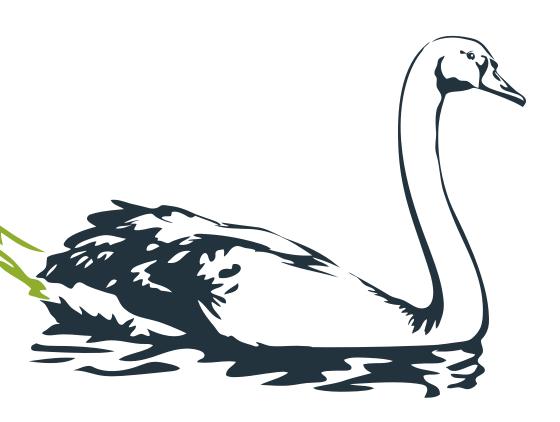


Annual Long Report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2017





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## Authorised Corporate Director's Report

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) of M&G Global Macro Bond Fund presents its Annual Long Report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2017.

Please note that we have included an explanation of key investment terminology in the 'Glossary' (at the back of this report).

### Company information

This Open-Ended Investment Company (OEIC) is an Investment Company with Variable Capital (ICVC) incorporated under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. It is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The Company is a UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued (and amended) by the FCA.

The Company was authorised on 26 January 2009 and the fund was launched on 1 May 2009.

The Company's principal activity is to carry on business as an OEIC.

A shareholder is not liable for the debts of the Company and will never be liable to make any further payment to the Company after paying the purchase price of the shares.

### Fund manager

Jim Leaviss is employed by M&G Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

### **ACD**

M&G Securities Limited,

Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0HH, UK

Telephone: 0800 390 390 (UK only)

(Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. M&G Securities Limited is a member of the Investment Association and of the Tax Incentivised Savings Association.)

### **Directors of the ACD**

W J Nott (Chief Executive),

G N Cotton, N M Donnelly\*, P R Jelfs, G W MacDowall, L J Mumford

\* Appointed 9 June 2017.

#### Investment manager

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### Depositary

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#### Independent auditor

Ernst & Young LLP Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh EH3 8EX, UK

### Important information

From 1 February 2017 the M&G Global Macro Bond Fund's prices for the sterling share classes are now calculated without income tax deducted.

Please note that with effect from 16 December 2016:

- we have discounted the initial charge to zero on all new investments into sterling share classes that currently carry such a charge.
- we have waived the exit charges on future withdrawals from all Sterling Class 'X' shares.

### Investor information

The Prospectus, Instrument of Incorporation, Key Investor Information Documents, the latest Annual or Interim Investment Report and Financial Statements as well as a list of purchases and sales are available free of charge on request from the following addresses. The Instrument of Incorporation can also be inspected at our offices or at the office of the Depositary.

### Customer services and administration for UK clients:

M&G Securities Limited,

PO Box 9039, Chelmsford CM99 2XG, UK

Please remember to quote your name and M&G client reference and sign any written communication to M&G. Failure to provide this will affect your ability to transact with us.

Telephone: 0800 390 390 (UK only)

For security purposes and to improve the quality of our service, we may record and monitor telephone calls. You will require your M&G client reference. Failure to provide this will affect your ability to transact with us.

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### Investor information

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### Swiss paying agent and representative:

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# Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) is required to prepare annual and interim long reports for the Company. The ACD must ensure that the financial statements, contained in the Long Report, for the fund are prepared in accordance with the Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds (SORP) and UK Financial Reporting Standards, and give a true and fair view of the net revenue or expenses and net capital gains or losses for the accounting period, and the financial position at the end of that period.

The ACD is required to keep proper accounting records, and to manage the Company in accordance with the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued (and amended) by the FCA, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus, and to take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

### Authorised Corporate Director's Report

### Investment objective

The fund's objective is to maximise long term total return (the combination of income and growth of capital).

### **Investment policy**

The fund invests mainly in debt instruments on a global basis which include, but are not limited to, variable rate securities, fixed interest securities, sovereign debt and corporate debt. The fund's exposure to debt instruments may be gained through the use of derivatives. The fund may also invest in other assets including collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and near cash, deposits, other transferable securities and derivatives.

### Investment approach

The M&G Global Macro Bond Fund is a flexible global bond fund. Its investment approach is driven primarily by the fund manager's views on macroeconomic factors such as economic growth, interest rates and inflation. This assessment determines the asset classes in which he believes the fund should invest in order to achieve its objective. It also influences the portfolio's mix of interest rate risk, credit risk and currency exposure, as well as the subsequent holdings. These factors drive the fund's long-term performance. With the active management of the fund's currency exposures being one of these drivers, its returns will include a higher degree of currency risk than domestic fixed income funds

## Risk profile

The fund is a flexible bond fund which invests in a range of fixed income securities from anywhere in the world and in any currency. The fund is therefore subject to the price volatility of global bond markets and fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

There are no restrictions on the amount of government bonds, investment grade bonds or high yield bonds that can be held within the portfolio. While government and investment grade bonds are generally highly liquid assets that are normally traded with relative ease, high yield corporate bonds are higher risk assets that could potentially experience a degree of illiquidity in times of market distress.

The fund's exposure to fixed income securities may be gained through the use of derivatives. In association with the use of derivatives, including those instruments not traded through an exchange, collateral is deposited, in order to mitigate the risk that a counterparty may default on its obligations or become insolvent.

Portfolio diversification is key in managing liquidity and default risks as well as reducing market risk. The fund's risks are measured and managed as an integral part of the investment process.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.



The above number:

- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the
  past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future
  risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

### Investment review

## As at 1 November 2017, for the year ended 31 October 2017

### Performance against objective

Between 1 November 2016 (the start of the review period) and 1 November 2017, the M&G Global Macro Bond Fund delivered mixed performances across the different share classes. The returns of the fund's sterling and euro unhedged share classes, for example, were dampened by a decline in value of the US dollar against the British pound and euro over this period. This effect on performance resulted from the fund maintaining a sizeable exposure to the US currency. However, the fund's US dollar unhedged share classes and hedged share classes recorded modestly positive or broadly flat returns. The returns of the fund's Swiss franc unhedged share classes were boosted by the US dollar's slight appreciation against the Swiss franc.

Over five years and since launch of the share class, the fund has achieved its objective of maximising long-term total return.\*

\* For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Fund performance' section of this report.

### Investment performance

The environment of strengthening global economic growth and inflation remained in focus in financial markets during the 12 months under review. In turn, investors also assessed the prospect of higher interest rates, as central banks weighed up policy changes to constrain firmer inflation trends. This was most evident in the US, where the Federal Reserve (Fed) announced three interest rate rises of 0.25% each.

In the UK and eurozone, central banks kept interest rates low as part of their ongoing efforts to stimulate economic activity. However, investors increasingly expected that the extent of the central banks' stimulus measures would soon be reduced. In the final month of the period, the European Central Bank (ECB) confirmed that it would scale down a programme in which it commits its own funds to buying certain bonds in the market. Known as quantitative easing (QE), this strategy is largely designed to help maintain low interest rates and promote lending activity in the economy.

## Authorised Corporate Director's Report

### Investment review

### **Investment performance** (continued)

In the UK, meanwhile, the Office for National Statistics reported that the UK's annual inflation rate had risen to 2.3% in February 2017, a reading that was repeated in the following month. The increase lifted inflation above the 2% target set by the Bank of England (BoE), with sterling's marked decline since the Brexit referendum vote largely behind the move, given that a lower-valued currency pushes up import costs. Further increases in annual UK inflation were subsequently confirmed, with the rate of increase standing at 3% at the end of the review period.

In order to restrain rising consumer price trends, central banks often increase interest rates. (The BoE eventually confirmed a 0.25% rate rise on 2 November.) During the year, however, the BoE's Monetary Policy Committee also weighed up the implications of Brexit-related uncertainty in the UK outlook, a factor that appeared to delay their decision to hike interest rates. This remained a relevant consideration when, as expected, the government finally triggered the country's exit proceedings from the European Union (EU) in March by submitting 'Article 50' to Brussels. UK financial markets felt some further uncertainty when a general election held in June resulted in no party having an overall parliamentary majority.

In the bond markets, actual or anticipated rises in inflation or interest rates typically dampen sentiment towards government bonds. The effects of US interest rate moves can even be felt internationally, given the importance of the US market. (Bonds are loans in the form of a security, usually issued by a government (government bonds) or company (corporate bonds), which normally pay a fixed rate of interest over a given time period, at the end of which the initial amount borrowed is repaid.) Indeed, government bond prices declined in mainstream markets such as the US and Germany during the review period, although small gains were registered in the UK.

Corporate bonds, meanwhile, generally performed better than their government bond counterparts. Relevantly, as well as maintaining interest rates at low levels, the ECB and BoE also continued to boost demand for corporate bonds via QE activity that included their own purchases of these assets.

Throughout the period, the fund remained invested in a diversified global bond portfolio. In turn, the fund's performance benefited from those areas of the bond market that delivered gains, such as corporate bonds, but this was countered to an extent by its exposures to weaker areas, such as in some government bond markets. In addition, the fund maintained a sizeable exposure to the US dollar, which declined in value against some key currencies during the period, including the British pound and the euro. The latter consideration detracted from the returns of the fund's unhedged sterling and euro share classes.

### Investment activities

The fund continued to be globally diversified across bond markets throughout the period and, as always, its positioning was based on where we felt the most attractive relative value could be found. Within

this approach, our main adjustments to the fund's positioning included reducing its overall exposure to corporate bonds, given that we thought valuations in this area of the market had begun to look less attractive after their decent performance in 2016.

However, we maintained a favourable opinion on several sectors within the corporate bond market. These included financial companies and banks that have high credit ratings, with bonds known as floating rate notes (FRNs) being among our preferred investments. Relevantly, FRNs pay a variable interest that is adjusted in line with movements in a reference interest rate, which not only minimises the impact of rising rates on investors, but also potentially allows them to benefit from higher rates. Within this theme, we purchased FRNs from US financial companies Citigroup, Bank of America, and Goldman Sachs, as well as UK banking groups Barclays, HSBC, and Lloyds.

In the government bond markets, our preferred assets during the period included index-linked securities amid the background of strengthening inflation. (These are bonds where both the value of the loan and the interest payments are adjusted in line with inflation over the life of the security.) During the first half of the review period, however, we took some profits from our government index-linked holdings after they had performed well. Despite this selling activity, we maintained a sizeable exposure to index-linked securities within our overall allocation to government bonds. In addition, we favoured holding government bonds that are less sensitive to anticipated (or actual) rises in interest rates, a strategy known as holding short duration.

The fund's flexible investment approach also allows us to allocate assets in the emerging bond markets. In our view, some decent relative value could be found among this area on a selective basis, partly as such assets can offer a higher return for taking on higher degrees of risk. Within this theme, for example, we added bonds from the governments of Paraguay and Bolivia in March. However, we reduced the fund's exposure to the Mexican peso in April after the currency had gained markedly in value against the US dollar since the start of 2017. This move was implemented via the sale of some Mexican government bonds denominated in the Mexican peso. At the end of the period, our other preferred allocations in the emerging markets included bonds from the governments of South Africa and Indonesia.

### Outlook

The possibility of central banks raising interest rates in key developed economies remained an important theme in bond markets as the review period drew to a close. Against this backdrop, we continue to favour positioning the fund with significantly short duration, while also maintaining an allocation to index-linked government bonds amid the firmer inflation environment.

While we reduced the fund's overall exposure to corporate bonds during the period, our view remains that this segment of the market can be a useful contributor to performance when valuations are appealing. Given this consideration, we will continue to monitor the corporate bond markets for potential buying opportunities, while maintaining allocations in our current preferred areas. The latter still includes FRNs from blue-chip banks and financial companies. In the US, for example, we believe this segment should be supported as the US economy performs well and interest rates rise.

## Authorised Corporate Director's Report

### Investment review

### Outlook (continued)

We have also added back to the fund's overall exposure to the US dollar within its currency positioning in recent months. The US currency has been a weak performer during 2017, and we feel in valuation terms it has started to look appealing again. In adding to the fund's US dollar allocation, we reduced its exposures to the euro and Japanese yen, not because we are particularly concerned about these regions' economies, but more because they have both rallied so much versus the US dollar during 2017. As always amid the prevailing economic conditions, we will continue to seek what we consider the best relative value in the global bond and currency markets and avoid areas where our outlook is less favourable.

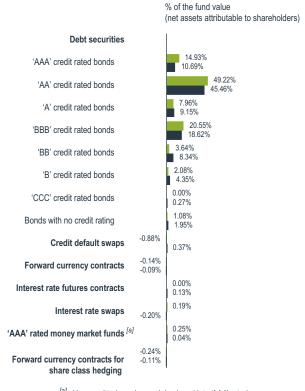
#### Jim Leaviss

Fund manager

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Please note that the views expressed in this Report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice on how the fund or any holding mentioned in the Report is likely to perform. If you wish to obtain financial advice as to whether an investment is suitable for your needs, you should consult a Financial Adviser.

### Classification of investments



<sup>[</sup>a] Uncommitted surplus cash is placed into 'AAA' rated money market funds with the aim of reducing counterparty risk.



Source: M&G

## Authorised Corporate Director's Report

### Investments

s at 31 October		2017	2017	2016
lolding		\$'000	%	%
	Debt securities	2,323,009	99.46	98.83
	'AAA' credit rated bonds	348,717	14.93	10.69
AUD25,000,000	Australia (Commonwealth of) 3% 2047	17,505	0.75	
€5 000 000	Barings CLO Ltd. 2017-I FRN 2030	5,834	0.75	
	Denmark (Kingdom of) 3% 2021	35,551	1.52	
	Dukinfield FRN 2052	6,262	0.27	
	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development FRN 2020	39,987	1.71	
AUD25,000,000	European Investment Bank 5% 2022	21,227	0.91	
£10,000,000	European Investment Bank FRN 2020	13,295	0.57	
£154,263	First Flexible No 5 FRN 2034 'A'	202	0.01	
€122,000,000	Germany (Federal Republic of) 0.5% 2025	147,241	6.30	
INR630,000,000	International Finance 6.45% 2018	9,797	0.42	
	International Finance 7.8% 2019	9,795	0.42	
\$2,139,401	Paragon Mortgages No.12 FRN 2038	2,052	0.09	
	Paragon Mortgages No.14 FRN 2039	1,961	0.08	
	Paragon Mortgages No.14 FRN 2039 A2C		0.27	
ድፍ በበብ በበ <u>ባ</u>	Santander UK FRN 2020	8,623 6,632	0.37 0.28	
	THRONES 2015-1 FRN 2050	8,080	0.28	
	Trinity Square FRN 2051	6,715	0.35	
	Warwick Finance Residential	0,7 10	0.20	
20,020,040	Mortgage FRN 2049	7,958	0.34	
	'AA' credit rated bonds	1,149,724	49.22	45.40
CZK380,000,000	Czech Republic 0.85% 2018	17,287	0.74	
\$14,000,000	General Electric Capital Corp			
<b>#</b> F 000 000	FRN 2023	14,253	0.61	
	General Electric Capital FRN 2026	4,854	0.21 0.25	
	HSBC France FRN 2019 New Zealand (Govt. of) 2.5%	5,879	0.25	
	IL 2035 Paragon Mortgages No.13 FRN	3,814	0.16	
	2039 A2B	10,397	0.45	
	Paragon Mortgages No.13 FRN 2041 A2C	3,049	0.13	
£11,886,000	Towd Point Mortgage Funding FRN 2046	15,820	0.68	
£15,000,000	Treasury 2% 2020	20,615	0.88	
£25,000,000	Treasury 4.25% 2027	42,142	1.80	
\$88,000,000	US Treasury 0.125% 2021	91,301	3.91	
	US Treasury 0.125% 2024	66,374	2.84	
	US Treasury 0.625% IL 2024	133,922	5.73	
	US Treasury 0.75% 2018 (28 Feb)	129,807	5.56	
	US Treasury 0.75% 2018 (31 Mar)	9,979	0.43	
	US Treasury 1.25% 2019	99,554	4.26	
	US Treasury FRN 2018	140,157	6.00	
	US Treasury FRN 2019 (31 Jan)	300,490	12.87	
φ40,000,000	US Treasury FRN 2019 (30 Apr)	40,030	1.71	
0000 000	'A' credit rated bonds	185,807	7.96	9.1
£603,000	Anglian Water Services 4.125% IL 2020	1,490	0.06	
\$4,000,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 3.65% 2026	4,122	0.18	
£10,000,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce FRN 2022	13,321	0.57	
\$3 487 000	Cloverie Var. Rate 2046 (5.625%)	3,863	0.37	
	Crédit Agricole London FRN 2019	15,127	0.17	
	Crédit Agricole London FRN 2020	6,550	0.28	
	Eddystone Finance FRN 2021	1,622	0.07	
	Greene King Finance FRN 2033	4,148	0.18	
	HSBC Holdings FRN 2022	9,329	0.40	

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as at 31 October Holding		2017 \$'000	2017 %	2016 %
	'A' credit rated bonds (continued)			
	HSBC Holdings Var. Rate Perp. (6%)	4,200	0.18	
	IBM Credit FRN 2021	10,004	0.43	
	Ludgate Funding FRN 2061	934	0.04	
	Mitchells & Butlers Finance FRN 2030	3,854	0.16	
£1,500,000	Mitchells & Butlers Finance FRN 2033	1,625	0.07	
£1,580,000	National Grid 1.25% IL 2021	2,589	0.11	
£7,628,000	National Grid Electricity Transmission 2.983% IL 2018	16,025	0.69	
, ,	National Grid Electricity Transmission 3.806% IL 2020	5,640	0.24	
£275,500	Nationwide Building Society 3.875% IL 2021	1,213	0.05	
PEN12,000,000	Peru (Republic of) 6.95% 2031	4,140	0.18	
	Rabobank 2.25% IL 2022	1,635	0.07	
,	Rabobank FRN 2020	5,861	0.25	
£1,454,478	RMAC 2005-Ns1 FRN 2037	1,851	0.08	
	RMAC 2006-Ns4 FRN 2044 A3A	4,158	0.18	
	RMAC 2007-Ns1 FRN 2044 A2B	4,189	0.18	
	Silverback Finance 3.1261% 2037	7,498	0.32	
	UBS Jersey FRN 2022	10,298	0.44	
	UBS Stamford FRN 2018	15,035	0.64	
	UBS Stamford FRN 2019	5,031	0.21	
\$5,000,000	Wells Fargo & Company FRN 2020	5,047	0.22	
	Wells Fargo & Company FRN 2021	10,292	0.44	
	Wells Fargo & Company FRN 2023	5,116	0.22	
	'BBB' credit rated bonds	479,866	20.55	18.62
\$5,000,000	American Express FRN 2018	5,013	0.21	10.02
	American Tower Trust 3.07% 2048	8,118	0.35	
	AT&T FRN 2023	17,945	0.77	
	Bank of America FRN 2018	13,994	0.60	
	Bank of America FRN 2019	8,065	0.35	
	Bank of America FRN 2022	4,721	0.20	
	Barclays Bank 0% 2023	10,260	0.44	
	Barclays Bank FRN 2021	20,913	0.90	
	Bayer Var. Rate 2075 (3%)	6,126	0.26	
	BHP Billiton Finance Var. Rate 2076 (4.75%)	7,887	0.34	
\$6,649,000	BNP Paribas 4.625% 2027	7,094	0.30	
	Capital One Financial FRN 2022	8,017	0.34	
	Citigroup 3.5% 2023	6,105	0.26	
	Citigroup FRN 2020	5,113	0.22	
	Citigroup FRN 2023	15,386	0.66	
	Citigroup FRN 2024	8,073	0.35	
	Citigroup FRN 2036	2,520	0.11	
	Crédit Agricole London FRN 2022	11,288	0.48	
\$5,000,000	Credit Suisse Group Funding 3.75% 2025	5,124	0.22	
\$2,800,000	Diamond 1 Finance 4.42% 2021	2,943	0.13	
COP3,784,000,000	Findeter 7.875% 2024	1,261	0.05	
£545,843	First Flexible No 5 FRN 2034 'B'	736	0.03	
\$2,500,000	FMG Resources 9.75% 2022	2,797	0.12	
\$10,000,000	Ford Motor Credit FRN 2019	10,088	0.43	
\$10,000,000	General Motors Financial FRN 2020	10,216	0.44	
\$8,000,000	Goldman Sachs Group FRN 2018	8,037	0.34	
€2,000,000	Goldman Sachs Group FRN 2019	2,353	0.10	
\$10,000,000	Goldman Sachs Group FRN 2023	10,399	0.44	
\$2,000,000	Goldman Sachs Group FRN 2027	2,097	0.09	
\$4,000,000	HCA 5.25% 2025	4,256	0.18	
\$5,000,000	HCA 6.5% 2020	5,383	0.23	
\$3,101,000	HSBC Holdings 4.375% 2026	3,252	0.14	
IDR70,000,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 8.25% 2036	5,544	0.24	
IDR317,000,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 9% 2029	26,307	1.13	

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### Investments

Portfolio stat	tement (continued)			
as at 31 October		2017	2017	2016
Holding		\$'000	%	%
	'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)			
	Italy (Republic of) 2.35% IL 2019	13,988	0.60	
\$8,000,000	JPMorgan Chase Var. Rate Perp. (5.15%)	8,359	0.36	
\$3,000,000	Lear 5.25% 2025	3,217	0.30	
	Lloyds Bank 3.1% 2021	2,348	0.14	
	Lloyds Bank FRN 2024	20,132	0.86	
	Mexico (United Mexican States)	20,102	0.00	
21,000,000	5.625% 2114	9,941	0.43	
\$6,000,000	Morgan Stanley FRN 2018	6,006	0.26	
\$10,000,000	Morgan Stanley FRN 2020	10,149	0.43	
\$2,000,000	Morgan Stanley FRN 2023	2,050	0.09	
€10,000,000	Portugal (Republic of) 2.875% 2026	12,534	0.54	
\$6,000,000	Portugal (Republic of) 5.125% 2024	6,343	0.27	
\$5,000,000	Morgan Stanley FRN 2024	5,075	0.22	
	Regency Energy Partners	,		
	5.875% 2022	2,212	0.09	
€9,400,000	Romania (Republic of) 3.875% 2035	11,802	0.51	
	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN 2020	6,631	0.28	
\$10,000,000	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN 2023	10,088	0.43	
\$5,000,000	Société Générale 5% 2024	5,360	0.23	
€5,200,000	Société Générale FRN 2024	6,168	0.26	
ZAR506,000,000	South Africa (Republic of) 8.75% 2048	31,282	1.34	
\$2,488,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries 3.15% 2026	2,202	0.09	
THB570,000,000	Thailand (Kingdom of) 1.25% IL 2028	17,307	0.74	
£3,148,000	Thames Water Utilities Cayman 2.375% 2023	4,125	0.18	
UYU106,000,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 4.375% 2028	6,724	0.29	
	Uruguay (Republic of) 8.5% 2028	2,651	0.11	
\$6,000,000	Verizon Communications 4.522% 2048	5,741	0.25	
	'BB' credit rated bonds	85,002	3.64	8.34
\$3,000,000	Antero Resources 5.125% 2022	3,068	0.13	0.0-1
	Ball Corporation 4.375% 2023	4,003	0.17	
	Bank of Ireland 10% 2022	6,575	0.28	
	Barclays Bank 4.836% 2028	4,321	0.19	
	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)			
¢2 000 000	4.5% 2028	2,010	0.09	
	Citigroup Var. Rate Perp. (5.9%) Crown European Holdings	3,255	0.14	
00.450.000	3.375% 2025	5,579	0.24	
	CSC Holdings 5.5% 2047	3,255	0.14	
	Dominican Republic 6.85% 2045	5,549	0.24	
	Honduras (Republic of) 7.5% 2024	5,657	0.24	
	KBC Groep 5.625% Perp.	5,640	0.24	
	Ol European Group 3.125% 2024	4,010	0.17	
	Paraguay (Republic of) 4.7% 2027	1,628	0.07	
	Paraguay (Republic of) 6.1% 2044 Petrobras Global Finance	2,841	0.12	
	7.25% 2044	15,738	0.67	
φ1, <del>3</del> 00,000	Petrobras Global Finance 7.375% 2027	2,209	0.10	
€5.891.000	QuintilesIMS 3.25% 2025	7,081	0.30	
	Shea Homes Funding 6.125% 2025	2,082	0.09	
	Tesco 3.322% IL 2025	501	0.02	

Portfolio stat	t <b>ement</b> (continued)			
s at 31 October olding		2017 \$'000	2017	2016 %
olullig	'B' credit rated bonds	48,664	2.08	4.35
€5,000,000	Argentina (Republic of) 3.875% 2022	6,013	0.26	4.00
€2,752,207	Argentina (Republic of) Var. Rate		0.16	
\$5,000,000	2033 (7.82%) Barclays Bank Var. Rate	3,692		
\$4,166,000	Perp. (8.25%) Buenos Aires (Province of)	5,311	0.23	
\$3,500,000	7.875% 2027 Community Health Systems	4,613	0.20	
	5.125% 2021	3,395	0.14	
	Jamaica (Govt. of) 8% 2039	3,107	0.13	
	Matterhorn Telecom 3.875% 2022	4,803	0.20	
€3,000,000	Numericable Group 5.375% 2022	3,648	0.16	
\$3,984,000	Numericable-SFR 7.375% 2026	4,278	0.18	
\$5,000,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Var. Rate Perp (7.5%)	5,363	0.23	
\$4,000,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 6.85% 2025	4,441	0.19	
	'CCC' credit rated bonds	0	0.00	0.27
	Bonds with no credit rating	25,229	1.08	1.95
£2,000,000	Admiral 5.5% 2024	2,969	0.13	
€2,164,000	ASML 1.625% 2027	2,622	0.11	
€3,580,000	Cote d'Ivoire 5.125% 2025	4,398	0.19	
€2,500,000	Eirles Two FRN 2020	0	0.00	
£3.937.000	Finsbury Square FRN 2065	5,220	0.22	
	Home Partners of America Trust	-,		
¥=,=::,:==	FRN 2033	3,029	0.13	
\$924,574	Invitation Homes FRN 2031	925	0.04	
£3,703,000	Skipton Building Society			
	1.75% 2022	4,869	0.21	
£767,500	Tesco Personal Finanace 1% IL 2019	1,197	0.05	
	Credit default swaps	(20,625)	(88.0)	0.37
\$8,000,000	Korea International Bond Dec 2021	(127)	0.00	
\$50,000,000	Markit CDX Emerging Markets Series 26 5 Year Dec 2021	966	0.04	
\$25,000,000	Markit CDX Emerging Markets Series 27 5 Year Jun 2022	639	0.03	
\$74,250,000	Markit CDX North American High Yield Series 28 5 Year Jun 2022	(7,137)	(0.31)	
\$30,000,000	Markit iTraxx Australia Series 25 5 Year Jun 2021	(702)	(0.04)	
€80,000,000	Markit iTraxx Europe Snr Fin Series 25 5 Year Jun 2021	(1,913)	(0.07)	
€75,000,000	Markit iTraxx Europe Xover Series 27 5 Year Jun 2022	(12,435)	(0.53)	
€(10,000,000)	Telecom Italia Dec 2021	84	0.00	
	Forward currency contracts	(3,347)	(0.14)	(0.09)
AUD(67,036,463)	Sold for \$52,740,065 (expires 15.11.17)	1,407	0.06	(0.00)
AUD(29,600,000)	Sold for \$23,344,514 (expires 13.12.17)	685	0.03	
€61,782,828	Bought for £55,000,000 (expires 15.11.17)	(770)	(0.03)	
	Bought for \$59,135,300	(170)	(0.03)	
€50,000,000		(899)		
	(expires 15.11.17) Sold for \$141,299,886	(899) 2.476	,	
€(119,000,000)	(expires 15.11.17) Sold for \$141,299,886 (expires 13.12.17) Bought for \$226,646,769	2,476	0.11	
€(119,000,000) ¥25,305,225,050	(expires 15.11.17) Sold for \$141,299,886 (expires 13.12.17) Bought for \$226,646,769 (expires 15.11.17) Bought for £53,943,000	2,476 (3,240)	0.11 (0.14)	
€(119,000,000) ¥25,305,225,050 ¥7,558,358,303	(expires 15.11.17) Sold for \$141,299,886 (expires 13.12.17) Bought for \$226,646,769 (expires 15.11.17) Bought for £53,943,000 (expires 15.11.17) Sold for \$141,780,118	2,476 (3,240) (4,604)	0.11 (0.14) (0.20)	
€(119,000,000) ¥25,305,225,050 ¥7,558,358,303 ¥(15,800,000,000)	(expires 15.11.17) Sold for \$141,299,886 (expires 13.12.17) Bought for \$226,646,769 (expires 15.11.17) Bought for £53,943,000 (expires 15.11.17)	2,476 (3,240)	0.11 (0.14)	

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### Investments

s at 31 October		2017	2017	2016
lolding		\$'000	%	%
	Interest rate futures contracts	156	0.00	0.13
(27)	10 Year Japan Government Bond Dec 17	156	0.00	
	Interest rate swaps	4,428	0.19	(0.20)
\$50,000,000	Pay 2.114% Receive VAR Apr 2046	4,960	0.22	
\$20,000,000	Pay 2.667% Receive VAR Nov 2045	(532)	(0.03)	
ortfolio of invest	ments	2,303,621	98.63	99.04
	'AAA' rated money market funds [a]	5,782	0.25	0.04
4,374,000	Northern Trust Global Fund - Sterling	5,782	0.25	
	Forward currency contracts for share class hedging	(5,568)	(0.24)	(0.11)
€279,848,096	Bought for \$331,641,492 (expires 15.11.17)	(5,693)	(0.24)	
€(7,341,872)	Sold for \$8,680,855 (expires 15.11.17)	129	0.00	
£15,318,124	Bought for \$20,226,423 (expires 15.11.17)	30	0.00	
£(262,520)	Sold for \$345,734 (expires 15.11.17)	(1)	0.00	
SGD189,372	Bought for \$139,711 (expires 15.11.17)	(1)	0.00	
SGD(2,108)	Sold for \$1,551 (expires 15.11.17)	0	0.00	
CHF1,392,372	Bought for \$1,432,238 (expires 15.11.17)	(36)	0.00	
CHF(161,930)	Sold for \$165,805 (expires 15.11.17)	4	0.00	
otal portfolio (not	es 2c & 2d on pages 23 and 24)	2,303,835	98.64	98.97
let other assets /	(liabilities)	31,738	1.36	1.03
lat assats attribut	able to shareholders	2,335,573	100.00	100.00

All securities are on an official stock exchange listing except where referenced.

<sup>[</sup>a] Uncommitted surplus cash is placed into 'AAA' rated money market funds with the aim of reducing counterparty risk.

## Financial highlights

### Fund performance

Please note past performance is not a guide to future performance and the value of investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.

The following chart and tables show the performance for two of the fund's share classes – Sterling Class 'A' (Accumulation) shares and Sterling Class 'I' (Accumulation) shares.

We show performance for these two share classes because:

- The performance of the Sterling Class 'A' (Accumulation) share is what most individuals investing directly with M&G have received. It has the highest ongoing charge of all the sterling share classes. Performance is shown after deduction of this charge. All investors in the fund therefore received this performance or better.
- The performance of the Sterling Class 'I' (Accumulation) share is the most appropriate to compare with the average performance of the fund's comparative sector. It is the share class used by the Investment Association in the calculation of the comparative sector's average performance. This share class is available for direct investment with M&G subject to minimum investment criteria, or via third parties who may charge additional fees. The performance shown takes the deduction of the ongoing charge for this share class into account but it does not take account of charges applied by any other party through which you may have invested.

The fund is available for investment in different share classes, each with varying levels of charges and minimum investments; please refer to the Prospectus for M&G Global Macro Bond Fund, which is available free of charge either from our website at www.mandg.co.uk/prospectuses or by calling M&G Customer Relations.

### Fund level performance

Fund net asset value			
as at 31 October	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000	2015 \$'000
Fund net asset value (NAV)	2,335,573	1,882,678	1,601,176

### Performance since launch

To give an indication of how the fund has performed since launch, the chart below shows total return of Sterling Class 'A' (Accumulation) shares and Sterling Class 'I' (Accumulation) shares.



## Financial highlights

### Fund performance

To give an indication of the performance of the fund, the following table shows the compound rate of return, per annum, over the period. Calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested.

Long-term performance by share class [a]					
	One year 01.11.16 % [ <sup>[</sup>	Three years 03.11.14 % p.a.	Five years 01.11.12 % p.a.	Since launch % p.a.	
Euro [c]		· ·			
Class 'A'	-2.9	+3.2	+3.5	+4.9 [d]	
Class 'A-H'	+0.4	+0.4	+1.0	+1.8 [d]	
Class 'B'	-3.4	+2.6	+3.0	+4.4 [d]	
Class 'B-H'	-0.1	-0.1	+0.5	+1.3 [d]	
Class 'C'	-2.3	+3.8	+4.1	+5.5 [d]	
Class 'C-H'	+1.0	+1.0	+1.6	+2.4 [d]	
Singapore dollar [c]					
Class 'A-H'	+2.0	n/a	n/a	+2.3 [e]	
Class 'C-H'	+2.6	n/a	n/a	+2.9 [e]	
Sterling [f] Class 'A'	-5.8	+7.0	+5.2	+5.6 [9]	
Class 'A-H'	+1.3	n/a	n/a	+1.5 [e]	
Class 'I'	-5.3	+7.5	+5.7	+5.9 [d]	
Class 'I-H'	+1.9	n/a	n/a	+2.0 [e	
Class 'R'	-5.6	+7.2	+5.4	+5.4 [h]	
Class 'R-H'	+1.5	n/a	n/a	+1.7 [e	
Class 'X'	-5.8	+7.0	+5.2	+5.6 [i]	
Class 'X-H'	+1.3	n/a	n/a	+1.5 [e.	
Swiss franc [c]					
Class 'A'	+4.4	+2.0	+2.8	+2.8 <i>[i]</i>	
Class 'A-H'	+0.0	-0.2	+0.6	(تا 0.7+	
Class 'C'	+5.0	+2.6	+3.4	+3.4 [j]	
Class 'C-H'	+0.6	+0.4	+1.1	+1.2 <sup>[j]</sup>	
US dollar [c]					
Class 'A'	+2.5	+0.7	+1.3	+5.1 [k]	
Class 'C'	+3.1	+1.3	+1.9	+3.5 [d	

- [a] On 1 May 2009 the M&G Global Macro Bond Fund de-merged from M&G Investment Funds (4) to become the M&G Global Macro Bond Fund.
- [b] Absolute basis
- [c] Price to price with gross income reinvested.
- [d] 16 December 2011, the launch date of the share class.
- [e] 7 August 2015, the launch date of the share class.
- [f] Price to price with income reinvested.
- [g] 15 October 1999, the end of the initial offer period of the predecessor unit trust.
- [h] 3 August 2012, the launch date of the share class.
- [i] 15 October 1999. All performance data prior to 1 October 2002 (the launch date of the share class) has been calculated by reference to a conversion factor due to a change of the nominated share class.
- [i] 28 September 2012, the launch date of the share class.
- [k] 1 May 2009, the launch date of the share class.

# Operating charges and portfolio transaction costs

We explain below the payments made to meet the ongoing costs of investing and managing the fund, comprising operating charges and portfolio transaction costs.

### **Operating charges**

Operating charges include payments made to M&G and to providers independent of M&G:

- Investment management: Charge paid to M&G for investment management of the fund (also known as Annual Management Charge).
- Administration: Charge paid to M&G for administration services in addition to investment management – any surplus from this charge will be retained by M&G.
- Share class hedging: Charge paid to M&G for currency hedging services to minimise exchange rate risk for the share class.
- Oversight and other independent services: Charges paid to providers independent of M&G for services which include depositary, custody and audit.
- Ongoing charges from underlying funds: Ongoing charges on holdings in underlying funds that are not rebated.

The operating charges paid by each share class of the fund are shown in the following performance tables. Operating charges do not include portfolio transaction costs or any entry and exit charges (also known as initial and redemption charges). The charging structures of share classes may differ, and therefore the operating charges may differ.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges shown in the Key Investor Information Document, other than where an estimate has been used for the ongoing charge because a material change has made the operating charges unreliable as an estimate of future charges.

For this fund there is no difference between operating charges and ongoing charges figures, unless disclosed under the specific share class performance table.

## Financial highlights

### Fund performance

# Operating charges and portfolio transaction costs

#### Portfolio transaction costs

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred by funds when buying and selling investments. These costs vary depending on the types of investment, their market capitalisation, country of exchange and method of execution. They are made up of direct and indirect portfolio transaction costs:

- Direct portfolio transaction costs: Broker execution commission and taxes.
- Indirect portfolio transaction costs: 'Dealing spread' the
  difference between the buying and selling prices of the fund's
  investments; some types of investment, such as fixed interest
  securities, have no direct transaction costs and only the dealing
  spread is paid.

Investments are bought or sold by a fund when changes are made to the investment portfolio and in response to net flows of money into or out of the fund from investors buying and selling shares in the fund.

To protect existing investors, portfolio transaction costs incurred as a result of investors buying and selling shares in the fund are recovered from those investors through a 'dilution adjustment' to the price they pay or receive. The table below shows direct portfolio transaction costs paid by the fund before and after that part of the dilution adjustment relating to direct portfolio transaction costs. As the fund invests mainly in fixed interest securities, the direct transaction costs paid on other investments are too small to be reflected in the table below. To give an indication of the indirect portfolio dealing costs the table below shows the average portfolio dealing spread.

Further information on this process is in the Prospectus, which is available free of charge on request either from our website at www.mandg.co.uk/prospectuses or by calling M&G Customer Relations.

Portfolio transaction costs				
as at 31 October Indirect portfolio transaction costs	2017 %	<b>2016</b> %	<b>2015</b> %	Average [a] %
Average portfolio dealing spread	0.21	0.32	0.46	0.33

[a] Average of first three columns.

### Specific share class performance

The following tables show the performance of each share class. All 'Performance and charges' percentages represent an annual rate except for the 'Return after operating charges' which is calculated as a percentage of the opening net asset value per share (NAV). 'Dilution adjustments' are only in respect of direct portfolio transaction costs.

Euro Class 'A' Income share per	rformanc	e	
The share class was launched on 12 July 2013	3.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢
Opening NAV	1,317.90	1,290.81	1,178.03
Return before operating charges and after dire portfolio transaction costs	ect (25.69)	68.68	138.33
Operating charges	(18.45)	(18.37)	(17.76)
Return after operating charges	(44.14)	50.31	120.57
Distributions	(30.67)	(23.22)	(7.79)
Closing NAV	1,243.09	1,317.90	1,290.81
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.41	1.42	1.39
Return after operating charges	-3.35	+3.90	+10.23
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.52	0.81
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	al 1.40	1.40	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	52,277	34,364	32,517
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	2.24	1.83	2.03
Number of shares	3,613,040	2,381,029	2,286,470
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,368.53	1,340.54	1,375.73
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1,227.77	1,224.37	1,180.49

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for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢
·	1,367.84	1.316.15	1.194.02
Return before operating charges and after direc		1,310.13	1,134.02
portfolio transaction costs	(27.31)	70.50	140.29
Operating charges	(19.34)	(18.81)	(18.16)
Return after operating charges	(46.65)	51.69	122.13
Distributions	(13.27)	(18.86)	(7.85)
Retained distributions	13.27	18.86	7.85
Closing NAV	1,321.19	1,367.84	1,316.15
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.41	1.42	1.39
Return after operating charges	-3.41	+3.93	+10.23
Distribution yield	0.74	1.12	0.81
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	335,584	303,322	358,121
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	14.37	16.11	22.37
Number of shares 21	,822,349	20,249,564	24,696,735
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,425.84	1,382.30	1,396.25
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1.297.97	1.252.45	1.196.47

Euro Class 'A-H' Income share p	erforma	nce	
The share class was launched on 12 July 2013			
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢
Opening NAV	1,062.01	1,060.31	1,078.37
Return before operating charges and after dire portfolio transaction costs	ct 21.04	35.84	3.92
Operating charges	(15.15)	(15.30)	(15.52)
Return after operating charges	5.89	20.54	(11.60)
Distributions	(25.18)	(18.84)	(6.46)
Closing NAV	1,042.72	1,062.01	1,060.31
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.43	1.43	1.42
Return after operating charges	+0.55	+1.94	-1.08
Distribution yield [c]	2.17	2.53	0.82
Effect on yield of charges offset against capita	1.42	1.42	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	8,429	7,886	6,830
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.36	0.42	0.43
Number of shares	694,534	678,084	584,635
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,075.65	1,103.78	1,151.75
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1,040.52	1,027.13	1,060.92

Euro Class 'A-H' Accumulation share performance				
The share class was launched on 16 December 2011.				
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢	
Opening NAV	1,102.04	1,081.22	1,093.55	
Return before operating charges and after direction portfolio transaction costs	ect 21.71	36.74	3.56	
Operating charges	(15.81)	(15.92)	(15.89)	
Return after operating charges	5.90	20.82	(12.33)	
Distributions	(10.65)	(15.31)	(6.52)	
Retained distributions	10.65	15.31	6.52	
Closing NAV	1,107.94	1,102.04	1,081.22	
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Performance and charges	%	%	%	
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operating charges	1.43	1.43	1.42	
Return after operating charges	+0.54	+1.93	-1.13	
Distribution yield	0.73	1.13	0.82	
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	al 0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other information				
Closing NAV (\$'000)	228,986	224,322	42,024	
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%	9.80	11.92	2.63	
Number of shares 1	7,756,496	18,587,475	3,527,733	
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,136.79	1,130.06	1,169.49	
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1,079.66	1,047.38	1,079.09	

Euro Class 'B' Income share per	formance	:	
The share class was launched on 11 September	er 2015.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢
Opening NAV	1,033.36	1,013.47	1,000.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	ct (19.94)	53.91	16.74
Operating charges	(19.54)	(19.49)	(2.45)
Return after operating charges	(39.48)	34.42	14.29
Distributions	(23.99)	(14.53)	(0.82)
Closing NAV	969.89	1,033.36	1,013.47
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.91	1.92	1.85
Return after operating charges	-3.82	+3.40	+1.43
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.52	0.31
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.90	1.90	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	1,543	419	34
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.07	0.02	0.00
Number of shares	136,670	37,028	3,000
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,072.12	1,051.49	1,020.44
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	958.43	961.10	984.21

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	r 2011.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢
Opening NAV	1,334.51	1,290.53	1,176.61
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	et (26.49)	68.94	138.15
Operating charges	(25.48)	(24.96)	(24.23)
Return after operating charges	(51.97)	43.98	113.92
Distributions	(6.38)	(11.99)	(1.26)
Retained distributions	6.38	11.99	1.26
Closing NAV	1,282.54	1,334.51	1,290.53
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.91	1.92	1.85
Return after operating charges	-3.89	+3.41	+9.68
Distribution yield	0.24	0.62	0.31
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	60,265	55,199	54,838
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	2.58	2.93	3.43
Number of shares 4	,036,986	3,777,057	3,856,847
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,388.40	1,348.74	1,373.36
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1.260.70	1.226.32	1.178.32

Euro Class 'B-H' Income share performance				
The share class was launched on 11 September 2015.				
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢	
Opening NAV	990.07	989.95	1,000.00	
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t 19.63	33.35	(6.94)	
Operating charges	(19.33)	(19.28)	(2.47)	
Return after operating charges	0.30	14.07	(9.41)	
Distributions	(23.51)	(13.95)	(0.64)	
Closing NAV	966.86	990.07	989.95	
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Performance and charges	%	%	%	
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operating charges	1.93	1.93	1.92	
Return after operating charges	+0.03	+1.42	-0.94	
Distribution yield [c]	2.17	2.53	0.30	
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.92	1.92	0.00	
Other information				
Closing NAV (\$'000)	824	124	33	
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.03	0.01	0.00	
Number of shares	73,183	11,462	3,008	
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	998.15	1,028.75	1,000.00	
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	968.48	957.89	989.28	

Euro Class 'B-H' Accumulation share performance			
The share class was launched on 16 December 2011.			
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢
Opening NAV	1,075.46	1,060.44	1,077.48
Return before operating charges and after direction portfolio transaction costs	ect 21.25	35.74	4.08
Operating charges	(20.74)	(20.72)	(21.12)
Return after operating charges	0.51	15.02	(17.04)
Distributions	(4.99)	(9.60)	(0.85)
Retained distributions	4.99	9.60	0.85
Closing NAV	1,075.97	1,075.46	1,060.44
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.93	1.94	1.92
Return after operating charges	+0.05	+1.42	-1.58
Distribution yield	0.22	0.60	0.30
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	al 0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	6,272	7,009	8,376
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%	0.27	0.37	0.52
Number of shares	500,785	595,137	716,868
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,104.85	1,105.62	1,149.74
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1,052.62	1,026.26	1,059.07

Euro Class 'C' Income share per	formanc	•	
The share class was launched on 8 August 20°		е	
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢
Opening NAV	1,356.71	1,326.67	1,211.26
Return before operating charges and after direction portfolio transaction costs	ct (26.66)	70.58	141.78
Operating charges	(10.97)	(10.82)	(10.39)
Return after operating charges	(37.63)	59.76	131.39
Distributions	(31.66)	(29.72)	(15.98)
Closing NAV	1,287.42	1,356.71	1,326.67
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.81	0.81	0.80
Return after operating charges	-2.77	+4.50	+10.85
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.53	1.41
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.80	0.80	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	4,597	2,964	4,764
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.20	0.16	0.30
Number of shares	306,794	199,527	325,914
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,410.30	1,379.95	1,416.19
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1,270.70	1,258.77	1,214.75

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### Specific share class performance

The share class was launched on 16 Decembe	r 2011.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢
Opening NAV	1,408.29	1,346.94	1,214.61
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	et (28.33)	72.46	142.90
Operating charges	(11.50)	(11.11)	(10.57)
Return after operating charges	(39.83)	61.35	132.33
Distributions	(22.03)	(27.54)	(16.12)
Retained distributions	22.03	27.54	16.12
Closing NAV	1,368.46	1,408.29	1,346.94
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.81	0.81	0.80
Return after operating charges	-2.83	+4.55	+10.89
Distribution yield	1.34	1.72	1.41
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	195,065	176,172	203,866
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	8.35	9.36	12.73
Number of shares 12	,246,513	11,423,286	13,737,698
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,471.96	1,423.04	1,424.01
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1,343.50	1,283.96	1,218.05

Euro Class 'C-H' Income share performance			
The share class was launched on 7 August 2015.			
for the year to 31 October	2017	2016	2015
Change in NAV per share	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Opening NAV	1,108.70	1,104.76	1,120.00
Return before operating charges and after di		27.02	(0.50)
portfolio transaction costs	22.04	37.93	(9.53)
Operating charges	(9.33)	(9.37)	(2.00)
Return after operating charges	12.71	28.56	(11.53)
Distributions	(26.39)	(24.62)	(3.71)
Closing NAV	1,095.02	1,108.70	1,104.76
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.83	0.83	0.82
Return after operating charges	+1.15	+2.58	-1.03
Distribution yield [c]	2.17	2.53	1.43
Effect on yield of charges offset against capi	ital 0.82	0.80	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	26,107	4,731	154
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%	%) 1.12	0.25	0.01
Number of shares	2,048,345	389,685	12,678
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,128.62	1,152.09	1,120.74
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1,087.27	1,070.69	1,106.99

Euro Class 'C-H' Accumulation share performance				
The share class was launched on 16 December 2011.				
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Euro ¢	2016 Euro ¢	2015 Euro ¢	
Opening NAV	1,135.26	1,107.55	1,113.42	
Return before operating charges and after dire portfolio transaction costs	ct 22.53	37.05	3.58	
Operating charges	(9.57)	(9.34)	(9.45)	
Return after operating charges	12.96	27.71	(5.87)	
Distributions	(17.87)	(22.40)	(13.59)	
Retained distributions	17.87	22.40	13.59	
Closing NAV	1,148.22	1,135.26	1,107.55	
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	Euro ¢	
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Performance and charges	%	%	%	
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operating charges	0.83	0.83	0.82	
Return after operating charges	+1.14	+2.50	-0.53	
Distribution yield	1.34	1.71	1.43	
Effect on yield of charges offset against capita	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other information				
Closing NAV (\$'000)	43,816	33,653	49,265	
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	1.88	1.79	3.08	
Number of shares	3,278,506	2,706,890	4,037,319	
Highest share price (Euro ¢)	1,177.12	1,160.78	1,193.44	
Lowest share price (Euro ¢)	1,113.31	1,074.31	1,102.89	

### Singapore dollar Class 'A-H' Income share performance

The share class was launched on 7 August 2015.

for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 ngapore ¢	2016 Singapore ¢	2015 Singapore ¢
Opening NAV	1,009.06	989.55	1,000.00
Return before operating charges and after dire			
portfolio transaction costs	35.90	51.78	(5.26)
Operating charges	(14.49)	(14.42)	(3.19)
Return after operating charges	21.41	37.36	(8.45)
Distributions	(24.14)	(17.85)	(2.00)
Closing NAV	1,006.33	1,009.06	989.55
Direct portfolio transaction costs Si	ngapore ¢	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.43	1.43	1.42
Return after operating charges	+2.12	+3.78	-0.85
Distribution yield [c]	2.15	2.54	0.80
Effect on yield of charges offset against capit	al 1.42	1.42	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	33	33	32
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of shares	4,501	4,501	4,501
Highest share price (Singapore ¢)	1,036.07	1,039.54	1,000.66
Lowest share price (Singapore ¢)	990.69	963.35	990.29

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### Specific share class performance

Singapore dollar Class	'A-H' Accumulation share performance
The share class was launched on	7 August 2015

for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share 2017 2016 2015 Singapore ¢ Singapore ¢ Singapore ¢ Opening NAV 1,028.40 991.53 1,000.00 Return before operating charges and after direct 37.18 portfolio transaction costs 51.39 (5.28)Operating charges (14.89)(14.52)(3.19)22.29 36.87 (8.47) Return after operating charges Distributions (10.08)(14.21) (2.00)

Retained distributions	10.08	14.21	2.00
Closing NAV	1,050.69	1,028.40	991.53
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.43	1.43	1.42
Return after operating charges	+2.17	+3.72	-0.85
Distribution yield	0.72	1.11	0.80
Effect on yield of charges offset against ca	pital 0.00	0.00	0.00

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### Singapore dollar Class 'C-H' Income share performance

The share class was launched on 7 August 2015

The share class was launched on 7 August 2015.					
for the year to 31 October	2017	2016	2015		
	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢		
Opening NAV	1,010.61	989.47	1,000.00		
Return before operating charges and after of portfolio transaction costs	lirect 35.94	51.81	(5.30)		
Operating charges	(8.45)	(8.37)	(1.84)		
Return after operating charges	27.49	43.44	(7.14)		
Distributions	(24.25)	(22.30)	(3.39)		
Closing NAV	1,013.85	1,010.61	989.47		
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢		
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.00		
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.00		
Performance and charges	%	%	%		
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Operating charges	0.83	0.83	0.82		
Return after operating charges	+2.72	+4.39	-0.71		
Distribution yield [c]	2.15	2.53	1.41		
Effect on yield of charges offset against cap	oital 0.82	0.82	0.00		
Other information					
Closing NAV (\$'000)	34	33	32		
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (	%) 0.00	0.00	0.00		
Number of shares	4,502	4,502	4,502		
Highest share price (Singapore ¢)	1,042.98	1,041.05	1,000.88		
Lowest share price (Singapore ¢)	992.94	964.59	991.35		

### Singapore dollar Class 'C-H' Accumulation share performance

The share class was launched on 7 August 2015.

for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Singapore ¢	2016 Singapore ¢	2015 Singapore ¢
Opening NAV	1,036.06	992.85	1,000.00
Return before operating charges and after portfolio transaction costs	direct 37.39	51.66	(5.31)
Operating charges	(8.74)	(8.45)	(1.84)
Return after operating charges	28.65	43.21	(7.15)
Distributions	(16.49)	(20.35)	(3.43)
Retained distributions	16.49	20.35	3.43
Closing NAV	1,064.71	1,036.06	992.85
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢	Singapore ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.83	0.83	0.82
Return after operating charges	+2.77	+4.35	-0.71
Distribution yield	1.32	1.71	1.41
Effect on yield of charges offset against ca	pital 0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	35	33	32
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV	(%) 0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of shares	4,501	4,501	4,501
Highest share price (Singapore ¢)	1,089.36	1,053.30	1,000.88
Lowest share price (Singapore ¢)	1,017.93	967.72	991.35

### Sterling Class 'A' Income share performance

The share class was launched on 15 October 19	999.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	93.30	72.91	72.88
Return before operating charges and after direc portfolio transaction costs	t (3.81)	23.06	1.49
Operating charges	(1.26)	(1.15)	(1.07)
Return after operating charges	(5.07)	21.91	0.42
Distributions	(2.10)	(1.52)	(0.39)
Closing NAV	86.13	93.30	72.91
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.41	1.42	1.40
Return after operating charges	-5.43	+30.04	+0.58
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.52	0.81
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.40	1.40	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	18,354	19,419	26,811
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.79	1.04	1.68
Number of shares 16,	119,821	17,098,436	23,957,214
Highest share price (UK p)	93.42	94.30	78.05
Lowest share price (UK p)	85.32	72.21	71.80

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Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation s		rrormance	
The share class was launched on 15 October 19	999.		
for the year to 31 October	2017	2016	2015
Change in NAV per share	UK p	UK p	UK p
Opening NAV	136.70	105.24	104.71
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t (5.60)	33.47	2.17
Operating charges	(1.87)	(1.67)	(1.51)
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Return after operating charges	(7.47)	31.80	0.66
Distributions	(1.28)	(1.70)	(0.63)
Retained distributions	1.21	1.36	0.50
Closing NAV	129.16	136.70	105.24
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.41	1.42	1.40
Return after operating charges	-5.46	+30.22	+0.63
Distribution yield	0.74	1.12	0.81
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	39,031	43,499	63,674
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	1.67	2.32	3.98
Number of shares 22,	860,213	26,142,132	39,415,936
Highest share price (UK p)	136.95	137.45	112.24
Lowest share price (UK p)	127.24	104.24	103.48

Sterling Class 'A-H' Income share performance			
The share class was launched on 7 August 201	5.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	99.90	98.78	100.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t 2.97	4.35	(0.72)
Operating charges	(1.41)	(1.44)	(0.31)
Return after operating charges	1.56	2.91	(1.03)
Distributions	(2.38)	(1.79)	(0.19)
Closing NAV	99.08	99.90	98.78
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.43	1.44	1.42
Return after operating charges	+1.56	+2.95	-1.03
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.53	0.80
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.42	1.42	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	37	66	84
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.00	0.00	0.01
Number of shares	28,064	54,380	55,005
Highest share price (UK p)	102.08	103.22	100.18
Lowest share price (UK p)	98.05	95.73	98.80

Sterling Class 'A-H' Accumulation	n charo	porformanco	
The share class was launched on 7 August 201		periormance	
The share class was launched on F August 20	13.		
for the year to 31 October	2017	2016	2015
Change in NAV per share	UK p 101.59	UK p	UK p
Opening NAV Return before operating charges and after direct		98.93	100.00
portfolio transaction costs	3.02	4.40	(0.71)
Operating charges	(1.49)	(1.45)	(0.32)
Return after operating charges	1.53	2.95	(1.03)
Distributions	(0.98)	(1.46)	(0.20)
Retained distributions	0.93	1.17	0.16
Closing NAV	103.07	101.59	98.93
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.43	1.43	1.42
Return after operating charges	+1.51	+2.98	-1.03
Distribution yield	0.73	1.10	0.80
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	190	25	30
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.01	0.00	0.00
Number of shares	139,505	20,000	20,000
Highest share price (UK p)	105.61	103.84	100.18
Lowest share price (UK p)	99.71	95.94	98.80

Sterling Class 'I' Income share	performo	ınce	
The share class was launched on 16 Decemb	per 2011.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	138.60	108.11	108.08
Return before operating charges and after dir portfolio transaction costs	ect (5.67)	34.24	2.22
Operating charges	(1.08)	(0.98)	(0.88)
Return after operating charges	(6.75)	33.26	1.34
Distributions	(3.13)	(2.77)	(1.31)
Closing NAV	128.72	138.60	108.11
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.81	0.81	0.80
Return after operating charges	-4.87	+30.76	+1.24
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.52	1.41
Effect on yield of charges offset against capit	al 0.80	0.80	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	607,401	407,407	340,106
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%	(a) 26.01	21.64	21.24
Number of shares 35	56,988,998	241,501,133	204,933,140
Highest share price (UK p)	138.94	140.07	115.85
Lowest share price (UK p)	127.39	107.15	106.51

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Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation share performance			
The share class was launched on 16 December	2011.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	148.41	113.70	112.58
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t (6.11)	36.28	2.31
Operating charges	(1.17)	(1.04)	(0.92)
Return after operating charges	(7.28)	35.24	1.39
Distributions	(2.24)	(2.62)	(1.37)
Retained distributions	2.12	2.09	1.10
Closing NAV	141.01	148.41	113.70
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.81	0.81	0.80
Return after operating charges	-4.91	+30.99	+1.24
Distribution yield	1.34	1.72	1.41
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	569,644	424,479	294,972
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	24.39	22.55	18.42
Number of shares 305	,597,282	234,991,502	169,004,357
Highest share price (UK p)	148.81	149.22	120.94
Lowest share price (UK p)	138.82	112.69	111.70

Sterling Class 'I-H' Income share	e perforr	nance	
The share class was launched on 7 August 201			
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	100.06	98.76	100.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t 2.94	4.28	(0.71)
Operating charges	(0.82)	(0.78)	(0.18)
Return after operating charges	2.12	3.50	(0.89)
Distributions	(2.39)	(2.20)	(0.35)
Closing NAV	99.79	100.06	98.76
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.83	0.84	0.82
Return after operating charges	+2.11	+3.54	-0.89
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.53	1.40
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.82	0.82	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	13,545	22,646	30
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.58	1.20	0.00
Number of shares 10	,267,780	18,593,687	20,035
Highest share price (UK p)	102.71	103.35	100.18
Lowest share price (UK p)	98.23	95.88	98.91

Sterling Class 'I-H' Accumulation	ı share ı	performance	
The share class was launched on 7 August 2015	5.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	102.17	99.04	100.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t 3.12	4.33	(0.71)
Operating charges	(0.87)	(0.80)	(0.18)
Return after operating charges	2.25	3.53	(0.89)
Distributions	(1.62)	(2.02)	(0.35)
Retained distributions	1.53	1.62	0.28
Closing NAV	104.33	102.17	99.04
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.83	0.84	0.82
Return after operating charges	+2.20	+3.56	-0.89
Distribution yield	1.32	1.72	1.40
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	5,905	1,004	46
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.25	0.05	0.00
Number of shares 4,	281,827	807,030	30,030
Highest share price (UK p)	106.80	104.18	100.18
Lowest share price (UK p)	100.34	96.14	98.90

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Sterling Class 'R' Income share   The share class was launched on 3 August 201		nce	
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	133.36	104.13	104.01
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	ct (5.46)	32.95	2.23
Operating charges	(1.49)	(1.35)	(1.22)
Return after operating charges	(6.95)	31.60	1.01
Distributions	(3.00)	(2.37)	(0.89)
Closing NAV	123.41	133.36	104.13
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.16	1.17	1.15
Return after operating charges	-5.21	+30.35	+0.97
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.52	1.06
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.15	1.15	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	992	926	1,173
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.04	0.05	0.07
Number of shares	607,935	570,688	733,853
Highest share price (UK p)	133.59	134.77	111.42
Lowest share price (UK p)	122 20	103 16	102.56

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Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation s	hare pe	rformance	
The share class was launched on 3 August 2012	2.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	139.66	107.30	106.54
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	(5.74)	34.17	2.20
Operating charges	(1.57)	(1.40)	(1.25)
Return after operating charges	(7.31)	32.77	0.95
Distributions	(1.64)	(2.04)	(0.92)
Retained distributions	1.55	1.63	0.73
Closing NAV	132.26	139.66	107.30
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.16	1.16	1.15
Return after operating charges	-5.23	+30.54	+0.89
Distribution yield	0.99	1.37	1.06
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	1,912	1,787	1,666
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.08	0.09	0.10
Number of shares 1,	093,522	1,051,389	1,011,670
Highest share price (UK p)	139.96	140.43	114.31
Lowest share price (UK p)	130.26	106.31	105.47

Sterling Class 'R-H' Income share	e perform	nance	
The share class was launched on 7 August 201	5.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	100.03	98.77	100.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t 2.96	4.46	(0.71)
Operating charges	(1.18)	(1.19)	(0.26)
Return after operating charges	1.78	3.27	(0.97)
Distributions	(2.39)	(2.01)	(0.26)
Closing NAV	99.42	100.03	98.77
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.18	1.18	1.17
Return after operating charges	+1.78	+3.31	-0.97
Distribution yield [c]	2.13	2.53	1.05
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.17	1.17	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	26	24	30
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of shares	20,025	20,025	20,025
Highest share price (UK p)	102.38	103.31	100.18
Lowest share price (UK p)	98.18	95.82	98.84

Sterling Class 'R-H' Accumulatio	n share p	erformance	
The share class was launched on 7 August 201	5.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	101.80	98.97	100.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t 3.00	4.36	(0.72)
Operating charges	(1.21)	(1.19)	(0.26)
Return after operating charges	1.79	3.17	(0.98)
Distributions	(1.25)	(1.71)	(0.26)
Retained distributions	1.18	1.37	0.21
Closing NAV	103.52	101.80	98.97
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.18	1.18	1.17
Return after operating charges	+1.76	+3.20	-0.98
Distribution yield	0.98	1.35	1.05
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	56	25	31
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of shares	41,020	20,020	20,020
Highest share price (UK p)	106.02	103.86	100.17
Lowest share price (UK p)	99.92	95.97	98.84

Sterling Class 'X' Income share p	erformo	ınce	
The share class was launched on 1 October 200	2.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	93.69	73.21	73.19
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	(3.82)	23.15	1.51
Operating charges	(1.27)	(1.15)	(1.05)
Return after operating charges	(5.09)	22.00	0.46
Distributions	(2.11)	(1.52)	(0.44)
Closing NAV	86.49	93.69	73.21
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UKp	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.41	1.42	1.40
Return after operating charges	-5.43	+30.05	+0.63
Distribution yield [c]	2.14	2.52	0.81
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.40	1.41	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	3,033	4,745	6,416
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.13	0.25	0.40
Number of shares 2,6	652,494	4,160,749	5,709,515
Highest share price (UK p)	93.81	94.69	78.37
Lowest share price (UK p)	85.67	72.51	72.10

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### Specific share class performance

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for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	136.63	105.19	104.65
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	(5.60)	33.45	2.15
Operating charges	(1.86)	(1.67)	(1.49)
Return after operating charges	(7.46)	31.78	0.66
Distributions	(1.28)	(1.69)	(0.63)
Retained distributions	1.21	1.35	0.51
Closing NAV	129.10	136.63	105.19
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.41	1.42	1.40
Return after operating charges	-5.46	+30.21	+0.64
Distribution yield	0.74	1.12	0.81
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	3,894	7,183	7,445
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.17	0.38	0.47
Number of shares 2,	281,827	4,318,928	4,610,673
Highest share price (UK p)	136.87	137.39	112.18
Lowest share price (UK p)	127.19	104.18	103.43

Sterling Class 'X-H' Income shar	e perforr	nance	
The share class was launched on 7 August 201	5.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 UK p	2016 UK p	2015 UK p
Opening NAV	100.01	98.77	100.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	t 3.01	4.50	(0.71)
Operating charges	(1.43)	(1.44)	(0.32)
Return after operating charges	1.58	3.06	(1.03)
Distributions	(2.38)	(1.82)	(0.20)
Closing NAV	99.21	100.01	98.77
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.43	1.43	1.42
Return after operating charges	+1.58	+3.10	-1.03
Distribution yield [c]	2.13	2.53	0.80
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.42	1.42	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	26	24	30
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of shares	20,015	20,015	20,015
Highest share price (UK p)	102.18	103.28	100.18
Lowest share price (UK p)	98.13	95.79	98.80

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Sterling Class 'X-H' Accumulatio		erformance	
The share class was launched on 7 August 201	5.		
for the year to 31 October	2017	2016	2015
Change in NAV per share	UK p	UK p	UK p
Opening NAV	101.59	98.93	100.00
Return before operating charges and after direct	t 3.04	4.40	(0.71)
portfolio transaction costs Operating charges	(1.46)	(1.45)	(0.71) (0.32)
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Return after operating charges	1.58	2.95	(1.03)
Distributions	(0.99)	(1.46)	(0.20)
Retained distributions	0.93	1.17	0.16
Closing NAV	103.12	101.59	98.93
Direct portfolio transaction costs	UK p	UK p	UK p
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.43	1.43	1.42
Return after operating charges	+1.56	+2.98	-1.03
Distribution yield	0.73	1.10	0.80
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	27	25	30
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of shares	20,010	20,010	20,010
Highest share price (UK p)	105.63	103.84	100.18
Lowest share price (UK p)	99.71	95.94	98.80

### Swiss franc Class 'A' Accumulation share performance

The share class was launched on 28 September 2012.				
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Swiss ¢	2016 Swiss ¢	2015 Swiss ¢	
Opening NAV	1,104.69	1,069.22	1,074.30	
Return before operating charges and after dire portfolio transaction costs	ct 55.88	50.73	9.60	
Operating charges	(15.85)	(15.26)	(14.68)	
Return after operating charges	40.03	35.47	(5.08)	
Distributions	(10.95)	(15.37)	(6.27)	
Retained distributions	10.95	15.37	6.27	
Closing NAV	1,144.72	1,104.69	1,069.22	
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Swiss ¢	Swiss ¢	Swiss ¢	
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Performance and charges	%	%	%	
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operating charges	1.41	1.42	1.40	
Return after operating charges	+3.62	+3.32	-0.47	
Distribution yield	0.73	1.12	0.81	
Effect on yield of charges offset against capita	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other information				
Closing NAV (\$'000)	702	71	145	
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.03	0.00	0.01	
Number of shares	61,252	6,366	13,366	
Highest share price (Swiss ¢)	1,148.58	1,115.26	1,133.53	
Lowest share price (Swiss ¢)	1,087.09	1,026.83	954.27	

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The share class was launched on 28 Septemb	er 2012		
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for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Swiss ¢	2016 Swiss ¢	2015 Swiss ¢
Opening NAV	1,034.67	1.021.35	1.041.64
Return before operating charges and after dire		.,	.,
portfolio transaction costs	16.72	28.02	(5.37)
Operating charges	(14.81)	(14.70)	(14.92)
Return after operating charges	1.91	13.32	(20.29)
Distributions	(10.00)	(14.36)	(6.20)
Retained distributions	10.00	14.36	6.20
Closing NAV	1,036.58	1,034.67	1,021.35
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Swiss ¢	Swiss ¢	Swiss ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.43	1.43	1.41
Return after operating charges	+0.18	+1.30	-1.95
Distribution yield	0.73	1.10	0.83
Effect on yield of charges offset against capita	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	47	89	531
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.00	0.00	0.03
Number of shares	4,499	8,499	51,435
Highest share price (Swiss ¢)	1,064.36	1,063.68	1,109.72
Lowest share price (Swiss ¢)	1,012.68	987.24	1,020.05

Swiss franc Class 'C' Accumulati	on shar	e performance	
The share class was launched on 28 September	er 2012.	·	
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Swiss ¢	2016 Swiss ¢	2015 Swiss ¢
Opening NAV	1,131.85	1,088.87	1,088.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	ct 57.40	51.96	9.21
Operating charges	(9.33)	(8.98)	(8.34)
Return after operating charges	48.07	42.98	0.87
Distributions	(18.14)	(22.31)	(12.35)
Retained distributions	18.14	22.31	12.35
Closing NAV	1,179.92	1,131.85	1,088.87
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Swiss ¢	Swiss ¢	Swiss ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.81	0.81	0.79
Return after operating charges	+4.25	+3.95	+0.08
Distribution yield	1.34	1.73	1.46
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	10,827	10,650	94
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.46	0.57	0.01
Number of shares	915,886	930,491	8,569
Highest share price (Swiss ¢)	1,183.82	1,142.56	1,149.36
Lowest share price (Swiss ¢)	1,117.82	1,047.52	967.68

Swiss franc Class 'C-H' Accumul	ation sha	re performa	nce
The share class was launched on 28 September	er 2012.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 Swiss ¢	2016 Swiss ¢	2015 Swiss ¢
Opening NAV	1,054.52	1,034.73	1,049.02
Return before operating charges and after dire portfolio transaction costs	ct 17.12	28.51	(5.65)
Operating charges	(8.91)	(8.72)	(8.64)
Return after operating charges	8.21	19.79	(14.29)
Distributions	(16.65)	(20.85)	(12.64)
Retained distributions	16.65	20.85	12.64
Closing NAV	1,062.73	1,054.52	1,034.73
Direct portfolio transaction costs	Swiss ¢	Swiss ¢	Swiss ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.83	0.83	0.82
Return after operating charges	+0.78	+1.91	-1.36
Distribution yield	1.34	1.71	1.44
Effect on yield of charges offset against capita	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	1,179	267	190
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.05	0.01	0.01
Number of shares	110,766	25,070	18,162
Highest share price (Swiss ¢)	1,090.37	1,080.61	1,120.66
Lowest share price (Swiss ¢)	1,033.43	1,001.41	1,033.37

US dollar Class 'A' Income share	e perform	ance	
The share class was launched on 7 August 20	15.		
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 US ¢	2016 US ¢	2015 US ¢
Opening NAV	1,453.51	1,432.22	1,451.00
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	ct 59.01	67.79	(11.49
Operating charges	(20.59)	(20.52)	(4.56
Return after operating charges	38.42	47.27	(16.05
Distributions	(34.72)	(25.98)	(2.73
Closing NAV	1,457.21	1,453.51	1,432.22
Direct portfolio transaction costs	US ¢	US ¢	US ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.00
Dilution adjustments <sup>[a]</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	1.41	1.41	1.40
Return after operating charges	+2.64	+3.30	-1.11
Distribution yield <sup>[c]</sup>	2.14	2.52	0.81
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	1.40	1.40	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	653	687	15
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.03	0.04	0.00
Number of shares	44,803	47,255	1,034
Highest share price (US ¢)	1,498.99	1,499.56	1,451.81
Lowest share price (US ¢)	1,428.05	1,390.37	1,433.10

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US dollar Class 'A' Accumulation	n share p	erformance			
The share class was launched on 1 May 2009.					
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 US ¢	2016 US ¢	2015 US ¢		
Opening NAV	1,482.27	1,434.92	1,486.56		
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	ct 60.70	68.02	(31.22)		
Operating charges	(21.21)	(20.67)	(20.42)		
Return after operating charges	39.49	47.35	(51.64)		
Distributions	(14.72)	(20.81)	(8.61)		
Retained distributions	14.72	20.81	8.61		
Closing NAV	1,521.76	1,482.27	1,434.92		
Direct portfolio transaction costs	US ¢	US ¢	US ¢		
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01		
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01		
Performance and charges	%	%	%		
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Operating charges	1.41	1.42	1.40		
Return after operating charges	+2.66	+3.30	-3.47		
Distribution yield	0.74	1.12	0.81		
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Other information					
Closing NAV (\$'000)	81,009	83,568	91,260		
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	3.47	4.44	5.70		
Number of shares 5	5,323,384	5,637,858	6,359,927		
Highest share price (US ¢)	1,557.06	1,508.86	1,492.60		
Lowest share price (US ¢)	1,456.29	1,392.94	1,433.08		

US dollar Class 'A-H' Accumulation		·	
The share class was launched on 16 December :	2011 and clo	sed on 7 Augus	st 2015.
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 US ¢	2016 US ¢	2015 US ¢
Opening NAV	n/a	n/a	1,097.21
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	n/a	n/a	10.79
Operating charges	n/a	n/a	(12.28)
Return after operating charges	n/a	n/a	(1.49)
Distributions	n/a	n/a	(4.25)
Retained distributions	n/a	n/a	4.25
Closing NAV	n/a	n/a	1,095.72
Direct portfolio transaction costs	US ¢	US ¢	US ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	n/a	n/a	0.00
Dilution adjustments [a]	n/a	n/a	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	n/a	n/a	0.00
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	n/a	n/a	0.00
Operating charges	n/a	n/a	1.41
Return after operating charges	n/a	n/a	-0.14
Distribution yield	n/a	n/a	n/a
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of shares	n/a	n/a	n/a
Highest share price (US ¢)	n/a	n/a	1,171.77
Lowest share price (US ¢)	n/a	n/a	1,079.53

US dollar Class 'C' Income share performance						
The share class was launched on 7 August 2015.						
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 US ¢	2016 US ¢	2015 US ¢			
Opening NAV	1,154.23	1,135.54	1,151.00			
Return before operating charges and after dire portfolio transaction costs	ct 47.11	53.67	(9.49)			
Operating charges	(9.49)	(9.28)	(2.06)			
Return after operating charges	37.62	44.39	(11.55)			
Distributions	(27.67)	(25.70)	(3.91)			
Closing NAV	1,164.18	1,154.23	1,135.54			
Direct portfolio transaction costs	US ¢	US ¢	US ¢			
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.00			
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.00			
Performance and charges	%	%	%			
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Operating charges	0.81	0.81	0.80			
Return after operating charges	+3.26	+3.91	-1.00			
Distribution yield <sup>[c]</sup>	2.14	2.52	1.41			
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	0.80	0.80	0.00			
Other information						
Closing NAV (\$'000)	3,415	15	15			
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.15	0.00	0.00			
Number of shares	293,319	1,304	1,304			
Highest share price (US ¢)	1,196.51	1,190.64	1,151.56			
Lowest share price (US ¢)	1,134.89	1,102.88	1,137.97			

US dollar Class 'C' Accumulation The share class was launched on 16 December		erformance	
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for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 US ¢	2016 US ¢	2015 US ¢
Opening NAV	1,184.03	1,139.35	1,173.38
Return before operating charges and after dire			
portfolio transaction costs	48.72	54.35	(24.83)
Operating charges	(9.83)	(9.67)	(9.20)
Return after operating charges	38.89	44.68	(34.03)
Distributions	(19.00)	(23.50)	(13.76)
Retained distributions	19.00	23.50	13.76
Closing NAV	1,222.92	1,184.03	1,139.35
Direct portfolio transaction costs	US ¢	US ¢	US ¢
Costs before dilution adjustments	0.00	0.01	0.01
Dilution adjustments [a]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	0.00	0.01	0.01
Performance and charges	%	%	%
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating charges	0.81	0.81	0.80
Return after operating charges	+3.28	+3.92	-2.90
Distribution yield	1.35	1.72	1.41
Effect on yield of charges offset against capita	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other information			
Closing NAV (\$'000)	9,766	3,750	5,402
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	0.42	0.20	0.34
Number of shares	798,599	316,721	474,148
Highest share price (US ¢)	1,250.19	1,203.20	1,178.40
Lowest share price (US ¢)	1,164.16	1,107.54	1,137.88

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US dollar Class 'C-H' Accumulation	on share p	performan	ce		
The share class was launched on 16 December 2011 and closed on 7 August 2015.					
for the year to 31 October Change in NAV per share	2017 US ¢	2016 US ¢	2015 US ¢		
Opening NAV	n/a	n/a	1,115.84		
Return before operating charges and after direct portfolio transaction costs	n/a	n/a	10 99		
Operating charges	n/a	n/a	(7.19)		
Return after operating charges	n/a	n/a	3.80		
Distributions	n/a	n/a	(9.54)		
Retained distributions	n/a	n/a	9.54		
Closing NAV	n/a	n/a	1,119.64		
Direct portfolio transaction costs	US ¢	US ¢	US ¢		
Costs before dilution adjustments	n/a	n/a	0.00		
Dilution adjustments [a]	n/a	n/a	0.00		
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	n/a	n/a	0.00		
Performance and charges	%	%	%		
Direct portfolio transaction costs [b]	n/a	n/a	0.00		
Operating charges	n/a	n/a	0.81		
Return after operating charges	n/a	n/a	+0.34		
Distribution yield	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Effect on yield of charges offset against capital	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Other information					
Closing NAV (\$'000)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Closing NAV percentage of total fund NAV (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Number of shares	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Highest share price (US ¢)	n/a	n/a	1,195.32		
Lowest share price (US ¢)	n/a	n/a	1,102.22		

<sup>[</sup>a] In respect of direct portfolio transaction costs.

<sup>[</sup>b] As a percentage of average net asset value.

<sup>[</sup>c] Following the change in charging structure, you may see variances between the comparative and current year figures.

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		20	)17	20	016
for the year to 31 October	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income					
Net capital gains / (losses)	5		50,087		19,568
Revenue	7	52,111		49,060	
Expenses	8	(23,000)		(18,754)	
Interest payable		(411)		(154)	
Net revenue / (expense) before taxation		20.700		20.452	
		28,700		30,152	
Taxation	9	(455)		(709)	
Net revenue / (expense) after taxation			28,245		29,443
Total return before distributions			78,332		49,011
Distributions	10		(33,578)		(30,540
Change in net assets attributal to shareholders from investme					
activities			44,754		18,471

		2017	20	16
for the year to 31 October	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,882,678	1,	601,176
Amounts received on issue of shares	753,657		820,440	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(365,492)		(578,323)	
		388,165		242,117
Dilution adjustments		767		1,049
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		44,754		18,471
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		19,209		19,865
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		2,335,573	1,	882,678

		2017	2016
as at 31 October	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Fixed assets			
Investments		2,342,527	1,871,742
Current assets			
Debtors	11	13,329	20,402
Cash and bank balances	12	26,012	8,284
Total assets		2,381,868	1,900,428
Liabilities			
Investment liabilities		(38,692)	(8,423)
Creditors			
Overdrawn positions at futures clearing hou collateral manager	uses and	(144)	0
Distribution payable		(3,974)	(3,703)
Other creditors	13	(3,485)	(5,624)
Total liabilities		(46,295)	(17,750)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		2,335,573	1,882,678

### Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Statement of compliance

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.

Amendments to FRS 102 'Fair value hierarchy disclosures' effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017 have been early adopted. These amendments improve the consistency of fair value disclosures for financial instruments with those required by EU-adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies

### a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

### b) Functional and presentational currency

The functional and presentational currency of M&G Global Macro Bond Fund is US dollars.

### c) Exchange rates

Transactions in currencies other than the fund's functional currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction and where applicable assets and liabilities are translated into the fund's functional currency at the rate of exchange ruling as at 12 noon on 31 October 2017 being the last business day of the accounting period.

### d) Investments - recognition and valuation

The provisions of both Section 11 and Section 12 of FRS 102 have been applied in full. All investments have been designated as fair value through profit and loss and recognised initially at fair value, which is normally the transaction price (excluding transaction costs and accrued interest).

At the end of the reporting period all investments have been measured at their fair value using the prices and the portfolio holdings determined at 12 noon on 31 October 2017, being the last valuation point of the accounting period, as this is not materially different from a valuation carried out at close of business on the balance sheet date.

Where separate bid and offer prices are available, the bid price is used for investment assets and the offer price for investment liabilities. Otherwise, the single price or most recent transaction price is used. Interest accrued is not included in the fair value. The methods of determining fair value for the principal classes of investment are:

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## 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### d) Investments - recognition and valuation (continued)

- Equities and debt securities which are traded on an active market are included at the quoted price, which is normally the bid price, excluding any accrued interest in respect of bonds.
- Equities traded on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM), whose liquidity cannot be guaranteed, are included at their quoted bid price as this represents the most objective and appropriate method of valuation.
- Collective investment schemes operated by the ACD are included at either their cancellation price for dual priced funds or their single price for single priced funds.
- Collective investment schemes operated by another manager are included at either their bid price for dual priced funds or their single price for single priced funds.
- Other equities and debt securities which are unquoted or not actively traded on a quoted market are included at a value estimated by the ACD using an appropriate valuation technique, excluding any accrued interest in respect of bonds.
- Exchange traded futures and options are included at the cost of closing out the contract at the balance sheet date.
- Over the counter equity options, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, asset swaps and inflation swaps are included at a value provided by Markit Valuations Limited, an independent credit derivative price provider. Their fair value excludes any accrued interest in respect of derivatives where the income is revenue in nature
- Forward currency contracts, for share class hedging and investment, are included at a value determined by reference to current forward exchange rates for contracts with similar maturity profiles.

#### e) Recognition of income and expenses

- Dividends, including ordinary stock dividends, from equity investments are recognised when the security is quoted exdividend.
- Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised when the scheme is priced ex-distribution.
- Interest income, including coupons from debt securities and bank interest is recognised on an accruals basis.
- Other interest income, such as bank interest, is recognised on an accruals basis.
- Underwriting commission is recognised when the issue takes place.
- Revenue from derivatives is recognised on an accruals basis.
- Fee rebates from investing in other collective investment schemes are recognised on an accruals basis.
- Expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

#### f) Treatment of income and expenses

- Any increases or decreases in the fair value of investments and gains and losses realised on sales of investments are treated as capital and recognised in net capital gains / (losses).
- Ordinary equity dividends, including ordinary stock dividends are treated as revenue.
- Special equity dividends, share buy backs or additional share issues may be treated as revenue or capital depending on the facts of each particular case.
- The value of any enhancement to a stock dividend is treated as capital.
- Distributions from collective investment schemes are treated as revenue in nature, except for any element of equalisation, which represents the average amount of income included in the price paid for the collective investment scheme, which is treated as capital
- Debt security interest comprises the coupon interest and the difference between the purchase price and the expected maturity price spread over its expected remaining life. This is treated as revenue with the difference adjusting the cost of the shares and treated as capital.
- Other interest income, such as bank interest is treated as revenue.
- Underwriting commission is treated as revenue, except where the fund is required to take up all or some of the shares underwritten, in which case a proportion of the commission received is deducted from the cost of the shares and treated as capital.
- The treatment of the income on derivative contracts depends upon the nature of the transaction. Both motive and circumstances are used to determine whether the returns should be treated as capital or revenue. Where positions are undertaken to protect or enhance capital, and the circumstances support this, the returns are recognised in net capital gains; similarly where the motives and circumstances are to generate or protect revenue, and the circumstances support this, the returns are included within net revenue before taxation. Where positions generate total returns it will generally be appropriate to apportion such returns between capital and revenue to properly reflect the nature of the transaction.
- Expenses relating to the purchase and sale of investments are treated as capital; all other expenses are treated as revenue.
- Rebates of charges from holdings in collective investment schemes are treated as revenue or capital in accordance with the underlying scheme's distribution policy.

### g) Tax

Dividends and similar income receivable are recognised at an amount that includes any withholding tax but excludes irrecoverable tax credits. Any withholding tax suffered is shown as part of the tax charge.

Tax is accounted for at the appropriate rate of corporation tax with relief for double taxation taken where appropriate. The tax accounting treatment follows the principal amounts involved.

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## 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### g) Tax (continued)

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis, at the average rate of tax expected to apply in the period in which it expects the deferred tax to be realised or settled. A deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not that the asset will be recovered.

Marginal tax relief has not been taken into account in respect of expenses offset against capital.

#### h) Allocation of returns to share classes

The annual management charge, any share class hedging returns and associated share class hedging charge are directly attributable to individual share classes. All other returns are apportioned to the fund's share classes pro-rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the income or expenses are recognised.

All available net revenue accounted for in accordance with the above policies and distribution policy in note 4, is distributed to holders of Income shares or retained and reinvested for holders of Accumulation shares. Should expenses and taxation together exceed revenue, there will be no distribution and the shortfall will be met from capital.

Distributions which have remained unclaimed by shareholders for more than six years are credited to the capital property of the fund.

### 3 Risk management policies

The ACD is responsible for establishing, implementing and maintaining an adequate and documented risk management policy for identifying, measuring and managing all risks to which funds are or might be exposed.

The Company's investment activities expose it to various types of risk which are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests; market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

These financial statements are designed to enable users to evaluate the nature and extent of those risks and how they are managed.

The following risk management policies are applicable to the fund, with specific risk disclosures set out in notes 19 to 24 in this report.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss resulting from fluctuations in the market value of positions in a fund's portfolio attributable to changes in market variables, such as interest rates, exchange rates, equity and commodity prices or an issuer's creditworthiness.

In relation to market risk, processes are applied that take account of the investment objective and policy of each fund. All funds are subject to an investment oversight process in accordance with the type and nature of the fund. In addition all funds are monitored for compliance within regulatory limits.

In measuring and monitoring market risk, the global exposure of a fund may be calculated using a 'commitment' approach or 'Value at Risk' (VaR) approach.

#### Commitment approach

The commitment approach is applied for funds investing only in traditional asset classes, namely equities, fixed income, money market instruments and collective investment schemes.

In addition, the approach is applied for funds which use or intend to use derivatives or instruments embedding derivatives, but only for efficient portfolio management purposes, or in a simple way not necessarily restricted to efficient portfolio management.

Under the commitment approach the global exposure of funds is measured and monitored using a commitment (adjusted notional) methodology.

Market risk is considered on a daily basis and forms the foundation of investment oversight analysis. This can include for each fund (but is not limited to) the analysis of factors such as fund concentration; style, geographical, industry and market capitalisation biases; active, systematic and specific risk measurements; active money; and beta characteristics.

#### Value at Risk approach

The Value at Risk (VaR) approach is a methodology for estimating the maximum potential loss due to market risk based on historic market volatilities and correlations. More particularly, the VaR approach gives a broad indication of the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability), over a specific time period under normal market conditions.

Instrument and portfolio modelling techniques are based on market accepted practices and are subject to regular audit (back-testing). Market risk factors that are analysed include LIBOR / swap rates, government yield curves, equity prices, exchange rates, market volatility, credit spreads and credit default swap (CDS) spreads.

The VaR model is based on a Monte Carlo process with actual VaR being reported on the basis of a 99% confidence interval over a one month period (20 business days). Risk factor history used in the Monte Carlo process is based on 250 business days. From the variance / covariance matrices, a parametric Monte Carlo scenario set of 5,000 simulations is derived and applied to the fund.

VaR does have limitations in its ability to present valid levels of risk in extreme market conditions. Accordingly, the Risk Analysis team also carries out monthly stress testing and scenario based analysis. Stress testing allows for extreme sets of market circumstances which may not be reflected in historical data sets thereby enabling further assessment of combinations of market movements which may cause serious damage to portfolio values. The key element to the scenario based analysis is challenging the correlation assumptions implicit within statistical based models such as VaR.

The stress test and scenario based analysis is customised for each fund type and the VaR analysis is produced on a daily basis.

The table below shows funds using the 'commitment' approach and those using the 'Value at Risk (VaR)' approach:

Fund	Global exposure approach
M&G Global Macro Bond Fund	VaR

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### 3 Risk management policies (continued)

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a fund's holdings cannot be sold, liquidated or closed out at limited cost in an adequately short time frame and that the ability of the scheme to comply at any time with its obligation to sell and redeem shares is thereby compromised.

The overall liquidity profile for each fund is reviewed and updated regularly. The liquidity profile takes into account investment, cashflow and market liquidity considerations.

Investment liquidity considerations include an assessment of asset class liquidity conditions, liquidity of underlying holdings, portfolio construction and concentration, the scale of individual stock ownership and the nature of the investment strategy.

Cashflow liquidity is managed in each fund on a daily basis using reports that include subscription and redemption information as well as the impact of trading, derivative lifecycle events and corporate action activity. In addition to the daily reporting, the fund managers are provided with reporting that highlights the impact of reasonably predictable events in the portfolio, including an allowance for the potential future exposures that might result from derivative exposures.

Market (or distribution-related) considerations include an assessment of asset demand, fund growth, client concentration and the persistency of the client base. Supplementary to this, market liquidity stress tests are carried out on a monthly basis for all sophisticated funds.

### Credit risk

For funds exposed to credit risk, the credit rating, yield and maturity of each interest bearing security is considered to determine if the yield fully reflects the risk. The capital value of interest-bearing securities within the funds will fall in the event of the default or perceived increased credit risk of an issuer.

The capital value of interest-bearing securities within a fund may also be affected by interest rate fluctuations such that when interest rates rise, the capital value of the interest-bearing securities is likely to fall and vice versa.

For funds in which they are used, credit default swaps are bought and sold in response to detailed credit research to take advantage of anticipated movements in credit spreads on individual stocks and baskets of securities. When a fund buys a credit default swap the default risk associated with the underlying security transfers to the counterparty. When a fund sells a credit default swap the fund assumes the credit risk of the underlying security.

### 4 Distribution policy

In determining the amount available for distribution for Income shares, the annual management charge, administration charge and the share class hedging charge are offset against capital, increasing the amount available for distribution whilst restraining capital performance to an equivalent extent.

### 5 Net capital gains / (losses)

for the year to 31 October	2017 \$'000	\$'000
Non-derivative securities	59,552	(19,942)
Derivative contracts	6,421	(17,410)
Currency gains / (losses)	(15,875)	56,927
Transaction charges	(11)	(7)
Net capital gains / (losses)	50,087	19,568
The following fees are borne by the ACD:		
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Transaction charges	0	4

#### 6 Portfolio transactions and associated costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of the costs please see the section on 'Operating charges and portfolio transaction costs' on pages 10 and 11.

	2017		2016	
for the year to 31 October	\$'000		\$'000	
a) Purchases				
Debt securities [a]	1,676,911		1,945,993	
b) Sales				
Debt securities [a]	1,272,122		1,611,872	
Other transaction types				
Corporate actions	4,923		23,314	
Total sales	1,277,045		1,635,186	
	2017	% of	2016	% of
c) Direct portfolio transaction costs	\$'000	average NAV	\$'000	average NAV
Commissions paid				
Derivatives	1	0.00	9	0.00
Total direct portfolio transaction				
costs	1	0.00	9	0.00
d) Indirect portfolio transaction cost	s	%		%
Portfolio dealing spread [b]		0.21		0.32

<sup>[</sup>a] These transaction types do not attract direct portfolio transaction costs.

### 7 Revenue

for the year to 31 October	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Bank interest	71	23
Derivative revenue	154	6,135
Interest distributions	24	32
Interest on debt securities	51,862	42,870
Total revenue	52,111	49,060

<sup>[</sup>b] Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date.

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### 8 Expenses

for the year to 31 October	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Payable to the ACD or associate		
Annual management charge	19,451	15,942
Administration charge	3,215	2,568
Share class hedging charge	60	43
	22,726	18,553
Payable to the Depositary or associate		
Depositary's charge (including VAT)	95	61
Other expenses		
Audit fee (including VAT)	17	14
Legal fees	0	1
Safe custody charge	162	124
Tax fees (including VAT)	0	1
	179	140
Total expenses	23,000	18,754
The following fees are borne by the ACD:	2017	2016
Payable to the Depositary or associate	\$'000	\$'000
Depositary's charge (including VAT)	0	24
Other expenses		
Safe custody charge	0	68
Total expenses borne by the ACD	0	92

9 Taxation		
for the county 24 Oatelean	2017	2016
for the year to 31 October	\$'000	\$'000
a) Analysis of charge in the year		
Corporation tax	0	0
Withholding tax	455	703
Prior year adjustment	0	6
Total taxation	455	709
b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year		
Net revenue / (expense) before taxation	28,700	30,152
Corporation tax at 20%	5,740	6,030
Effects of:		
Foreign exchange movements: non-taxable	1	(30)
Interest distributions	(5,741)	(6,000)
Withholding tax	455	703
Prior year adjustment	0	6
Total tax charge (note 9a)	455	709
c) Provision for deferred taxation		
Provision at the start of the year	0	0
Deferred tax in profit and loss account (note 9a)	0	0
Provision at the end of the year	0	0

The fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset in the current financial year

Interest distributions have been made in respect of all distributions during the current and preceding periods. Income tax at 20% was accounted for on shareholders' behalf to HM Revenue & Customs up to 31 January 2017.

### **10 Distributions**

Inc <sup>[a]</sup> \$'000	Acc <sup>[b]</sup> \$'000	Inc <sup>[a]</sup> \$'000	Acc <sup>[b]</sup> \$'000
2,801	4,479	1,531	4,005
3,552	5,358	2,055	6,944
4,039	5,495	1,485	4,502
3,974	3,877	2,662	4,414
	33,575		27,598
	982		3,412
	34,557		31,010
ares	673		1,268
	(1,652)		(1,738)
	33,578		30,540
of			
	28,245		29,443
	5,333		1,096
	1		2
	(1)		(1)
	33,578		30,540
	\$'000 2,801 3,552 4,039 3,974	\$'000 \$'000  2,801 4,479 3,552 5,358 4,039 5,495 3,974 3,877  33,575 982  34,557 ares 673 (1,652)  33,578  of  28,245 5,333 1 (1)	2,801

[a] Distributions payable on Income shares.

[b] Retained distributions on Accumulation shares.

### 11 Debtors

as at 31 October	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Amounts receivable on issues of shares	2,748	6,809
Currency deals outstanding	231	3,061
Debt security interest receivable	10,336	10,102
Derivative revenue receivable	13	429
Distributions receivable	1	1
Total debtors	13,329	20,402

### 12 Cash and bank balances

as at 31 October	\$'000	\$'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and collateral manager	143	2,199
Cash held as bank balances	25,869	6,085
Total cash and bank balances	26,012	8,284

### 13 Other creditors

as at 31 October	\$'000	\$'000
ACD's annual management charge payable	453	991
Administration charge payable	212	161
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	2,481	1,226
Currency deals outstanding	232	3,067
Derivative expense payable	37	113
Expenses payable	69	63
Share class hedging charge payable	1	3
Total other creditors	3,485	5,624

### 14 Contingent assets, liabilities and outstanding commitments

There were no contingent assets, liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2016: same).

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### Notes to the financial statements

#### 15 Shares in issue

The following table shows each class of share in issue during the year. Each share class has the same rights on winding up however they may have different charging structures as set out in note 16.

Share class		Opening		vements	Closing
Class 'A' Income         2,381,029         1,581,394         (349,383)         3,613,040           Class 'A' Accumulation         20,249,564         5,781,251         (4,208,466)         21,822,349           Class 'A-H' Income         678,084         217,691         (201,241)         694,534           Class 'B-H' Income         37,028         111,250         (11,608)         136,670           Class 'B-Accumulation         3,777,057         1,151,283         (891,354)         4,036,986           Class 'B-H' Income         11,462         65,713         (3,992)         73,183           Class 'B-H' Accumulation         595,137         106,062         (200,414)         500,785           Class 'C-H' Income         199,527         149,225         (41,958)         306,794           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,246,513           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821		01.11.16	Issued	Cancelled	31.10.17
Class 'A' Accumulation         20,249,564         5,781,251         (4,208,466)         21,822,349           Class 'A-H' Income         678,084         217,691         (201,241)         694,534           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         18,587,475         3,347,530         (4,178,509)         17,756,496           Class 'B-H' Income         3,7028         111,250         (11,608)         136,670           Class 'B-H' Income         11,462         65,713         (3,992)         73,183           Class 'B-H' Accumulation         595,137         106,062         (200,414)         500,785           Class 'C' Hoccumulation         11,423,286         6,035,710         (5,212,483)         12,246,513           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation				(- ()	
Class 'A-H' Income         678,084         217,691         (201,241)         694,534           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         18,587,475         3,347,530         (4,178,509)         17,756,496           Class 'B' Income         37,028         111,250         (11,608)         136,670           Class 'B-H' Income         11,462         65,713         (3992)         73,183           Class 'B-H' Accumulation         595,137         106,062         (200,414)         500,785           Class 'C' Income         199,527         149,225         (41,958)         306,794           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Income         4,500         0         0         4,502           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         2,122         0         0         4,502           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         2,000					
Class 'A-H' Accumulation         18,587,475         3,347,530         (4,178,509)         17,756,496           Class 'B' Income         37,028         111,250         (11,608)         136,670           Class 'B' Accumulation         3,777,057         1,151,283         (891,354)         4,036,986           Class 'B-H' Income         11,462         65,713         (3,992)         73,183           Class 'C' Income         199,527         149,225         (41,958)         30,6794           Class 'C' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         2,706,890         2,126,502         (1,554,886)         3,278,506           Singapore dollar           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,38					
Class 'B' Income         37,028         111,250         (11,608)         136,670           Class 'B' Accumulation         3,777,057         1,151,283         (891,354)         4,036,986           Class 'B-H' Income         11,462         65,713         (3,992)         73,183           Class 'B-H' Accumulation         595,137         106,02         (200,414)         500,786           Class 'C' Income         199,527         149,225         (41,958)         306,794           Class 'C' H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,501           Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,388,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'H' Income         26,138					
Class 'B' Accumulation         3,777,057         1,151,283         (891,354)         4,036,986           Class 'B-H' Income         11,462         65,713         (3,992)         73,183           Class 'B-H' Accumulation         595,137         106,062         (200,414)         500,785           Class 'C' Income         199,527         149,225         (41,958)         306,794           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         2,706,890         2,126,502         (1,554,886)         3,278,506           Singapore dollar         Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Sterling         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         20,00         119,505         0         139,505 <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>					
Class 'B-H' Income         11,462         65,713         (3,992)         73,183           Class 'B-H' Accumulation         595,137         106,062         (200,414)         500,785           Class 'C' Income         199,527         149,225         (41,958)         306,794           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         6,035,710         (5,212,483)         12,246,513           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         2,706,890         2,126,502         (1,554,886)         3,278,506           Singapore dollar           Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,500           Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A H' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'H' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889 <td< td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>,</td></td<>					,
Class 'B-H' Accumulation         595,137         106,062         (200,414)         500,785           Class 'C' Income         199,527         149,225         (41,958)         306,794           Class 'C' Accumulation         11,423,286         6,035,710         (5,212,483)         12,246,513           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Income         2,706,890         2,126,502         (1,554,886)         3,278,506           Singapore dollar           Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'H Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'H' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889					
Class 'C' Income         199,527         149,225         (41,958)         306,794           Class 'C' Accumulation         11,423,286         6,035,710         (5,212,483)         12,246,513           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         2,706,890         2,126,502         (1,554,886)         3,278,506           Singapore dollar           Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'H Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,604           Class 'H' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624					
Class 'C' Accumulation         11,423,286         6,035,710         (5,212,483)         12,246,513           Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         2,706,890         2,126,502         (1,554,886)         3,278,506           Singapore dollar           Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'A H' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         22,860,213           Class 'H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         22,860,213           Class 'H' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,					
Class 'C-H' Income         389,685         1,850,149         (191,489)         2,048,345           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         2,706,890         2,126,502         (1,554,886)         3,278,506           Singapore dollar         Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Sterling           Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A' Hocome         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'H' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'H' Income         241,501,333         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'H' Income         18,593,687         9,			•		,
Class 'C-H' Accumulation         2,706,890         2,126,502         (1,554,886)         3,278,506           Singapore dollar           Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,501           Sterling           Class 'A Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'H Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'H Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'H-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R-Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' In		11,423,286	6,035,710	(5,212,483)	12,246,513
Singapore dollar         Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,500           Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Sterling           Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A' Income         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I' H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'R' Accumulation		389,685	1,850,149	(191,489)	2,048,345
Class 'A-H' Income         4,501         0         4,501           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,500           Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Sterling           Class A' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class A' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class A-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I'-Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I'-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R'-H' Income         20,025         0         0	Class 'C-H' Accumulation	2,706,890	2,126,502	(1,554,886)	3,278,506
Class 'A-H' Accumulation         4,500         0         0         4,500           Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,502           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Sterling           Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I'-Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'I'-I' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,02	Singapore dollar				
Class 'C-H' Income         4,502         0         0         4,501           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Sterling         Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'I' H' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I'-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'I-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000	Class 'A-H' Income	4,501	0	0	4,501
Class 'C-H' Accumulation         4,501         0         0         4,501           Sterling         Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'H' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480	Class 'A-H' Accumulation	4,500	0	0	4,500
Sterling         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class A' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class A-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class I'-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class I'-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class R'-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class R'-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class Y'-H' Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)	Class 'C-H' Income	4,502	0	0	4,502
Class 'A' Income         17,098,436         1,398,334         (2,376,949)         16,119,821           Class 'A' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I'-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'I'-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X-H' Income         4,318,928         1,016,480 <td< td=""><td>Class 'C-H' Accumulation</td><td>4,501</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>4,501</td></td<>	Class 'C-H' Accumulation	4,501	0	0	4,501
Class A' Accumulation         26,142,132         4,708,167         (7,990,086)         22,860,213           Class A'-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class A'-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class I'-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class I'-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class I'R Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class I'R Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class I'R-H' Accumulation         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class I'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class Y. Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class Y. H' Accumulation         6,366         59,750	Sterling				
Class 'A-H' Income         54,380         6,314         (32,630)         28,064           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'I'-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,015	Class 'A' Income	17,098,436	1,398,334	(2,376,949)	16,119,821
Class 'A-H' Accumulation         20,000         119,505         0         139,505           Class 'I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'I'-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R'-Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252	Class 'A' Accumulation	26,142,132	4,708,167	(7,990,086)	22,860,213
Class 'I' Income         241,501,133         130,762,889         (15,275,024)         356,988,998           Class 'I' Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class 'I-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'I-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,025         0         0         41,020           Class 'X Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A'-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)	Class 'A-H' Income	54,380	6,314	(32,630)	28,064
Class "I Accumulation         234,991,502         79,558,032         (8,952,252)         305,597,282           Class "I-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class "I-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class "R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class "R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class "R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class "R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class "X Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class "X' Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class "X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class "X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,015           Swiss franc         Class "A'-H' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class "A'-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)	Class 'A-H' Accumulation	20,000	119,505	0	139,505
Class 'I-H' Income         18,593,687         9,673,624         (17,999,531)         10,267,780           Class 'I-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766	Class 'I' Income	241,501,133	130,762,889	(15,275,024)	356,988,998
Class 'I-H' Accumulation         807,030         4,372,076         (897,279)         4,281,827           Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C'-Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar           Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810	Class 'I' Accumulation	234,991,502	79,558,032	(8,952,252)	305,597,282
Class 'R' Income         570,688         58,137         (20,890)         607,935           Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X' Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X' Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A'-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar           Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,8	Class 'I-H' Income	18,593,687	9,673,624	(17,999,531)	10,267,780
Class 'R' Accumulation         1,051,389         389,441         (347,308)         1,093,522           Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A'-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C'-Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar           Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'A' Income         1,304	Class 'I-H' Accumulation	807,030	4,372,076	(897,279)	4,281,827
Class 'R-H' Income         20,025         0         0         20,025           Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)<	Class 'R' Income	570,688	58,137	(20,890)	607,935
Class 'R-H' Accumulation         20,020         21,000         0         41,020           Class 'X' Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X' Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A'-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'R' Accumulation	1,051,389	389,441	(347,308)	1,093,522
Class 'X' Income         4,160,749         620,576         (2,128,831)         2,652,494           Class 'X' Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A'-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'R-H' Income	20,025	0	0	20,025
Class 'X' Accumulation         4,318,928         1,016,480         (3,053,581)         2,281,827           Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A'-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'R-H' Accumulation	20,020	21,000	0	41,020
Class 'X-H' Income         20,015         0         0         20,015           Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A'-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'X' Income	4,160,749	620,576	(2,128,831)	2,652,494
Class 'X-H' Accumulation         20,010         0         0         20,010           Swiss franc           Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'X' Accumulation	4,318,928	1,016,480	(3,053,581)	2,281,827
Swiss franc         Class 'A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class 'A-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'X-H' Income	20,015	0	0	20,015
Class A' Accumulation         6,366         59,750         (4,864)         61,252           Class A-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'X-H' Accumulation	20,010	0	0	20,010
Class 'A-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Swiss franc				
Class 'A-H' Accumulation         8,499         0         (4,000)         4,499           Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'A' Accumulation	6.366	59.750	(4.864)	61.252
Class 'C' Accumulation         930,491         0         (14,605)         915,886           Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'A-H' Accumulation		,		,
Class 'C-H' Accumulation         25,070         105,967         (20,271)         110,766           US dollar         Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319	Class 'C' Accumulation		0		,
US dollar         VS. dollar         Class A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319					,
Class 'A' Income         47,255         2,810         (5,262)         44,803           Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319				, -1 -1	-, -,
Class 'A' Accumulation         5,637,858         1,555,607         (1,870,081)         5,323,384           Class 'C' Income         1,304         300,015         (8,000)         293,319		47 255	2 810	(5 262)	44 803
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	Class 'C' Accumulation	316,721	630,512	(148,634)	798,599

### 16 Charging structure

The table below sets out the charging structure for each class of share. The charging structure is the same for both Income and Accumulation shares of each class.

Share class	Entry charge %	Exit charge %	Annual management charge	Share class hedging charge %
Euro				
Class 'A'	4.00	n/a	1.25	n/a
Class 'A-H'	4.00	n/a	1.25	[a]
Class 'B'	1.25	n/a	1.75	n/a
Class 'B-H'	1.25	n/a	1.75	[a]
Class 'C'	1.25	n/a	0.65	n/a
Class 'C-H'	1.25	n/a	0.65	[a]
Singapore dollar				
Class 'A-H'	4.00	n/a	1.25	[a]
Class 'C-H'	1.25	n/a	0.65	[a]
Sterling				
Class 'A'	3.00 [b]	n/a	1.25	n/a
Class 'A-H'	3.00 <sup>[b]</sup>	n/a	1.25	[a]
Class 'l'	1.00 <sup>[b]</sup>	n/a	0.65	n/a
Class 'I-H'	1.00 <sup>[b]</sup>	n/a	0.65	[a]
Class 'R'	1.00 <sup>[b]</sup>	n/a	1.00	n/a
Class 'R-H'	1.00 <sup>[b]</sup>	n/a	1.00	[a]
Class 'X'	nil	4.50 [c	1.25	n/a
Class 'X-H'	nil	4.50 [c	1.25	[a]
Swiss franc				
Class 'A'	4.00	n/a	1.25	n/a
Class 'A-H'	4.00	n/a	1.25	[a]
Class 'C'	1.25	n/a	0.65	n/a
Class 'C-H'	1.25	n/a	0.65	[a]
US dollar				
Class 'A'	4.00	n/a	1.25	n/a
Class 'C'	1.25	n/a	0.65	n/a

<sup>[</sup>a] This charge may vary between 0.01% and 0.055%.

### 17 Related parties

M&G Securities Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the fund except with in specie transactions, where M&G Securities Limited acts as an agent. The aggregate monies received through issues, and paid on cancellations, are disclosed in the 'Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders' and note 10. Amounts due to / from M&G Securities Limited in respect of share transactions at the year end are disclosed in notes 11 and 13 where applicable.

Amounts paid to M&G Securities Limited in respect of the ACD's annual management charge, administration charge and share class hedging charge are disclosed in note 8. Amounts due at the year end in respect of the ACD's annual management charge, administration charge and share class hedging charge are disclosed in note 13.

At the balance sheet date, shareholders from within Prudential plc, of which M&G Securities Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary, have holdings totalling 0.65% (2016: 0.00%) of the fund's shares.

<sup>[</sup>b] With effect from 16 December 2016, the entry charge has been discounted to zero on all investments into sterling share classes.

<sup>[</sup>c] With effect from 16 December 2016, the exit charge has been waived on future withdrawals from all Sterling Class 'X' shares.

### Financial statements and notes

### Notes to the financial statements

#### 18 Events after the balance sheet date

There were no events after the balance sheet date to disclose.

### 19 Fair value analysis

Financial instruments have been measured at their fair value and have been classified below using a hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in measuring their fair value:

## Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument

This includes instruments such as publicly traded equities; highly liquid bonds (e.g. Government bonds) and exchange traded derivatives (e.g. futures) for which quoted prices are readily and regularly available.

#### Level 2: Valuation technique using observable market data

This includes instruments such as over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives, debt securities, convertible bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and open-ended funds which have been valued using models with observable market data inputs.

#### Level 3: Valuation technique using unobservable inputs

This refers to instruments which have been valued using models with unobservable data inputs. This includes single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted closed-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights. However no such financial instruments were held.

as at 31 October Basis of valuation	Assets 2017 \$'000	Liabilities 2017 \$'000	Assets 2016 \$'000	Liabilities 2016 \$'000
Level 1	1,235,756	0	933,725	0
Level 2	1,106,771	(38,692)	938,017	(8,423)
Level 3	0	0	0	0
	2,342,527	(38,692)	1,871,742	(8,423)

In accordance with FRS 102 (22.4a) the shares in issue for each class meet the definition of a puttable instrument as the shareholders have the right to sell the shares back to the issuer. The shares in the fund may be issued and redeemed on any business day at the quoted price. These shares are not traded on an exchange. However, the price is observable and transactions within the fund take place regularly at that price. The shares in issue as detailed in note 15 meet the definition of a level 2 financial instrument 'Valuation techniques using observable market data'.

### 20 Risk management policies

The general risk management policies for the fund are set out in note 3 to the financial statements on pages 25 and 26.

### 21 Market risk sensitivity and exposure

VaR is the risk measurement methodology used to assess the fund's leverage and market risk volatility. When VaR is calculated as a percentage of the net asset value it may not be greater than the VaR limit set for the fund.

The VaR limit set during the financial year to 31 October 2017 was 20% (2016: 20%).

The lowest, highest and average VaR calculated during the financial years ended 31 October 2017 and 31 October 2016 are disclosed in the table below. The lowest, highest and average utilisation of VaR is with reference to the limit above.

for the year to 31 October	2017 %	2016 %
Lowest	1.50	1.09
Highest	3.29	2.81
Average	2.47	2.11

#### 22 Credit risk exposure

The table below sets out the credit quality of the financial assets.

as at 31 October	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Investment grade securities	2,164,114	1,533,495
Below investment grade securities	133,666	244,061
Unrated securities	25,229	83,131
Other investments	(19,174)	2,632
Total	2,303,835	1,863,319

The table below sets out the counterparty exposure and collateral held to mitigate credit risk.

		roiwaiu	
		currency	
as at 31 October 2017	Swaps \$'000	contracts \$'000	Futures \$'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(618)	0	156
Barclays Bank	(305)	0	0
Citigroup	(13,048)	0	0
Deutsche Bank	639	0	0
HSBC	0	(770)	0
J.P.Morgan	(7,825)	0	0
State Street Bank	0	(9,766)	0
UBS	4,960	1,621	0
Total	(16,197)	(8,915)	156

		Forward currency	
as at 31 October 2016	Swaps \$'000	contracts \$'000	Futures \$'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(152)	0	2,400
Barclays Bank	3,982	0	0
Credit Suisse	1	0	0
Deutsche Bank	2	0	0
Goldman Sachs	3	0	0
HSBC	3	0	0
JPMorgan	56	0	0
State Street Bank	0	(3,697)	0
UBS	(791)	0	0
Total	3,104	(3,697)	2,400

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#### 23 Leverage risk exposure

Funds using VaR approaches are required to disclose the level of leverage employed during the financial reporting period.

Derivatives can be used by the fund to generate market exposure to investments exceeding the net asset value. As a result of this exposure, the size of any positive or negative movement in markets may have a more significant effect on the net asset value of the fund.

The lowest, highest and average level of leverage employed and utilisation of the leverage level calculated during the financial years ended 31 October 2017 and 31 October 2016 are disclosed in the table below.

	2017	2017	2016	2016
for the year to 31 October	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Lowest	928,017	28	2,680,812	163
Highest	4,626,233	92	5,120,410	308
Average	2,708,840	74	3,430,515	202

### 24 Exchange rate risk for hedged share classes

This fund contains hedged share classes. These share classes operate currency hedges designed to reduce the impact of exchange rates in certain circumstances. As a result, profit and loss on the currency hedges may impact the liquidity of the overall fund. On a day to day basis this is monitored using reporting from the outsourced provider of the hedged share class service. On an ongoing basis the size of the hedged share classes is monitored to ensure that unforeseen exchange rate volatility can be adequately managed without significantly impacting all shareholders.

#### 25 Interest distribution tables

This fund pays quarterly interest distributions and the following table sets out the distribution periods.

Quarterly distribution periods								
	Start	End	Xd	Payment				
First interim	01.11.16	31.01.17	01.02.17	31.03.17				
Second interim	01.02.17	30.04.17	02.05.17	30.06.17				
Third interim	01.05.17	31.07.17	01.08.17	29.09.17				
Fourth interim	01.08.17	31.10.17	01.11.17	29.12.17				

The following tables set out for each distribution the rates per share for both Group 1 and Group 2 shares.

Group 1 shares are those purchased prior to a distribution period and therefore their income rate is the same as the distribution rate.

Group 2 shares are those purchased during a distribution period and therefore their distribution rate is made up of income and equalisation. Equalisation is the average amount of income included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to Income Tax. Instead, it must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes. The tables below show the split of the Group 2 rates into the income and equalisation components.

Euro Class 'A' 1	income	shares				
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	8.2895	-	8.2895	-	8.2895	4.1382
Second interim	7.9453	-	7.9453	-	7.9453	6.5970
Third interim	7.7826	-	7.7826	-	7.7826	3.8741
Final	6.6496	-	6.6496	-	6.6496	8.6145
Group 2						
First interim	5.7282	-	5.7282	2.5613	8.2895	4.1382
Second interim	4.4844	-	4.4844	3.4609	7.9453	6.5970
Third interim	4.8008	-	4.8008	2.9818	7.7826	3.8741
Final	2.4755	-	2.4755	4.1741	6.6496	8.6145

Euro Class 'A'	Accumu	ılation sho	ares			
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	3.7350	-	3.7350	-	3.7350	4.2131
Second interim	3.8304	-	3.8304	-	3.8304	6.7339
Third interim	3.4978	-	3.4978	-	3.4978	3.9798
Final	2.2083	-	2.2083	-	2.2083	3.9318
Group 2						
First interim	1.6113	-	1.6113	2.1237	3.7350	4.2131
Second interim	2.1800	-	2.1800	1.6504	3.8304	6.7339
Third interim	1.5802	-	1.5802	1.9176	3.4978	3.9798
Final	1.1339	-	1.1339	1.0744	2.2083	3.9318

Euro Class 'A-H	l' Incor	ne shares				
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	6.8915	-	6.8915	-	6.8915	3.2706
Second interim	6.1554	-	6.1554	-	6.1554	5.3869
Third interim	6.5314	-	6.5314	-	6.5314	3.2127
Final	5.6031	-	5.6031	-	5.6031	6.9660
Group 2						
First interim	3.0442	-	3.0442	3.8473	6.8915	3.2706
Second interim	2.8086	-	2.8086	3.3468	6.1554	5.3869
Third interim	3.2944	-	3.2944	3.2370	6.5314	3.2127
Final	0.9838	-	0.9838	4.6193	5.6031	6.9660

Euro Class 'A-H	' Accui	mulation s	hares			
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	3.0754	-	3.0754	-	3.0754	3.3256
Second interim	2.9356	-	2.9356	-	2.9356	5.5559
Third interim	2.8437	-	2.8437	-	2.8437	3.2903
Final	1.7966	-	1.7966	-	1.7966	3.1334
Group 2						
First interim	1.9783	-	1.9783	1.0971	3.0754	3.3256
Second interim	1.8115	-	1.8115	1.1241	2.9356	5.5559
Third interim	1.3103	-	1.3103	1.5334	2.8437	3.2903
Final	1.2300	-	1.2300	0.5666	1.7966	3.1334

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Euro Class 'B' 1	income	shares				
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	6.4948	-	6.4948	-	6.4948	2.0815
Second interim	6.2193	-	6.2193	-	6.2193	3.9657
Third interim	6.0845	-	6.0845	-	6.0845	1.7539
Final	5.1914	-	5.1914	-	5.1914	6.7252
Group 2						
First interim	2.4043	-	2.4043	4.0905	6.4948	2.0815
Second interim	2.7151	-	2.7151	3.5042	6.2193	3.9657
Third interim	2.3723	-	2.3723	3.7122	6.0845	1.7539
Final	2.3217	-	2.3217	2.8697	5.1914	6.7252

Interest distributions for the year	Gross income	Income tax deducted	Net income	Equal- isation		bution
to 31 October	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	1.9471	-	1.9471	-	1.9471	2.6301
Second interim	2.1766	-	2.1766	-	2.1766	5.0466
Third interim	1.7783	-	1.7783	-	1.7783	2.2475
Final	0.4731	-	0.4731	-	0.4731	2.0698
Group 2						
First interim	1.2315	-	1.2315	0.7156	1.9471	2.6301
Second interim	1.0676	-	1.0676	1.1090	2.1766	5.0466
Third interim	0.6881	-	0.6881	1.0902	1.7783	2.2475
Final	0.1345	-	0.1345	0.3386	0.4731	2.0698

Interest distributions for the year	Gross income	Income tax deducted	Net income	Equal- isation	Distri	bution
to 31 October	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	6.3857	-	6.3857	-	6.3857	1.9299
Second interim	5.8466	-	5.8466	-	5.8466	3.8598
Third interim	6.0744	-	6.0744	-	6.0744	1.7091
Final	5.2005	-	5.2005	-	5.2005	6.4507
Group 2						
First interim	1.7519	-	1.7519	4.6338	6.3857	1.9299
Second interim	1.4099	-	1.4099	4.4367	5.8466	3.8598
Third interim	3.1126	-	3.1126	2.9618	6.0744	1.7091
Final	1.3874	-	1.3874	3.8131	5.2005	6.4507

Euro Class 'B-H' Accumulation shares							
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016	
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	
First interim	1.6099	-	1.6099	-	1.6099	2.0462	
Second interim	1.6595	-	1.6595	-	1.6595	4.0836	
Third interim	1.3893	-	1.3893	-	1.3893	1.8462	
Final	0.3325	-	0.3325	-	0.3325	1.6284	
Group 2							
First interim	0.9949	-	0.9949	0.6150	1.6099	2.0462	
Second interim	0.8556	-	0.8556	0.8039	1.6595	4.0836	
Third interim	0.5374	-	0.5374	0.8519	1.3893	1.8462	
Final	0.1344	-	0.1344	0.1981	0.3325	1.6284	

Euro Class 'C' I	ncome	shares				
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	8.5385	-	8.5385	-	8.5385	6.1215
Second interim	8.1974	-	8.1974	-	8.1974	8.6764
Third interim	8.0408	-	8.0408	-	8.0408	6.0034
Final	6.8809	-	6.8809	-	6.8809	8.9164
Group 2						
First interim	2.3065	-	2.3065	6.2320	8.5385	6.1215
Second interim	5.0327	-	5.0327	3.1647	8.1974	8.6764
Third interim	4.6192	-	4.6192	3.4216	8.0408	6.0034
Final	4.4818	-	4.4818	2.3991	6.8809	8.9164

Euro Class 'C' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	5.9977	-	5.9977	-	5.9977	6.2205		
Second interim	5.9282	-	5.9282	-	5.9282	8.8795		
Third interim	5.6852	-	5.6852	-	5.6852	6.1595		
Final	4.4230	-	4.4230	-	4.4230	6.2812		
Group 2								
First interim	2.1056	-	2.1056	3.8921	5.9977	6.2205		
Second interim	3.4030	-	3.4030	2.5252	5.9282	8.8795		
Third interim	3.6116	-	3.6116	2.0736	5.6852	6.1595		
Final	1.8562	-	1.8562	2.5668	4.4230	6.2812		

Euro Class 'C-H	Euro Class 'C-H' Income shares									
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016				
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢				
First interim	7.1872	-	7.1872	-	7.1872	4.9442				
Second interim	6.4772	-	6.4772	-	6.4772	7.2950				
Third interim	6.8470	-	6.8470	-	6.8470	5.0585				
Final	5.8830	-	5.8830	-	5.8830	7.3177				
Group 2										
First interim	1.1627	-	1.1627	6.0245	7.1872	4.9442				
Second interim	3.1204	-	3.1204	3.3568	6.4772	7.2950				
Third interim	2.9648	-	2.9648	3.8822	6.8470	5.0585				
Final	2.9731	-	2.9731	2.9099	5.8830	7.3177				

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Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	4.9430	-	4.9430	-	4.9430	4.9558
Second interim	4.5767	-	4.5767	-	4.5767	7.3009
Third interim	4.6961	-	4.6961	-	4.6961	5.1069
Final	3.6678	-	3.6678	-	3.6678	5.0408
Group 2						
First interim	0.4726	-	0.4726	4.4704	4.9430	4.9558
Second interim	1.2196	-	1.2196	3.3571	4.5767	7.3009
Third interim	3.0284	-	3.0284	1.6677	4.6961	5.1069
Final	1.2777	-	1.2777	2.3901	3.6678	5.0408

Interest distributions	Gross	Income tax	Net	Equal-		
for the year to 31 October	income 2017	deducted 2017	income 2017	isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	6.4308	-	6.4308	-	6.4308	3.1441
Second interim	5.9705	-	5.9705	-	5.9705	5.1228
Third interim	6.3582	-	6.3582	-	6.3582	2.9359
Final	5.3762	-	5.3762	-	5.3762	6.6490
Group 2						
First interim	6.4308	-	6.4308	0.0000	6.4308	3.1441
Second interim	5.9705	-	5.9705	0.0000	5.9705	5.1228
Third interim	6.3582	-	6.3582	0.0000	6.3582	2.9359
Final	5.3762	-	5.3762	0.0000	5.3762	6.6490

Interest distributions for the year	Gross income	Income tax deducted	Net income	Equal- isation		bution
to 31 October	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	2.8264	-	2.8264	-	2.8264	3.1503
Second interim	2.7938	-	2.7938	-	2.7938	5.1447
Third interim	2.7423	-	2.7423	-	2.7423	2.9561
Final	1.7144	-	1.7144	-	1.7144	2.9564
Group 2						
First interim	2.8264	-	2.8264	0.0000	2.8264	3.1503
Second interim	2.7938	-	2.7938	0.0000	2.7938	5.1447
Third interim	2.7423	-	2.7423	0.0000	2.7423	2.9561
Final	1.7144	-	1.7144	0.0000	1.7144	2.9564

Singapore dollar Class 'C-H' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	6.4512	-	6.4512	-	6.4512	4.5251		
Second interim	5.9955	-	5.9955	-	5.9955	6.6065		
Third interim	6.3826	-	6.3826	-	6.3826	4.4617		
Final	5.4250	-	5.4250	-	5.4250	6.7019		
Group 2								
First interim	6.4512	-	6.4512	0.0000	6.4512	4.5251		
Second interim	5.9955	-	5.9955	0.0000	5.9955	6.6065		
Third interim	6.3826	-	6.3826	0.0000	6.3826	4.4617		
Final	5.4250	-	5.4250	0.0000	5.4250	6.7019		

Singapore dollar Class 'C-H' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	4.4490	-	4.4490	-	4.4490	4.5429		
Second interim	4.2511	-	4.2511	-	4.2511	6.6596		
Third interim	4.4014	-	4.4014	-	4.4014	4.5145		
Final	3.3901	-	3.3901	-	3.3901	4.6305		
Group 2								
First interim	4.4490	-	4.4490	0.0000	4.4490	4.5429		
Second interim	4.2511	-	4.2511	0.0000	4.2511	6.6596		
Third interim	4.4014	-	4.4014	0.0000	4.4014	4.5145		
Final	3.3901	-	3.3901	0.0000	3.3901	4.6305		

Sterling Class 'A' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.5625	0.1125	0.4500	-	0.4500	0.2008		
Second interim	0.5268	0.0000	0.5268	-	0.5268	0.3252		
Third interim	0.5474	0.0000	0.5474	-	0.5474	0.2044		
Final	0.4629	0.0000	0.4629	-	0.4629	0.4820		
Group 2								
First interim	0.1881	0.0376	0.1505	0.2995	0.4500	0.2008		
Second interim	0.2890	0.0000	0.2890	0.2378	0.5268	0.3252		
Third interim	0.2548	0.0000	0.2548	0.2926	0.5474	0.2044		
Final	0.2507	0.0000	0.2507	0.2122	0.4629	0.4820		

Sterling Class '.	Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016			
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р			
First interim	0.3580	0.0716	0.2864	-	0.2864	0.2896			
Second interim	0.3587	0.0000	0.3587	-	0.3587	0.4700			
Third interim	0.3471	0.0000	0.3471	-	0.3471	0.2968			
Final	0.2170	0.0000	0.2170	-	0.2170	0.3036			
Group 2									
First interim	0.2440	0.0488	0.1952	0.0912	0.2864	0.2896			
Second interim	0.1882	0.0000	0.1882	0.1705	0.3587	0.4700			
Third interim	0.1503	0.0000	0.1503	0.1968	0.3471	0.2968			
Final	0.0965	0.0000	0.0965	0.1205	0.2170	0.3036			

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Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016	
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р	
First interim	0.6250	0.1250	0.5000	-	0.5000	0.2584	
Second interim	0.5991	0.0000	0.5991	-	0.5991	0.4272	
Third interim	0.6246	0.0000	0.6246	-	0.6246	0.2492	
Final	0.5356	0.0000	0.5356	-	0.5356	0.4980	
Group 2							
First interim	0.2158	0.0432	0.1726	0.3274	0.5000	0.2584	
Second interim	0.1501	0.0000	0.1501	0.4490	0.5991	0.4272	
Third interim	0.0707	0.0000	0.0707	0.5539	0.6246	0.2492	
Final	0.3490	0.0000	0.3490	0.1866	0.5356	0.4980	

Sterling Class '	A-H' A	ccumulatio	on share	s		
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р
First interim	0.2695	0.0539	0.2156	-	0.2156	0.2588
Second interim	0.2781	0.0000	0.2781	-	0.2781	0.4176
Third interim	0.2690	0.0000	0.2690	-	0.2690	0.2524
Final	0.1665	0.0000	0.1665	-	0.1665	0.2368
Group 2						
First interim	0.2695	0.0539	0.2156	0.0000	0.2156	0.2588
Second interim	0.2781	0.0000	0.2781	0.0000	0.2781	0.4176
Third interim	0.0225	0.0000	0.0225	0.2465	0.2690	0.2524
Final	0.1576	0.0000	0.1576	0.0089	0.1665	0.2368

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.8365	0.1673	0.6692	-	0.6692	0.4272		
Second interim	0.7841	0.0000	0.7841	-	0.7841	0.6208		
Third interim	0.8161	0.0000	0.8161	-	0.8161	0.4576		
Final	0.6899	0.0000	0.6899	-	0.6899	0.7092		
Group 2								
First interim	0.5173	0.1035	0.4138	0.2554	0.6692	0.4272		
Second interim	0.3497	0.0000	0.3497	0.4344	0.7841	0.6208		
Third interim	0.3665	0.0000	0.3665	0.4496	0.8161	0.4576		
Final	0.3168	0.0000	0.3168	0.3731	0.6899	0.7092		

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.6065	0.1213	0.4852	-	0.4852	0.4488		
Second interim	0.5845	0.0000	0.5845	-	0.5845	0.6540		
Third interim	0.5947	0.0000	0.5947	-	0.5947	0.4852		
Final	0.4572	0.0000	0.4572	-	0.4572	0.5056		
Group 2								
First interim	0.3154	0.0631	0.2523	0.2329	0.4852	0.4488		
Second interim	0.3065	0.0000	0.3065	0.2780	0.5845	0.6540		
Third interim	0.2630	0.0000	0.2630	0.3317	0.5947	0.4852		
Final	0.2195	0.0000	0.2195	0.2377	0.4572	0.5056		

Sterling Class 'I-H' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.6285	0.1257	0.5028	-	0.5028	0.3664		
Second interim	0.5898	0.0000	0.5898	-	0.5898	0.5324		
Third interim	0.6274	0.0000	0.6274	-	0.6274	0.3648		
Final	0.5396	0.0000	0.5396	-	0.5396	0.4940		
Group 2								
First interim	0.3724	0.0745	0.2979	0.2049	0.5028	0.3664		
Second interim	0.2697	0.0000	0.2697	0.3201	0.5898	0.5324		
Third interim	0.2637	0.0000	0.2637	0.3637	0.6274	0.3648		
Final	0.2846	0.0000	0.2846	0.2550	0.5396	0.4940		

Sterling Class 'I-H' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.4300	0.0860	0.3440	-	0.3440	0.3692		
Second interim	0.4229	0.0000	0.4229	-	0.4229	0.5376		
Third interim	0.4304	0.0000	0.4304	-	0.4304	0.3752		
Final	0.3328	0.0000	0.3328	-	0.3328	0.3356		
Group 2								
First interim	0.2320	0.0464	0.1856	0.1584	0.3440	0.3692		
Second interim	0.1488	0.0000	0.1488	0.2741	0.4229	0.5376		
Third interim	0.2495	0.0000	0.2495	0.1809	0.4304	0.3752		
Final	0.1676	0.0000	0.1676	0.1652	0.3328	0.3356		

Sterling Class 'R' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.8045	0.1609	0.6436	-	0.6436	0.3392		
Second interim	0.7534	0.0000	0.7534	-	0.7534	0.5192		
Third interim	0.7838	0.0000	0.7838	-	0.7838	0.3536		
Final	0.6625	0.0000	0.6625	-	0.6625	0.6848		
Group 2								
First interim	0.2635	0.0527	0.2108	0.4328	0.6436	0.3392		
Second interim	0.1523	0.0000	0.1523	0.6011	0.7534	0.5192		
Third interim	0.6293	0.0000	0.6293	0.1545	0.7838	0.3536		
Final	0.3803	0.0000	0.3803	0.2822	0.6625	0.6848		

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Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares									
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016			
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р			
First interim	0.4495	0.0899	0.3596	-	0.3596	0.3500			
Second interim	0.4429	0.0000	0.4429	-	0.4429	0.5384			
Third interim	0.4399	0.0000	0.4399	-	0.4399	0.3684			
Final	0.3084	0.0000	0.3084	-	0.3084	0.3720			
Group 2									
First interim	0.1350	0.0270	0.1080	0.2516	0.3596	0.3500			
Second interim	0.1648	0.0000	0.1648	0.2781	0.4429	0.5384			
Third interim	0.1981	0.0000	0.1981	0.2418	0.4399	0.3684			
Final	0.0971	0.0000	0.0971	0.2113	0.3084	0.3720			

Sterling Class 'R-H' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.6235	0.1247	0.4988	-	0.4988	0.3056		
Second interim	0.5988	0.0000	0.5988	-	0.5988	0.4652		
Third interim	0.6272	0.0000	0.6272	-	0.6272	0.3020		
Final	0.5370	0.0000	0.5370	-	0.5370	0.5340		
Group 2								
First interim	0.6235	0.1247	0.4988	0.0000	0.4988	0.3056		
Second interim	0.5988	0.0000	0.5988	0.0000	0.5988	0.4652		
Third interim	0.6272	0.0000	0.6272	0.0000	0.6272	0.3020		
Final	0.5370	0.0000	0.5370	0.0000	0.5370	0.5340		

Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р
First interim	0.3355	0.0671	0.2684	-	0.2684	0.3060
Second interim	0.3373	0.0000	0.3373	-	0.3373	0.4672
Third interim	0.3357	0.0000	0.3357	-	0.3357	0.3036
Final	0.2378	0.0000	0.2378	-	0.2378	0.2920
Group 2						
First interim	0.3355	0.0671	0.2684	0.0000	0.2684	0.3060
Second interim	0.3373	0.0000	0.3373	0.0000	0.3373	0.4672
Third interim	0.3357	0.0000	0.3357	0.0000	0.3357	0.3036
Final	0.0118	0.0000	0.0118	0.2260	0.2378	0.2920

Sterling Class 'X' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.5650	0.1130	0.4520	-	0.4520	0.2020		
Second interim	0.5288	0.0000	0.5288	-	0.5288	0.3268		
Third interim	0.5497	0.0000	0.5497	-	0.5497	0.2048		
Final	0.4657	0.0000	0.4657	-	0.4657	0.4832		
Group 2								
First interim	0.2816	0.0563	0.2253	0.2267	0.4520	0.2020		
Second interim	0.2466	0.0000	0.2466	0.2822	0.5288	0.3268		
Third interim	0.2625	0.0000	0.2625	0.2872	0.5497	0.2048		
Final	0.2592	0.0000	0.2592	0.2065	0.4657	0.4832		

Sterling Class 'X' Accumulation shares									
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016			
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р			
First interim	0.3580	0.0716	0.2864	-	0.2864	0.2896			
Second interim	0.3584	0.0000	0.3584	-	0.3584	0.4712			
Third interim	0.3470	0.0000	0.3470	-	0.3470	0.2968			
Final	0.2173	0.0000	0.2173	-	0.2173	0.2968			
Group 2									
First interim	0.2170	0.0434	0.1736	0.1128	0.2864	0.2896			
Second interim	0.1498	0.0000	0.1498	0.2086	0.3584	0.4712			
Third interim	0.0699	0.0000	0.0699	0.2771	0.3470	0.2968			
Final	0.0661	0.0000	0.0661	0.1512	0.2173	0.2968			

Sterling Class 'X-H' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.6230	0.1246	0.4984	-	0.4984	0.2592		
Second interim	0.5984	0.0000	0.5984	-	0.5984	0.4164		
Third interim	0.6266	0.0000	0.6266	-	0.6266	0.2504		
Final	0.5365	0.0000	0.5365	-	0.5365	0.5324		
Group 2								
First interim	0.6230	0.1246	0.4984	0.0000	0.4984	0.2592		
Second interim	0.5984	0.0000	0.5984	0.0000	0.5984	0.4164		
Third interim	0.6266	0.0000	0.6266	0.0000	0.6266	0.2504		
Final	0.5365	0.0000	0.5365	0.0000	0.5365	0.5324		

Sterling Class 'X-H' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	р	р	р	р	р	р		
First interim	0.2700	0.0540	0.2160	-	0.2160	0.2600		
Second interim	0.2780	0.0000	0.2780	-	0.2780	0.4184		
Third interim	0.2688	0.0000	0.2688	-	0.2688	0.2520		
Final	0.1709	0.0000	0.1709	-	0.1709	0.2368		
Group 2								
First interim	0.2700	0.0540	0.2160	0.0000	0.2160	0.2600		
Second interim	0.2780	0.0000	0.2780	0.0000	0.2780	0.4184		
Third interim	0.2688	0.0000	0.2688	0.0000	0.2688	0.2520		
Final	0.1709	0.0000	0.1709	0.0000	0.1709	0.2368		

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Swiss franc Class 'A' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	2.9635	-	2.9635	-	2.9635	3.5038		
Second interim	3.0978	-	3.0978	-	3.0978	5.4879		
Third interim	2.9713	-	2.9713	-	2.9713	3.1990		
Final	1.9147	-	1.9147	-	1.9147	3.1805		
Group 2								
First interim	0.7494	-	0.7494	2.2141	2.9635	3.5038		
Second interim	1.9696	-	1.9696	1.1282	3.0978	5.4879		
Third interim	2.9713	-	2.9713	0.0000	2.9713	3.1990		
Final	1.9147	-	1.9147	0.0000	1.9147	3.1805		

Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	2.8373	-	2.8373	-	2.8373	3.1442
Second interim	2.7636	-	2.7636	-	2.7636	5.2101
Third interim	2.6816	-	2.6816	-	2.6816	3.0557
Final	1.7219	-	1.7219	-	1.7219	2.9458
Group 2						
First interim	2.8373	-	2.8373	0.0000	2.8373	3.1442
Second interim	2.7636	-	2.7636	0.0000	2.7636	5.2101
Third interim	2.6816	-	2.6816	0.0000	2.6816	3.0557
Final	1.7219	-	1.7219	0.0000	1.7219	2.9458

Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distribution 2017 20	
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
First interim	4.7504	-	4.7504	-	4.7504	5.0890
Second interim	4.7665	-	4.7665	-	4.7665	7.2259
Third interim	4.8052	-	4.8052	-	4.8052	4.9486
Final	3.8135	-	3.8135	-	3.8135	5.0468
Group 2						
First interim	4.7504	-	4.7504	0.0000	4.7504	5.0890
Second interim	4.7665	-	4.7665	0.0000	4.7665	7.2259
Third interim	4.8052	-	4.8052	0.0000	4.8052	4.9486
Final	3.8135	-	3.8135	0.0000	3.8135	5.0468

Swiss franc Class 'C-H' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	4.5225	-	4.5225	-	4.5225	4.6219		
Second interim	4.3256	-	4.3256	-	4.3256	6.8312		
Third interim	4.3670	-	4.3670	-	4.3670	4.7136		
Final	3.4332	-	3.4332	-	3.4332	4.6857		
Group 2								
First interim	0.1125	-	0.1125	4.4100	4.5225	4.6219		
Second interim	2.9231	-	2.9231	1.4025	4.3256	6.8312		
Third interim	0.8494	-	0.8494	3.5176	4.3670	4.7136		
Final	2.2815	-	2.2815	1.1517	3.4332	4.6857		

US dollar Class 'A' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	8.9749	-	8.9749	-	8.9749	4.5229		
Second interim	8.7533	-	8.7533	-	8.7533	7.5873		
Third interim	9.1973	-	9.1973	-	9.1973	4.3705		
Final	7.7952	-	7.7952	-	7.7952	9.5007		
Group 2								
First interim	0.0954	-	0.0954	8.8795	8.9749	4.5229		
Second interim	8.7533	-	8.7533	0.0000	8.7533	7.5873		
Third interim	9.1973	-	9.1973	0.0000	9.1973	4.3705		
Final	7.7952	-	7.7952	0.0000	7.7952	9.5007		

US dollar Class 'A' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	3.9734	-	3.9734	-	3.9734	4.5567		
Second interim	4.1465	-	4.1465	-	4.1465	7.6110		
Third interim	4.0613	-	4.0613	-	4.0613	4.3779		
Final	2.5435	-	2.5435	-	2.5435	4.2608		
Group 2								
First interim	2.1853	-	2.1853	1.7881	3.9734	4.5567		
Second interim	1.9991	-	1.9991	2.1474	4.1465	7.6110		
Third interim	1.9996	-	1.9996	2.0617	4.0613	4.3779		
Final	1.1758	-	1.1758	1.3677	2.5435	4.2608		

US dollar Class 'C' Income shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	7.1544	-	7.1544	-	7.1544	5.2057		
Second interim	6.9666	-	6.9666	-	6.9666	7.6886		
Third interim	7.3298	-	7.3298	-	7.3298	5.1750		
Final	6.2224	-	6.2224	-	6.2224	7.6342		
Group 2								
First interim	2.3592	-	2.3592	4.7952	7.1544	5.2057		
Second interim	5.0660	-	5.0660	1.9006	6.9666	7.6886		
Third interim	5.1512	-	5.1512	2.1786	7.3298	5.1750		
Final	2.5763	-	2.5763	3.6461	6.2224	7.6342		

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US dollar Class 'C' Accumulation shares								
Interest distributions for the year to 31 October	Gross income 2017	Income tax deducted 2017	Net income 2017	Equal- isation 2017	Distri 2017	bution 2016		
Group 1	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢		
First interim	4.9496	-	4.9496	-	4.9496	5.2028		
Second interim	4.9785	-	4.9785	-	4.9785	7.7514		
Third interim	5.1206	-	5.1206	-	5.1206	5.2607		
Final	3.9526	-	3.9526	-	3.9526	5.2828		
Group 2								
First interim	1.5859	-	1.5859	3.3637	4.9496	5.2028		
Second interim	2.0077	-	2.0077	2.9708	4.9785	7.7514		
Third interim	1.8415	-	1.8415	3.2791	5.1206	5.2607		
Final	1.9828	-	1.9828	1.9698	3.9526	5.2828		

### 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.

G W MACDOWALL Directors

14 December 2017

## Depositary's Responsibilities and Report

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of M&G Global Macro Bond Fund ('the Company') for the period ended 31 October 2017

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 (SI2001/1228) (the OEIC Regulations), 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 cashflows are properly monitored (this requirement on the Depositary applied from 18 March 2016) and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares in the Company is 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 Fund Manager ('the AFM') 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 the 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 AFM:

- (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.

Edinburgh 14 December 2017 National Westminster Bank Plc Trustee and Depositary Services

### Independent Auditor's Report

### Independent Auditor's Report to the shareholders of M&G Global Macro Bond Fund

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of M&G Global Macro Bond Fund ("the Company") for the year ended 31 October 2017 which comprise the Statement of Total Return and Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders together with the Balance Sheet, the accounting policies of the Company and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 October 2017 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Company for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

### **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 FRC's 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the ACD's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the ACD has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### 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.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority

#### 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;
- 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; and
- there is nothing to indicate that proper accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records.

## 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 rules require 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 purposes of our audit.

## Independent Auditor's Report

### Independent Auditor's Report to the shareholders of M&G Global Macro Bond Fund

## Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)

As explained more fully in the ACD's responsibilities statement as set out on page 2, 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 liquidate 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.

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 Financial Conduct Authority. 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.

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.

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Ernst & Young LLP Statutory Auditor

## Other regulatory disclosures

### Remuneration

In line with the requirements of the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) V, the Manager is subject to a remuneration policy which is consistent with the principles outlined in SYSC19E of the FCA Handbook (UCITS Remuneration Code).

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 staff is in line with the risk policies and objectives of the UCITS it manages. Further details of the remuneration policy applicable at an M&G Limited level can be found here: http://www.mandg.com/en/corporate/about-mg/our-people/.

The UCITS Remuneration Code applies in full for the first time for M&G's 2017 performance year. Quantitative remuneration disclosures will be made following completion of the 2017 performance year (the relevant data/information to make these disclosures will only be available at this time).

### Swiss investor information

For funds registered in Switzerland we are required by FINMA to disclose the Total Expense Ratio (TER).

For this fund the TERs are the same as the operating charges disclosed in the fund's financial highlights section under 'Performance and charges'.

**Accumulation shares:** A type of share where distributions are automatically reinvested and reflected in the value of the shares.

**Accumulation units:** A type of unit where distributions are automatically reinvested and reflected in the value of the units.

**Asset:** Anything having commercial or exchange value that is owned by a business, institution or individual.

**Asset allocation:** Apportioning a portfolio's assets according to risk tolerance and investment goals.

**Asset class:** Category of assets, such as cash, company shares, fixed income securities and their sub-categories, as well as tangible assets such as real estate.

**Bond:** A loan in the form of a security, usually issued by a government or company, which normally pays a fixed rate of interest over a given time period, at the end of which the initial amount borrowed is repaid.

**Bond issue:** A set of fixed income securities offered for sale to the public by a company or government. If the bonds are sold for the first time, it is called a 'new issue'.

**Bottom-up selection:** Selecting stocks based on the attractiveness of a company.

**Bunds:** Fixed income securities issued by the German government.

**Capital:** Refers to the financial assets, or resources, that a company has to fund its business operations.

**Capital growth:** Occurs when the current value of an investment is greater than the initial amount invested.

**Capital return:** The term for the gain or loss derived from an investment over a particular period. Capital return includes capital gain or loss only and excludes income (in the form of interest or dividend payments).

Cash equivalents: Deposits or investments with similar characteristics to cash.

Comparative sector: A group of funds with similar investment objectives and/or types of investment, as classified by bodies such as the Investment Association (IA) or Morningstar<sup>™</sup>. Sector definitions are mostly based on the main assets a fund should invest in, and may also have a geographic focus. Sectors can be the basis for comparing the different characteristics of similar funds, such as their performance or charging structure.

Consumer Prices Index (CPI): An index used to measure inflation, which is the rate of change in prices for a basket of goods and services. The contents of the basket are meant to be representative of products and services we typically spend our money on.

**Convertible bonds:** Fixed income securities that can be exchanged for predetermined amounts of company shares at certain times during their life.

**Corporate bonds:** Fixed income securities issued by a company. They are also known as bonds and can offer higher interest payments than bonds issued by governments as they are often considered more risky.

**Coupon:** The interest paid by the government or company that has raised a loan by selling bonds.

**Credit:** The borrowing capacity of an individual, company or government. More narrowly, the term is often used as a synonym for fixed income securities issued by companies.

Credit default swaps (CDS): Are a type of derivative, namely financial instruments whose value, and price, are dependent on one or more underlying assets. CDS are insurance-like contracts that allow investors to transfer the risk of a fixed income security defaulting to another investor.

Credit rating: An independent assessment of a borrower's ability to repay its debts. A high rating indicates that the credit rating agency considers the issuer to be at low risk of default; likewise, a low rating indicates high risk of default. Standard & Poor's, Fitch and Moody's are the three most prominent credit rating agencies. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of a security's life.

**Credit rating agency:** A company that analyses the financial strength of issuers of fixed income securities and attaches a rating to their debt. Examples include Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

**Credit risk:** Risk that a financial obligation will not be paid and a loss will result for the lender.

**Credit selection:** The process of evaluating a fixed income security, also called a bond, in order to ascertain the ability of the borrower to meet its debt obligations. This research seeks to identify the appropriate level of default risk associated with investing in that particular bond.

**Credit spread:** The difference between the yield of a corporate bond, a fixed income security issued by a company, and a government bond of the same life span. Yield refers to the income received from an investment and is expressed as a percentage of the investment's current market value.

**Default:** When a borrower does not maintain interest payments or repay the amount borrowed when due.

**Default risk:** Risk that a debtholder will not receive interest and full repayment of the loan when due.

**Derivatives:** Financial instruments whose value, and price, are dependent on one or more underlying assets. Derivatives can be used to gain exposure to, or to help protect against, expected changes in the value of the underlying investments. Derivatives may be traded on a regulated exchange or traded over the counter.

**Developed economy/market:** Well-established economies with a high degree of industrialisation, standard of living and security.

**Dilution adjustments:** The dilution adjustment is used to protect ongoing investors against the transaction charges incurred in investing or divesting in respect of creations and cancellations. The dilution adjustment is made up of the direct and indirect transaction charges. In the financial statements the direct transaction charges as a percentage of average NAV will be disclosed. This percentage will take account of those direct transaction charges that have been recovered through the dilution adjustment leaving a percentage that just represents the costs incurred in portfolio management.

**Distribution:** Distributions represent a share in the income of the fund and are paid out to Income shareholders or reinvested for Accumulation shareholders at set times of the year (monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually). They may either be in the form of interest distributions or dividend distributions.

**Distribution yield:** Expresses the amount that is expected to be distributed by the fund over the next 12 months as a percentage of the share price as at a certain date. It is based on the expected gross income less the ongoing charges.

**Diversification:** The practice of investing in a variety of assets. This is a risk management technique where, in a well-diversified portfolio, any loss from an individual holding should be offset by gains in other holdings, thereby lessening the impact on the overall portfolio.

**Dividend:** Dividends represent a share in the profits of a company and are paid out to the company's shareholders at set times of the year.

**Duration:** A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security, also called a bond, or bond fund to changes in interest rates. The longer a bond or bond fund's duration, the more sensitive it is to interest rate movements.

**Duration risk:** The longer a fixed income security, also called a bond, or bond fund's duration, the more sensitive and therefore at risk it is to changes in interest rates.

**Emerging economy or market:** Economies in the process of rapid growth and increasing industrialisation. Investments in emerging markets are generally considered to be riskier than those in developed markets

Equities: Shares of ownership in a company.

**Exchange traded:** Usually refers to investments traded on an exchange, such as company shares on a stock exchange.

**Ex-dividend, ex-distribution or XD date:** The date on which declared distributions officially belong to underlying investors.

**Exposure:** The proportion of a fund invested in a particular share/fixed income security, sector/region, usually expressed as a percentage of the overall portfolio.

**Fixed income security:** A loan in the form of a security, usually issued by a government or company, which normally pays a fixed rate of interest over a given time period, at the end of which the initial amount borrowed is repaid. Also referred to as a bond.

Floating rate notes (FRNs): Securities whose interest (income) payments are periodically adjusted depending on the change in a reference interest rate.

Foreign exchange: The exchange of one currency for another, or the conversion of one currency into another currency. Foreign exchange also refers to the global market where currencies are traded virtually around the clock. The term foreign exchange is usually abbreviated as 'forex' and occasionally as 'FX'.

**Foreign exchange (FX) strategy:** Currencies can be an asset class in its own right, along with company shares, fixed income securities, property and cash. Foreign exchange strategy can therefore be a source of investment returns.

**Forward contract:** A contract between two parties to buy or sell a particular commodity or financial instrument at a pre-determined price at a future date. Examples include foward currency contracts.

Fundamentals (company): A basic principle, rule, law, or the like, that serves as the groundwork of a system. A company's fundamentals pertain specifically to that company, and are factors such as its business model, earnings, balance sheet and debt.

Fundamentals (economic): A basic principle, rule, law, or the like, that serves as the groundwork of a system. Economic fundamentals are factors such as inflation, employment, economic growth.

**Futures:** A futures contract is a contract between two parties to buy or sell a particular commodity or financial instrument at a predetermined price at a future date. Futures are traded on a regulated exchange.

**Gilts:** Fixed income securities issued by the UK government.

**Government bonds:** Fixed income securities issued by governments, that normally pay a fixed rate of interest over a given time period, at the end of which the initial investment is repaid.

Hedging: A method of reducing unnecessary or unintended risk.

**High water mark (HWM):** The highest level that a fund's NAV (net asset value) has reached at the end of any 12-month accounting period.

**High yield bonds:** Fixed income securities issued by companies with a low credit rating from a recognised credit rating agency. They are considered to be at higher risk of default than better quality, ie higher-rated fixed income securities but have the potential for higher rewards. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of a security's life.

**Historic yield:** The historic yield reflects distributions declared over the past 12 months as a percentage of the share price, as at the date shown.

**Income yield:** Refers to the income received from an investment and is usually expressed annually as a percentage based on the investment's cost, its current market value or face value.

**Index:** An index represents a particular market or a portion of it, serving as a performance indicator for that market.

**Income shares:** A type of share where distributions are paid out as cash on the payment date.

**Income units:** A type of unit where distributions are paid out as cash on the payment date.

**Index tracking:** A fund management strategy that aims to match the returns from a particular index.

**Index-linked bonds:** Fixed income securities where both the value of the loan and the interest payments are adjusted in line with inflation over the life of the security. Also referred to as inflation-linked bonds.

**Inflation:** The rate of increase in the cost of living. Inflation is usually quoted as an annual percentage, comparing the average price this month with the same month a year earlier.

**Inflation risk:** The risk that inflation will reduce the return of an investment in real terms.

**Initial public offering (IPO):** The first sale of shares by a private company to the public.

**Interest rate risk:** The risk that a fixed income investment will lose value if interest rates rise.

**Interest rate swap:** An agreement between two parties to swap a fixed interest payment with a variable interest payment over a specified period of time.

**Investment Association (IA):** The UK trade body that represents fund managers. It works with investment managers, liaising with government on matters of taxation and regulation, and also aims to help investors understand the industry and the investment options available to them.

**Issuer:** An entity that sells securities, such as fixed income securities and company shares.

**Investment grade bonds:** Fixed income securities issued by a company with a medium or high credit rating from a recognised credit rating agency. They are considered to be at lower risk from default than those issued by companies with lower credit ratings. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of a security's life.

**Issuer:** An entity that sells securities, such as fixed income securities and company shares.

**Leverage:** When referring to a company, leverage is the level of a company's debt in relation to its assets. A company with significantly more debt than capital is considered to be leveraged. It can also refer to a fund that borrows money or uses derivatives to magnify an investment position.

**Liquidity:** A company is considered highly liquid if it has plenty of cash at its disposal. A company's shares are considered highly liquid if they can be easily bought or sold since large amounts are regularly traded.

**Long position:** Refers to ownership of a security held in the expectation that the security will rise in value.

**Macroeconomic:** Refers to the performance and behaviour of an economy at the regional or national level. Macroeconomic factors such as economic output, unemployment, inflation and investment are key indicators of economic performance. Sometimes abbreviated to 'macro'.

**Mαturity:** The length of time until the initial investment amount of a fixed income security is due to be repaid to the holder of the security.

Modified duration: A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security, called a bond, or bond fund to changes in interest rates. The longer a bond or bond fund's duration, the more sensitive it is to interest rate movements.

**Monetary easing:** When central banks lower interest rates or buy securities on the open market to increase the money in circulation.

Monetary policy: A central bank's regulation of money in circulation and interest rates

**Monetary tightening:** When central banks raise interest rates or sell securities on the open market to decrease the money in circulation.

Morningstar™: A provider of independent investment research, including performance statistics and independent fund ratings.

**Near cash:** Deposits or investments with similar characteristics to

**Net asset value (NAV):** A fund's net asset value is calculated by taking the current value of the fund's assets and subtracting its liabilities.

**Open-ended investment company (OEIC):** A type of managed fund, whose value is directly linked to the value of the fund's underlying investments

**Options:** Financial contracts that offer the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an asset at a given price on or before a given date in the future.

**Over-the-counter (OTC):** Whereby financial assets are traded directly between two parties. This is in contrast to exchange trading, which is carried out through exchanges set up specifically for the purpose of trading. OTC is also known as off-exchange trading.

**Overweight:** If a fund is 'overweight' a stock, it holds a larger proportion of that stock than the comparable index or sector.

**Payment date:** The date on which distributions will be paid by the fund to investors, usually the last business day of the month.

**Physical assets:** An item of value that has tangible existence, for example, cash, equipment, inventory or real estate. Physical assets can also refer to securities, such as company shares or fixed income securities.

**Portfolio transaction cost:** The cost of trading, such as brokerage, clearing, exchange fees and bid-offer spread as well as taxes such as stamp duty.

**Preference shares:** Preference shares are a loan to a company that may be traded in the same way as ordinary shares, but generally have a higher yield and pay dividends on fixed dates. Preference shares have varying characteristics as to the treatment of the principal and the dividend payment, which includes ranking them above ordinary shares when it comes to dividend payments.

**Principal:** The face value of a fixed income security, which is the amount due back to the investor by the borrower when the security reaches the end of its life.

**Private placement:** An offer of sale of securities to a relatively small number of investors selected by the company, generally investment banks, mutual funds, insurance companies or pension funds.

**Property Expense Ratio (PER):** Property expenses are the operating expenses that relate to the management of the property assets in the portfolio. These include: insurance and rates, rent review and lease renewal costs and maintenance and repairs, but not improvements. They depend on the level of activity taking place within the fund. The Property Expense Ratio is the ratio of property expenses to the fund's net asset value.

**Real yield:** The return of an investment, adjusted for changes in prices in an economy.

**Retail Prices Index (RPI):** A UK inflation index that measures the rate of change in prices for a basket of goods and services in the UK, including mortgage payments and council tax.

**Risk:** The chance that an investment's return will be different to what is expected. Risk includes the possibility of losing some or all of the original investment.

**Risk management:** The term used to describe the activities the fund manager undertakes to limit the risk of a loss in a fund.

**Risk premium:** The difference between the return from a risk-free asset, such as a high-quality government bond or cash, and the return from an investment in any other asset. The risk premium can be considered the 'price' or 'pay-off' for taking on increased risk. A higher risk premium implies higher risk.

**Risk-free asset:** An asset that notionally carries no risk of non-payment by the borrower such as a high-quality fixed income security issued by a government or cash.

**Risk/reward ratio:** A ratio comparing the expected returns of an investment with the amount of risk undertaken.

**Safe-haven assets:** Refers to assets that investors perceive to be relatively safe from suffering a loss in times of market turmoil.

**Security:** Financial term for a paper asset – usually a share in a company or a fixed income security also known as a bond.

**Share class:** Each M&G fund has different share classes, such as A, R and I. Each has a different level of charges and minimum investment. Details on charges and minimum investments can be found in the Key Investor Information Documents.

**Share class hedging:** Activities undertaken in respect of hedged shares to mitigate the impact on performance of exchange rate movements between the fund's currency exposure and the investor's chosen currency.

**Short position:** A way for a fund manager to express his or her view that the market might fall in value.

**Short selling:** This often refers to the practice whereby an investor sells an asset they do not own. The investor borrows the asset from someone who does own it and pays a fee. The investor must eventually return the borrowed asset by buying it in the open market. If the asset has fallen in price, the investor buys it for less than they sold it for, thus making a profit. The contrary may also occur.

**Short-dated corporate bonds:** Fixed income securities issued by companies and repaid over relatively short periods.

**Short-dated government bonds:** Fixed income securities issued by governments and repaid over relatively short periods.

**Sovereign debt:** Debt of a government. Also referred to as government bonds.

**Sub-investment grade bonds:** Fixed income securities issued by a company with a low rating from a recognised credit rating agency. They are considered to be at higher risk from default than those issued by companies with higher credit ratings. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of a security's life.

**Top-down investing:** An investment approach that analyses economic factors, ie surveys the 'big picture', before selecting which companies to invest in. The top-down investor will look at which industries are likely to generate the best returns in certain economic conditions and limit the search to that area.

**Total return:** The term for the gain or loss derived from an investment over a particular period. Total return includes income (in the form of interest or dividend payments) and capital gains.

Treasuries: Fixed income securities issued by the US government.

**Triple A or AAA rated:** The highest possible rating a fixed income security, also called a bond, can be assigned by credit rating agencies. Bonds that are rated AAA are perceived to have the lowest risk of default. Default means that a company or government is unable to meet interest payments or repay the initial investment amount at the end of a security's life.

**UCITS:** Stands for Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities. This is the European regulatory framework for an investment vehicle that can be marketed across the European Union and is designed to enhance the single market in financial assets while maintaining high levels of investor protection.

**Unconstrained:** The term used to describe the mandate of a fund whereby the manager has the freedom to invest according to his or her own strategy, not being obliged to allocate capital according to the weightings of any index, for example.

**Underlying value:** The fundamental value of a company, reflecting both tangible and intangible assets, rather than the current market value.

**Underlying yield:** Refers to the income received by a managed fund, and is usually expressed annually as a percentage based on the fund's current value.

**Underweight:** If a portfolio is 'underweight' a stock, it holds a smaller proportion of that stock than the comparable index or sector.

**Unit trust:** A type of managed fund, whose value is directly linked to the value of the fund's underlying investments.

**Unit/share type:** Type of units/shares held by investors in a trust or fund (unit/share types differ by features such as whether income is to be paid out as cash or reinvested on the payment date).

**Valuation:** The worth of an asset or company based on its current price.

Volatile: When the value of a particular share, market or sector swings up and down fairly frequently and/or significantly, it is considered volatile.

**Volatility:** The degree to which a given security, fund, or index rapidly changes. It is calculated as the degree of deviation from the norm for that type of investment over a given time period. The higher the volatility, the riskier the security tends to be.

**Warrant:** A security issued by a company that gives the holder the right to buy shares in that company at a specified price and within a certain timeframe.

**Yield:** This refers to either the interest received from a fixed income security or to the dividends received from a share. It is usually expressed as a percentage based on the investment's costs, its current market value or its face value. Dividends represent a share in the profits of the company and are paid out to a company's shareholders at set times of the year.

**Yield (equity):** Refers to the dividends received by a holder of company shares and is usually expressed annually as a percentage based on the investment's cost, its current market value or face value. Dividends represent a share in the profits of the company and are paid out to a company's shareholders at set times of the year.

Yield (bonds): This refers to the interest received from a fixed income security and is usually expressed annually as a percentage based on the investment's cost, its current market value or its face value.

Yield (income): Refers to the income received from an investment and is usually expressed annually as a percentage based on the investment's cost, its current market value or face value.

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