

Marlborough High Yield Fixed Interest Fund

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the six month period ended 30th June 2017



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AUTHORISED INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 June 2017

Percentage change and sector position to 30 June 2017

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	3 years	<u>5 years</u>	Since launch*
Marlborough High Yield Fixed Interest Fund	5.16%	12.30%	15.66%	49.96%	100.75%
Quartile Ranking**	1	1	1	1	2

^{*} launched 8 November 2004

Class P units first priced on 2 January 2013. In the period to that date, the past performance information for the Class A units has been used.

Market Review

2017 has started strongly in Europe. Better than expected economic data has been a key driver of spread tightening, whilst political tail risks have gradually turned into tailwinds. The Dutch election in March passed without the far right Freedom Party winning anywhere near as many votes as expected. Even more importantly, the French election outcome was a market-friendly one as Macron's En Marche party won and Le Pen's Front National fared worse than predicted. Macron also won a majority in Parliament which should help him implement much needed reform in the country. The snap election in the UK in June delivered another unexpected outcome resulting in the Conservative party losing their majority but remaining in power. Although this will likely cause increased uncertainty in the UK it will likely force a "softer" Brexit as the UK's negotiating position has undoubtedly weakened. Some are perceiving this to be a positive for mainland Europe. Either way, we are at the beginning of a long journey with regards to Brexit and the situation remains highly opaque to the market. We did see sterling denominated high yield slightly underperform euro denominated bonds later in the period but we continue to find interesting opportunities and cheaper valuations in that part of the market.

Portfolio Review

The Fund performed well in the period, benefitting from a lack of exposure to the three companies that defaulted in the market as well as a carry advantage. The income advantage comes from an overweight to Bs over BBs as well as sterling denominated bonds which command a higher yield over euro denominated bonds. The strongest contributors to performance were Obrascon, Matalan, and Valeant all of which rebounded from stressed prices. Valeant and Obrascon are implementing asset sales, which they are using to pay down debt whilst the distribution problems that hurt Matalan so much in 2015 appear to be behind them.

Outlook

The first half of the year generated a slightly stronger return than we expected and for that reason we are guiding that the majority of return for the next six months will come from income rather than capital. It will be interesting to see what the inflation data brings and how government bonds will perform after a difficult period at the end of June. We continue to believe that government bond markets will be more volatile than high yield markets and continue to advocate a shorter duration strategy for that reason. Later in the year, the market will begin to focus more on the Italian election, which is expected to be called in early 2018. Positively, the banking system in that region has been stabilised and support for the populist Five Star Movement appears to be losing steam.

Steven Logan / Ben Pakenham 24 July 2017

Distributions (pence per unit)

	<u>Year 2017</u>	Year 2016	Year 2015	Year 2014
Class A Income				
Net income paid last day of February	0.781862	0.851886	0.972115	1.131053
Net income paid 31 May	1.057297	0.878642	0.816853	1.002910
Net income paid 31 August	0.953254	0.863459	0.888672	1.027689
Net income paid 30 November		0.839006	0.849448	0.919332
Class B Income				
Net income paid last day of February	0.842579	0.907658	1.022340	1.212809
Net income paid 31 May	1.115241	0.929795	0.912768	1.081334
Net income paid 31 August	1.010799	0.892324	0.946177	1.090598
Net income paid 30 November		1.126662	0.920795	0.974688
Class P Income				
Net income paid last day of February	0.852007	0.931176	1.061046	1.236083
Net income paid 31 May	1.144759	0.957948	0.894842	1.089054
Net income paid 31 August	1.041431	0.904946	0.969933	1.122921
Net income paid 30 November		0.912367	0.931952	1.003103

^{**} Based on ranking within The Investment Association £ High Yield sector

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class P - bid to bid, net income reinvested)

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Material Portfolio Changes

Major Purchases	Cost (£)	Major Sales	Proceeds (£)
TalkTalk Telecom Group 5.375% 15.01.22	891,380	Assicurazioni Generali 6.416% Perp	784,688
Stonegate Pub Co Financing 4.875%	770,720	Kloeckner Pentaplast of Amer 7.125%	767,133
AMC Entertainment Holdings 6.375%	716,700	ALBA Group 8% 15.05.18	763,553
PGH Capital 4.125% 20.07.22	655,717	Elli Finance UK 8.75% 15.06.19	749,063
Altice Luxembourg 7.25% 15.05.22	646,030	Senvion Holding 6.625% 15.11.20	732,528
KBC Group 5.625% Perp	607,900	Albea Beauty Holdings 8.75% 01.11.19	683,736
Nemean BondCo 7.375% 01.02.24	597,539	PGH Capital 5.75% 07.07.21	679,096
Senvion Holding 3.875% 25.10.22	568,604	Stonegate Pub Co Financing 5.75%	659,347
Trionista TopCo 6.875% 30.04.21	546,822	Oberthur Technologies Group 9.25%	638,068
Vue International Bidco 7.875% 15.07.20	515,645	Boparan Finance 5.25% 15.07.19	593,050
Lloyds Banking Group 7% Perp	505,500	William Hill 4.875% 07.09.23	557,688
Amigo Luxembourg 7.625% 15.01.24	482,050	PortAventura Ent Barcelona 7.25% 01.12.20	548,733
UPC Holding 6.75% 15.03.23	453,449	Moto Finance 6.375% 01.09.20	540,705
SFR Group 5.375% 15.05.22	452,155	International Personal Finance 5.75%	533,698
Virgin Media Finance 7% 15.04.23	433,800	Ladbrokes Group Finance 5.125% 08.09.23	515,535
Avis Budget Finance 4.5% 15.05.25	425,095	Voyage Care Bondco 6.5% 01.08.18	480,686
Selecta Group 6.5% 15.06.20	424,129	TalkTalk Telecom Group 5.375% 15.01.22	464,175
Moto Finance 4.5% 01.10.22	414,000	Virgin Media Secured Finance 6% 15.04.21	458,825
Voyage Care Bondco 5.875% 01.05.23	382,000	Medi-Partenaires 7% 15.05.20	445,631
La Financière Atalian 4% 15.05.24	380,564	Électricité de France 4.25% Perp	441,844
Other purchases	9,231,277	Other sales	5,125,023
Total purchases for the period	20,101,076	Total sales for the period	17,162,805

AUTHORISED STATUS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Authorised Status

The Fund is an authorised unit trust scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is a UCITS scheme under the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) as issued by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Nature and Objectives of the Fund

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide a high level of income with the opportunity for some long-term capital growth.

The Fund will be invested in a portfolio largely comprising fixed and variable rate and index related securities issued by corporates, government, supranational institutions and local and regional agencies, both in the UK and internationally, as well as other securities deemed to be appropriate by the manager. At times it may be appropriate for the Fund not to be fully invested but to hold cash and near cash. The Fund is permitted to invest in derivatives and forward transactions for the purposes of hedging only.

Rights and Terms attaching to each Unit Class

Each unit of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of the Fund. The allocation of income and taxation and the rights of each unit in the event the Fund is wound up are on the same proportional basis.

Change in Prospectus

No changes have been made since the last report.

Up to date key investor information documents, prospectus and manager's reports and accounts for any fund within the manager's range, can be requested by the investor at any time.

DIRECTORS' 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
JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR

G R HITCHIN INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

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MARLBOROUGH FUND MANAGERS LTD

10 August 2017

FUND INFORMATION

Price and distribution record

Income units were first offered at 100p on 8 November 2004. On 31 December 2012 the units were reclassified as Class A units and Class B and P units became available for purchase.

Financial year to	Highest price	Lowest price	Net income per unit
Class A Income			
31 December 2014	82.46p	72.61p	3.922046p
31 December 2015	79.66p	71.87p	3.406859p
31 December 2016	79.20p	69.49p	3.362969p
31 December 2017*	80.93p	73.66p	2.010551p
Class B Income	•	•	
31 December 2014	82.63p	73.16p	4.168960p
31 December 2015	80.03p	72.38p	3.687398p
31 December 2016	79.79p	70.08p	3.791360p
31 December 2017*	81.69p	74.41p	2.126040p
Class P Income			
31 December 2014	79.65p	73.52p	4.276124p
31 December 2015	77.18p	72.62p	3.727903p
31 December 2016	77.11p	70.36p	3.627268p
31 December 2017*	79.05p	74.79p	2.186190p
* six month period to 30 June 2017	•	·	·

Number of units in issue/Net asset value per unit

	Net asset value of	Number of	Net asset value
	scheme property	units in issue	per unit
Class A Income			
31 December 2014	£25,869,140	35,610,472	72.64p
31 December 2015	£17,896,103	24,891,501	71.90p
31 December 2016	£20,299,547	27,619,170	73.50p
30 June 2017	£24,761,877	32,970,700	75.10p
Class B Income			
31 December 2014	£393,297	538,602	73.02p
31 December 2015	£816,335	1,126,747	72.45p
31 December 2016	£203,986	274,729	74.25p
30 June 2017	£168,054	221,199	75.97p
Class P Income			
31 December 2014	£25,048,502	34,220,472	73.20p
31 December 2015	£29,922,151	41,149,175	72.72p
31 December 2016	£33,780,737	45,270,575	74.62p
30 June 2017	£37,320,241	48,853,337	76.39p

Ongoing charges

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class P</u>
31 December 2016	1.60%	1.10%	0.85%
31 June 2017	1.59%	1.09%	0.84%

The ongoing charge figure is based on expenses for the year. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

- Performance fees
- Portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment scheme.

FUND INFORMATION

Synthetic risk and reward indicator

Lower risk					Hi	gher risk		
Typically lower rewards				Тур	ically l	nigher	rewards	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

The risk and reward indicator above aims to provide you with an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the Fund. It is calculated based on the volatility of the Fund using weekly historic returns over the last five years. If five years data is not available for a fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

This Fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 June 2017

Holding or nominal value		Bid Value £	Percentage of total net assets
	STERLING (38.77%, Dec 2016 - 41.30%)	~	70
891 000	AMC Entertainment Holdings 6.375% 15.11.24	952,951	1.53
	Amigo Luxembourg 7.625% 15.01.24	486,592	0.78
	Annington Finance No.5 13% 15.01.23	834,525	1.34
	Ardagh Packaging Finance 4.75% 15.07.27	133,865	0.22
	Arrow Global Finance 5.125% 15.09.24	160,450	0.26
•	Barclays 7.875% Perp	215,744	0.35
•	BHP Billiton Finance 6.5% 22.10.77	382,141	0.61
•	Boparan Finance 5.5% 15.07.21	481,484	0.77
	BrightHouse Group 7.875% 15.05.18	372,922	0.60
	Cabot Financial Luxembourg 6.5% 01.04.21	175,115	0.28
	Cabot Financial Luxembourg 8.375% 01.08.20	315,477	0.51
	CPUK Finance 4.25% 28.08.22	239,628	0.38
	CYBG 5% 09.02.26	435,229	0.70
	CYBG 8% Perp	463,413	0.74
	·	298,943	
	Entertainment One 6.875% 15.12.22 Galaxy Bidco FRN 15.11.19	150,383	0.48 0.24
	•	-	1.11
	Galaxy Finco 7.875% 15.11.21	691,875 374,899	
	Garfunkelux Holdco 3 8.5% 01.11.22	•	0.60
	Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 5% 15.02.22	465,935	0.75 0.19
	Keystone Financing 9.5% 15.10.19	115,239	0.19
	Ladbrokes Group Finance 5.125% 08.09.23	335,998	1.36
	Lloyds Bank 13% Step-Up Perp	845,204 779,749	1.25
	Lloyds Banking Group 7% Perp	778,748	0.20
	Marlin Intermediate Holdings 10.5% 01.08.20	127,356	
	Matalan Finance 6.875% 01.06.19 Mizzen Bondco 7% 01.05.21	934,920	1.50 0.91
· ·	Moto Finance 4.5% 01.10.22	563,406 420,214	0.68
			0.08
	Moy Park BondCo 6.25% 29.05.21 Nationwide Building Society 6.875% Perp	586,217 205,806	0.33
	Nemean BondCo 7.375% 01.02.24	599,964	0.96
	New Look Secured Issuer 6.5% 01.07.22	73,576	0.90
	Ocado Group 4% 15.06.24	198,394	0.32
	Paragon Group of Companies 7.25% 09.09.26	198,383	0.32
	PGH Capital 4.125% 20.07.22	675,224	1.08
	PGH Capital 4:125 % 20:07:22	1,149,083	1.85
	PizzaExpress Financing 2 6.625% 01.08.21	149,064	0.24
	REA Finance 9.5% 31.12.17	390,769	0.63
	Saga 3.375% 12.05.24	336,291	0.54
	Société Générale FRN Perp	1,062,780	1.71
	Standard Chartered Bank 7.75% Perp	577,260	0.93
	Stonegate Pub Co Financing 4.875% 15.03.22	781,481	1.26
	TalkTalk Telecom Group 5.375% 15.01.22	463,869	0.75
	Telefónica Europe 6.75% Perp	442,180	0.73
	TES Finance 6.75% 15.07.20	236,438	0.38
	TES Finance FRN 15.07.20	137,906	0.22
	Tesco 6.125% 24.02.22	744,991	1.20
	Travis Perkins 4.5% 07.09.23	698,360	1.12
	TVL Finance 8.5% 15.05.23	408,006	0.66
	Virgin Media Finance 6.375% 15.10.24	257,887	0.41
	Virgin Media Finance 7% 15.04.23	426,312	0.68
	Virgin Media Secured Finance 5% 15.04.27	205,926	0.33
	Voyage Care Bondco 5.875% 01.05.23	399,117	0.64
302,000	10,490 July Bolluo 0.010/0 01.00.20	555,117	0.04

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as at 30 June 2017

Holding or nominal value		Bid Value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	%
100.000	STERLING (continued)	405.000	0.07
	Voyage Care Bondco 10% 01.11.23	165,600	0.27
	Vue International Bidco 7.875% 15.07.20	511,715	0.82
285,000	William Hill 4.875% 07.09.23	293,208 24,128,463	0.47 38.77
			30.11
	EURO (54.83%, Dec 2016 - 56.38%)		
292.000	Adient Global Holdings 3.5% 15.08.24	260,936	0.42
	Aldesa Financial Services 7.25% 01.04.21	130,781	0.21
	Alliance Automotive Finance 6.25% 01.12.21	248,861	0.40
180,000	Alliance Automotive Finance FRN 01.12.21	159,519	0.26
830,000	Alliance Data Systems 5.25% 15.11.23	777,650	1.25
340,000	Altice Luxembourg 6.25% 15.02.25	325,675	0.52
	Altice Luxembourg 7.25% 15.05.22	1,623,714	2.61
	ARD Finance 6.625% 15.09.23	895,798	1.44
	Ardagh Packaging Finance 6.75% 15.05.24	207,036	0.33
	Avis Budget Finance 4.5% 15.05.25	428,139	0.69
	Axalta Coating Systems 4.25% 15.08.24	93,611	0.15
	Barclays 6.5% Perp	454,694	0.73
•	BiSoho 5.875% 01.05.23	139,288	0.22
	Bormioli Rocco Holdings 10% 01.08.18	455,157	0.73
	Cirsa Funding Luxembourg 5.75% 15.05.21 Cirsa Funding Luxembourg 5.875% 15.05.23	93,142	0.15 0.29
	Codere Finance 2 (Luxembourg) 6.75% 01.11.21	178,119 403,462	0.65
	Colfax 3.25% 15.05.25	223,975	0.36
	Corral Petroleum Holdings 11.75% 15.05.21	483,492	0.78
	Cott 5.5% 01.07.24	440,644	0.71
	Crown European Holdings 3.375% 15.05.25	299,977	0.48
	DEA Finance 7.5% 15.10.22	484,874	0.78
	Dufry Finance 4.5% 01.08.23	336,664	0.54
	Dufry Finance 4.5% 15.07.22	159,060	0.26
200,000	Électricité de France 4.25% Perp	186,396	0.30
	Elis 3% 30.04.22	267,625	0.43
	Empark Funding FRN 15.12.19	88,194	0.14
	Fiat Chrysler Automobiles 3.75% 29.03.24	323,745	0.52
	Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe 4.75% 15.07.22	282,625	0.45
	Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe 4.75% 22.03.21	280,643	0.45
	Galapagos 5.375% 15.06.21	548,395	0.88
	Gamenet Group 6% 15.08.21	103,349	0.17
	HomeVi 6.875% 15.08.21	581,990	0.93
	HP Pelzer Holding 4.125% 01.04.24	340,388 364,631	0.55 0.59
	Impera Holdings 5.375% 15.09.22 INEOS Group Holdings 5.375% 01.08.24	311,872	0.59
	International Game Technology 4.75% 15.02.23	268,085	0.43
	InterXion Holding 6% 15.07.20	354,192	0.57
	Intralot Capital Luxembourg 6% 15.05.21	332,826	0.53
	Intralot Capital Luxembourg 6.75% 15.09.21	271,783	0.44
	KBC Group 5.625% Perp	634,223	1.02
	La Financière Atalian 4% 15.05.24	406,973	0.65
	LGE Holdco VI 7.125% 15.05.24	600,534	0.96
	Lincoln Finance 6.875% 15.04.21	918,760	1.48
330,000	Lion/Seneca France 2 7.875% 15.04.19	288,963	0.46
125,000	Loxam 4.25% 15.04.24	115,780	0.19
	Monitchem HoldCo 2 6.875% 15.06.22	175,384	0.28
300,000	Nassa Topco 2.875% 06.04.24	271,127	0.44

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 June 2017

Holding or nominal value		Bid Value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	EURO (continued)	~	/0
233.000	NewCo Sab MidCo 5.375% 15.04.25	215,307	0.35
	Nomad Foods Bondco 3.25% 15.05.24	245,626	0.39
	Novafives 4.5% 30.06.21	462,729	0.74
	Nuovo Transporto Viaggiatori FRN 01.06.23	283,304	0.46
	Obrascón Huarte Lain 4.75% 15.03.22	279,949	0.45
	Obrascón Huarte Lain 5.5% 15.03.23	642,879	1.03
	Onex Wizard Acquisition Co III 7.75% 15.02.23	327,359	0.53
	Paprec Holding 5.25% 01.04.22	357,923	0.57
	Paprec Holding 7.375% 01.04.23	105,703	0.17
	Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 14.01.25	376,725	0.61
	Picard Bondco 7.75% 01.02.20	201,755	0.32
	PrestigeBidCo 6.25% 15.12.23	363,092	0.58
	Safari Holding Verwaltungs 8.25% 15.02.21	483,756	0.78
	Sappi Papier Holding 3.375% 01.04.22	234,268	0.38
	Selecta Group 6.5% 15.06.20	628,500	1.01
	Senvion Holding 3.875% 25.10.22	601,983	0.97
	SES 4.625% Perp	164,037	0.26
	SFR Group 5.375% 15.05.22	458,012	0.74
	SFR Group 5.625% 15.05.24	802,191	1.29
	Silgan Holdings 3.25% 15.03.25	279,256	0.45
	Smurfit Kappa Acquisitions 2.375% 01.02.24	179,498	0.29
	Techem Energy Metering Service 7.875% 01.10.20	273,354	0.44
	Telenet Finance VI Luxembourg 4.875% 15.07.27	517,737	0.83
	THOM Europe 7.375% 15.07.19	192,849	0.31
	Thomas Cook Group 6.25% 15.06.22	244,721	0.39
	Trinseo Materials Operating 6.375% 01.05.22	304,090	0.49
	Trionista TopCo 6.875% 30.04.21	546,830	0.43
	United Group 7.875% 15.11.20	593,273	0.95
	Unitymedia Hessen 4.625% 15.02.26	619,004	0.99
	UPC Holding 6.75% 15.03.23	928,219	1.49
	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 4.5% 15.05.23	979,867	1.57
	WEPA Hygieneprodukte 3.75% 15.05.24	170,746	0.27
	Wind Acquisition Finance 7% 23.04.21	1,448,103	2.33
	WMG Acquisition 4.125% 01.11.24	214,141	0.34
	Worldpay Finance 3.75% 15.11.22	300,574	0.48
•	Ziggo Secured Finance 4.25% 15.01.27	530,726	0.45
	Zinc Capital 8.875% 15.05.18	954,344	1.53
1,000,000	Zinc Gapital 0.0737/0 13.03.10	34,135,181	54.83
		34,133,101	34.03
	UNLISTED/UNQUOTED (0.02%, Dec 2016 - 0.03%)		
132	Ceva Newco	15,247	0.02
	Hellas Telecommunications Luxembourg III 8.5% 15.10.13	0	0.00
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027,041	Sazka 9% 12 07 21		(11111)
	Sazka 9% 12.07.21	0 15 247	0.00
	Sazka 9% 12.07.21	15,247	0.00

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 June 2017

Holding or nominal value			Bid Value	Percentage of total net assets
		-	£	%
	Foreign Currency Hedges	Counterparty		
EU 10,636,000	Sell Euro for Sterling - 7 July 2017	BNP	(31,334)	(0.05)
EU 10,636,000	Sell Euro for Sterling - 7 July 2017	Citibank	(24,165)	(0.04)
EU 10,636,000	Sell Euro for Sterling - 7 July 2017	Goldman Sachs	(29,632)	(0.05)
EU 10,636,000	Sell Euro for Sterling - 7 July 2017	HSBC	(33,195)	(0.05)
	Net value of all derivative positions		(118,326)	(0.19)
	Portfolio of investments and derivative	positions	58,160,565	93.43
	Net current assets (excluding derivative	positions)	4,089,607	6.57
	Net assets		62,250,172	100.00

The investments of the Fund have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 20 June 2017. Fair value is normally the bid value of each security by reference to quoted prices from reputable sources; that is the market price. If the authorised fund manager believes that the quoted price is unreliable, or if no price exists, a valuation technique is used whereby fair value is the authorised fund manager's best estimate of a fair and reasonable value for that investment. The fair value excludes any element of accrued interest.

Hellas Telecom and Saska 9% are considered to be valueless by the fund manager.

Ceva Newco is being valued by the fund manager based on the best available company information received.

PORTFOLIO SPLIT BY INVESTMENT GRADE*	Bid Value £	Percentage of total net assets %
Investments of investment grade	2,783,708	4.47
Investments below investment grade:		
BB+	7,318,620	11.76
BB	4,757,353	7.64
BB-	5,511,823	8.85
B+	9,436,749	15.16
В	17,302,501	27.80
B-	5,597,454	8.99
CCC+	4,014,095	6.45
CCC	372,922	0.60
Unrated	1,183,666	1.90
Portfolio of stock investments	58,278,891	93.62
Net value of all derivative positions	(118,326)	(0.19)
Net current assets (excluding derivative positions)	4,089,607	6.57
Net assets	62,250,172	100.00

^{*}source Bloomberg

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTI	ONG

for the six month period ended 30 June 2017

£

Total purchases, including transaction charges

20,101,076 17,162,805

Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 June 2017

Closing net assets attributable to unitholders

	30 June 2017		30 June 2016	
	£	£	£	£
Income: Net capital gains/(losses) Revenue Expenses Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	1,837,841 (331,036) 1,506,805	1,398,304	1,658,823 (262,616) 1,396,207	(426,566)
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		1,506,805	-	1,396,207
Total return before distributions		2,905,109		969,641
Distributions		(1,660,451)		(1,517,863)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities	n	1,244,658	- -	(548,222)
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATT for the six month period ended 30 June 2017	RIBUTABLE TO U	INITHOLDERS		
	30 Jun		30 June	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders	*	54,284,270		48,634,589
Amounts receivable on issue of units Amounts payable on cancellation of units Amounts payable on unit class conversions	8,949,976 (2,228,757) 25	6,721,244	3,281,861 (2,701,526) (1,302)	579,033
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities	n	1,244,658		(548,222)

^{*} These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last final accounts.

62,250,172

48,665,400

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2017

	30 June 2017	31 December 2016	
	£	£	
Assets:			
Fixed Assets:			
Investments	58,278,891	53,045,876	
Current Assets:			
Debtors	1,476,359	990,512	
Cash and bank balances	3,681,779	1,683,644	
Total assets	63,437,029	55,720,032	
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities	118,326	322,262	
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	179,657	23,906	
Distribution payable	825,304	749,813	
Other creditors	63,570	339,781	
Total liabilities	1,186,857	1,435,762	
Net assets attributable to unitholders	62,250,172	54,284,270	

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six month period ended 30 June 2017

Basis for preparation

The interim financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS102 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Fund. 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.

Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and are described in those annual financial statements.

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