Bank interest	64
Financial Conduct Authority fee Audit fee	79
Audit lee	
Total expenses	17,243
Total expenses	17,243
6 TAXATION	31 July 2023
	£
a Analysis of the tax charge for the period	
Overseas tax	10,216
Total tax charge (see note 6(b))	10,216

b Factors affecting the tax charge for the period

The taxation assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below.

Net revenue before taxation Corporation tax at 20%	<u> </u>
Effects of:	
Revenue not subject to taxation	(15,501)
Unrelieved excess management expenses	888
Tax effect of expensed double taxation relief	(231)
Overseas tax	10,216
Total tax charge (see note 6(a))	10,216
Tax effect of expensed double taxation relief Overseas tax	(231) 10,216

At 31 July 2023 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of £888 arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

7 DISTRIBUTIONS

31 July 2023 £

The distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

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DISTRIBUTIONS (continued)	31 July 2023 £
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	26
Amounts added on issue of shares	(3,875)
Distributions	77,375
Movement between net revenue and distributions:	
Net revenue after taxation	64,006
Add: ACD's periodic charge borne by capital	15,601
Deduct: Tax effect of ACD's periodic charge borne by capital	(2,232)
	77,375
8 DEBTORS	31 July 2023
	£
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	979
Sales awaiting settlement	104,464
Accrued income	12,760
Taxation recoverable	1,542
Total debtors	119,745
9 OTHER CREDITORS	31 July 2023 £
Purchases awaiting settlement	115,853
Manager's periodic charge and registration fees	1,838
Accrued expenses	1,008
Currency payable	5
Total other creditors	118,704

10 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 July 2023.

11 RELATED PARTIES

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders and note 7. Amounts due to/from the ACD in respect of share transactions at the period end are disclosed in notes 8 and 9. Amounts paid to the ACD or associates in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and other fees are disclosed in note 5. Amounts due to the ACD at the period end are £859.

In addition to the above, some shares in the sub-fund are owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or directors of UFC Fund Management plc, the ultimate parent company of Investment Fund Services Limited, as set out below.

	51 July 2025
Proportion of shares owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or	0.03%
UFC Fund Management plc	

12 SHARE CLASSES

The share classes in issue for the sub-fund and the annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

13 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS RECONCILIATION

During the period the ACD has issued, cancelled and converted shares from one share class to another as set out below:

	X Income	X Accumulation
Opening shares in issue at 20 September 2022		-
Share issues	92,805	4,124,496
Share cancellations	(3,423)	(30,942)
Share conversions	-	-
Closing shares in issue at 31 July 2023	89,382	4,093,554

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14 RISK DISCLOSURES

Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £212,765. A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Foreign currency risk

At the period end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2023	Investments £	Net other assets £	Total £
Australian Dollar	404,099	4,872	408,971
Canadian Dollar	67,430	-	67,430
Danish Krone	174,005	434	174,439
Euro	1,424,432	901	1,425,333
US Dollar	1,957,280	207	1,957,487
	4,027,246	6,414	4,033,660

Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £201,683. A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

Interest rate risk	31 July 2023 £
The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities consists of the following:	-
Financial assets floating rate	48,845
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	4,375,048
Financial liabilities floating rate	(22,824)
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(120,027)
	4,281,042

As most of the sub-fund's financial assets are non-interest bearing, an interest rate sensitivity analysis has not been included.

Liquidity risk	31 July 2023 £
The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:	
Within one year:	
Distribution payable on income shares	1,323
Bank overdrafts	22,824
Other creditors	118,704
	142,851

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for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

15 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

	31 July 2023	
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	4,255,303	-
Level 2 - Observable market data	-	-
Level 3 - Unobservable data	-	-
	4,255,303	-

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the Fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 - Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

16 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 July 2023, the Net Asset Value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value per share (pence)		
	31 July 2023 ^A	18 December 2023	Movement (%)
X Income	101.96	99.45	(2.46)%
X Accumulation	102.45	101.41	(1.02)%

^A These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Interim distribution for the period from 17 October 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 17 October 2022 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 17 October 2022

		Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid
		31 January 2023	31 January 2023 pence per share	31 March 2023
		pence per share	pence per snare	pence per share
X Income	Group 1	0.5060	-	0.5060
	Group 2	0.2790	0.2270	0.5060
X Accumulation	Group 1	0.5061	-	0.5061
	Group 2	0.3048	0.2013	0.5061

Final distribution for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 July 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2023

		Net revenue 31 July 2023 pence per share	Equalisation 31 July 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 30 September 2023 pence per share
X Income	Group 1	1.4804	-	1.4804
	Group 2	0.9918	0.4886	1.4804
X Accumulation	Group 1	1.4878	-	1.4878
	Group 2	1.2191	0.2687	1.4878

AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

The launch period of the sub-fund ran from 20 September 2022 to 17 October 2022. Shares were first valued on 18 October 2022.

Investment commentary

Market review

The Fund was launched in October 2022 and is managed by an investment team that works for Ausbil, an Australian fund manager. The team has managed a Global Smaller Companies fund in Australia since 2018 – this fund invests in the same companies held by its Australian equivalent. Ausbil's global small cap investment process can be broadly described as "unrecognised growth". The Fund will always have a clear style bias to quality companies at attractive valuations. Focusing on high-quality, attractively valued companies allows the investment team to identify companies with unrecognised growth potential and avoid value traps which are low-quality, cheap companies which stay cheap and do not increase in value and growth traps which are expensive companies which are at risk of a material fall in price if they disappoint.

Fund performance and activity

The Fund has been in existence for less than a year. Over the period under review the Fund has reduced its sector allocations in Consumer Staples, Information Technology, Communication Services, Utilities and Real Estate. It has increased holdings in the Materials, Industrials and Consumer Discretionary* sectors. The Fund has increased its exposure to companies quoted in Asia Pacific and North America and reduced holdings in Japan, United Kingdom and Europe.

The three largest positive contributions to Fund performance over the period under review were from Atkore, Vertiv Holdings and Kempower.

Atkore is the fund's largest holding given the fund manager's expectation that business investment will continue to increase in the US. This is driven by themes including bringing supply chains back to the US (known as 'onshoring') and government legislation in terms of Infrastructure Investment. Atkore is a leading provider of electrical infrastructure used in a whole array of construction. Atkore has an experienced and successful management team.

Vertiv Holdings is a leading provider of critical digital infrastructure solutions with a strong focus on data centres, offering a comprehensive portfolio of products and services to ensure the availability and reliability of essential applications across a wide range of industries. Vertiv was impacted in 2022 by global supply chain constraints but has recovered strongly in 2023 as the demand for data centre infrastructure continues to expand.

Kempower is a Finnish developer and manufacturer of electric vehicle fast charging units. Kempower has seen rapid growth in its local region of Northern Europe and has expanded further across Europe and into the UK. The group has also won recent contracts in the US and Australia. It has multiple product offerings and flexible solutions, which give it a strong competitive advantage against its European and US competitors.

The three largest negative contributions to Fund performance over the period under review were from LSB Industries, Repligen and Valmet.

LSB Industries is a US chemicals manufacturer producing mainly ammonia related products. LSB's products are used in a number of key industries including agriculture (fertiliser) and mining. Ammonia is a critical element of the nitrogen based fertilisers widely used globally. The recent weakness in the ammonia price and related chemicals has put pressure on LSB's share price. The company currently trades on extremely attractive valuations.

Repligen is a US healthcare company specialising in the development, manufacturing and distribution of bioprocessing technology. The group's products are widely used in live drug development, an area known as biologics. Repligen has a strong history of growing revenues and earnings both naturally and through acquisition. The Fund sold its investment in Repligen as the market value was too high for it to be included in the MSCI World Small Cap Index.

Valmet is a Finnish based global company that specialises in the development, production, and maintenance of process technologies, automation, and services for various industries, with a strong focus on the pulp, paper, and renewable energy sectors. Two of Valmet's segments which the fund manager expects to deliver unrecognised growth are their Energy segment and their Automation segment. Valmet has an attractive valuation given the expected earnings growth over coming years.

Market outlook and fund strategy

The Fund continues to have more exposure than the benchmark to US homebuilders and related companies in the US. The Fund also continues to have relatively more exposure to US and European industrials, with a focus on electrical equipment and machinery which will likely benefit from the Chinese recovery, onshoring, government support and a wider improvement in developing market economies.

AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

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Investment commentary (continued)

The Fund has a lower weight than the benchmark in sectors related to consumer spending (excluding the US homebuilders) given fears that the consumer is likely to be adversely impacted by elevated interest and inflation rates. The Fund also has a lower weighting than the benchmark to Financials and Real Estate. However, the Fund has increased its exposure to Financial companies over the last few months with the addition of Pinnacle Financial Partners. The largest holding classified as a Financial continues to be Selective Insurance which is a prominent regional insurance company that is expanding across the US from its base in Branchville, New Jersey.

On a regional basis, the Fund has a higher exposure to the benchmark in Europe and the UK and a lower weight to the US given the compelling relative valuation differences between the two regions.

The Fund remains biased to niche leaders within their industries, like Atkore and Vertiv. While we expect central banks to maintain restrictive monetary policies, creating tight financial conditions, the strategy continues to find unrecognised growth opportunities in our universe of under-researched smaller companies.

* Sector allocation or exposure discloses the principle areas of business by industry across all the Fund's holdings. For example, when the Sub-fund buys an investment whose main business is in information technology, the overall Sub-fund exposure to that sector will increase.

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Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>
X Accumulation (pence per share)	
Net accumulation paid 31 March	0.2647
Net accumulation paid 30 September	0.6828

AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£)</u>
EastGroup Properties Atkore Selective Insurance Group InMode Vertiv Holdings Co LSB Industries Repligen Andritz Medpace Holdings	143,593 128,600 124,352 117,051 115,192 108,789 106,121 97,628 97,463
Valmet	84,370
Other purchases	4,650,532
Total purchases for the period	5,773,691
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Largest sales Repligen Vertiv Holdings Co Silgan Holdings QIAGEN Menicon Co ASR Nederland Weis Markets Capcom Co LSB Industries Ingles Markets 'A'	Proceeds (£) 87,763 84,308 74,960 73,859 72,401 70,701 67,640 66,225 63,030 62,307
Repligen Vertiv Holdings Co Silgan Holdings QIAGEN Menicon Co ASR Nederland Weis Markets Capcom Co LSB Industries	87,763 84,308 74,960 73,859 72,401 70,701 67,640 66,225 63,030

COMPARATIVE TABLE

The launch period of the sub-fund ran from 20 September 2022 to 17 October 2022 where shares were available at 100 pence. The first valuation point was on 18 October 2022.

X Accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.07.2023 ^A pence
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges*	9.05
Operating charges	(0.53)
Return after operating charges*	8.52
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.95)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.95
Closing net asset value per share	108.52
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.21
Performance	
Return after charges ^B	8.52%
Other information Closing net asset value (£) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	2,967,931 2,735,011 0.65% ^C 0.25% ^C
Prices (pence per share) Highest share price Lowest share price	109.06 97.82

^A Period from 17 October 2022 being the end of the launch period.

^B The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

^C These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. However, the OCFs disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on IFSL's website, www.ifslfunds.com) give an estimate of future costs. As the sub-fund does not have 12 months accounting data the OCFs are based on estimated expenses. The sub-fund is benefiting from expense funding whereby some of the charges outlined in the prospectus have been fully or partially funded. Without this expense funding it is anticipated the OCF would be higher and potentially to the extent of having a noticeable impact on the returns investors receive. The expenses will continue to be funded until the sub-fund grows to a size able to support the OCF quoted on the KIID.

Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

Lower risk

Higher risk

Typically lower rew	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 6 because its investments have experienced high volatility in the past.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or Iominal value	Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	£	%
	20.000	4.0
11,362 Sandfire Resources	39,282	1.3
Total Australia	39,282	1.3
AUSTRIA 1,998 Andritz	90 614	0.7
Total Austria	<u>82,611</u> 82,611	<u> </u>
BELGIUM		
1,103 Bekaert	41,030	1.3
Total Belgium	41,030	1.3
CANADA		
2,480 Canfor	30,338	1.0
2,741 Interfor	38,145	1.2
Total Canada	68,483	2.3
DENMARK		
773 FLSmidth & Co	28,505	0.9
Total Denmark	28,505	0.9
FINLAND		
1,731 Kempower	60,029	2.0
5,267 Metso	46,747	1.5
357 QT Group	23,114	0.7
3,233 Valmet	67,004	2.2
Total Finland	196,894	6.6
ISRAEL		
2,919 InMode	97,262	3.2
Total Israel	97,262	3.2
ITALY		
2,120 Azimut Holding	39,013	1.3
1,206 Freni Brembo	13,303	0.4
1,434 Marr	17,355	0.5
3,490 Technoprobe	24,768	0.8
Total Italy	94,439	3.2
JAPAN		
1,400 Amano	24,702	0.8
1,200 DMG Mori Seiki Co	15,824	0.5
1,300 Horiba	59,620	2.0
400 Okuma	15,678	0.
200 Socionext	18,344	0.0
800 The Yokohama Rubber Company	13,931	0.4
Total Japan	148,099	4.9
NETHERLANDS		
312 BE Semiconductor Industries	29,055	0.9
Total Netherlands	29,055	0.9
SPAIN		
580 CIE Automotive	14,158	0.4
507 Viscofan	25,639	0.8
Total Spain	39,797	1.3
SWEDEN		
2,243 HEXPOL	18,959	0.6
2,721 Lagercrantz Group 'B'	25,454	0.8
1,061 Paradox Interactive	23,648	0.8

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 July 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	SWEDEN (continued)	£	%
000	SWEDEN (continued) Surgical Science Sweden	18,055	0.61
	Vitec Software Group	17,541	0.59
390	Total Sweden	103,657	3.50
	Total Sweden	103,057	3.50
	SWITZERLAND		
96	Burckhardt Compression Holding	44,150	1.49
370	Georg Fischer	19,703	0.66
145	Tecan Group	45,028	1.52
	Total Switzerland	108,881	3.67
	UNITED KINGDOM		
1 050	Britvic	41,973	1.41
			1.41
	CVS Group	39,260	
	Diploma	37,885	1.28 0.61
	Games Workshop Group	18,042	1.87
	Greggs	55,559	1.67
15,872	Softcat	48,949	
974		14,610	0.49
	Total United Kingdom	256,278	8.63
	UNITED STATES		
	Applied Industrial Technologies	63,655	2.14
1,156	Atkore	142,597	4.80
	Century Communities	37,141	1.25
82	Chemed	33,212	1.12
418	Eagle Materials	59,913	2.02
672	EastGroup Properties	92,559	3.12
468	EMCOR Group	78,206	2.64
	Evercore	56,569	1.91
	Installed Building Products	51,316	1.73
	LeMaitre Vascular	38,102	1.28
	LGI Homes	33,223	1.12
	Louisiana-Pacific	20,535	0.70
,	LSB Industries	19,374	0.65
	LXP Industrial Trust	13,874	0.47
	Marten Transport	62,096	2.09
	MasTec	57,305	1.93
	Medpace Holdings	44,286	1.49
	Meritage Homes	42,813	1.44
,	Mueller Industries	67,106	2.26
	Napco Security Technologies	34,237	1.15
,	Pinnacle Financial Partners	73,837	2.49
321		33,278	1.12
	Selective Insurance Group	72,441	2.44
	Shoals Technologies Group	43,250	1.46
	Sprouts Farmers Market	29,545	1.00
	STAAR Surgical Company	14,221	0.48
	Sterling Infrastructure	69,816	2.35
	Topbuild	98,128	3.31
	Trex Co	44,828	1.51
3,439	Vertiv Holdings Co	69,539	2.34
	Total United States	1,597,002	53.81
	Portfolio of investments	2,931,275	98.76
	Net other assets	36,656	1.24
	Total net assets	2,967,931	100.00
			100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

		Notes	31 July 2023 £	£
Income:				
	Net capital gains	2		191,075
	Revenue	4	36,866	
Expenses		5	(10,556)	
Net reven	ue before taxation		26,310	
Taxation		6	(4,033)	
Net reven	ue after taxation			22,277
Total retur	n before distributions			213,352
Distributio	ns	7		(22,277)
	net assets attributable to sharehold tment activities	lers		191,075
-	ENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS July 2023		

	31 July 2023	
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	2,797,612 (45,755)	2,751,857
Dilution adjustment		537
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		191,075
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		24,462
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	2,967,931

As these are the first annual financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund, there are no comparative figures to disclose.

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 July 2023

	Notes	31 July 2023 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	15	2,931,275
Current Assets:		
Debtors	8	10.030
Cash and bank balances		31,201
Total assets		2,972,506
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	9	4,575
Total liabilities		4,575
Net assets attributable to sharehold	lers	2,967,931

As these are the first annual financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund, there are no comparative figures to disclose.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

2 NET CAPITAL GAINS	31 July 2023 £
The net gains on investments during the period comprise:	-
Non-derivative securities gains Currency losses Transaction charges Net capital gains	209,752 (16,946) (1,731) 191,075
3 PURCHASES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS	31 July 2023
Purchases excluding transaction costs: Equities	£ 5,769,794 5,769,794
Equities: Commissions Taxes and other charges	1,988 1,909
Total purchases transaction costs Purchases including transaction costs	3,897 5,773,691
Purchases transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount: Equities: Commissions Taxes and other charges	0.03% 0.03%
Sales excluding transaction costs: Equities	3,052,982
Equities: Commissions Taxes and other charges	3,052,982 (1,024) (33)
Total sales transaction costs Sales net of transaction costs	(1,057) 3,051,925
Sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount: Equities: Commissions Taxes and other charges	0.03% 0.00%
Total purchases and sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period:	
Commissions Taxes and other charges	0.12% 0.08% 0.20%

No significant in-specie transfers were identified in the period.

Transaction costs are commissions paid to agents, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

Transaction handling charges

These are charges payable to the dep	asitany in respect of each transaction:
These are charges payable to the dep	

Average portfolio dealing spread

This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date

0.15%

£1,731

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for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

4 REVENUE	31 July 2023 £
UK dividends	4,299
Overseas dividends	26,128
Overseas dividends (unfranked)	6,195
Bank interest	244
Total revenue	36,866
5 EXPENSES	31 July 2023
Develop to the ACD or appropriate:	£
Payable to the ACD or associate: ACD's periodic charge	9,519
Registration fees	209
ACD's fee rebate	(17,054)
ACD'S lee lebale	(7,326)
Other expenses:	(1;520)
Depositary's fees	685
Safe Custody fees	59
MSCI fee	8,342
Bank interest	5
Financial Conduct Authority fee	79
Audit fee	8,712
	17,882
Total expenses	10,556
6 TAXATION	31 July 2023
	£
a Analysis of the tax charge for the period	-
Overseas tax	4,033
Total tax charge (see note 6(b))	4,033

b Factors affecting the tax charge for the period

The taxation assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below.

Net revenue before taxation	26,310
Corporation tax at 20%	5,262
Effects of:	
Revenue not subject to taxation	(6,085)
Unrelieved excess management expenses	1,009
Tax effect of expensed double taxation relief	(186)
Overseas tax	4,033
Total tax charge (see note 6(a))	4,033

At 31 July 2023 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of £1,009 arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

7 DISTRIBUTIONS

31 July 2023 £

The distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

Interim	5,785
Final	18,677
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	71
Amounts added on issue of shares	(2,256)
Distributions	22,277
Movement between net revenue and distributions: Net revenue after taxation	<u> </u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 20 September 2022 to 31 July 2023

8 DEBTORS	31 July 2023 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	7,328
Accrued income	1,238
Currency receivables	2
Taxation recoverable	1,462
Total debtors	10,030
9 OTHER CREDITORS	31 July 2023 £
Purchases awaiting settlement	3,363
Manager's periodic charge and registration fees	1,242
Accrued expenses	(30)
Total other creditors	4,575

10 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 July 2023.

11 RELATED PARTIES

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders and note 7. Amounts due to/from the ACD in respect of share transactions at the period end are disclosed in notes 8 and 9. Amounts paid to the ACD or associates in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and other fees are disclosed in note 5. Amounts due from the ACD at the period end are £6,086.

In addition to the above, some shares in the sub-fund are owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or directors of UFC Fund Management plc, the ultimate parent company of Investment Fund Services Limited, as set out below.

31 July 2023 Proportion of shares owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or 0.74% UFC Fund Management plc

12 SHARE CLASSES

The share classes in issue for the sub-fund and the annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

X Accumulation

13 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS RECONCILIATION

During the period the ACD has issued, cancelled and converted shares from one share class to another as set out below:

	X Accumulation
Opening shares in issue at 20 September 2022	-
Share issues	2,778,783
Share cancellations	(43,772)
Share conversions	-
Closing shares in issue at 31 July 2023	2,735,011

0.50%

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14 RISK DISCLOSURES

Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £146,564. A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Foreign currency risk

At the period end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2023	Investments £	Net other assets £	Total £
Australian Dollar	39,282	-	39,282
Canadian Dollar	68,483	-	68,483
Swiss Franc	108,881	325	109,206
Danish Krone	28,505	34	28,539
Euro	483,826	1,044	484,870
Japanese Yen	148,099	839	148,938
Swedish Krona	103,656	-	103,656
United States Dollar	1,694,266	68	1,694,334
	2,674,998	2,310	2,677,308

Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £133,865. A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

Interest rate risk	31 July 2023 £
The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities consists of the following:	
Financial assets floating rate	31,201
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	2,941,305
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(4,575)
	2,967,931

As most of the sub-fund's financial assets are non-interest bearing, an interest rate sensitivity analysis has not been included.

Liquidity risk	31 July 2023 ج
The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:	2

Within one year:	
Other creditors	4,575
	4,575

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15 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

31 July 2023	
Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
2,931,275	-
-	-
-	-
2,931,275	-
	2,931,275 -

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the Fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 - Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

16 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 July 2023, the Net Asset Value per share has changed as follows:

	Net As	set Value per share (pe	nce)
	31 July 2023 ^A	18 December 2023	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	108.55	113.66	4.71%

^A These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Interim distribution for the period from 17 October 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 17 October 2022 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 17 October 2022

		Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid
		31 January 2023	31 January 2023	31 March 2023
		pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
X Accumulation	Group 1	0.2647	-	0.2647
	Group 2	0.1171	0.1476	0.2647

Final distribution for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 July 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2023

		Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid
		31 July 2023	31 July 2023	30 September 2023
		pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
X Accumulation	Group 1	0.6828	-	0.6828
	Group 2	0.3154	0.3674	0.6828

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Performance to 31 July 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund	(1.72)%	(6.47)%	13.87%	(4.68)%
IA UK Equity Income Sector*	(1.33)%	2.75%	37.21%	11.31%
FTSE All-Share TR Index*	0.76%	6.09%	41.75%	18.07%

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (P Income - quoted price to quoted price, net income reinvested).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

Investment commentary

The Sub-fund has returned -6.47% in the period to 31 July 2023. In comparison, the benchmark*, the FTSE All-Share Total Return (TR) Index, was up 6.09% over the same period. The Sub-fund's other key comparator benchmark, the UK Investment Association (IA) UK Equity Income Sector, returned 2.75%. Since inception to the end of July 2023, the Sub-fund is up 113.32% ^A (based on the P Accumulation share class) compared with the FTSE All-Share TR Index up 108.70% over the same period.

The dividend payment from the Sub-fund covering the six month period to 31 July 2023 was made at the end of September 2023. Please see the distributions table below across the range of share classes, the P income share class is most widely held by investors.

The Sub-fund value at the end of July 2022 was approximately £792m. At the end of the period under review, the Sub-fund's value had fallen to around £513m driven by market moves and investments redeemed by fundholders. This was a period when smaller company share prices were under significant pressure. A weak pound (August to October 2022) was primarily driven by negative sentiment. Political turmoil in the UK further hampered domestic company prospects. Performance was partly helped by sentiment turning positive again as the new government under Rishi Sunak reversed many of the policy errors of his predecessor. Since reaching its low of 13th October 2022, it has been reassuring to see the Sub-fund rally 15.4% to the end of July 2023, outperforming the FTSE All-Share Total Return (TR) Index, (up 14.9%) over the period.

Market review

US inflation figures for June 2023 finally began the long-awaited descent. Core inflation, which excludes more volatile elements such as food and energy, was 4.8%, slightly better than expectations and moved closer to the US Federal Reserve core inflation target of 2.0%. From the end of June, the US dollar weakened against sterling by 5.5% at one point in July to reflect investors' views that further interest rate rises in the US were unlikely. We believe US benchmark interest rates, which are currently 5.5%, will stay around these levels for the rest of the calendar year. We do not expect any rate cuts until inflation reaches target levels.

There was a similar story in the UK with June inflation (CPI) figures rising by 7.9%, but down from the 8.7% recorded in May and better than expected. CPIH, an inflation measure which includes housing costs, rose by 7.3%, down from 7.9% in May. This led to the market rallying on the view that interest rates are unlikely to reach or go over 6.0%, which had become the market expectation prior to June's inflation data. Forecast peak mortgage rates also dropped convincingly. We welcome the long-awaited drop but do not believe it will be in a straight line towards the ultimate 2.0% inflation target from the Bank of England. We share a similar view on the UK as the US, which is that rates will stay high for the rest of the year with potential for cuts in 2024.

Fund performance and activity

The Sub-fund's performance relative to the benchmark over this period is not what we would have liked. However, the differential is largely explained by the bias of the Sub-fund towards small and medium sized companies compared to the benchmark, which also includes much larger companies. By way of a reminder, although ours is a multi-cap strategy with a relatively unconstrained approach, the Sub-fund is still required to have a bias towards small and medium sized companies, which is what we have abided by since launch.

The smaller companies held in the Sub-fund have faced a difficult backdrop. Rising inflation and interest rates, supply chain constraints, labour shortages and weaker consumer demand disproportionately affected investors' view of smaller company business models. In addition, the Sub-fund has less exposure to oil and other basic materials compared to the benchmark. These sectors, typically containing larger companies, rallied on both inflationary fears as well as the tragic consequences of Russia invading Ukraine.

Much of the underperformance was felt in the third and fourth quarter of 2022. The first quarter of 2023 had a better start and the Subfund has remained in positive territory for most of this year with performance relative to Investment Association's UK Equity Income sector peer group also much improved, being in the top 25% in its peer group over the last 3 months (as of 9th August 2023), according to Trustnet, a key data provider.

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Investment commentary (continued)

Outlook and fund strategy

One of the key opportunities presented by UK shares is that they remain significantly undervalued relative to the rest of Europe and other developed markets. This is due in part to international investors steering clear of the UK because of last year's political upheavals and lingering concerns about the impact of Brexit. We believe UK companies look highly attractive at current valuations. This view is supported by a recent flurry of merger and acquisition activity, including Deutsche Bank agreeing to buy at a significant premium the broker Numis, which we held in the Sub-fund.

It is noteworthy that in early September the Office for National Statistics (ONS) revised up estimates for UK GDP growth to show the economy had recovered to pre-pandemic levels, which means the UK's growth was never significantly behind its global peers. We believe the current discount on UK equities will not last indefinitely and that potentially it presents a highly attractive opportunity for investors taking a view over 12 to 18 months and beyond. In the meantime, despite the economic backdrop, the majority of our portfolio companies are continuing to trade strongly and delivering earnings updates either in line with forecasts or surpassing them.

Ahead of the Autumn statement, we saw a glimmer of hope from the UK chancellor outlining support for smaller companies. In particular, the pledge from UK pension funds to allocate more investment towards UK growth companies has been well received. Although the wording mentions private companies not listed on the stock market, the detail suggests small companies quoted on the FTSE Alternative Investment Market ('AIM') will qualify for such allocations. We currently have around 16.0% of the Sub-fund quoted on AIM and have flexibility in line with our investment process to selectively increase this allocation, while keeping our diversified approach.

We believe another important attraction of the UK market is its strong dividend culture. This means investors are being paid for their patience as we await an improvement in investor sentiment and the beginning of a recovery in markets. The Sub-fund is offering a dividend yield** over the next 12 months of 5.13% at the time of writing which compares to the FTSE All Share index yield of 3.67% (2nd August 2023, Financial Times). As such we are comfortably positioned for the next IA Equity Income Sector 'yield test', which is key for income investors, where funds are required to meet a yield target over 1 and 3 years to remain in the equity income sector.

We have continued to outperform the IA UK Equity Income Sector requirements, which keeps intact our record of beating the target dividend consecutively in every year since launch.

- ^A P shares were not launched in 2011 but we assume an adjustment factor in the price here.
- * Benchmark Comparator for performance purposes
- **Dividend yield measures profits of a company paid out to shareholders relative to the company's market value

Canaccord Genuity Asset Management Limited 20 October 2023

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Distributions				
	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
A Income (pence per share)				
Net income paid 31 March	2.6841	2.8695	2.5064	3.4230
Net income paid 30 September	3.7757	3.7747	3.3103	2.7146
A Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 31 March	4.4373	4.5254	3.7962	4.9620
Net accumulation paid 30 September	6.3834	6.0690	5.1091	4.0207
P Income (pence per share)				
Net income paid 31 March	2.8881	3.0629	2.6551	3.5987
Net income paid 30 September	4.0666	4.0455	3.5217	2.8662
P Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 31 March	4.5467	4.6012	3.8310	4.9702
Net accumulation paid 30 September	6.5435	6.1962	5.1776	4.0447

Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Liontrust Asset Management	4,989,274
National Grid	4,709,290
Clarkson	4,341,262
Solid State	3,871,017
Ricardo	3,704,972
Gaztransport & Technigaz	3,559,427
Tate & Lyle	3,448,843
Spectris	3,432,211
Rio Tinto	2,986,288
OSB Group	2,915,964
Other purchases	110,166,982
Total purchases for the year	148,125,530
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Severn Trent	18,081,953
Telecom Plus	18,081,953 16,721,737
Telecom Plus Legal & General Group	16,721,737 16,557,517
Telecom Plus Legal & General Group 3i Group	16,721,737 16,557,517 16,058,015
Telecom Plus Legal & General Group 3i Group NN Group	16,721,737 16,557,517 16,058,015 11,717,432
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COMPARATIVE TABLE

<u>A Income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2023	Year to 31.07.2022	Year to 31.07.2021
Opening net asset value per share	pence 131.97	pence 149.64	pence 120.05
Return before operating charges*	(7.53)	(8.69)	37.61
Operating charges	(1.93)	(2.34)	(2.20)
Return after operating charges*	(9.46)	(11.03)	35.41
Distributions on income shares	(6.46)	(11.03)	(5.82)
Closing net asset value per share	116.05	131.97	149.64
	110.00	101.07	143.04
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.22	0.22	0.31
Performance			
Return after charges ^A	(7.17)%	(7.37)%	29.50%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	3,207,500	38,281,300	49,376,994
Closing number of shares	2,763,869	29,006,590	32,998,094
Operating charges	1.60% ^B	1.60% ^B	1.62% ^B
Direct transaction costs	0.18%	0.15%	0.23%
Prices (pence per share)			
Highest share price	134.23	159.43	153.74
Lowest share price	107.27	127.25	119.08
A Accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
		04 07 0000	04 07 0004
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2023	31.07.2022	31.07.2021
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2023 pence	31.07.2022 pence	31.07.2021 pence
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	pence	pence	pence
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^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.
 ^B From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

<u>P Income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2023 pence	Year to 31.07.2022 pence	Year to 31.07.2021 pence
Opening net asset value per share	141.70	159.45	126.97
Return before operating charges*	(8.02)	(9.30)	39.91
Operating charges	(1.10)	(1.34)	(1.25)
Return after operating charges*	(9.12)	(10.64)	38.66
Distributions on income shares	(6.95)	(7.11)	(6.18)
Closing net asset value per share	125.63	141.70	159.45
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.24	0.24	0.33
Performance			
Return after charges ^A	(6.44)%	(6.67)%	30.45%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	240,423,747	365,658,937	656,711,990
Closing number of shares	191,374,400	258,050,071	411,857,122
Operating charges	0.85% ^B	0.85% ^B	0.87% ^B
Direct transaction costs	0.18%	0.15%	0.23%
Prices (pence per share)			
Highest share price	144.17	170.44	163.81
Lowest share price	115.35	136.22	126.15
P Accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
<u>P Accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2023	Year to 31.07.2022	Year to 31.07.2021
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2023 pence	31.07.2022 pence	31.07.2021 pence
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^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

^B From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the year and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (all share classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk
Typically lower rew	vards				Туріс	ally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 6 because its investments have experienced high volatility in the past. During the year the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	%
500 000	AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE (31 July 2022 - 0.39%) Chemring Group	1,412,500	0.28
	QinetiQ Group	4,199,000	0.82
1,300,000	Total Aerospace and Defence	5,611,500	1.10
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750.000	AUTOMOBILES & PARTS (31 July 2022 - Nil) Dowlais Group	921,000	0.18
750,000	Total Automobiles & Parts	921,000	0.18
		321,000	0.10
	BANKS (31 July 2022 - 0.66%)		
	Bank of Georgia Group	1,302,000	0.25
	Investec	1,479,000	0.29
40,000	TBC Bank Group	996,000	0.19
	Total Banks	3,777,000	0.73
	BEVERAGES (31 July 2022 - 0.57%)		
348,511	Shepherd Neame	2,491,854	0.49
	Total Beverages	2,491,854	0.49
	CHEMICALS (31 July 2022 - 0.32%)		
	CLOSED END INVESTMENTS (31 July 2022 - 1.10%)		
1 000 000	3i Infrastructure	3,090,000	0.60
	Blackrock World Mining Trust	1,236,000	0.00
	Tufton Oceanic Assets	2,638,635	0.51
0,000,000	Total Closed End Investments	6,964,635	1.35
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600 000	CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS (31 July 2022 - 5.16%) Balfour Beatty	2,104,800	0.41
	Billington Holdings	987,700	0.19
	Breedon Group	1,072,500	0.13
	Forterra	1,535,400	0.30
	Morgan Sindall Group	10,184,400	1.98
	Norcros	937,250	0.18
	Renew Holdings	4,386,000	0.85
2,150,000		12,599,000	2.45
	Severfield	1,673,220	0.33
1,500,000		1,972,500	0.39
1,000,000	Total Construction and Materials	37,452,770	7.29
125.000	CONSUMER SERVICES (31 July 2022 - 0.54%)	2 516 250	0.40
125,000	Compass Group Total Consumer Services	2,516,250	0.49
	Total Consumer Services	2,516,250	0.49
	ELECTRICITY (31 July 2022 - 1.59%)		
850,000	Drax Group	5,202,000	1.01
	Total Electricity	5,202,000	1.01
	ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (31 July 2022 - 2.14%)		
500,000		1,536,000	0.30
	Solid State	5,200,000	1.01
	Spectris	2,085,000	0.41
	Total Electronic and Electrical Equipment	8,821,000	1.72
	FINANCE AND CREDIT SERVICES (31 July 2022 - 2.84%)		
270.000	Mortgage Advice Bureau (Holdings)	1,755,000	0.34
	OSB Group	2,200,800	0.43
	Paragon Banking Group	17,200,000	3.35
0,200,000	Total Finance and Credit Services	21,155,800	4.12
		21,100,000	ד. וב

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	ECOD BROBLICERS (24 July 2022 0.969/)	£	%
250.000	FOOD PRODUCERS (31 July 2022 - 0.86%)	2 506 000	0.40
	MP Evans Group	2,506,000	0.49
450,000	Tate & Lyle	3,368,250	0.66
	Total Food Producers	5,874,250	1.15
	GAS, WATER AND MULTI-UTILITIES (31 July 2022 - 3.14%)		
650,000	National Grid	6,721,000	1.31
	Total Gas, Water and Multi-utilities	6,721,000	1.31
4 000 070	GENERAL INDUSTRIALS (31 July 2022 - 2.17%)		4.00
	Hargreaves Services	5,250,197	1.02
	Macfarlane Group	10,307,500	2.01
750,000	Smith (DS)	2,324,250	0.45
	Total General Industrials	17,881,947	3.48
	HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (31 July 2022 - 0.47%)		
	HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION (31 July 2022	2 - 5.60%)	
517,057	Churchill China	7,342,209	1.43
850,000	Sanderson Design Group	850,000	0.17
	Taylor Wimpey	3,218,600	0.63
	Vistry Group	14,698,250	2.86
	Total Household Goods and Home Construction	26,109,059	5.09
040.000	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (31 July 2022 - 0.32%)	0 000 700	0.40
	Castings	2,360,760	0.46
500,000	Somero Enterprises	1,600,000	0.31
	Total Industrial Engineering	3,960,760	0.77
	INDUSTRIAL METALS AND MINING (31 July 2022 - 2.82%)		
750,000	Central Asia Metals	1,383,000	0.27
11,500,000	Ecora Resources	13,064,000	2.54
1,100,000	Kenmare Resources	4,658,500	0.91
	Total Industrial Metals and Mining	19,105,500	3.72
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (31 July 2022 - 4.60%)		
45.000	Diploma	1,445,400	0.28
	FDM Group (Holdings)	2,216,000	0.20
	Inchcape	7,308,000	1.42
	Keystone Law Group	840,000	0.16
	Midwich Group	6,301,235	1.23
	NWF Group	2,990,000	0.58
1,100,000	Total Industrial Support Services	21,100,635	4.10
400.000	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION (31 July 2022 - 0.86%)	2 644 000	0.70
	Clarkson	3,614,000	
1,425,000	Wincanton Total Industrial Transportation	3,427,125	0.67
		i	
000 000	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (31 July 2 3i Group	17,896,500	3.49
	Bridgepoint Group	2,299,200	0.45
	Cenkos Securities	2,299,200	0.45
	Finncap Group	49,500	0.28
	Impax Asset Management Group	49,500 1,116,000	0.01
	IntegraFin Holdings	976,000	0.22
	Intermediate Capital Group	17,506,250	3.41
	Liontrust Asset Management	5,860,400	1.14
500,000		998,250 8 654 150	0.19
	Man Group	8,654,150	1.69
147,500	Mattioli Woods	870,250	0.17

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (continued)	L	/0
100,000		333,000	0.06
	Polar Capital Holdings	17,460,000	3.40
	Premier Miton Group	719,050	0.14
	Total Investment Banking and Brokerage Services	76,176,207	14.84
115 000	LEISURE GOODS (31 July 2022 - 1.06%) Games Workshop Group	12 420 500	0.61
115,000	Total Leisure Goods	<u>13,420,500</u> 13,420,500	2.61
6,900,000	LIFE INSURANCE (31 July 2022 - 6.36%)	19 664 500	2 6 2
6,900,000	Total Life Insurance	<u>18,664,500</u> 18,664,500	<u>3.63</u> 3.63
		10,004,500	3.03
	MEDIA (31 July 2022 - 3.22%)		0.47
	4imprint Group	889,000	0.17
	Bloomsbury Publishing	19,383,000	3.78
	Centaur Media	860,000	0.17
1,159,466	STV Group	2,434,879	0.47
	Total Media	23,566,879	4.59
	NON-LIFE INSURANCE (31 July 2022 - 1.72%)		
	Admiral Group	6,390,000	1.24
	Beazley	1,105,000	0.22
	Conduit Holdings	1,211,250	0.24
4,600,000	Sabre Insurance Group	6,265,200	1.22
	Total Non-life Insurance	14,971,450	2.92
	OIL, GAS AND COAL (31 July 2022 - 4.76%)		
1,800,000		8,613,900	1.68
	Diversified Energy Company	15,633,750	3.05
1,000,000	Serica Energy	2,372,000	0.46
	Total Oil, Gas and Coal	26,619,650	5.19
	PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (31 July 2022 - 1.	02%)	
100,000		2,738,000	0.53
3,500,000	Kitwave Group	10,640,000	2.07
	Total Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores	13,378,000	2.60
	PHARMACEUTICALS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (31 July 2022 - 0.62%)		
10,000	AstraZeneca	1,112,200	0.22
45,000	Bioventix	1,687,500	0.33
225,000	GSK	3,102,300	0.60
	Total Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	5,902,000	1.15
	PRECIOUS METALS AND MINING (31 July 2022 - 0.12%)		
1.300.000	Sylvania Platinum	897,000	0.18
.,,	Total Precious Metals and Mining	897,000	0.18
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND SERVICES (31 July 2022 - 1.68%)		
1 820 500	Belvoir Group	3,458,950	0.67
	Boot (Henry)	1,744,000	0.34
	M Winkworth	1,416,532	0.34
400,000		3,906,000	0.26
+00,000	Total Real Estate Investment and Services	10,525,482	2.05
		10,020,702	2.00

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as at 31 July 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (31 July 2022 - 11.21%)	-	70
1,300,000	Big Yellow Group	13,819,000	2.69
	LondonMetric Property	13,732,500	2.67
1,000,000	LXi REIT	943,500	0.18
1,850,000	Safestore Holdings	16,317,000	3.18
	Total Real Estate Investment Trusts	44,812,000	8.72
	RETAILERS (31 July 2022 - 3.68%)		
	B&M European Value Retail	552,000	0.11
	Dunelm Group	11,340,000	2.21
	Howden Joinery Group	1,109,400	0.22
1,000,000		1,242,000	0.24
	Pets at Home Group	12,949,200	2.52
	Topps Tiles	936,000	0.18
	Vertu Motors	1,059,000	0.21
100,000	WHSmith	1,496,000	0.29
	Total Retailers	30,683,600	5.98
	SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES (31 July 2022 - 1.80%)		
60,000	Kainos Group	771,600	0.15
	Total Software and Computer Services	771,600	0.15
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (31 July 2022 - 0.39%)		
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS (31 July 2022 - 4.3	6%)	
800,000	Telecom Plus	13,296,000	2.59
	Total Telecommunications Service Providers	13,296,000	2.59
	TRAVEL AND LEISURE (31 July 2022 - 0.33%)		
	Cake Box Holdings	656,000	0.13
750,000	Hollywood Bowl Group	1,698,750	0.33
	Total Travel and Leisure	2,354,750	0.46
	OVERSEAS SECURITIES (31 July 2022 - 5.32%)		
	Baloise Holding	1,818,726	0.35
	Swiss Life Holding	1,980,003	0.39
3,000	Zurich Insurance Group	1,134,928	0.22
	Total Overseas Securities	4,933,657	0.96
	Portfolio of investments	503,681,360	98.09
	Net other assets	9,816,965	1.91
	Total net assets	513,498,325	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 31 July 2023

	Notes	31 July	2023	31 July	2022
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Net capital losses	2		(82,406,800)		(108,293,967)
Revenue	4	33,821,898		48,626,397	
Expenses	5	(5,378,076)		(9,038,973)	
Net revenue before taxation		28,443,822		39,587,424	
Taxation	6	(478,219)		(649,188)	
Net revenue after taxation			27,965,603		38,938,236
Total return before distributions			(54,441,197)		(69,355,731)
Distributions	7		(32,662,952)		(47,127,736)
Change in net assets attributable to sharehold	ers				
from investment activities			(87,104,149)		(116,483,467)

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS for the year ended 31 July 2023

	31 July 2023		31 July	/ 2022
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		791,895,544		1,159,843,963
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares Amounts payable on share class conversions	2,787,923 (209,556,370) 1,192		41,016,327 (312,144,784) 24	
		(206,767,255)		(271,128,433)
Dilution adjustment		50,384		349,722
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(87,104,149)		(116,483,467)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		15,423,631		19,313,759
Unclaimed distributions		170		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		513,498,325		791,895,544

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Assets:			
Fixed Assets:			
Investments	15	503,681,360	770,984,471
Current Assets:			
Debtors	8	4,071,624	4,154,402
Cash and bank balances		15,737,622	30,661,578
Total assets		523,490,606	805,800,451
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable on income shares		7,886,841	11,534,502
Other creditors	9	2,105,440	2,370,405
Total liabilities		9,992,281	13,904,907
Net assets attributable to shareholders		513,498,325	791,895,544

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2023

1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

2 NET CAPI	TAL LOSSES	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
The net los	ses on investments during the year comprise:	-	-
Non-deriva	tive securities losses	(82,427,331)	(108,251,665)
Currency a	ains/(losses)	30,050	(33,591)
Transaction		(9,519)	(8,711)
Net capita		(82,406,800)	(108,293,967)
3 PURCHAS	ES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Purchases	excluding transaction costs:		
Equities	5	142,681,771	229,046,237
Corporate	actions	4,730,503	6,094,106
- 1	-	147,412,274	235,140,343
Equities:	Commissions	189,679	322,136
·	Taxes and other charges	523,577	873,813
Total purch	ases transaction costs	713,256	1,195,949
Purchases	including transaction costs	148,125,530	236,336,292
Purchases	transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:		
Equities:	Commissions	0.13%	0.14%
Equilioo	Taxes and other charges	0.37%	0.38%
Sales exclu	uding transaction costs:		
Equities		329,045,798	310,665,542
Corporate	actions	4,173,179	187,564,407
e e per ate		333,218,977	498,229,949
Equities:	Commissions	(427,045)	(409,936)
•	Taxes and other charges	(698)	(464)
Total sales	transaction costs	(427,743)	(410,400)
Sales net	of transaction costs	332,791,234	497,819,549
Sales trans	action costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:		
Equities:	Commissions	0.13%	0.13%
-1	Taxes and other charges	0.00%	0.00%
•	nases and sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the et asset value over the year:		
Commissio		0.10%	0.07%
Taxes and	other charges	0.08%	0.08%
	=	0.18%	0.15%
No significa	ant in-specie transfers were identified in the year (2022; nil).		

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Transaction costs are commissions paid to agents, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

Transaction handling charges

These are charges payable to the depositary in respect of each transaction:	£9,519	£8,711

Average portfolio dealing spread

This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date 0.93% 0.84%

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4 REVENUE	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
UK dividends	25,718,259	37,816,023
UK dividends (unfranked)	2,085,152	3,074,418
Overseas dividends	5,610,887	7,726,510
Interest on distribution	169,800	-
Bank interest	237,800	9,446
Total revenue	33,821,898	48,626,397
5 EXPENSES	31 July 2023	31 July 2022
	£	£
Payable to the ACD or associate:		
ACD's periodic charge	5,178,819	8,748,099
Registration fees	7,053	7,537
	5,185,872	8,755,636
Other expenses:	112.070	040 447
Depositary's fees	147,872	216,417
Safe Custody fees Bank interest	34,465 84	58,040
		1,376 124
Financial Conduct Authority fee Audit fee	(29)	
Audit lee	<u> </u>	7,380 283,337
Total avnances	5,378,076	
Total expenses	5,578,078	9,038,973
6 TAXATION	31 July 2023	31 July 2022
	£	£
a Analysis of the tax charge for the year		
Overseas tax	478,219	649,188
Total tax charge (see note 6(b))	478,219	649,188

b Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The taxation assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below.

Net revenue before taxation	28,443,822	39,587,424
Corporation tax at 20% (2022: 20%)	5,688,764	7,917,485
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(6,265,829)	(9,108,507)
Unrelieved excess management expenses	577,065	1,191,022
Overseas tax	478,219	649,188
Total tax charge (see note 6(a))	478,219	649,188

At 31 July 2023 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of £13,874,087 (2022: £13,393,631) arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

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The distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise: 13,653,275 21,589,583 Final 13,653,275 21,589,583 Final 16,348,864 22,306,495 Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares 2,695,125 3,481,170 Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares 1,192 24 Revenue brought forward (296) (179) Distributions 32,662,952 47,127,736 Movement between net revenue and distributions: 27,965,603 38,938,236 Add: ACD's periodic charge borne by capital 5,178,819 8,748,099 Deduct: Tax effect of ACD's periodic charge borne by capital (481,470) (558,599) 32,662,952 47,127,736 8 BEBTORS 31 July 2022 £ £ Amounts receivable for issue of shares - 33,452 - 33,452 Sales awaiting settlement 214,867 </th <th>7 DISTRIBUTIONS</th> <th>31 July 2023 £</th> <th>31 July 2022 £</th>	7 DISTRIBUTIONS	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
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			2,370,405

10 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 July 2023 (2022: nil).

11 RELATED PARTIES

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders and note 7. Amounts due to/from the ACD in respect of share transactions at the period end are disclosed in notes 8 and 9. Amounts paid to the ACD or associates in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and other fees are disclosed in note 5. Amounts due to the ACD at the year end are £2,055,532 (2022: £2,277,099).

In addition to the above, some shares in the sub-fund are owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or directors of UFC Fund Management plc, the ultimate parent company of Investment Fund Services Limited, as set out below.

	31 July 2023	31 July 2022
Proportion of shares owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or		
UFC Fund Management plc	0.08%	0.06%

12 SHARE CLASSES

The share classes in issue for the sub-fund and the annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

A Income A Accumulation	1.50% 1.50%
P Income	0.75%
P Accumulation	0.75%

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13 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS RECONCILIATION

During the year the ACD has issued, cancelled and converted shares from one share class to another as set out below:

	A Income	A Accumulation
Opening shares in issue at 1 August 2022	29,006,590	26,815,413
Share issues	798,986	413,708
Share cancellations	(7,219,509)	(5,173,427)
Share conversions	(19,822,198)	(20,521,933)
Closing shares in issue at 31 July 2023	2,763,869	1,533,761
	P Income	P Accumulation
Opening shares in issue at 1 August 2022	P Income 258,050,071	P Accumulation 147,581,476
Opening shares in issue at 1 August 2022 Share issues		
	258,050,071	147,581,476
Share issues	258,050,071 769,737	147,581,476 109,148
Share issues Share cancellations	258,050,071 769,737 (85,968,939)	147,581,476 109,148 (39,704,628)

14 RISK DISCLOSURES

Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £25,184,068 (2022: £38,549,224). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Foreign currency risk

At the year end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2023	Investments £	Net other assets £	Total £
Euro	-	349,050	349,050
Norwegian Krona	-	155,820	155,820
Swedish Krona	-	-	-
Swiss Franc	4,933,657	249,734	5,183,391
US Dollar	2,638,635	60,283	2,698,918
	7,572,292	814,887	8,387,179
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2022	Investments £	Net other assets £	Total £
Euro	30,320,898	334,707	30,655,605
Norwegian Krona	2,342,413	172,625	2,515,038
Swedish Krona	3,671,124	-	3,671,124
Swiss Franc	-	188,816	188,816
US Dollar	5,795,360	70,680	5,866,040
	42,129,795	766,828	42,896,623

Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £419,359 (2022: £2,144,831). A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

Interest rate risk	31 July 2023 f	31 July 2022 ج
The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities consists of the following	~ :	~
Financial assets floating rate	15,737,622	30,661,578
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	507,752,984	775,138,873
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(9,992,281)	(13,904,907)
	513,498,325	791,895,544

As most of the sub-fund's financial assets are non-interest bearing, an interest rate sensitivity analysis has not been included.

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Other creditors

RISK DISCLOSURES (continued)

Liquidity risk	31 July 2023 ج	31 July 2022 ج
The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:	~	~
Within one year:		
Distribution payable on income shares	7,886,841	11,534,502

2,105,440

9,992,281

2,370,405

13,904,907

15	FAIR VALUE	HIERARCHY	FOR	INVESTMENTS

	31 July	2023	31 July	y 2022
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	503,681,360	-	770,984,471	-
Level 2 - Observable market data	-	-	-	-
Level 3 - Unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	503,681,360	-	770,984,471	-

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the Fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 - Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

16 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 July 2023, the Net Asset Value per share has changed as follows:

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Net Asset Value per share (pence)					
31 July 2023 ^A 18 December 2023 Movement					
120.37	116.47	(3.24)%			
203.32	203.10	(0.11)%			
130.28	126.54	(2.87)%			
209.64	210.22	0.28%			
	Net As 31 July 2023 ^A 120.37 203.32 130.28	Net Asset Value per share (per 31 July 2023 ^A 18 December 2023 120.37 1203.32 203.10 130.28			

^A These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Interim distribution for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 August 2022

		Net revenue 31 January 2023 pence per share	Equalisation 31 January 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 31 March 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 31 March 2022 pence per share
A Income	Group 1	2.6841	-	2.6841	2.8695
	Group 2	1.3518	1.3323	2.6841	2.8695
A Accumulation	Group 1 Group 2	4.4373 2.0152	- 2.4221	4.4373 4.4373	4.5254 4.5254
P Income	Group 1	2.8881	-	2.8881	3.0629
	Group 2	1.3559	1.5322	2.8881	3.0629
P Accumulation	Group 1	4.5467	-	4.5467	4.6012
	Group 2	2.2958	2.2509	4.5467	4.6012

Final distribution for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 July 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2023

		Net revenue 31 July 2023 pence per share	Equalisation 31 July 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 30 September 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 30 September 2022 pence per share
A Income	Group 1	3.7757	-	3.7757	3.7747
	Group 2	2.2800	1.4957	3.7757	3.7747
A Accumulation	Group 1	6.3834	-	6.3834	6.0690
	Group 2	4.4634	1.9200	6.3834	6.0690
P Income	Group 1	4.0666	-	4.0666	4.0455
	Group 2	2.3897	1.6769	4.0666	4.0455
P Accumulation	Group 1	6.5435	-	6.5435	6.1962
	Group 2	3.9649	2.5786	6.5435	6.1962

AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

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Performance to 31 July 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>	<u>01.11.2013^A</u>
IFSL Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund	(5.75)%	(7.29)%	19.47%	16.95%	119.68%
IA UK Smaller Companies Sector	(5.81)%	(8.68)%	10.82%	(1.93)%	70.52%
FTSE SmallCap Index (ex. Investment Cos)*	(1.47)%	0.42%	39.01%	24.35%	91.00%

^A Launch period ended 31 October 2013.

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (P Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

Investment commentary

Market review

The beginning of the period under review saw markets face a continuation of the turbulence and uncertainty arising from rising inflation and central banks lifting interest rates to try and curtail further increases in inflation. However, from mid September, market participants began to look beyond the uncertainty as economic growth and consumer spending appeared to withstand the impact of rising interest rates. Global equity markets improved with an increased risk appetite causing stocks to rally, driven by the chances of a controlled slowing of economic growth in the US and better prospects in the Europe and China. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised their forecast for economic growth for the first time in a year. Many investors, who had reduced their allocation to equities ** during 2022, were forced back into the market, further compounding the rally in certain sectors.

Forecasts throughout the period suggested that inflation and interest rates were likely to remain higher for longer, particularly in the UK, with inflation hitting a 30-year high of 10.40% as reported in March 2023. Low unemployment levels and the consumer's preference to spend on services supported this outlook. However, it is feasible the rapid pace of base rate rises (currently 5.25% in the UK) will result in access to cheap credit becoming more difficult for households and enterprises alike in the coming months, especially as loan terms end and are re-priced at higher levels.

Sentiment towards the UK stock market, and smaller companies in particular, remains muted and the government and professional bodies are becoming increasingly vocal regarding potential reforms to the pension system to increase domestic ownership of UK assets. These proposals combined with amendments to the UK stock market listing rules aim to make the UK a more attractive venue for investing. A recent speech by the Chancellor outlined a series of measures and reforms, including for defined contribution pension funds to allocate 5% of their funds to privately owned companies by 2030. We understand that these unlisted companies include those traded on the FTSE Alternative Investment Market ('AIM') where the prices of many of the fund's investments are quoted. We eagerly await future announcements and consultations but in the interim note that UK Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates have been revised up by the IMF. In addition, many companies have reported better earnings than expected, which could lead to an influx of international capital into the UK market which is now one of the cheapest globally.

Fund performance and activity

Smaller companies have had a particularly challenging period, as they dealt with multiple issues: rising inflation and interest rates, supply chain constraints, labour shortages and lower consumer demand. Smaller companies often do not have diversified businesses and hence can be more sensitive to the slowing of the economy. The fund has been hit particularly hard because it has greater exposure to growing companies which tend to have higher valuations because of their forecast future profits. Rising interest rates reduce the value of a company's future profits so the shares of many of these growth companies have dropped sharply. The fund has higher exposure compared to the benchmark to technology companies, which have fallen out of favour. However, the reality is that most of the companies in the portfolio are continuing to trade strongly, and we believe they have very strong long-term growth prospects. In the past when the fund has experienced negative periods of performance, it has bounced back with strong performance in subsequent years.

The biggest winners during the period included Kooth (more detail below), IQGEO, Global Ports, McBride, NIOX, Ashtead Technology, NFT Investments, React, Ten Lifestyle and hVIVO. The largest losers during the period included Xeros Technology (more detail below), WH Ireland, Jadestone Energy, Dianomi, Rosslyn Data Technologies, Engage XR, Crossword Cybersecurity, Totally, TPXImpact and Seeen.

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Kooth, the provider of digital mental health services, rose 172% in the period. Whilst the company continues to execute well in the UK, investors were particularly interested in expansion opportunities in the United States. The shares rose significantly in June 2023 following the signing of a \$188m four-year contract with the State of California, leading to a significant upward revision to forecasts. The company subsequently raised c.£10m to help execute this contract. Additionally, the company announced positive outcomes from their new launch programme in the State of Pennsylvania. If Kooth successfully executes against these opportunities, there is scope for further US expansion, which could lead to them becoming a materially bigger business.

Xeros Technology, the water filtration technology company, fell 90% in the period. Despite a handful of positive announcements regarding agreements with washing machine component manufacturers and distributors, the company's finances came under pressure as commercial revenues took longer than expected to materialise. The company subsequently issued more shares, raising just over £6m, and recruited a new CEO to focus on commercial efforts, which appears to be working. Xeros has innovative technology that can facilitate the reduction of microplastic and microfibre pollution entering the environment and therefore we believe there is inherent value in the company's intellectual property, although mass commercialisation is pivotal.

Market outlook and fund strategy

It has been another difficult period, with UK assets being indiscriminately shunned by investors, particularly the smallest quoted companies. Despite the ongoing macroeconomic turbulence, there are areas of positivity, with select companies continuing to win new contracts and gaining market share. Interestingly, the number of companies looking to raise capital has significantly increased recently, with companies taking advantage of their strong market position and potential to grow whether it be by acquiring competitors or investing in organic growth initiatives. There are, however, inevitably those businesses that are raising money to maintain their ongoing operations. We remain supportive of companies that have favourable medium- to long-term prospects and aim to take advantage where share prices do not reflect a company's fair price.

As growth orientated investors, it would be remiss of us not to mention the buzzword of the past few months: AI (artificial intelligence). The month of May saw a flurry of AI news from leading players within the technology industry and many companies' (small and large) share prices moved substantially in response. It is too early to determine the successful companies from AI but, given the diversified nature of the fund, we believe we have a handful of stocks that have the potential to benefit from AI over the coming years.

To conclude, the difference in value between small and medium sized companies is near record levels versus the largest companies, not to mention UK shares being especially cheap relative to other regions. This has led to the re-emergence of takeover activity from international businesses, as evidenced with a core holding, Instem, being bid for by a US based private equity firm post the end of the year under review. As we look towards 2024, it is hoped trading with companies listed on the stock market increases, possibly spurred on by new supportive action by government and professional bodies, leading to additional investment in fundamentally cheap UK companies.

* Benchmark - Comparator for performance purposes

** Equity – Shares of ownership in a company.

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Distributions (pence per share)

	Year 2023	<u>Year 2022</u>	Year 2021	<u>Year 2020</u>
A Accumulation				
Net accumulation paid 31 March	-	-	-	-
Net accumulation paid 30 September	-	-	-	-
P Accumulation				
Net accumulation paid 31 March	0.1437	-	-	-
Net accumulation paid 30 September	0.1119	-	-	-

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Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£)</u>
H&T Group IG Design Group Ashtead Technology Holdings Saietta Group Redcentric IQE Gresham Technologies Avation Inspecs Group ActiveOps	1,597,703 1,552,324 1,439,178 1,430,233 1,231,836 1,065,152 905,731 903,782 824,157 776,088
Other purchases	19,914,943
Total purchases for the year	31,641,127
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
IQGeo Group Sureserve Group Alpha Group International Moxico Resources Andrada Mining Cerillion ATTRAQT Group Volex K3 Capital Group Horizonte Minerals	5,305,923 3,325,697 3,035,523 2,263,221 2,214,173 2,143,972 2,106,044 1,892,580 1,891,040 1,699,062
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COMPARATIVE TABLE

A Accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2023 pence	Year to 31.07.2022 pence	Year to 31.07.2021 pence
Opening net asset value per share	211.28	279.21	166.25
Return before operating charges*	(11.07)	(63.87)	116.64
Operating charges	(2.67)	(4.06)	(3.68)
Return after operating charges*	(13.74)	(67.93)	112.96
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	197.54 ^D	211.28	279.21
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.18	0.17	0.24
Performance			
Return after charges ^A	(6.50)%	(24.33)%	67.95%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	_C	25,065,803	34,831,740
Closing number of shares	_ ^C	11,863,768	12,474,902
Operating charges	1.57% ^B	1.56% ^B	1.56% ^B
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.07%	0.10%
Prices (pence per share)			
Highest share price	215.81	297.58	293.57
Lowest share price	187.42	205.55	165.50
P Accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2023	31.07.2022	31.07.2021
	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	225.91	296.21	175.09
Return before operating charges*	(15.00)	(68.05)	123.16
Operating charges	(1.77)	(2.25)	(2.04)
Return after operating charges*	(16.77)	(70.30)	121.12
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.26)	-	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.26	225.91	296.21
Closing net asset value per share	209.14	225.91	290.21
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.19	0.19	0.25
Performance			
Return after charges ^A	(7.42)%	(23.73)%	69.18%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	168,671,116	183,131,853	315,583,278
Closing number of shares	80,650,923	81,064,828	106,539,742
Operating charges	0.82% ^B	0.81% ^B	0.81% ^B
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.07%	0.10%
Prices (pence per share)			
Highest share price	230.62	315.80	310.74
Lowest share price	200.54	219.52	174.18

^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices

^B From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

^C On 31 May 2023 the A share class was converted to the P share class and the A share class was closed.

^C Closing net asset value and closing number of shares as at 31 May 2023.

^D Closing net asset value per share is based on the last available quoted price.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the year and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (all share classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk
Typically lower rew	ards				Туріс	ally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 6 because its investments have experienced high volatility in the past. During the year the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

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Holding or ominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (31 July 2022 - 1.50%)	£	%
550.000	Mpac Group	1,254,000	0.7
4,000,000		1,144,000	0.6
	Somero Enterprises	640,000	0.3
25,000		44,375	0.0
	Xeros Technology Group	389,245	0.2
,- ,	Total Industrial Engineering	3,471,620	2.0
	INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS (31 July 2022 - Nil)		
15,000,000	Haydale Graphene Industries	157,500	0.0
	Total Industrial Materials	157,500	0.0
	INDUSTRIAL METALS AND MINING (31 July 2022 - 5.06%)		
	Andrada Mining	4,670,364	2.7
	Horizonte Minerals	1,884,000	1.1
	Phoenix Copper	900,000	0.5
620,000		477,400	0.2
	Total Industrial Metals and Mining	7,931,764	4.7
1 000 000	INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (31 July 2022 - 6.82%)	E4 000	0.0
	eEnergy Group	54,000	0.0
	Equals Group	297,000	0.1
	Frontier IP Group	1,440,000	0.8 1.7
1,643,500	Keystone Law Group	2,892,560 42,000	0.0
	Marlowe	1,385,000	0.0
	Mind Gym	645,000	0.3
	REACT Group	1,400,000	0.0
	Science Group	48,000	0.0
	Trifast	48,000	0.0
	Water Intelligence	1,995,294	1.1
400,410	Total Industrial Support Services	10,241,354	6.0
	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION (31 July 2022 - 0.23%)		
750,000		765,000	0.4
	Facilities by ADF	337,550	0.2
	Fisher (James) & Sons	564,091	0.3
	Global Ports Holding	426,000	0.2
	Total Industrial Transportation	2,092,641	1.2
	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (31 July	2022 - 7.23%)	
	Alpha Group International	3,146,000	1.8
	Argentex Group	601,125	0.3
	DSW Capital	525,525	0.3
	Impax Asset Management Group	558,000	0.3
2,919,000		2,422,770	1.4
	RiverFort Global Opportunities	360,000	0.2
1,706,626		648,518	0.3
	TMT Investments	1,701,568	1.0
	Volvere	769,649	0.4
3,743,000	WH Ireland Group	262,010	0.1
	Total Investment Banking and Brokerage Services	10,995,165	6.5
007.004	MEDIA (31 July 2022 - 7.18%)	070 050	
	Dianomi	376,650	0.2
	Digitalbox	183,000	0.1
6,000,000		2,760,000	1.6
	Everyman Media Group	802,200	0.4
290.000	LBG Media	226,200	0.1
	National World	518,000	0.3

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Holding or ominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	MEDIA (continued)	£	70
31 193 730) One Media iP Group	1,403,718	0.83
	Time Out Group	279,232	0.17
	B Zinc Media Group	1,696,933	1.01
1,020,000	Total Media	8,245,933	4.90
		-, -,	
	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (31 July 2022 - 2.25%)		
	Creo Medical Group	660,348	0.39
	Inspiration Healthcare Group	935,000	0.55
	Kromek Group	1,037,669	0.62
3,000,000	NIOX Group	2,016,000	1.20
	Total Medical Equipment and Services	4,649,017	2.76
	OIL, GAS AND COAL (31 July 2022 - 2.36%)		
450.000	Ashtead Technology Holdings	1,759,500	1.04
	Deltic Energy	597,750	0.35
	i i S Energy	40,260	0.02
	2 Jadestone Energy	598,889	0.36
	Longboat Energy 'Reg S'	640,000	0.38
16,400,000	Vestmount Energy Total Oil, Gas and Coal	<u>328,000</u> 3,964,399	0.19
		0,004,000	2.04
	OPEN END AND MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENT VEHICLES (31 Ju		
625,000		10,000	0.01
2,250,000	TMT Acquisition	382,500	0.23
	Total Open End and Miscellaneous Investment Vehicles	392,500	0.24
	PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (31 July 2022 -	0 11%)	
1 500 000	G Design Group	1,890,000	1.12
	McBride	168,129	0.10
470,000	Total Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores	2,058,129	1.22
	PERSONAL GOODS (31 July 2022 -Nil)		
	Inspecs Group	1,718,750	1.02
628,173	Superdry	471,758	0.28
	Total Personal Goods	2,190,508	1.30
	PHARMACEUTICALS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (31 July 2022 - 0.79%	.)	
6.500.000	Agronomics	650,000	0.39
	Bioventix	56,250	0.03
.,	Total Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	706,250	0.42
	PRECIOUS METALS AND MINING (31 July 2022 - 3.09%)	4 000 000	0.05
	Jubilee Metals Group	1,606,000	0.95
9,000,000) Jubilee Metals Group) Pan African Resources	1,245,600	0.74
9,000,000) Jubilee Metals Group Pan African Resources 9 Shanta Gold	1,245,600 1,494,546	0.74 0.89
9,000,000) Jubilee Metals Group) Pan African Resources	1,245,600	0.74
9,000,000	Jubilee Metals Group Pan African Resources Shanta Gold Total Precious Metals and Mining	1,245,600 1,494,546 4,346,146	0.74 0.89
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Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES (31 July 2022 - 26.98%)		
4,000,000		2,000,000	1.19
	Access Intelligence	1,218,000	0.72
	accesso Technology Group	2,256,000	1.34
	ActiveOps	2,009,280	1.20
100,000	•	190,000	0.11
	Beeks Financial Cloud Group	1,751,000	1.04
225.000		2,880,000	1.71
-)	Crimson Tide	920,000	0.55
	Crossword Cybersecurity	248,381	0.15
	D4t4 Solutions	1,480,000	0.88
	Eagle Eye Solutions Group	2,700,000	1.60
1,808,906		578,850	0.34
3,500,000		2,310,000	1.37
	GRC International Group	675,000	0.40
	Gresham Technologies	757,502	0.45
1,543,207		1,774,688	1.05
280,000	-	1,680,000	1.00
	Intercede Group	673,321	0.40
	IQGeo Group	4,519,430	2.68
	K3 Business Technology Group	1,006,500	0.60
1,126,347		3,874,634	2.30
	Made Tech Group	60,837	0.04
	•	360,000	0.04
	Microlise Group		
65,000		58,500	0.03
	NFT Investments	330,000	0.20
	Oxford Metrics	2,576,807	1.53
3,600,000		1,800,000	1.07
	Redcentric	1,255,000	0.74
	Rosslyn Data Technologies	90,000	0.05
4,600,000		115,000	0.07
	Sopheon	2,493,338	1.48
2,862,695		801,555	0.48
	TPXimpact Holdings	296,000	0.18
	Vianet Group	731,500	0.43
	VR Education Holdings	753,638	0.45
	Windward	400,000	0.24
	ZOO Digital Group	1,470,000	0.87
	Total Software and Computer Services	49,094,761	29.15
	TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT (31 July 2022 - 1.70%)		
	Concurrent Technologies	2,485,000	1.47
	Gooch & Housego	344,400	0.20
5,325,760		1,042,784	0.62
	Total Technology Hardware and Equipment	3,872,184	2.29
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (31 July 2022 - 2.42%)		
	BATM Advanced Communications	622,500	0.37
23,000,000		3,910,000	2.32
	MTI Wireless Edge	787,500	0.47
	Total Telecommunications Equipment	5,320,000	3.16
	TRAVEL AND LEISURE (31 July 2022 - 4.62%)		
293,000	Cake Box Holdings	480,520	0.28
9,000,000	DP Poland	648,000	0.38
5,752,000	Gaming Realms	1,852,144	1.10
116,805,161		81,764	0.05
4,900,000	•	441,000	0.26
24,193,663		411,292	0.24
	Ten Lifestyle Group	2,610,000	1.55
	The City Pub Group	744,000	0.44
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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 July 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	TRAVEL AND LEISURE (continued)		
600,000	The Gym Group	628,800	0.37
875,000	Tortilla Mexican Grill	708,750	0.42
1,645,133	Various Eateries	427,735	0.25
	Total Travel and Leisure	9,034,005	5.34
	WASTE AND DISPOSAL SERVICES (31 July 2022 - Nil)		
338,889	Franchise Brands	450,722	0.27
	Total Waste and Disposal Services	450,722	0.27
	OVERSEAS SECURITIES (31 July 2022 - 1.32%)		
199,111	HealthBeacon	309,148	0.18
	Total Overseas Securities	309,148	0.18
	UNQUOTED SECURITIES (31 July 2022 - 3.11%)		
3,356,366	Albert Technologies ^A	-	-
	Crawshaw Group ^B	-	-
	Gable Holdings ^B	-	-
58,791,414	GFINITY Warrants (£0.00225) 07.09.24 ^C	-	-
100,558	Gusbourne Warrants (£0.75) 16.12.23 ^D	-	-
	HaloSource 'Reg S' ^E	-	-
	Haydale Graphene Industries Warrants (£0.02) 14.09.23	-	-
700,000		141,400	0.08
	Infinity Reliance ^C	249,980	0.15
	Moxico Resources ^C	751,500	0.45
	One Media iP Group Warrants (£0.06) 25.09.25	-	-
	SCA Investments ^C	664,740	0.39
	SCA Investments 'M' ^C	118,102	0.07
	Trackwise Designs ^E	8,409	-
9,489,983	Xeros Technology Group Warrants (£0.05) 21.04.24		-
	Total Unquoted Securities	1,934,131	1.14
	Portfolio of investments	161,243,884	95.60
	Net other assets	7,427,232	4.40
	Total net assets	168,671,116	100.00

^A These shares have been delisted and are valued at zero, based on the latest information received.

^B These shares are valued at zero, as the companies are in liquidation with no expected return.

^C These shares are unlisted and are being valued using the latest information received.

^D These shares are unlisted and are valued at zero, based on the latest information received.

^E These shares are valued at zero, as the companies are being wound up with no expected return.

^F These shares are suspended and are valued using the latest information received until a resumption in trading or more information is released. All holdings of warrants have been valued at the exercise price less the price of the underlying ordinary shares.

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Assets:			
Fixed Assets:			
Investments	15	161,243,884	194,477,105
Current Assets:			
Debtors	8	690,826	270,164
Cash and bank balances		7,413,406	14,223,562
Total assets		169,348,116	208,970,831
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts		-	311,132
Other creditors	9	677,000	462,043
Total liabilities		677,000	773,175
Net assets attributable to sharehold	ders	168,671,116	208,197,656

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 31 July 2023

	Notes	31 July	2023	31 July	2022
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Net capital losses	2		(15,160,017)		(67,411,332)
Revenue	4	1,758,967		1,469,736	
Expenses	5	(1,649,471)		(2,468,757)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation		109,496		(999,021)	
Taxation	6 _	(28,293)		(22,585)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation			81,203	-	(1,021,606)
Total return before distributions			(15,078,814)		(68,432,938)
Distributions	7		(153,219)		44,350
Change in net assets attributable to shareho from investment activities	lders		(15,232,033)		(68,388,588)

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 31 July 2023

	31 July 2023		31 July 2023 31 July 20		July 2022	
	£	£	£	£		
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		208,197,656		351,164,297		
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares Amounts payable on share class conversions	2,428,699 (27,248,442) (49,806)	(24,869,549)	6,399,659 (81,857,004) (858)	(75,458,203)		
Dilution adjustment		374,060		880,150		
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(15,232,033)		(68,388,588)		
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		200,982		-		
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		168,671,116		208,197,656		

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for the year ended 31 July 2023

1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

Net capital losses(15,160)3 PURCHASES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS31 July 202Purchases excluding transaction costs: Equities22,226In specie transfer Corporate actions9,34831,57431,574Equities:Commissions	- (25,614) (5,733) (10,598)
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•	
•	7,383 18,023
Taxes and other charges 28	6,359 6,359
Total purchases transaction costs 66	6,242 24,382
Purchases including transaction costs 31,641	,127 26,475,073
Purchase transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:	
	0.15%
•	0.13% 0.05%
Sales excluding transaction costs:	
Equities 42,340	0,032 86,785,935
Corporate actions 7,483	3,856 15,180,735
49,823	
Equities: Commissions (102	2,494) (163,216)
Taxes and other charges	(329) (677)
Total sales transaction costs (102	2,823) (163,893)
Sales net of transaction costs 49,721	,065 101,802,777
Sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:	
Equities: Commissions C	0.24% 0.19%
	0.00% 0.00%
Total purchases and sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the	
average net asset value over the year: Commissions	0.07% 0.07%
	0.00% 0.000/
	0.02% 0.09% 0.00%

No significant in-specie transfers were identified in the year (2022: nil).

Transaction costs are commissions paid to agents, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

Transaction handling charges

These are charges payable to the depositary in respect of each transaction:

£6,733

£10,598

Average portfolio dealing spread

This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date	4.46%	4.38%

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4 REVENUE	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
UK dividends	1,360,256	1,219,784
Overseas dividends	193,635	240,384
Bank interest	205,076	9,568
Total revenue	1,758,967	1,469,736
5 EXPENSES	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Payable to the ACD or associate:	~	~
ACD's periodic charge	1,556,951	2,355,883
Registration fees	3,457	3,229
Ĵ	1,560,408	2,359,112
Other expenses:		
Depositary's fees	67,750	87,316
Safe Custody fees	9,683	14,825
Financial Conduct Authority fee	(29)	124
Audit fee	11,659	7,380
	89,063	109,645
Total expenses	1,649,471	2,468,757
6 TAXATION	31 July 2023	31 July 2022
	£	£
a Analysis of the tax charge for the year		
Overseas tax	28,293	22,585
Total tax charge (see note 6(b))	28,293	22,585

b Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The taxation assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below.

Net expense before taxation	109,496	(999,021)
Corporation tax at 20% (2022: 20%)	21,899	(199,804)
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(310,778)	(292,034)
Unrelieved excess management expenses	288,879	491,838
Overseas tax	28,293	22,585
Total tax charge (see note 6(a))	28,293	22,585

At 31 July 2023 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of £2,970,182 (2022: £2,681,302) arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

7 DISTRIBUTIONS	31 July 2023	31 July 2022
The distributions take account of revenue deducted on the issue of shares and read and comprise:	£ evenue received on the ca	£ ancellation of shares,

Interim Final	110,717 90,265	-
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	3,655	(51,107)
Amounts added on issue of shares	(1,612)	7,615
Equalisation on conversions	(49,806)	(858)
Distributions	153,219	(44,350)
Net deficit of revenue for the year	(72,016)	(977,256)
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation for the year	81,203	(1,021,606)

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8 DEBTORS	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	-	6,262
Sales awaiting settlement	467,415	114,801
Dilution adjustment	-	6,026
Accrued income	223,332	143,075
Currency Receivables	79	-
Total debtors	690,826	270,164
9 OTHER CREDITORS	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	508,887	245,639
Purchases awaiting settlement	27,877	35,583
Manager's periodic charge and registration fees	110,463	151,027
Accrued expenses	29,773	29,794
Total other creditors	677,000	462,043

10 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 July 2023 (2022: nil).

11 RELATED PARTIES

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders and note 7. Amounts due to/from the ACD in respect of share transactions at the period end are disclosed in notes 8 and 9. Amounts paid to the ACD or associates in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and other fees are disclosed in note 5. Amounts due to the ACD at the year end are £619,350 (2022: £390,404).

In addition to the above, some shares in the sub-fund are owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or directors of UFC Fund Management plc, the ultimate parent company of Investment Fund Services Limited, as set out below.

	31 July 2023	31 July 2022
Proportion of shares owned by directors of Investment Fund Services Limited or UFC Fund Management plc	0.38%	0.39%
12 SHARE CLASSES The share classes in issue for the sub-fund and the annual management charge for ea	ich share class is as fo	llows:

A Accumulation ^A	1.50%
P Accumulation	0.75%

^A On 31 May 2023 the A share class was converted to the P share class and the A share class was closed.

13 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS RECONCILIATION

During the year the ACD has issued, cancelled and converted shares from one share class to another as set out below:

	A Accumulation	P Accumulation
Opening shares in issue at 1 August 2022	11,863,768	81,064,828
Share issues	74,217	1,056,083
Share cancellations	(1,174,867)	(11,484,427)
Share conversions	(10,763,118)	10,014,439
Closing shares in issue at 31 July 2023		80,650,923

14 RISK DISCLOSURES

Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £8,062,194 (2022: £9,723,855). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

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RISK DISCLOSURES

Foreign currency risk

At the year end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2023	Investments £	Net other assets £	Total £
Euro	- 309,148		- 309,148
US Dollar	1,701,568	19,574	1,721,142
	2,010,716	19,574	2,030,290
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2022	Investments	Net other assets	Total
	£	£	£
Euro	451,907	-	451,907
US Dollar	2,292,764	31,722	2,324,486
	2,744,671	31,722	2,776,393

Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £101,515 (2022: £138,820). A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

Interest rate risk	31 July 2023 ج	31 July 2022 ج
The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities consists of the following	~ :	~
Financial assets floating rate	7,413,406	14,223,562
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments Financial liabilities floating rate	161,934,710	194,747,269 (311,132)
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(677,000)	(462,043)
	168,671,116	208,197,656

As most of the sub-fund's financial assets are non-interest bearing, an interest rate sensitivity analysis has not been included.

Liquidity risk	31 July 2023 £	31 July 2022 £
The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:		~
On demand: Bank overdrafts	-	311,132
Within one year: Other creditors	677,000	462,043

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15 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

	31 July 2023		31 July	/ 2022
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	159,309,753	-	188,000,972	-
Level 2 - Observable market data	-	-	-	-
Level 3 - Unobservable data	1,934,131	-	6,476,133	-
-	161,243,884	-	194,477,105	-

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the Fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 - Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

16 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 July 2023, the Net Asset Value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value per share (pence)		
	31 July 2023 ^A 18 December 2023 Movement (%)		
P Accumulation	208.57	198.11	(5.02)%

^A These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

DISTRIBUTION TABLE

Interim distribution for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 August 2022

		Net revenue 31 January 2023 pence per share	Equalisation 31 January 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 31 March 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 31 March 2022 pence per share
A Accumulation	Group 1 Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Accumulation	Group 1 Group 2	0.1437 0.0173	- 0.1264	0.1437 0.1437	-

Final distribution for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 July 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2023

		Net revenue 31 July 2023 pence per share	Equalisation 31 July 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 30 September 2023 pence per share	Distribution paid 30 September 2022 pence per share
A Accumulation	Group 1 Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Accumulation	Group 1 Group 2	0.1119 0.1025	- 0.0094	0.1119 0.1119	-

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