

VT SINFONIA OEIC

(Sub-funds VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio, VT Sinfonia Income and Growth Portfolio, VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed Portfolio, VT Sinfonia Balanced Managed Portfolio and VT Sinfonia Adventurous Growth Portfolio)

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 September 2023**

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COMPANY OVERVIEW

Type of Company:

VT Sinfonia OEIC (the Company) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated under the OEIC Regulations. The Company is a UCITS Scheme as defined in COLL and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC000624. The Company was authorised by an order made by the FCA with effect from 09 May 2008 with the Product Reference Number (PRN) 478014.

The Company is structured as an umbrella company, in that different Sub-funds may be established from time to time by the AFM with the approval of the FCA and the agreement of the Depositary. On the introduction of any new Sub-fund, a revised prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each Sub-fund.

The Company currently has five Sub-funds:

- *VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio (PRN: 646095);*
- *VT Sinfonia Income and Growth Portfolio (PRN: 646096);*
- *VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed Portfolio (PRN: 646097);*
- *VT Sinfonia Balanced Managed Portfolio (PRN: 646099); and*
- *VT Sinfonia Adventurous Growth Portfolio (PRN: 646100).*

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

STATEMENT OF THE AUTHORISED FUND MANAGER'S (AFM's) RESPONSIBILITIES

The rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook require the Authorised Fund Manager to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at the end of the financial year and its net revenue and net capital (losses)/gains for the year. In preparing these financial statements the Authorised Fund Manager is required to:

- > comply with the Prospectus, the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, the Instrument of Incorporation, generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures which are required to be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- > select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- > make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- > prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

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

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Scheme's Sourcebook, we hereby certify the annual report.

David E. Smith CA

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
Authorised Fund Manager

Date

STATEMENT OF THE DEPOSITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF VT SINFONIA OEIC

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

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

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

The Depositary must ensure that:

- > the Company's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- > the sale, issue, 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 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.

NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited
01 October 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF VT SINFONIA OEIC (SUB-FUNDS VT SINFONIA INCOME PORTFOLIO, VT SINFONIA INCOME AND GROWTH PORTFOLIO, VT SINFONIA CAUTIOUS MANAGED PORTFOLIO, VT SINFONIA BALANCED MANAGED PORTFOLIO AND VT SINFONIA ADVENTUROUS GROWTH PORTFOLIO)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of VT Sinfonia OEIC ("the Company") for the year ended 30 September 2023 which comprise the Statements of Total Return, Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, Balance Sheets, the related Notes to the Financial Statements, including significant accounting policies and the Distribution Tables. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in 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 at 30 September 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital (losses)/gains on the scheme property of the Company for the year then ended;
- > have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- > have been prepared in accordance with the Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL Rules) of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Instrument of Incorporation.

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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Fund Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Authorised Fund Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 Authorised Fund Manager is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on Other Matters Prescribed by the COLL Regulations

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- > Proper accounting records for the Company have been kept and the accounts are in agreement with those records;
- > We have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- > The information given in the report of the Authorised Fund Manager for the year is consistent with the financial statements.

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Responsibilities of the Authorised Fund Manager

As explained more fully in the Authorised Fund Manager's Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the Authorised Fund Manager 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 Authorised Fund Manager 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 Authorised Fund Manager 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 Authorised Fund Manager either intends to wind up 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.

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

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We assessed whether the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations by considering their experience, past performance and support available.

All engagement team members were briefed on relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks at the planning stage of the audit. Engagement team members were reminded to remain alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and the sector in which it operates, focusing on those provisions that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The most relevant frameworks we identified include:

- > UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the IA Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds;
- > the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook; and
- > the Company's Prospectus.

We gained an understanding of how the Company is complying with these laws and regulations by making enquiries of the Authorised Fund Manager. We corroborated these enquiries through our review of submitted returns, external inspections, relevant correspondence with regulatory bodies and the Company's breaches register.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by meeting with management to understand where it was considered there was susceptibility to fraud. This evaluation also considered how the Authorised Fund Manager was remunerated and whether this provided an incentive for fraudulent activity. We considered the overall control environment and how the Authorised Fund Manager oversees the implementation and operation of controls. In areas of the financial statements where the risks were considered to be higher, we performed procedures to address each identified risk. We identified a heightened fraud risk in relation to:

- > management override of controls

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

Extent to which the audit is considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (Continued)

In addition to the above, the following procedures were performed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free of material fraud or error:

- > Reviewing the level of and reasoning behind the Company's procurement of legal and professional services;
- > Performing audit work procedures over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business, review of a pre sign-off Net Asset Valuation (NAV) statement for any unexpected activity and reviewing judgements made by the Authorised Fund Manager in its calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias;
- > Assessing the Company's compliance with the key requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and its Prospectus;
- > Completion of appropriate checklists and use of our experience to assess the Company's compliance with the IA Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds; and
- > Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to supporting documentation.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to the risk of material misstatements in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the COLL Rules issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Johnston Carmichael LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
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Date

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 30 September 2023

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied in both the current and prior year, are set out below:

1 Accounting policies

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds (SORP) issued by the Investment Association (IA) in May 2014 and the amendments to the SORP issued by the IA in June 2017. The functional currency is Sterling.
- (b) There are no material events that have been identified that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. The AFM believes that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.
- (c) All expenses, other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged to revenue on an accruals basis. For VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio and VT Sinfonia Income and Growth Portfolio the Annual Management Charge is then reallocated to capital, net of any tax effect for distribution purposes.
- (d) Distributions on collectives are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Interest on deposits is accounted for on an accruals basis. Excess Reportable Income is recognised once reported by the relevant funds. Equalisation on distributions from collectives is treated as capital. All equalisation on distributions from collectives is then reallocated to revenue, for distribution purposes. Rebate income from underlying holdings are recognised on an accruals basis and are allocated to revenue or capital being determined by the allocation of the expense in the underlying funds.
- (e) The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as revenue of the Sub-fund, and where applicable is included in the distribution. In the case of an enhanced stock dividend the value of the enhancement is treated as capital.
- (f) Investments are stated at their fair value at the balance sheet date. In determining fair value, the valuation point is 12 noon on 29 September 2023 with reference to quoted bid prices from reliable external sources. Unlisted collective investment schemes are valued at the closing bid price for dual priced funds and the closing single price for single priced funds.
- (g) All transactions in foreign currencies are converted into Sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the dates of such transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities at the end of the accounting period are translated at the exchange rates at 12 noon on 29 September 2023.
- (h) Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay less or receive more tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the AFM considers that it is more likely than not there will be taxable profits from which underlying timing differences can be deducted.

- (i) In certain circumstances the AFM may charge a dilution levy on the sale or repurchase of shares. The levy, which is paid into the Sub-fund, is intended to cover certain charges not included in the bid market value of the Sub-fund, used in calculating the share price, which could have a diluting effect on the performance of the Sub-fund.
- (j) The Sub-fund currently issues Accumulation & Income shares with the exception of VT Sinfonia Adventurous Growth Portfolio which currently issues only Accumulation shares. VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio goes ex dividend quarterly while the other four Sub-funds go ex dividend semi-annually. VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio pays any income available to the shareholders two months in arrears, as an interest distribution (from Q2 2022 onwards, previous periods dividend distributions) while the other four Sub-funds pay any income available to the shareholders two months in arrears, as a dividend distribution. Any revenue deficit at the year end is funded from capital.

If a distribution remains unclaimed for a period of six years after it has become due, it will be forfeited and will revert to the relevant Sub-fund (or if it no longer exists the AFM). Application to claim distributions that have not been paid should be made to the AFM before this six year period has elapsed.

For the treatment of expenses revert to policy 'c'.

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. It is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for capital gains tax purposes.

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund	VT Sinfonia Income Portfolio
Size of Sub-fund	£3,999,526
Investment objective and policy	<p>The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the long term (5 years) by a combination of both income generation as well as some capital growth.</p> <p>The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities, fixed interest securities, warrants and money market instruments primarily (at least 70%) through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets with a focus on UK assets.</p> <p>Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).</p> <p>One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. For this Sub-fund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-fund exposed to equities will be approximately 25%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than $\pm 12.5\%$.</p> <p>The asset classes in which the Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits as such asset classes.</p>
Derivatives	<p>The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to Shareholders).</p>
Benchmark	<p>The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.</p> <p>However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Cautious Index.</p> <p>The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the index. This index has been selected as it is considered that this index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the index.</p>
Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)	Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
Ex-distribution dates	30 September (final), 31 December, 31 March and 30 June (interims)
Distribution dates	By 30 November (final), last day of February, 31 May, 31 August (interims)
Individual Savings Account (ISA)	The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)

Share classes	Class A Income Shares; Class A Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class C Income Shares^; Class C Accumulation Shares^; Class D Income Shares; and Class D Accumulation Shares.
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^Share classes are currently not active.

Minimum investment*

Lump sum subscription:	All share classes - £1,000
Top-up:	All share classes - £1,000
Holding:	All share classes - £1,000
Redemption:	All share classes - £1,000
Switching:	N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges:*	Class A Shares - 0.00% Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%
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Redemption and switching charges:	Nil
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Regular savings plans	The minimum values shown above will only apply where regular monthly contributions have been discontinued.
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*The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

Annual management charges	Class A Shares - 0.65% Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%
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The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant class (plus VAT if applicable).

Investment review

The Sub-fund Class A Accumulation returned 0.4% over the last twelve months to 30th September 2023, while the benchmark returned 2.7% over the same period, meaning the fund underperformed by -2.3% over the period. Over the six months to 30th September 2023 the Class A Accumulation generated a return of -2.4%. The average return for the ARC Cautious PCI TR GBP was -0.3% meaning the fund underperformed by -2.1% over the period.

Overview

The Sub-fund positioning was adjusted ten times over the 12 months to 30th September 2023, the most recent update held on 22nd September 2023, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy expanded at a reasonable rate, defying fears of a sharp economic slowdown after bank failures in the US and Europe occurred in the first quarter of this year. The positive surprises were neatly centred in areas of the world where the crisis had occurred (US and Europe), whilst China's growth trajectory fell short of expectations.

Tight labour markets persist in the developed world. After a bit of a slowdown, there even seems to be a slight re-acceleration in the US. Despite elevated mortgage rates, the US residential property market is holding up. In the UK, first cracks are more obvious in the surveys. Concerns about commercial real estate, especially in the office building space, persist – without a significant fall-out so far.

Banks reported tighter lending standards, but for now the impact on economic activity has been muted. At the same time, corporates have been able to raise financing in the bond market, helped by diminishing corporate spreads. Central Banks kept tightening policy, though diminishing their pace of interest rate hikes. Policy has turned decisively more restrictive than a year ago, and inflation is coming down. Hence, markets anticipate the tightening cycle ending soon. In the UK, inflation proved stickier than in the US or EU.

In China, economic activity rebounded after Covid barriers were lifted, but fell short of expectations. Consumption behaviours proved more reserved than in the Western world after coming out of Covid lockdowns. Furthermore, manufacturing had remained open in any case, so the catching-up potential was lower. Probably most importantly, the economy's Achilles heel, the property sector, keeps having difficulties to re-open. Authorities have been forthcoming with some policy support, though for now the feed through is proving slow.

Outlook

Inflation is coming down globally, especially for households, which had been squeezed by negative real wage growth and this is a welcome development. Had it not been for excess savings from Covid, which are now being depleted, record high inflation could have been much more detrimental. With employment high, households are in a rather solid position in the US, UK and Europe.

However, past sharp rate increases are set to feed into the economy. The UK has a relatively elevated exposure to short-term mortgage financing and households' finances will therefore be negatively impacted. Equally, as time goes by, corporates will adjust to higher rates, which makes a credit event more likely. A lower inflation environment also means that corporates may have to give up on some of their margins to uphold their market share. A determining factor will be when interest rates can come down, be it in the US, UK or Europe.

Headline inflation is easing and may also feed into some core reading. However, labour markets are tight and capacity utilisation high. Accordingly, policy rates may not be cut any time soon, and even if a slight downside adjustment were to occur (as a nod to lower inflation), the overall level of rates would be elevated compared with the past 10 years.

China's growth trajectory will depend on its authorities' ability to unlock the property market. So far, measures have had a stabilising effect, but no sigh of relief is reverberating through the economy. Experience shows that 'bad assets' need to be withdrawn from circulation, such that new capital and economic activity can flow freely. The current process is long, and accordingly Chinese consumers are reserved. Other areas of the economy, such as infrastructure investment, are likely to remain supportive, as will exports for as long as the West keeps consuming.

Fund positioning and changes

The Sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

In October 2022, we adjusted the bond positioning by adding Vanguard UK Inflation-Linked Gilt Index seeking to take advantage of the sharp falls and corresponding rises in yields in UK index-linked gilts following the mini-budget. This was funded by a reduction in the Dimensional Global Ultrashort Fixed Income. The inflation-linked position was removed in November 2022 and reallocated back to GBP cash.

In February 2023, we reduced HSBC American Index and reallocated the proceeds to ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity Fund, seeking to enhance the value characteristics of the US holdings. We also reduced GBP cash and purchased iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF aiming to benefit from the rise in US government bond yields.

In May 2023, we reduced UK, European, Japanese and US equities and reallocated to Dimensional Global Ultrashort Fixed Income

In June 2023, we reduced Schroder Recovery to increase the holding in JOHCM UK Dynamic. We also reduced the holding in US treasuries in favour of global bonds. Finally, in September 2023, we increased the holding in longer-dated US treasuries, funded from global bonds.

Tatton Investment Management Limited
Investment Manager to the Fund
18 October 2023

PERFORMANCE RECORD

Financial Highlights

Class A Income

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBP	GBP	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	120.8995	140.2106	135.4000
Return before operating charges	1.9777	(15.3153)	7.8730
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.4464)	(1.4231)	(1.5296)
Return after operating charges *	0.5313	(16.7384)	6.3434
Distribution on income shares	(3.2569)	(2.5727)	(1.5328)
Closing net asset value per share	118.1739	120.8995	140.2106

*after direct transactions costs of:

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Performance

Return after charges	0.44%	(11.94%)	4.68%
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Other information

Closing net asset value	£541,348	£848,075	£1,016,741
Closing number of shares	458,095	701,494	725,153
Operating charges (note 2)	1.21%	1.09%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices

Highest share price	127.0366	142.6219	142.5150
Lowest share price	118.1739	120.8955	134.1000

Class A Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBP	GBP	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	152.9571	173.9019	166.1600
Return before operating charges	2.4767	(19.1634)	9.6292
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.8545)	(1.7814)	(1.8873)
Return after operating charges *	0.6222	(20.9448)	7.7419
Closing net asset value per share	153.5793	152.9571	173.9019
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	4.1668	3.2132	1.8843

*after direct transactions costs of:

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Performance

Return after charges	0.41%	(12.04%)	4.66%
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Other information

Closing net asset value	£2,697,166	£3,765,725	£6,371,009
Closing number of shares	1,756,205	2,461,949	3,663,565
Operating charges (note 2)	1.21%	1.09%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices

Highest share price	161.5921	176.8921	176.2371
Lowest share price	150.4268	152.7317	164.2000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)**Financial Highlights (Continued)****Class B Income**

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBP	GBP	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	110.1577	128.8563	125.4900
Return before operating charges	1.7991	(14.0261)	7.2748
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.2343)	(2.3184)	(2.4926)
Return after operating charges *	(0.4352)	(16.3445)	4.7822
Distribution on income shares	(2.9566)	(2.3541)	(1.4159)
Closing net asset value per share	106.7659	110.1577	128.8563

*after direct transactions costs of:

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Performance

Return after charges	(0.40%)	(12.69%)	3.81%
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Other information

Closing net asset value	£113,746	£123,189	£144,100
Closing number of shares	106,538	111,830	111,830
Operating charges (note 2)	2.06%	1.94%	1.96%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices

Highest share price	115.4052	130.9508	131.0452
Lowest share price	106.7659	110.1577	124.2000

Class B Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBP	GBP	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	140.2583	160.8302	154.9300
Return before operating charges	2.2649	(17.6513)	8.9946
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.8830)	(2.9206)	(3.0944)
Return after operating charges *	(0.6181)	(20.5719)	5.9002
Closing net asset value per share	139.6402	140.2583	160.8302
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	3.8015	2.9589	1.7288

*after direct transactions costs of:

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Performance

Return after charges	(0.44%)	(12.79%)	3.81%
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Other information

Closing net asset value	£440,365	£527,771	£679,611
Closing number of shares	315,357	376,285	422,564
Operating charges (note 2)	2.06%	1.94%	1.96%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices

Highest share price	147.7320	163.4445	163.0772
Lowest share price	137.8609	140.0582	153.1000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)**Financial Highlights (Continued)****Class C Income****Period 1 October
2020 to 3 February
2021^**

Changes in net assets per share	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	115.7200
Return before operating charges	3.0367
Operating charges (note 1)	(0.9567)
Return after operating charges *	2.0800
Distribution on income shares	(0.5000)
Closing net asset value per share	117.3000

*after direct transactions costs of: -

Performance	
Return after charges	1.80%

Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.46%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%

Prices	
Highest share price	118.9000
Lowest share price	114.5000

*Share class closed 3 February 2021

Class C Accumulation**Period 1 October
2020 to 3 February
2021^**

Changes in net assets per share	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	145.1000
Return before operating charges	3.9000
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.2000)
Return after operating charges *	2.7000
Closing net asset value per share	147.8000
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	-

*after direct transactions costs of: -

Performance	
Return after charges	1.86%

Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.46%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%

Prices	
Highest share price	149.3000
Lowest share price	143.3000

^Share class closed 3 February 2021

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)
Financial Highlights (Continued)
Class D Income

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBP	GBP	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	106.4259	124.8685	121.9200
Return before operating charges	1.7332	(13.6321)	7.0561
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.4176)	(2.5327)	(2.7270)
Return after operating charges *	(0.6844)	(16.1648)	4.3291
Distribution on income shares	(2.8539)	(2.2778)	(1.3806)
Closing net asset value per share	102.8876	106.4259	124.8685

*after direct transactions costs of:

Performance			
Return after charges	(0.64%)	(12.95%)	3.55%

Other information

Closing net asset value	£2,235	£2,312	£31,899
Closing number of shares	2,172	2,172	25,546
Operating charges (note 2)	2.31%	2.19%	2.21%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices

Highest share price	111.3969	126.8643	127.0099
Lowest share price	102.8876	106.4259	120.6000

Class D Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBP	GBP	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	135.3199	155.5576	150.2100
Return before operating charges	2.1811	(17.0526)	8.7263
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.1151)	(3.1851)	(3.3787)
Return after operating charges *	(0.9340)	(20.2377)	5.3476
Closing net asset value per share	134.3859	135.3199	155.5576
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	3.6627	2.8582	1.7056

*after direct transactions costs of:

Performance			
Return after charges	(0.69%)	(13.01%)	3.56%

Other information

Closing net asset value	£204,766	£301,620	£378,274
Closing number of shares	152,372	222,894	243,173
Operating charges (note 2)	2.31%	2.19%	2.21%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Prices

Highest share price	142.4039	158.0439	157.7557
Lowest share price	132.9851	135.1287	148.4000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.
2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying holdings held within the Sub-fund.

Risk Profile

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '4' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2022: ranked 4). The Sub-fund is ranked '4' because weekly historical performance data indicates that average rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically.

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As at 30 September 2023

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2022: 98.40%)			
310,967	Allianz Strategic Bond	268,520	6.71
14,732	Artemis US Select	41,025	1.03
42,895	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	40,545	1.01
2,625	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return Fund	203,226	5.08
144,167	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta Fund	123,350	3.08
19,814	Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	193,783	4.85
61,954	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity Fund	60,888	1.52
17,670	Fidelity Index Japan	30,934	0.77
26,852	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	31,124	0.78
366	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	41,196	1.03
16,624	HSBC American Index	129,089	3.23
19,437	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	165,830	4.15
32,389	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	288,192	7.21
62,953	iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index	61,379	1.53
11,940	JPM US Equity Income	50,648	1.27
10,343	JOHCM UK Dynamic	20,262	0.51
102,767	Legal & General UK Index	170,388	4.26
302,228	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	283,338	7.08
30,715	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	332,341	8.31
19,934	Schroder Recovery	20,393	0.51
252	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	61,219	1.53
4,780	Vanguard Global Bond Index	548,354	13.71
1,712	Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	162,177	4.05
6,501	Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	311,210	7.78
		3,639,411	90.99
Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2022: 0.25%)			
6,576	HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF	31,703	0.79
79,709	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	244,347	6.11
		276,050	6.90
Portfolio of investments (30.09.2022: 98.65%)		3,915,461	97.89
Net other assets (30.09.2022: 1.36%)		84,065	2.11
		3,999,526	100.00

Note: The 30 September 2022 comparators percentages are based on Mid pricing and does not add up to 100%. The Mid to Bid adjustment for the year ended 30 September 2022 was (0.01%).

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

	£
Total purchases for the year (note 14)	1,751,930
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	543,187
Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index	217,334
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	196,944
Vanguard Global Bond Index	188,471
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	139,882
ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity Fund	66,970
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	51,100
Allianz Strategic Bond	44,755
HSBC American Index	31,787
Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	30,581
Other various purchases	240,919

	£
Total sales for the year (note 14)	3,376,934
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	416,977
Vanguard Global Bond Index	367,498
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	307,430
Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return Fund	290,479
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	275,452
Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index	232,153
Legal & General UK Index	177,273
HSBC American Index	157,768
FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	142,421
Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	135,667
Other various sales	873,816

The above transactions represent the top 10 purchases and sales during the year.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 30 September

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Income			
Net capital (losses)	2	(46,317)	(945,691)
Revenue	3	145,992	159,077
Expenses	4	(57,391)	(70,611)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(29)	(259)
Net revenue before taxation		88,572	88,207
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		88,572	88,207
Total return before distributions		42,255	(857,484)
Finance costs: distributions	6	(135,633)	(137,872)
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(93,378)	(995,356)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 30 September

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	5,568,658	8,621,068
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	74,767	417,294
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(1,657,963)	(2,584,379)
Dilution levies	164	108
Accumulation dividends retained	107,278	109,923
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(93,378)	(995,356)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	3,999,526	5,568,658

BALANCE SHEET

As at		30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Assets					
Investment assets			3,915,461		5,492,561
Current assets					
Debtors	7	76,357		27,739	
Cash and bank balances	8	127,905		102,659	
Total current assets			204,262		130,398
Total assets			4,119,723		5,622,959
Current liabilities					
Creditors	9	(116,275)		(47,412)	
Distribution payable on income shares		(3,922)		(6,889)	
Total current liabilities			(120,197)		(54,301)
Net assets attributable to shareholders			3,999,526		5,568,658

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 The principal accounting policies, which have been applied in both the current and prior year, are set out on page 7.

2 Net capital (losses)	2023	2022
	£	£
The net capital (losses) comprise:		
Non-derivative securities (losses)	(45,509)	(941,930)
Transaction charges (custodian)	(412)	(2,529)
Rebates from underlying holdings	(396)	(1,232)
Total net capital (losses)	(46,317)	(945,691)

3 Revenue	2023	2022
	£	£
Non-taxable dividends	26,478	41,613
Interest from non-derivative securities	112,882	117,200
Bank interest received	4,116	221
Rebates from underlying holdings	2,516	43
Total revenue	145,992	159,077

4 Expenses	2023	2022
	£	£
Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager, associates of the Authorised Fund Manager, and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	41,143	56,797

Payable to the depositary, associates of the depositary, and agents of either of them:

Depositary fee	1,228	1,755
Safe custody fee	461	671
	1,689	2,426

Other expenses:

Audit fee	7,194	5,952
Other expenses	7,365	5,436
	14,559	11,388

Total expenses	57,391	70,611
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

5 Taxation	2023 £	2022 £
(a) Analysis of charge in the year		
UK corporation tax	-	-
Total tax charge for the year (note 5b)	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)		
The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before UK corporation tax	88,572	88,207
Corporation tax at 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)	17,714	17,641
<u>Effects of:</u>		
Revenue not subject to UK corporation tax	(5,295)	(8,323)
Tax effect of rebates in capital	(79)	(246)
Interest distributions	(26,105)	(26,195)
Excess management expenses	13,765	17,123
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	-	-
(c) Provision for deferred taxation		
At 30 September 2023 there is a potential deferred tax asset of £30,433 in relation to surplus management expenses (30 September 2022: £16,668).		
6 Finance costs	2023 £	2022 £
Interim dividend distribution	-	36,521
Interim interest distributions	106,774	55,274
Final interest distribution	23,752	39,178
	130,526	130,973
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	5,423	8,011
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(316)	(1,112)
Net distribution for the year	135,633	137,872
Interest payable and similar charges	29	259
Total finance costs	135,662	138,131
Reconciliation of distributions		
Net revenue after taxation	88,572	88,207
Annual management charge met by capital	41,143	56,797
Equalisation from collectives allocated to revenue	9,336	-
Relief on expenses allocated to capital	-	(1,782)
Balance brought forward	(1,645)	(6,995)
Balance carried forward	(1,773)	1,645
Net distribution for the year	135,633	137,872

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

7 Debtors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts receivable on unsettled trades	62,825	-
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	128	3,450
Accrued revenue:		
Non-taxable dividends	1,782	3,087
Interest from non-derivative securities	11,107	20,289
Rebates from underlying holdings	382	763
Prepayments	133	150
Total debtors	76,357	27,739

8 Cash and bank balances	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	127,905	102,659

9 Creditors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	104,357	33,517
Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager, associates of the Authorised Fund Manager, and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	2,718	3,866
Payable to the depositary, associates of the depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depositary fee	81	119
Safe custody fee	447	553
	528	672
Audit fee	6,588	6,000
Other accrued expenses	2,084	3,357
Total creditors	116,275	47,412

10 Risk management

In pursuing its investment objective as stated on page 8, the Sub-fund holds a number of financial instruments. The Sub-fund's financial instruments comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for issues and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued revenue.

The main risks arising from the Sub-fund's financial instruments, those of its underlying holdings and the AFM's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. These policies have been applied throughout the year.

Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the Sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss the Sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations, which are monitored by the AFM in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and in the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

If market prices at the Balance Sheet date had been 10% higher or lower while all other variables remained constant, the return attributable to ordinary shareholders and equity for the year ended 30 September 2023 would have increased/decreased by £391,546 (30 September 2022: £549,256).

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is invested in funds that are registered overseas and collective investment schemes which invest in overseas securities and the balance sheet can be affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. The AFM may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward exchange contracts or by hedging the Sterling value of investments that are priced in other currencies. Revenue received in other currencies is converted to Sterling on or near the date of receipt.

Net currency assets and liabilities consist of:

	Net monetary assets and liabilities		Non-monetary assets		Total net assets	
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sterling	84,065	76,097	3,915,461	5,492,561	3,999,526	5,568,658
Total	84,065	76,097	3,915,461	5,492,561	3,999,526	5,568,658

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk to portfolio value due to changes in interest rates. The magnitude of the exposure from an adverse change in interest rates depends on the sensitivity of the instrument to changes in interest rates as well as the absolute change in interest rates. In general, values of long-term instruments are more sensitive to interest rate changes than the values of short-term instruments.

The Sub-fund takes on interest rate risk when the investment manager believes the expected returns compensate for the risk, limited by the investment objective, policy and any prospectus rules. The investment manager monitors the level of interest rate risk in the Sub-fund on a regular basis. In addition any cash deposits in the Sub-fund are linked to SONIA, ensuring interest income increases as interest rates increase.

The table below details the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	30.09.2023 £	30.09.2022 £
Financial assets floating rate	127,905	102,659
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	2,792,327	3,719,073
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	1,199,491	1,801,227
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(120,197)	(54,301)
	3,999,526	5,568,658

At 30 September 2023, if interest rates increased or decreased by 0.25%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders of the Sub-fund would increase or decrease by approximately £320 (30 September 2022: £257).

10 Risk management (Continued)**Maturity of financial liabilities**

The financial liabilities of the Sub-fund as at 30 September 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand.

Liquidity risk

The Sub-fund's assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the Sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that the investors wish to sell. Assets of the Sub-fund may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions.

Credit risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Sub-fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Sub-fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the AFM as acceptable counterparties and fund management companies. In addition, limits are set to the exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time and changes in brokers' financial ratings are reviewed.

Credit risk also arises on cash held within financial institutions. Credit risk on cash balances is mitigated by ensuring that cash is held with financial institutions that are at least investment grade credit rated. Indirect credit risk arises from holdings in collectives that invest in debt securities as any default or perceived risk of default will affect the valuation of such holdings.

Fair value disclosure

The fair value hierarchy is intended to prioritise the inputs that are used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices and the lowest priority to un-observable inputs. The criteria applied to the fair values levels in these financial statements are as follows:

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

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

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Valuation Technique	30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)
Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument	276	-	14	-
Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1	3,639	-	5,479	-
Total	3,915	-	5,493	-

11 Shares held**Class A Income**

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	701,494
Shares issued during the year	14,186
Shares cancelled during the year	(257,585)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	458,095

Class A Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	2,461,949
Shares issued during the year	32,914
Shares cancelled during the year	(738,658)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	1,756,205

Class B Income

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	111,830
Shares issued during the year	-
Shares cancelled during the year	(5,292)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	106,538

11 Shares held (Continued)**Class B Accumulation**

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	376,285
Shares issued during the year	2,517
Shares cancelled during the year	(63,445)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	315,357

Class D Income

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	2,172
Shares issued during the year	1,566
Shares cancelled during the year	(1,566)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	2,172

Class D Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	222,894
Shares issued during the year	602
Shares cancelled during the year	(71,124)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	152,372

12 Contingent assets and liabilities

At 30 September 2023, the Sub-fund had no contingent liabilities or commitments (30 September 2022: nil).

13 Post balance sheet events

As indicated in the accounting policies in Note 1, the investments have been valued at the closing valuation point on 29 September 2023. Since that date, the Sub-fund's quoted price has moved as follows for each share class:

Share class	Price at 29 September 2023	Price at 26 January 2024
Class A Income	118.1739p	122.6839p
Class A Accumulation	153.5793p	160.5221p
Class B Income	106.7659p	110.5326p
Class B Accumulation	139.6402p	145.5473p
Class D Income	102.8876p	106.4298p
Class D Accumulation	134.3859p	139.9560p

14 Direct transaction costs

For both the current and prior year, the Sub-fund purchases and sales did not incur any trading commissions, taxes or levies. Therefore the direct transaction costs on purchases, sales and overall are all 0.00%.

15 Portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at 30 September 2023 is 0.01% (30 September 2022: 0.02%).

16 Related party transactions

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, as AFM is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Sub-fund.

Amounts paid to the AFM and its associates are disclosed in note 4. The amounts due to the AFM and its associates at the balance sheet date are disclosed in note 9.

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

Q1 Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2022

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2022 and on or before 31 December 2022

Class A Income	Net revenue 28.02.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 28.02.2023	Distribution 28.02.2022
Group 1	0.6590p	-	0.6590p	0.6543p
Group 2	0.0254p	0.6336p	0.6590p	0.6543p
Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 28.02.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 28.02.2023	Distribution 28.02.2022
Group 1	0.8338p	-	0.8338p	0.8115p
Group 2	0.0391p	0.7947p	0.8338p	0.8115p
Class B Income	Net revenue 28.02.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 28.02.2023	Distribution 28.02.2022
Group 1	0.6003p	-	0.6003p	0.6009p
Group 2	0.6003p	-	0.6003p	0.6009p
Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 28.02.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 28.02.2023	Distribution 28.02.2022
Group 1	0.7644p	-	0.7644p	0.7500p
Group 2	0.0897p	0.6747p	0.7644p	0.7500p
Class D Income	Net revenue 28.02.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 28.02.2023	Distribution 28.02.2022
Group 1	0.5801p	-	0.5801p	0.5822p
Group 2	0.5801p	-	0.5801p	0.5822p
Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 28.02.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 28.02.2023	Distribution 28.02.2022
Group 1	0.7374p	-	0.7374p	0.7253p
Group 2	0.7374p	-	0.7374p	0.7253p

Q2 Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 January 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 January 2023 and on or before 31 March 2023

Class A Income	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.6980p	-	0.6980p	0.4000p
Group 2	0.4425p	0.2555p	0.6980p	0.4000p
Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.8878p	-	0.8878p	0.4984p
Group 2	0.5482p	0.3396p	0.8878p	0.4984p
Class B Income	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.6338p	-	0.6338p	0.3666p
Group 2	0.6338p	-	0.6338p	0.3666p
Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.8113p	-	0.8113p	0.4597p
Group 2	0.4988p	0.3125p	0.8113p	0.4597p
Class D Income	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.6123p	-	0.6123p	0.3550p
Group 2	0.4252p	0.1871p	0.6123p	0.3550p
Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.7819p	-	0.7819p	0.4443p
Group 2	0.4814p	0.3005p	0.7819p	0.4443p

DISTRIBUTION TABLES (Continued)

Q3 Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 April 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 April 2023 and on or before 30 June 2023

Class A Income	Net revenue 31.08.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.08.2023	Distribution 31.08.2022
Group 1	1.1950p	-	1.1950p	0.6631p
Group 2	0.3804p	0.8146p	1.1950p	0.6631p
Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.08.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.08.2023	Distribution 31.08.2022
Group 1	1.5343p	-	1.5343p	0.8287p
Group 2	0.6142p	0.9201p	1.5343p	0.8287p
Class B Income	Net revenue 31.08.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.08.2023	Distribution 31.08.2022
Group 1	1.0847p	-	1.0847p	0.6064p
Group 2	1.0847p	-	1.0847p	0.6064p
Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.08.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.08.2023	Distribution 31.08.2022
Group 1	1.3962p	-	1.3962p	0.7627p
Group 2	0.5294p	0.8668p	1.3962p	0.7627p
Class D Income	Net revenue 31.08.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.08.2023	Distribution 31.08.2022
Group 1	1.0464p	-	1.0464p	0.5865p
Group 2	1.0464p	-	1.0464p	0.5865p
Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.08.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.08.2023	Distribution 31.08.2022
Group 1	1.3450p	-	1.3450p	0.7366p
Group 2	1.3450p	-	1.3450p	0.7366p

Final distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 July 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 July 2023 and on or before 30 September 2023

Class A Income	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.7049p	-	0.7049p	0.8553p
Group 2	0.0857p	0.6192p	0.7049p	0.8553p
Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.9109p	-	0.9109p	1.0746p
Group 2	0.4081p	0.5028p	0.9109p	1.0746p
Class B Income	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.6378p	-	0.6378p	0.7802p
Group 2	0.6378p	-	0.6378p	0.7802p
Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.8296p	-	0.8296p	0.9865p
Group 2	0.2607p	0.5689p	0.8296p	0.9865p
Class D Income	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.6151p	-	0.6151p	0.7541p
Group 2	0.6151p	-	0.6151p	0.7541p
Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.7984p	-	0.7984p	0.9520p
Group 2	0.7984p	-	0.7984p	0.9520p

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund	VT Sinfonia Income and Growth Portfolio
Size of Sub-fund	£18,128,095
Investment objective and policy	<p>The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the long term (5 years) by a combination of both capital growth and income generation.</p> <p>The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities as well as fixed interest securities, warrants and money market instruments primarily (at least 70%) through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets with a focus on UK assets.</p> <p>Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).</p> <p>One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. For this Sub-fund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-fund exposed to equities will be approximately 60%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than $\pm 12.5\%$.</p> <p>The asset classes in which the Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.</p>
Derivatives	<p>The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to shareholders).</p>
Benchmark	<p>The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.</p> <p>However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Balanced Index.</p> <p>The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the index. This index has been selected as it is considered that this index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the index.</p>
Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)	Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
Ex-distribution dates	30 September (final), 31 March (interim)
Distribution dates	By 30 November (final), 31 May (interim)
Individual Savings Account (ISA)	The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)

Share classes	Class A Income Shares; Class A Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class C Income Shares^; Class C Accumulation Shares^; Class D Income Shares; and Class D Accumulation Shares.
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^Share classes are currently not active.

Minimum investment*

Lump sum subscription:	All share classes - £1,000
Top-up:	All share classes - £1,000
Holding:	All share classes - £1,000
Redemption:	All share classes - £1,000
Switching:	N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges:*	Class A Shares - 0.00% Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%
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Redemption and switching charges:	Nil
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Regular savings plans	The minimum values shown above will only apply where regular monthly contributions have been discontinued.
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*The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

Annual management charges	Class A Shares - 0.65% Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%
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The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

Investment review

The Sub-fund Class A Accumulation returned 3.0% over the last twelve months to 30th September 2023, while the benchmark returned 3.6% over the same period, meaning the fund underperformed by -0.6% over the period. Over the six months to 30th September 2023 the Class A Accumulation generated a return of -0.2%. The average return for the ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR GBP was -0.2% meaning the fund underperformed by 0.0% over the period.

Overview

The Sub-fund positioning was adjusted ten times over the 12 months to 30th September 2023, the most recent update held on 22nd September 2023, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy expanded at a reasonable rate, defying fears of a sharp economic slowdown after bank failures in the US and Europe occurred in the first quarter of this year. The positive surprises were neatly centred in areas of the world where the crisis had occurred (US and Europe), whilst China's growth trajectory fell short of expectations.

Tight labour markets persist in the developed world. After a bit of a slowdown, there even seems to be a slight re-acceleration in the US. Despite elevated mortgage rates, the US residential property market is holding up. In the UK, first cracks are more obvious in the surveys. Concerns about commercial real estate, especially in the office building space, persist – without a significant fall-out so far.

Banks reported tighter lending standards, but for now the impact on economic activity has been muted. At the same time, corporates have been able to raise financing in the bond market, helped by diminishing corporate spreads. Central Banks kept tightening policy, though diminishing their pace of interest rate hikes. Policy has turned decisively more restrictive than a year ago, and inflation is coming down. Hence, markets anticipate the tightening cycle ending soon. In the UK, inflation proved stickier than in the US or EU.

In China, economic activity rebounded after Covid barriers were lifted, but fell short of expectations. Consumption behaviours proved more reserved than in the Western world after coming out of Covid lockdowns. Furthermore, manufacturing had remained open in any case, so the catching-up potential was lower. Probably most importantly, the economy's Achilles heel, the property sector, keeps having difficulties to re-open. Authorities have been forthcoming with some policy support, though for now the feed through is proving slow.

Outlook

Inflation is coming down globally, especially for households, which had been squeezed by negative real wage growth and this is a welcome development. Had it not been for excess savings from Covid, which are now being depleted, record high inflation could have been much more detrimental. With employment high, households are in a rather solid position in the US, UK and Europe.

However, past sharp rate increases are set to feed into the economy. The UK has a relatively elevated exposure to short-term mortgage financing and households' finances will therefore be negatively impacted. Equally, as time goes by, corporates will adjust to higher rates, which makes a credit event more likely. A lower inflation environment also means that corporates may have to give up on some of their margins to uphold their market share. A determining factor will be when interest rates can come down, be it in the US, UK or Europe.

Headline inflation is easing and may also feed into some core reading. However, labour markets are tight and capacity utilisation high. Accordingly, policy rates may not be cut any time soon, and even if a slight downside adjustment were to occur (as a nod to lower inflation), the overall level of rates would be elevated compared with the past 10 years.

China's growth trajectory will depend on its authorities' ability to unlock the property market. So far, measures have had a stabilising effect, but no sigh of relief is reverberating through the economy. Experience shows that 'bad assets' need to be withdrawn from circulation, such that new capital and economic activity can flow freely. The current process is long, and accordingly Chinese consumers are reserved. Other areas of the economy, such as infrastructure investment, are likely to remain supportive, as will exports for as long as the West keeps consuming.

Fund positioning and changes

The Sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

In October 2022, we adjusted the bond positioning by adding Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index seeking to take advantage of the sharp falls and corresponding rises in yields in UK index-linked gilts following the mini-budget. This was funded by a reduction in the Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income. The inflation-linked position was removed in November 2022 and reallocated back to GBP cash.

In February 2023, we reduced iShares North American Equity Index and reallocated the proceeds to ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity, seeking to enhance the value characteristics of the US holdings. We also reduced GBP cash and purchased iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF aiming to benefit from the rise in US government bond yields.

In May 2023, we reduced UK, European, Japanese and US equities and reallocated to Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income.

In June 2023, we reduced Schroder Recovery to increase the holding in JOHCM UK Dynamic. We also reduced the holding in US treasuries in favour of global bonds. Finally, in September 2023, we increased the holding in longer-dated US treasuries, funded from global bonds.

Tatton Investment Management Limited
Investment Manager to the Fund
18 October 2023

PERFORMANCE RECORD

Financial Highlights

Class A Income

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	158.3320	172.0647	153.8800
Return before operating charges	6.3198	(9.1742)	21.9360
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.6349)	(1.6850)	(1.6460)
Return after operating charges *	4.6849	(10.8592)	20.2900
Distribution on income shares	(3.8922)	(2.8735)	(2.1053)
Closing net asset value per share	159.1247	158.3320	172.0647
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.96%	(6.31%)	13.19%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£2,088,144	£2,351,275	£3,270,288
Closing number of shares	1,312,269	1,485,028	1,900,615
Operating charges (note 2)	1.03%	1.02%	1.01%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	168.5467	178.0539	176.1273
Lowest share price	154.6018	157.7659	151.1000

Class A Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	197.1368	210.5406	186.0000
Return before operating charges	7.8880	(11.3246)	26.5431
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.0605)	(2.0792)	(2.0025)
Return after operating charges *	5.8275	(13.4038)	24.5406
Closing net asset value per share	202.9643	197.1368	210.5406
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	4.8741	3.5309	2.5210
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.96%	(6.37%)	13.19%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£13,866,133	£15,457,142	£20,566,562
Closing number of shares	6,831,807	7,840,822	9,768,454
Operating charges (note 2)	1.03%	1.02%	1.01%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	209.8547	217.8694	213.9379
Lowest share price	192.4922	194.6974	181.8000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class B Income

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	142.7573	156.4658	142.1400
Return before operating charges	5.6691	(8.3088)	20.0792
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.6791)	(2.7977)	(2.7770)
Return after operating charges *	2.9900	(11.1065)	17.3022
Distribution on income shares	(3.4964)	(2.6020)	(2.9764)
Closing net asset value per share	142.2509	142.7573	156.4658
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.09%	(7.10%)	12.18%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£472	£474	£520
Closing number of shares	332	332	332
Operating charges (note 2)	1.88%	1.87%	1.86%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	151.4997	161.7316	160.2566
Lowest share price	139.3484	142.5754	139.5000

Class B Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	178.4235	192.1821	171.2300
Return before operating charges	7.1140	(10.2934)	24.3318
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.3894)	(3.4652)	(3.3797)
Return after operating charges *	3.7246	(13.7586)	20.9521
Closing net asset value per share	182.1481	178.4235	192.1821
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	4.3938	3.2096	2.3305
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.09%	(7.16%)	12.24%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£553,880	£664,959	£807,026
Closing number of shares	304,082	372,686	419,928
Operating charges (note 2)	1.88%	1.87%	1.86%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	189.3519	198.6499	195.3851
Lowest share price	174.1629	176.6218	167.2000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)**Financial Highlights (Continued)****Class C Income****Period 1 October
2020 to 3 February
2021^**

Changes in net assets per share	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	132.8200
Return before operating charges	7.9500
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.0700)
Return after operating charges *	6.8800
Distribution on income shares	-
Closing net asset value per share	139.7000

*after direct transactions costs of: -

Performance	
Return after charges	5.18%

Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.36%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%

Prices	
Highest share price	142.3000
Lowest share price	130.3000

*Share class closed 3 February 2021

Class C Accumulation**Period 1 October
2020 to 3 February
2021^**

Changes in net assets per share	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	161.1000
Return before operating charges	9.7000
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.3000)
Return after operating charges *	8.4000
Closing net asset value per share	169.5000
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	-

*after direct transactions costs of: -

Performance	
Return after charges	5.21%

Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.36%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%

Prices	
Highest share price	172.6000
Lowest share price	157.3000

^Share class closed 3 February 2021

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class D Income

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	139.4000	153.3537	138.4700
Return before operating charges	3.8127	(8.1454)	19.7290
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.9417)	(3.1032)	(3.0787)
Return after operating charges *	0.8710	(11.2486)	16.6503
Distribution on income shares	(3.4560)	(2.7051)	(1.7666)
Closing net asset value per share	136.8150	139.4000	153.3537
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.62%	(7.33%)	12.03%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£4	£894	£4
Closing number of shares	3	641	3
Operating charges (note 2)	2.13%	2.12%	2.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	147.8038	158.4627	156.9114
Lowest share price	136.0559	139.3156	135.9000

Class D Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	172.7527	186.5406	166.6200
Return before operating charges	6.8774	(9.9794)	23.6464
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.7133)	(3.8085)	(3.7258)
Return after operating charges *	3.1641	(13.7879)	19.9206
Closing net asset value per share	175.9168	172.7527	186.5406
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	4.2489	3.1115	2.2562
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.83%	(7.39%)	11.96%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£1,619,989	£1,626,820	£2,144,780
Closing number of shares	920,884	941,704	1,149,765
Operating charges (note 2)	2.13%	2.12%	2.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	183.1643	192.7553	189.6795
Lowest share price	168.6113	171.1246	162.7000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.

2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying holdings held within the Sub-fund.

Risk Profile

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '4' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2022: ranked 4). The Sub-fund is ranked '4' because weekly historical performance data indicates that average rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically.

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As at 30 September 2023

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2022: 97.60%)			
749,112	Allianz Strategic Bond	728,661	4.02
172,841	Artemis US Select	546,056	3.01
351,932	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	357,915	1.97
3,167	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return Fund	360,304	1.99
262,931	BCIF 100 UK Equity Tracker	543,521	3.00
367,530	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta Fund	364,589	2.01
1,756	Cheyne Global Credit Fund	180,871	1.00
84,140	Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	918,810	5.07
581,369	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated	894,727	4.94
177,399	Fidelity Index Japan	364,165	2.01
101,217	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	181,633	1.00
391,757	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	367,272	2.03
3,245	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	365,601	2.02
196,279	HSBC American Index	1,935,289	10.68
123,801	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	1,095,750	6.04
39,864	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	370,755	2.05
410,626	iShares Emerging Markets Equity Tracker	727,320	4.01
50,147	iShares North American Equity Index	316,869	1.75
7,184	Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund	187,059	1.03
29,886	JPM Japan	88,431	0.49
44,178	JPM US Equity Income	179,451	0.99
87,755	JOHCM UK Dynamic	271,162	1.50
411,521	Legal & General UK Index	1,537,854	8.48
111,247	Liontrust European Growth Fund	363,141	2.00
135,130	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	1,462,107	8.07
196,092	Schroder Recovery	272,567	1.50
1,856	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	450,777	2.49
2,622	Vanguard Global Bond Index	365,929	2.02
2,104	Vanguard Global Credit Bond	188,420	1.03
1,508	Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	187,703	1.03
4,124	Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	363,444	1.99
		16,538,153	91.22
Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2022: 1.88%)			
77,890	HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF	375,508	2.07
294,342	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	902,305	4.98
		1,277,813	7.05
	Portfolio of investments (30.09.2022: 98.58%)	17,815,966	98.27
	Net other assets (30.09.2022: 1.42%)	312,129	1.73
		18,128,095	100.00

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

	£
Total purchases for the year (note 14)	6,158,287
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	1,786,875
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	670,232
Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index	589,851
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	583,927
ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	397,962
Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	385,655
Allianz Strategic Bond	211,872
Vanguard Global Credit Bond	204,836
FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	179,331
HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF	172,226
Other various purchases	975,520
	£
Total sales for the year (note 14)	8,841,896
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	1,058,615
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	813,112
iShares North American Equity Index	717,630
Schroder Recovery	680,179
Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index	630,065
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	480,295
Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	469,023
Vanguard Global Bond Index	461,281
HSBC American Index	430,937
Legal & General UK Index	386,864
Other various sales	2,713,895

The above transactions represent the top 10 purchases and sales during the year.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 30 September

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Income			
Net capital gains/(losses)	2	271,091	(1,787,921)
Revenue	3	472,388	539,581
Expenses	4	(174,930)	(205,874)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(36)	(631)
Net revenue before taxation		297,422	333,076
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		297,422	333,076
Total return before distributions		568,513	(1,454,845)
Finance costs: distributions	6	(466,759)	(403,537)
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		101,754	(1,858,382)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 30 September

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	20,100,646	26,758,645
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	592,050	885,430
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,063,092)	(6,020,161)
Dilution levies	-	42
Accumulation dividends retained	396,737	335,072
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	101,754	(1,858,382)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	18,128,095	20,100,646

BALANCE SHEET

As at	Notes	30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
		£	£	£	£
Assets					
Investment assets			17,815,966		19,816,942
Current assets					
Debtors	7	53,216		11,985	
Cash and bank balances	8	342,054		337,797	
Total current assets			395,270		349,782
Total assets			18,211,236		20,166,724
Current liabilities					
Creditors	9	(56,420)		(45,116)	
Distribution payable on income shares		(26,721)		(20,962)	
Total current liabilities			(83,141)		(66,078)
Net assets attributable to shareholders			18,128,095		20,100,646

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 The principal accounting policies, which have been applied in both the current and prior year, are set out on page 7.

2 Net capital gains/(losses)	2023	2022
	£	£
The net capital gains/(losses) comprise:		
Non-derivative securities gains/(losses)	276,037	(1,784,149)
Transaction charges (custodian)	(2,311)	(1,234)
Rebates from underlying holdings	(2,635)	(2,538)
Total net capital gains/(losses)	271,091	(1,787,921)

3 Revenue	2023	2022
	£	£
Non-taxable dividends	214,448	311,191
Interest from non-derivative securities	228,748	227,670
Bank interest	14,511	658
Rebates from underlying holdings	14,681	62
Total revenue	472,388	539,581

4 Expenses	2023	2022
	£	£

**Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager,
associates of the Authorised Fund Manager,
and agents of either of them:**

Annual management charge	149,475	182,596
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**Payable to the depositary, associates of the
depositary, and agents of either of them:**

Depositary fee	4,659	5,755
Safe custody fee	1,784	1,859
	6,443	7,614

Other expenses:

Audit fee	7,194	5,952
Other expenses	11,818	9,712
	19,012	15,664

Total expenses	174,930	205,874
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

5 Taxation

2023
£

2022
£

(a) Analysis of charge in the year

UK corporation tax

Total tax charge for the year (note 5b)

-

-

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)

The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before UK corporation tax

297,422

333,076

Corporation tax at 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)

59,484

66,615

Effects of:

Revenue not subject to UK corporation tax

(42,889)

(62,237)

Tax effect of rebates in capital

(527)

(508)

Utilised excess management expenses

(16,068)

(3,870)

Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)

-

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(c) Provision for deferred taxation

At 30 September 2023 there is a potential deferred tax asset of £158,420 in relation to surplus management expenses (30 September 2022: £174,488).

6 Finance costs

2023
£

2022
£

Interim dividend distribution

220,813

201,368

Final dividend distribution

229,340

177,760

450,153

379,128

Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares

20,180

28,005

Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares

(3,574)

(3,596)

Net distribution for the year

466,759

403,537

Interest payable and similar charges

36

631

Total finance costs

466,795

404,168

Reconciliation of distributions

Net revenue after taxation

297,422

333,076

Annual management charge met by capital

149,475

182,596

Equalisation from collectives allocated to revenue

18,193

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Relief on expenses allocated to capital

(29,895)

(36,519)

Balance brought forward

103,842

28,226

Balance carried forward

(72,278)

(103,842)

Net distribution for the year

466,759

403,537

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

7 Debtors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	49,635	6,310
Accrued revenue:		
Interest from non-derivative securities	-	2,259
Rebates from underlying holdings	3,448	150
Prepayments	133	3,266
Total debtors	53,216	11,985

8 Cash and bank balances	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	342,054	337,797

9 Creditors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	32,517	21,162
Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager, associates of the Authorised Fund Manager, and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	11,385	13,026
Payable to the depositary, associates of the depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depository fee	353	414
Safe custody fee	1,763	1,749
	2,116	2,163
Audit fee	6,588	6,000
Other accrued expenses	3,814	2,765
Total creditors	56,420	45,116

10 Risk management

In pursuing its investment objective as stated on page 29, the Sub-fund holds a number of financial instruments. The Sub-fund's financial instruments comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for issues and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued revenue.

The main risks arising from the Sub-fund's financial instruments, those of its underlying holdings and the AFM's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. These policies have been applied throughout the year.

Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the Sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss the Sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations, which are monitored by the AFM in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and in the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

If market prices at the Balance Sheet date had been 10% higher or lower while all other variables remained constant, the return attributable to ordinary shareholders and equity for the year ended 30 September 2023 would have increased/decreased by £1,781,597 (30 September 2022: £1,981,694).

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is invested in funds that are registered overseas and collective investment schemes which invest in overseas securities and the balance sheet can be affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. The AFM may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward exchange contracts or by hedging the Sterling value of investments that are priced in other currencies. Revenue received in other currencies is converted to Sterling on or near the date of receipt.

Net currency assets and liabilities consist of:

	Net monetary assets and liabilities		Non-monetary assets		Total net assets	
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sterling	312,129	283,704	17,815,966	19,816,942	18,128,095	20,100,646
Total	312,129	283,704	17,815,966	19,816,942	18,128,095	20,100,646

10 Risk management (Continued)**Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk to portfolio value due to changes in interest rates. The magnitude of the exposure from an adverse change in interest rates depends on the sensitivity of the instrument to changes in interest rates as well as the absolute change in interest rates. In general, values of long-term instruments are more sensitive to interest rate changes than the values of short-term instruments.

The Sub-fund takes on interest rate risk when the investment manager believes the expected returns compensate for the risk, limited by the investment objective, policy and any prospectus rules. The investment manager monitors the level of interest rate risk in the Sub-fund on a regular basis. In addition any cash deposits in the Sub-fund are linked to SONIA, ensuring interest income increases as interest rates increase.

The table below details the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Financial assets floating rate	342,054	337,797
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	6,394,813	6,466,665
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	11,474,369	13,362,262
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(83,141)	(66,078)
	18,128,095	20,100,646

At 30 September 2023, if interest rates increased or decreased by 0.25%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders of the Sub-fund would increase or decrease by approximately £855 (30 September 2022: £844).

Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Sub-fund as at 30 September 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand.

Liquidity risk

The Sub-fund's assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the Sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that the investors wish to sell. Assets of the Sub-fund may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions.

Credit risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Sub-fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Sub-fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the AFM as acceptable counterparties and fund management companies. In addition, limits are set to the exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time and changes in brokers' financial ratings are reviewed.

Credit risk also arises on cash held within financial institutions. Credit risk on cash balances is mitigated by ensuring that cash is held with financial institutions that are at least investment grade credit rated. Indirect credit risk arises from holdings in collectives that invest in debt securities as any default or perceived risk of default will affect the valuation of such holdings.

Fair value disclosure

The fair value hierarchy is intended to prioritise the inputs that are used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices and the lowest priority to un-observable inputs. The criteria applied to the fair values levels in these financial statements are as follows:

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

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

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

	30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
Valuation Technique	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)
Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument	1,278	-	377	-
Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1	16,538	-	19,440	-
Total	17,816	-	19,817	-

11 Shares held**Class A Income**

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	1,485,028
Shares issued during the year	14,441
Shares cancelled during the year	(187,200)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	1,312,269

Class A Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	7,840,822
Shares issued during the year	235,991
Shares cancelled during the year	(1,274,796)
Shares converted during the year	29,790
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	6,831,807

Class B Income

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	332
Shares issued during the year	-
Shares cancelled during the year	-
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	332

Class B Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	372,686
Shares issued during the year	7,834
Shares cancelled during the year	(43,427)
Shares converted during the year	(33,011)
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	304,082

Class D Income

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	641
Shares issued during the year	15
Shares cancelled during the year	(653)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	3

Class D Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	941,704
Shares issued during the year	43,814
Shares cancelled during the year	(64,634)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	920,884

12 Contingent assets and liabilities

At 30 September 2023, the Sub-fund had no contingent liabilities or commitments (30 September 2022: Nil).

13 Post balance sheet events

As indicated in the accounting policies in Note 1, the investments have been valued at the closing valuation point on 29 September 2023. Since that date, the Sub-fund's quoted price has moved as follows for each share class:

Share class	Price at 29 September 2023	Price at 26 January 2024
Class A Income	159.1247p	166.2811p
Class A Accumulation	202.9643p	212.0940p
Class B Income	142.2509p	148.2394p
Class B Accumulation	182.1481p	189.8154p
Class D Income	136.8150p	142.3551p
Class D Accumulation	175.9168p	183.1727p

14 Direct transaction costs

For both the current and prior year, the Sub-fund purchases and sales did not incur any trading commissions, taxes or levies. Therefore the direct transaction costs on purchases, sales and overall are all 0.00%.

15 Portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at 30 September 2023 is 0.01% (30 September 2022: 0.02%).

16 Related party transactions

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, as AFM is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Sub-fund.

Amounts paid to the AFM and its associates are disclosed in note 4. The amounts due to the AFM and its associates at the balance sheet date are disclosed in note 9.

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2022

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2022 and on or before 31 March 2023

Class A Income	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	1.8564p	-	1.8564p	1.4628p
Group 2	1.3594p	0.4970p	1.8564p	1.4628p

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	2.3114p	-	2.3114p	1.7899p
Group 2	1.0869p	1.2245p	2.3114p	1.7899p

Class B Income	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	1.6714p	-	1.6714p	1.3281p
Group 2	1.6714p	-	1.6714p	1.3281p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	2.0874p	-	2.0874p	1.6306p
Group 2	1.1856p	0.9018p	2.0874p	1.6306p

Class D Income	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	1.6306p	-	1.6306p	1.4603p
Group 2	1.0957p	0.5349p	1.6306p	1.4603p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	2.0197p	-	2.0197p	1.5818p
Group 2	1.0939p	0.9258p	2.0197p	1.5818p

DISTRIBUTION TABLES (Continued)**Final distribution in pence per share**

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 April 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 April 2023 and on or before 30 September 2023

Class A Income	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	2.0358p	-	2.0358p	1.4107p
Group 2	1.1808p	0.8550p	2.0358p	1.4107p

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	2.5627p	-	2.5627p	1.7410p
Group 2	1.2892p	1.2735p	2.5627p	1.7410p

Class B Income	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	1.8250p	-	1.8250p	1.2739p
Group 2	1.8250p	-	1.8250p	1.2739p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	2.3064p	-	2.3064p	1.5790p
Group 2	0.9688p	1.3376p	2.3064p	1.5790p

Class D Income	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	1.8254p	-	1.8254p	1.2448p
Group 2	1.0952p	0.7302p	1.8254p	1.2448p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	2.2292p	-	2.2292p	1.5297p
Group 2	1.1274p	1.1018p	2.2292p	1.5297p

Information for corporate shareholders

A corporate shareholder receives the distribution shown on the voucher enclosed with this report as follows:

- i) 46.85% of the total dividend allocation together with the tax credit is received as franked investment income.
- ii) 53.15% of the dividend allocation is received as an annual payment received after deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund	VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed Portfolio
Size of Sub-fund	£19,484,377
Investment objective and policy	<p>The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the long term (5 years) by a combination of both capital growth and income generation.</p> <p>The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities as well as fixed interest securities, warrants and money market instruments primarily (at least 70%) through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets and may also focus on UK assets.</p> <p>Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).</p> <p>One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. The Sub-fund will be actively managed and the investments will be selected to achieve a mix of higher and lower risk assets. The Sub-fund follows a cautious strategy with a slight preference towards lower risk assets (such as bonds and cash (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)) over higher risk assets (such as equities (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)). For this Sub-fund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-fund exposed to equities will be approximately 45%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than $\pm 12.5\%$.</p> <p>The asset classes in which the Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.</p>
Derivatives	<p>The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to Shareholders).</p>
Benchmark	<p>The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.</p> <p>However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Balanced Index (the "Index").</p> <p>The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the Index. This Index has been selected as it is considered that this Index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the Index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the Index.</p>
Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)	Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)

Ex-distribution dates	30 September (final), 31 March (interim)
Distribution dates	By 30 November (final), 31 May (interim)
Individual Savings Account (ISA)	The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA
Share classes	Class A Accumulation Shares; Class A Income Shares^; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares; Class C Accumulation Shares^; Class C Income Shares^; Class D Income Shares^; and Class D Accumulation Shares.

^Share classes are currently not active.

Minimum investment*

Lump sum subscription:	All share classes - £1,000
Top-up:	All share classes - £1,000
Holding:	All share classes - £1,000
Redemption:	All share classes - £1,000
Switching:	N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges:*	Class A Shares - 0.00% Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%
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Redemption and switching charges:	Nil
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Regular savings plans	The minimum values shown above will only apply where regular monthly contributions have been discontinued.
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*The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

Annual management charges	Class A Shares - 0.65% Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%
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The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

Investment review

The Sub-fund Class A Accumulation returned 1.7% over the last twelve months to 30th September 2023, while the benchmark returned 3.6% over the same period, meaning the fund underperformed by -1.9% over the period. Over the six months to 30th September 2023 the Class A Accumulation generated a return of -1.2%. The average return for the ARC Balanced Asset PCI TR GBP was -0.2% meaning the fund underperformed by -1.0% over the period.

Overview

The Sub-fund positioning was adjusted ten times over the 12 months to 30th September 2023, the most recent update held on 22nd September 2023, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy expanded at a reasonable rate, defying fears of a sharp economic slowdown after bank failures in the US and Europe occurred in the first quarter of this year. The positive surprises were neatly centred in areas of the world where the crisis had occurred (US and Europe), whilst China's growth trajectory fell short of expectations.

Tight labour markets persist in the developed world. After a bit of a slowdown, there even seems to be a slight re-acceleration in the US. Despite elevated mortgage rates, the US residential property market is holding up. In the UK, first cracks are more obvious in the surveys. Concerns about commercial real estate, especially in the office building space, persist – without a significant fall-out so far.

Banks reported tighter lending standards, but for now the impact on economic activity has been muted. At the same time, corporates have been able to raise financing in the bond market, helped by diminishing corporate spreads. Central Banks kept tightening policy, though diminishing their pace of interest rate hikes. Policy has turned decisively more restrictive than a year ago, and inflation is coming down. Hence, markets anticipate the tightening cycle ending soon. In the UK, inflation proved stickier than in the US or EU.

In China, economic activity rebounded after Covid barriers were lifted, but fell short of expectations. Consumption behaviours proved more reserved than in the Western world after coming out of Covid lockdowns. Furthermore, manufacturing had remained open in any case, so the catching-up potential was lower. Probably most importantly, the economy's Achilles heel, the property sector, keeps having difficulties to re-open. Authorities have been forthcoming with some policy support, though for now the feed through is proving slow.

Outlook

Inflation is coming down globally, especially for households, which had been squeezed by negative real wage growth and this is a welcome development. Had it not been for excess savings from Covid, which are now being depleted, record high inflation could have been much more detrimental. With employment high, households are in a rather solid position in the US, UK and Europe.

However, past sharp rate increases are set to feed into the economy. The UK has a relatively elevated exposure to short-term mortgage financing and households' finances will therefore be negatively impacted. Equally, as time goes by, corporates will adjust to higher rates, which makes a credit event more likely. A lower inflation environment also means that corporates may have to give up on some of their margins to uphold their market share. A determining factor will be when interest rates can come down, be it in the US, UK or Europe.

Headline inflation is easing and may also feed into some core reading. However, labour markets are tight and capacity utilisation high. Accordingly, policy rates may not be cut any time soon, and even if a slight downside adjustment were to occur (as a nod to lower inflation), the overall level of rates would be elevated compared with the past 10 years.

China's growth trajectory will depend on its authorities' ability to unlock the property market. So far, measures have had a stabilising effect, but no sigh of relief is reverberating through the economy. Experience shows that 'bad assets' need to be withdrawn from circulation, such that new capital and economic activity can flow freely. The current process is long, and accordingly Chinese consumers are reserved. Other areas of the economy, such as infrastructure investment, are likely to remain supportive, as will exports for as long as the West keeps consuming.

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (Continued)

Fund positioning and changes

The Sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

In October 2022, we adjusted the bond positioning by adding Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index seeking to take advantage of the sharp falls and corresponding rises in yields in UK index-linked gilts following the mini-budget. This was funded by a reduction in the Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income. The inflation-linked position was removed in November 2022 and reallocated back to GBP cash.

In February 2023, we reduced iShares North American Equity Index and reallocated the proceeds to ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity, seeking to enhance the value characteristics of the US holdings. We also reduced GBP cash and purchased iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF aiming to benefit from the rise in US government bond yields.

In May 2023, we reduced UK, European, Japanese and US equities and reallocated to Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income.

In June 2023, we reduced Schroder Recovery to increase the holding in JOHCM UK Dynamic. We also reduced the holding in US treasuries in favour of global bonds. Finally, in September 2023, we increased the holding in longer-dated US treasuries, funded from global bonds.

Tatton Investment Management Limited
Investment Manager to the Fund
18 October 2023

PERFORMANCE RECORD

Financial Highlights

Class A Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	183.9501	200.5554	182.5800
Return before operating charges	5.0322	(14.6059)	19.9677
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.9292)	(1.9994)	(1.9923)
Return after operating charges *	3.1030	(16.6053)	17.9754
Closing net asset value per share	187.0531	183.9501	200.5554
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	4.1371	2.5637	1.1864
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.69%	(8.28%)	9.85%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£16,625,435	£20,712,890	£25,771,714
Closing number of shares	8,888,082	11,260,062	12,850,171
Operating charges (note 2)	1.04%	1.04%	1.04%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	194.8250	206.1296	203.4076
Lowest share price	180.2433	183.9501	179.2000

Class B Income

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	159.8920	176.6384	162.2200
Return before operating charges	4.3606	(12.7785)	17.6513
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.0140)	(3.1802)	(3.2022)
Return after operating charges *	1.3466	(15.9587)	14.4491
Distribution on income shares	(2.1926)	(0.7877)	(0.0307)
Closing net asset value per share	159.0460	159.8920	176.6384
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.84%	(9.03%)	8.91%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£21,123	£21,235	£23,459
Closing number of shares	13,281	13,281	13,281
Operating charges (note 2)	1.89%	1.89%	1.89%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	168.8372	181.3036	179.2777
Lowest share price	156.5823	159.8920	159.1000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class B Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	168.1262	184.8695	169.7500
Return before operating charges	4.5832	(13.4075)	18.4707
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.1907)	(3.3358)	(3.3512)
Return after operating charges *	1.3925	(16.7433)	15.1195
Closing net asset value per share	169.5187	168.1262	184.8695
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	2.3107	0.8235	0.0260
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.83%	(9.06%)	8.91%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£884,317	£1,002,561	£1,350,630
Closing number of shares	521,663	596,315	730,586
Operating charges (note 2)	1.89%	1.89%	1.89%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	177.5314	189.7521	187.5991
Lowest share price	164.6460	168.1262	166.5000

Class C Accumulation

	Period 1 October 2020 to 3 February 2021^
	GBp
Changes in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	160.3300
Return before operating charges	7.6700
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.3000)
Return after operating charges *	6.3700
Closing net asset value per share	166.7000
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	3.97%
Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.39%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	169.3000
Lowest share price	157.2000

^Share class closed 3 February 2021

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class D Income

	For the period to 13 January 2023^	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	158.1961	174.7524	160.8600
Return before operating charges	7.3201	(12.6393)	17.4835
Operating charges (note 1)	(0.9934)	(3.5625)	(3.5911)
Return after operating charges *	6.3267	(16.2018)	13.8924
Distribution on income shares	-	(0.3545)	-
Closing net asset value per share	164.5228	158.1961	174.7524
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.00%	(9.27%)	8.64%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	-	£52,984	£58,936
Closing number of shares	-	33,493	33,726
Operating charges (note 2)	2.14%	2.14%	2.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	164.5228	179.3113	177.3606
Lowest share price	154.8960	158.1961	157.8000

^Share class closed 13 January 2023

Class D Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBp	GBp	GBp
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	162.2713	178.8795	164.6600
Return before operating charges	4.4197	(12.9579)	17.8954
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.4826)	(3.6503)	(3.6759)
Return after operating charges *	0.9371	(16.6082)	14.2195
Closing net asset value per share	163.2084	162.2713	178.8795
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	1.8157	0.3524	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.58%	(9.28%)	8.64%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£1,973,047	£2,144,262	£3,155,854
Closing number of shares	1,208,913	1,321,406	1,764,235
Operating charges (note 2)	2.14%	2.14%	2.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	171.1982	183.5455	181.5495
Lowest share price	158.8861	162.2713	161.5000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.
2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying holdings held within the Sub-fund.

Risk Profile

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '4' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2022: ranked 4). The Sub-fund is ranked '4' because weekly historical performance data indicates that average rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically.

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As at 30 September 2023

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2022: 97.21%)			
948,131	Allianz Strategic Bond	922,247	4.74
187,637	Artemis US Select	592,802	3.04
193,614	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	196,906	1.01
6,031	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return Fund	686,104	3.52
191,150	BCIF 100 UK Equity Tracker	395,139	2.03
399,058	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta Fund	395,865	2.03
3,825	Cheyne Global Credit Fund	393,966	2.02
91,645	Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	1,000,764	5.14
380,384	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	585,411	3.00
168,370	Fidelity Index Japan	345,630	1.77
111,365	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	199,844	1.03
1,247,555	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	1,169,582	6.00
1,765	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	198,846	1.02
153,963	HSBC American Index	1,518,056	7.79
112,209	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	993,153	5.10
106,646	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	991,869	5.09
335,856	iShares Emerging Markets Equity Tracker	594,883	3.05
7,492	Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund	195,082	1.00
63,537	JOHCM UK Dynamic	196,330	1.01
95,999	JPM US Equity Income	389,949	2.00
379,088	Legal & General UK Index	1,416,653	7.27
60,503	Liontrust European Growth Fund	197,498	1.01
147,916	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	1,600,454	8.21
141,812	Schroder Recovery	197,119	1.01
1,210	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	293,818	1.51
7,112	Vanguard Global Bond Index	992,412	5.09
2,312	Vanguard Global Credit Bond	207,055	1.06
3,139	Vanguard UK Government Bond Index	390,672	2.02
6,713	Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	591,662	3.03
		17,849,771	91.60
Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2022: 1.63%)			
62,965	HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF	303,553	1.56
352,135	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	1,079,470	5.54
		1,383,023	7.10
Portfolio of investments (30.09.2022: 98.84%)		19,232,794	98.70
Net other assets (30.09.2022: 1.16%)		251,583	1.30
		19,484,377	100.00

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

	£
Total purchases for the year (note 14)	7,151,052
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	2,328,562
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	1,055,849
Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index	820,286
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	766,057
Vanguard Global Credit Bond	277,512
ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	269,995
Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	228,186
JOHCM UK Dynamic	211,664
Allianz Strategic Bond	176,500
Artemis US Select	148,675
Other various purchases	867,766
Total sales for the year (note 14)	12,177,839
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	1,309,680
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	1,151,096
HSBC American Index	916,159
Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index	876,226
Vanguard UK Investment Grade Bond Index	844,583
Vanguard Global Bond Index	728,491
Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return Fund	712,190
Schroder Recovery	693,000
Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	560,647
Legal & General UK Index	544,475
Other various sales	3,841,292

The above transactions represent the top 10 purchases and sales during the year.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 30 September

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Income			
Net capital gains/(losses)	2	10,353	(2,695,770)
Revenue	3	662,146	690,421
Expenses	4	(200,442)	(241,534)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(82)	(834)
Net revenue before taxation		461,622	448,053
Taxation	5	(55,161)	(11,995)
Net revenue after taxation		406,461	436,058
Total return before distributions		416,814	(2,259,712)
Finance costs: distributions	6	(455,471)	(317,096)
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(38,657)	(2,576,808)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 30 September

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	23,920,990	30,330,188
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	440,064	1,421,477
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(5,264,380)	(5,563,013)
Accumulation dividends retained	426,360	309,146
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(38,657)	(2,576,808)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	19,484,377	23,920,990

BALANCE SHEET

As at		30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Assets					
Investment assets			19,232,794		23,645,471
Current assets					
Debtors	7	155,981		19,002	
Cash and bank balances	8	360,294		388,136	
Total current assets			516,275		407,138
Total assets			19,749,069		24,052,609
Current liabilities					
Creditors	9	(264,582)		(131,550)	
Distribution payable on income shares		(110)		(69)	
Total current liabilities			(264,692)		(131,619)
Net assets attributable to shareholders			19,484,377		23,920,990

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 The principal accounting policies, which have been applied in both the current and prior year, are set out on page 7.

2 Net capital gains/(losses)	2023	2022
	£	£
The net capital gains/(losses) comprise:		
Non-derivative securities gains/(losses)	13,956	(2,692,248)
Transaction charges (custodian)	(2,125)	(1,292)
Rebates from underlying holdings	(1,478)	(2,230)
Total net capital gains/(losses)	10,353	(2,695,770)

3 Revenue	2023	2022
	£	£
Non-taxable dividends	184,337	264,543
Interest from non-derivative securities	446,264	425,941
Bank interest	17,026	851
Rebates from underlying holdings	14,519	(914)
Total revenue	662,146	690,421

4 Expenses	2023	2022
	£	£
Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager, associates of the Authorised Fund Manager, and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	175,384	218,369

Payable to the depositary, associates of the depositary, and agents of either of them:

Depository fee	5,324	6,630
Safe custody fee	2,224	2,258
	7,548	8,888

Other expenses:

Audit fee	7,194	5,952
Other expenses	10,316	8,325
	17,510	14,277

Total expenses	200,442	241,534
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

5 Taxation	2023	2022
	£	£

(a) Analysis of charge in the year

UK corporation tax	55,161	11,995
Total tax charge for the year (note 5b)	55,161	11,995

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)

The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before UK corporation tax	461,622	448,053
Corporation tax at 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)	92,324	89,611
<u>Effects of:</u>		
Revenue not subject to UK corporation tax	(36,867)	(52,909)
Tax effect of rebates in capital	(296)	(446)
Excess management expenses (utilised)	-	(24,261)
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	55,161	11,995

(c) Provision for deferred taxation

At 30 September 2023 there is a potential deferred tax asset of £nil in relation to surplus management expenses (30 September 2022: £Nil).

6 Finance costs	2023	2022
	£	£

Interim dividend distribution	257,272	176,090
Final dividend distribution	169,380	133,280
	426,652	309,370

Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	30,801	12,563
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(1,982)	(4,837)

Net distribution for the year	455,471	317,096
Interest payable and similar charges	82	834
Total finance costs	455,553	317,930

Reconciliation of distributions

Net revenue after taxation	406,461	436,058
Equalisation from collectives allocated to revenue	17,673	-
Balance brought forward	215,075	96,113
Balance carried forward	(183,738)	(215,075)
Net distribution for the year	455,471	317,096

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

7 Debtors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts receivable on unsettled trades	152,799	-
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	117	779
Accrued revenue:		
Interest from non-derivative securities	-	16,034
Rebates from underlying holdings	3,027	2,072
Prepayments	38	117
Total debtors	155,981	19,002

8 Cash and bank balances	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	360,294	388,136

9 Creditors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	183,826	92,283
Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager, associates of the Authorised Fund Manager, and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	12,794	16,033
Payable to the depositary, associates of the depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depository fee	386	497
Safe custody fee	2,140	2,082
	2,526	2,579
Audit fee	6,588	6,000
UK corporation tax	55,161	11,995
Other accrued expenses	3,687	2,660
Total creditors	264,582	131,550

10 Risk management

In pursuing its investment objective as stated on page 51, the Sub-fund holds a number of financial instruments. The Sub-fund's financial instruments comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for issues and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued revenue.

The main risks arising from the Sub-fund's financial instruments, those of its underlying holdings and the AFM's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. These policies have been applied throughout the year.

Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the Sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss the Sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations, which are monitored by the AFM in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and in the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

If market prices at the Balance Sheet date had been 10% higher or lower while all other variables remained constant, the return attributable to ordinary shareholders and equity for the year ended 30 September 2023 would have increased/decreased by £1,923,279 (30 September 2022: £2,364,547).

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is invested in funds that are registered overseas and collective investment schemes which invest in overseas securities and the balance sheet can be affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. The AFM may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward exchange contracts or by hedging the Sterling value of investments that are priced in other currencies. Revenue received in other currencies is converted to Sterling on or near the date of receipt.

Net currency assets and liabilities consist of:

	Net monetary assets and liabilities		Non-monetary assets		Total net assets	
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sterling	251,583	275,519	19,232,794	23,645,471	19,484,377	23,920,990
Total	251,583	275,519	19,232,794	23,645,471	19,484,377	23,920,990

10 Risk management (Continued)**Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk to portfolio value due to changes in interest rates. The magnitude of the exposure from an adverse change in interest rates depends on the sensitivity of the instrument to changes in interest rates as well as the absolute change in interest rates. In general, values of long-term instruments are more sensitive to interest rate changes than the values of short-term instruments.

The Sub-fund takes on interest rate risk when the investment manager believes the expected returns compensate for the risk, limited by the investment objective, policy and any prospectus rules. The investment manager monitors the level of interest rate risk in the Sub-fund on a regular basis. In addition any cash deposits in the Sub-fund are linked to SONIA, ensuring interest income increases as interest rates increase.

The table below details the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Financial assets floating rate	360,294	388,136
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	9,814,821	11,145,907
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	9,573,954	12,518,566
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(264,692)	(131,619)
	19,484,377	23,920,990

At 30 September 2023, if interest rates increased or decreased by 0.25%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders of the Sub-fund would increase or decrease by approximately £900 (30 September 2022: £970).

Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Sub-fund as at 30 September 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand.

Liquidity risk

The Sub-fund's assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the Sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that the investors wish to sell. Assets of the Sub-fund may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions.

Credit risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Sub-fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Sub-fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the AFM as acceptable counterparties and fund management companies. In addition, limits are set to the exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time and changes in brokers' financial ratings are reviewed.

Credit risk also arises on cash held within financial institutions. Credit risk on cash balances is mitigated by ensuring that cash is held with financial institutions that are at least investment grade credit rated. Indirect credit risk arises from holdings in collectives that invest in debt securities as any default or perceived risk of default will affect the valuation of such holdings.

Fair value disclosure

The fair value hierarchy is intended to prioritise the inputs that are used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices and the lowest priority to un-observable inputs. The criteria applied to the fair values levels in these financial statements are as follows:

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

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

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

	30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
Valuation Technique	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)
Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument	1,383	-	390	-
Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1	17,850	-	23,255	-
Total	19,233	-	23,645	-

11 Shares held

Class A Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	11,260,062
Shares issued during the year	208,561
Shares cancelled during the year	(2,580,541)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	8,888,082

Class B Income

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	13,281
Shares issued during the year	-
Shares cancelled during the year	-
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	13,281

Class B Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	596,315
Shares issued during the year	533
Shares cancelled during the year	(75,185)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	521,663

Class D Income

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	33,493
Shares issued during the period	-
Shares cancelled during the period	(33,493)
Shares converted during the period	-
Closing shares as at 13.01.2023	-

Class D Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	1,321,406
Shares issued during the year	29,888
Shares cancelled during the year	(142,381)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	1,208,913

12 Contingent assets and liabilities

At 30 September 2023, the Sub-fund had no contingent liabilities or commitments (30 September 2022: Nil).

13 Post balance sheet events

As indicated in the accounting policies in Note 1, the investments have been valued at the closing valuation point on 29 September 2023. Since that date, the Sub-fund's quoted price has moved as follows for each share class:

Share class	Price at 29 September 2023	Price at 26 January 2024
Class A Accumulation	187.0531p	195.5930p
Class B Income	159.0460p	165.8478p
Class B Accumulation	169.5187p	176.7679p
Class D Accumulation	163.2084p	170.0494p

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

14 Direct transaction costs

For both the current and prior year, the Sub-fund purchases and sales did not incur any trading commissions, taxes or levies. Therefore the direct transaction costs on purchases, sales and overall are all 0.00%.

15 Portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at 30 September 2023 is 0.01% (30 September 2022: 0.00%).

16 Related party transactions

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, as AFM is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Sub-fund.

Amounts paid to the AFM and its associates are disclosed in note 4. The amounts due to the AFM and its associates at the balance sheet date are disclosed in note 9.

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2022

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2022 and on or before 31 March 2023

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	2.3709p	-	2.3709p	1.4070p
Group 2	1.5123p	0.8586p	2.3709p	1.4070p
Class B Income	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	1.3645p	-	1.3645p	0.4894p
Group 2	1.3645p	-	1.3645p	0.4894p
Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	1.4342p	-	1.4342p	0.5116p
Group 2	0.8342p	0.6000p	1.4342p	0.5116p
Class D Income**	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	-	-	-	0.2665p
Group 2	-	-	-	0.2665p
Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	1.1773p	-	1.1773p	0.2688p
Group 2	0.7018p	0.4755p	1.1773p	0.2688p

Final distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 April 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 April 2023 and on or before 30 September 2023

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	1.7662p	-	1.7662p	1.1567p
Group 2	0.8596p	0.9066p	1.7662p	1.1567p
Class B Income	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.8281p	-	0.8281p	0.2983p
Group 2	0.8281p	-	0.8281p	0.2983p
Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.8765p	-	0.8765p	0.3119p
Group 2	0.2080p	0.6685p	0.8765p	0.3119p
Class D Income**	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	-	-	-	0.0880p
Group 2	-	-	-	0.0880p
Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.6384p	-	0.6384p	0.0836p
Group 2	0.0829p	0.5555p	0.6384p	0.0836p

Information for corporate shareholders

A corporate shareholder receives the distribution shown on the voucher enclosed with this report as follows:

- i) 28.46% of the total dividend allocation together with the tax credit is received as franked investment income.
- ii) 71.54% of the dividend allocation is received as an annual payment received after deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is not franked investment income.

** share class closed 13 January 2023

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund	VT Sinfonia Balanced Managed Portfolio
Size of Sub-fund	£20,395,245
Investment objective and policy	<p>The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the medium to long term (3-5 years) by a combination of both capital growth and income generation.</p> <p>The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed interest securities and equities, as well as warrants, and money market instruments, primarily (at least 70%) through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets but may focus on UK and European assets.</p> <p>Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).</p> <p>One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. The Sub-fund will be actively managed and the investments will be selected with a balanced strategy in mind and so will seek to achieve a balance between higher risk assets (such as equities (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)) and defensive assets (such as bonds and cash (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)). For this Sub-fund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-fund exposed to equities will be approximately 75%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than $\pm 12.5\%$.</p> <p>The asset classes in which the Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, units in collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.</p>
Derivatives	<p>The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to shareholders).</p>
Benchmark	<p>The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.</p> <p>However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Steady Growth Index.</p> <p>The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the index. This index has been selected as it is considered that this index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the index.</p>
Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)	Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)

Share classes Class A Accumulation Shares;
Class A Income Shares^;
Class B Accumulation Shares;
Class B Income Shares;
Class C Accumulation Shares^;
Class C Income Shares^;
Class D Income Shares^; and
Class D Accumulation Shares.

^Share classes are currently not active.

Ex-distribution dates 30 September (final), 31 March (interim)

Distribution dates By 30 November (final), 31 May (interim)

Individual Savings Account (ISA) The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA

Minimum investment*

Lump sum subscription: All share classes - £1,000

Top-up: All share classes - £1,000

Holding: All share classes - £1,000

Redemption: All share classes - £1,000

Switching: N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges:* Class A Shares - 0.00%
Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%

Redemption and switching charges: Nil

Regular savings plans The minimum values shown above will only apply where regular monthly contributions have been discontinued.

*The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

Annual management charges Class A Shares - 0.65%
Class B Shares - 1.50%
Class C Shares - 2.00%
Class D Shares - 1.75%

The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

Investment review

The Sub-fund Class A Accumulation returned 3.7% over the last twelve months to 30th September 2023, while the benchmark returned 4.8% over the same period, meaning the fund underperformed by -1.1% over the period. Over the six months to 30th September 2023 the Class A Accumulation generated a return of 0.7%. The average return for the ARC Steady Growth PCI TR GBP was 0.1% meaning the fund outperformed by 0.6% over the period.

Overview

The Sub-fund positioning was adjusted ten times over the 12 months to 30th September 2023, the most recent update held on 22nd September 2023, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy expanded at a reasonable rate, defying fears of a sharp economic slowdown after bank failures in the US and Europe occurred in the first quarter of this year. The positive surprises were neatly centred in areas of the world where the crisis had occurred (US and Europe), whilst China's growth trajectory fell short of expectations.

Tight labour markets persist in the developed world. After a bit of a slowdown, there even seems to be a slight re-acceleration in the US. Despite elevated mortgage rates, the US residential property market is holding up. In the UK, first cracks are more obvious in the surveys. Concerns about commercial real estate, especially in the office building space, persist – without a significant fall-out so far.

Banks reported tighter lending standards, but for now the impact on economic activity has been muted. At the same time, corporates have been able to raise financing in the bond market, helped by diminishing corporate spreads. Central Banks kept tightening policy, though diminishing their pace of interest rate hikes. Policy has turned decisively more restrictive than a year ago, and inflation is coming down. Hence, markets anticipate the tightening cycle ending soon. In the UK, inflation proved stickier than in the US or EU.

In China, economic activity rebounded after Covid barriers were lifted, but fell short of expectations. Consumption behaviours proved more reserved than in the Western world after coming out of Covid lockdowns. Furthermore, manufacturing had remained open in any case, so the catching-up potential was lower. Probably most importantly, the economy's Achilles heel, the property sector, keeps having difficulties to re-open. Authorities have been forthcoming with some policy support, though for now the feed through is proving slow.

Outlook

Inflation is coming down globally, especially for households, which had been squeezed by negative real wage growth and this is a welcome development. Had it not been for excess savings from Covid, which are now being depleted, record high inflation could have been much more detrimental. With employment high, households are in a rather solid position in the US, UK and Europe.

However, past sharp rate increases are set to feed into the economy. The UK has a relatively elevated exposure to short-term mortgage financing and households' finances will therefore be negatively impacted. Equally, as time goes by, corporates will adjust to higher rates, which makes a credit event more likely. A lower inflation environment also means that corporates may have to give up on some of their margins to uphold their market share. A determining factor will be when interest rates can come down, be it in the US, UK or Europe.

Headline inflation is easing and may also feed into some core reading. However, labour markets are tight and capacity utilisation high. Accordingly, policy rates may not be cut any time soon, and even if a slight downside adjustment were to occur (as a nod to lower inflation), the overall level of rates would be elevated compared with the past 10 years.

China's growth trajectory will depend on its authorities' ability to unlock the property market. So far, measures have had a stabilising effect, but no sigh of relief is reverberating through the economy. Experience shows that 'bad assets' need to be withdrawn from circulation, such that new capital and economic activity can flow freely. The current process is long, and accordingly Chinese consumers are reserved. Other areas of the economy, such as infrastructure investment, are likely to remain supportive, as will exports for as long as the West keeps consuming.

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (Continued)

Fund positioning and changes

The Sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

In October 2022, we adjusted the bond positioning by adding Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index seeking to take advantage of the sharp falls and corresponding rises in yields in UK index-linked gilts following the mini-budget. This was funded by a reduction in the Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income. The inflation-linked position was removed in November 2022 and reallocated back to GBP cash.

In February 2023, we reduced iShares North American Equity Index and reallocated the proceeds to ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity, seeking to enhance the value characteristics of the US holdings. We also reduced GBP cash and purchased iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF aiming to benefit from the rise in US government bond yields.

In May 2023, we reduced UK, European, Japanese and US equities and reallocated to Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income.

In June 2023, we reduced Schroder Recovery to increase the holding in JOHCM UK Dynamic. We also reduced the holding in US treasuries in favour of an equal split of global & strategic bonds. Finally, in September 2023, we increased the holding in longer-dated US treasuries, funded from global bonds.

Tatton Investment Management Limited

Investment Manager to the Fund

18 October 2023

PERFORMANCE RECORD

Financial Highlights

Class A Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBP	GBP	GBP
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	209.0826	217.2083	184.9300
Return before operating charges	9.7965	(5.8877)	34.3493
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.1715)	(2.2380)	(2.0710)
Return after operating charges *	7.6250	(8.1257)	32.2783
Closing net asset value per share	216.7076	209.0826	217.2083
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	3.0458	2.3691	1.0073
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.65%	(3.74%)	17.45%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£17,624,128	£19,384,759	£22,944,632
Closing number of shares	8,132,677	9,271,338	10,563,422
Operating charges (note 2)	1.02%	1.05%	1.03%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	223.6198	226.5482	220.6477
Lowest share price	203.4252	203.2132	179.8000

Class B Income

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBP	GBP	GBP
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	182.3074	191.4869	164.3800
Return before operating charges	8.4761	(5.1624)	30.4520
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.4465)	(3.5510)	(3.3451)
Return after operating charges *	5.0296	(8.7134)	27.1069
Distribution on income shares	(1.0359)	(0.4661)	-
Closing net asset value per share	186.3011	182.3074	191.4869
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.76%	(4.55%)	16.49%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£7,255	£7,099	£7,457
Closing number of shares	3,894	3,894	3,894
Operating charges (note 2)	1.87%	1.90%	1.88%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	194.3607	199.4981	194.6186
Lowest share price	177.3169	177.8887	160.6000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class B Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	189.6281	198.6818	170.6000
Return before operating charges	8.8246	(5.3648)	31.5530
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.5949)	(3.6889)	(3.4712)
Return after operating charges *	5.2297	(9.0537)	28.0818
Closing net asset value per share	194.8578	189.6281	198.6818
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	1.0759	0.4810	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.76%	(4.56%)	16.46%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£1,550,112	£1,882,229	£2,605,084
Closing number of shares	795,509	992,589	1,311,184
Operating charges (note 2)	1.87%	1.90%	1.88%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	202.1636	206.9936	201.9312
Lowest share price	184.4371	184.7307	165.7000

Class C Accumulation

	Period 1 October 2020 to 3 February 2021^
Changes in net assets per share	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	160.2500
Return before operating charges	12.2600
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.3100)
Return after operating charges *	10.9500
Closing net asset value per share	171.2000
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	6.83%
Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.38%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	175.2000
Lowest share price	155.6000

^Share class closed 3 February 2021

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class D Income

Period 1 October
2020 to 20 May
2021^

Changes in net assets per share	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	161.8700
Return before operating charges	20.7100
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.2800)
Return after operating charges *	18.4300
Distribution on income shares	-
Closing net asset value per share	180.3000

*after direct transactions costs of: -

Performance	
Return after charges	11.39%

Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%

Prices	
Highest share price	183.1000
Lowest share price	157.9000

^Share class closed 20 May 2021

Class D Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	183.4643	192.7031	165.8900
Return before operating charges	8.5223	(5.1950)	30.6321
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.9380)	(4.0438)	(3.8190)
Return after operating charges *	4.5843	(9.2388)	26.8131
Closing net asset value per share	188.0486	183.4643	192.7031
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	0.5644	-	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.50%	(4.79%)	16.16%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£1,214,313	£1,314,608	£1,439,323
Closing number of shares	645,744	716,547	746,912
Operating charges (note 2)	2.12%	2.15%	2.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	195.4089	200.6992	195.8842
Lowest share price	178.4249	178.8463	161.1000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.
2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying holdings held within the Sub-fund.

Risk Profile

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '5' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2022: ranked 5). The Sub-fund is ranked '5' because weekly historical performance data indicates that relatively high rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically.

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As at 30 September 2023

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2022: 95.60%)			
417,026	Allianz Strategic Bond	405,641	1.99
195,149	Artemis US Select	616,534	3.02
390,185	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	396,818	1.95
1,809	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return Fund	205,735	1.01
296,992	BCIF 100 UK Equity Tracker	613,932	3.01
213,802	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta Fund	212,092	1.04
1,992	Cheyne Global Credit Fund	205,168	1.01
95,097	Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	1,038,460	5.09
657,580	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	1,012,016	4.96
175,438	Fidelity Index Japan	360,138	1.77
231,015	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	414,556	2.03
218,845	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser	205,168	1.01
5,488	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	618,375	3.03
258,000	HSBC American Index	2,543,858	12.47
69,753	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	617,375	3.03
22,106	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	205,600	1.01
581,112	iShares Emerging Markets Equity Tracker	1,029,291	5.05
145,386	iShares North American Equity Index	918,665	4.50
8,004	Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund	208,413	1.02
165,381	JOHCM UK Dynamic	511,026	2.51
66,792	JPM Japan	197,636	0.97
99,924	JPM US Equity Income	405,890	1.99
628,990	Legal & General UK Index	2,350,536	11.52
125,238	Liontrust European Growth Fund	408,812	2.00
153,719	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	1,663,238	8.16
368,370	Schroder Recovery	512,034	2.51
2,972	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	721,740	3.53
2,338	Vanguard Global Credit Bond	209,408	1.02
		18,808,155	92.21
Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2022: 2.46%)			
99,318	HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF	478,813	2.35
265,805	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	814,826	4.00
		1,293,639	6.35
Portfolio of investments (30.09.2022: 98.06%)		20,101,794	98.56
Net other assets (30.09.2022: 1.96%)		293,451	1.44
		20,395,245	100.00

Note: The 30 September 2022 comparators percentages are based on Mid pricing and does not add up to 100%. The Mid to Bid adjustment for the year ended 30 September 2022 was (0.02%).

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

	£
Total purchases for the year (note 14)	7,322,329
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	1,463,648
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	822,653
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	750,175
JOHCM UK Dynamic	530,106
ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	465,745
Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index	442,277
Legal & General UK Index	346,582
Allianz Strategic Bond	310,654
HSBC American Index	301,062
Vanguard Global Credit Bond	299,151
Other various purchases	1,590,276

	£
Total sales for the year (note 14)	10,284,844
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	1,208,611
iShares North American Equity Index	1,108,203
Schroder Recovery	1,104,620
Legal & General UK Index	859,754
HSBC American Index	683,610
Cheyne Global Credit	607,103
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	589,229
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	571,831
Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index	472,447
Artemis US Select	311,770
Other various sales	2,767,666

The above transactions represent the top 10 purchases and sales during the year.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 30 September

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Income			
Net capital gains/(losses)	2	515,572	(1,157,538)
Revenue	3	469,111	485,338
Expenses	4	(194,574)	(219,617)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(12)	(622)
Net revenue before taxation		274,525	265,099
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		274,525	265,099
Total return before distributions		790,097	(892,439)
Finance costs: distributions	6	(279,024)	(239,588)
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		511,073	(1,132,027)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 30 September

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	22,587,344	26,987,431
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	1,957,697	2,315,608
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(4,927,347)	(5,812,610)
Accumulation dividends retained	266,478	228,942
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	511,073	(1,132,027)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	20,395,245	22,587,344

BALANCE SHEET

As at		30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Assets					
Investment assets			20,101,794		22,144,210
Current assets					
Debtors	7	8,030		255,863	
Cash and bank balances	8	413,694		407,035	
Total current assets			421,724		662,898
Total assets			20,523,518		22,807,108
Current liabilities					
Creditors	9	(128,243)		(219,752)	
Distribution payable on income shares		(30)		(12)	
Total current liabilities			(128,273)		(219,764)
Net assets attributable to shareholders			20,395,245		22,587,344

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 The principal accounting policies, which have been applied in both the current and prior year, are set out on page 7.

2 Net capital gains/(losses)	2023	2022
	£	£
The net capital gains/(losses) comprise:		
Non-derivative securities gains/(losses)	520,339	(1,155,501)
Transaction charges (custodian)	(1,966)	(1,142)
Rebates from underlying holdings	(2,801)	(895)
Total net capital gains/(losses)	515,572	(1,157,538)

3 Revenue	2023	2022
	£	£
Non-taxable dividends	304,582	419,697
Interest from non-derivative securities	133,784	64,882
Bank interest	14,814	751
Rebates from underlying holdings	15,931	8
Total revenue	469,111	485,338

4 Expenses	2023	2022
	£	£

**Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager,
associates of the Authorised Fund Manager,
and agents of either of them:**

Annual management charge	169,631	197,590
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**Payable to the depositary, associates of the
depositary, and agents of either of them:**

Depositary fee	5,224	6,037
Safe custody fee	1,947	1,933
	7,171	7,970

Other expenses:

Audit fee	7,194	5,952
Other expenses	10,578	8,105
	17,772	14,057

Total expenses	194,574	219,617
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5 Taxation
2023
£

2022
£

(a) Analysis of charge in the year

UK corporation tax

-

-

Total tax charge for the year (note 5b)

-

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(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)

The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before UK corporation tax

274,525

265,099

Corporation tax at 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)

54,905

53,020

Effects of:

Revenue not subject to UK corporation tax

(60,916)

(83,939)

Tax effect of rebates in capital

(560)

(179)

Excess management expenses

6,571

31,098

Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)

-

-

(c) Provision for deferred taxation

At 30 September 2023 there is a potential deferred tax asset of £400,756 in relation to surplus management expenses (30 September 2022: £394,185).

6 Finance costs

2023
£

2022
£

Interim dividend distribution

109,028

109,996

Final dividend distribution

157,490

118,964

266,518

228,960

Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares

19,981

17,214

Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares

(7,475)

(6,586)

Net distribution for the year

279,024

239,588

Interest payable and similar charges

12

622

Total finance costs

279,036

240,210

Reconciliation of distributions

Net revenue after taxation

274,525

265,099

Equalisation from collectives allocated to revenue

31,824

-

Income deficit transferred to capital

-

167

Balance brought forward

47,136

21,458

Balance carried forward

(74,461)

(47,136)

Net distribution for the year

279,024

239,588

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7 Debtors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts receivable on unsettled trades	-	249,553
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	4,202	734
Accrued revenue:		
Interest from non-derivative securities	-	2,452
Rebates from underlying holdings	3,729	3,007
Prepayments	99	117
Total debtors	8,030	255,863

8 Cash and bank balances	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	413,694	407,035

9 Creditors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	103,009	193,752
Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager, associates of the Authorised Fund Manager, and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	12,884	15,145
Payable to the depositary, associates of the depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depository fee	396	468
Safe custody fee	1,935	1,839
	2,331	2,307
Audit fee	6,588	6,000
Other accrued expenses	3,431	2,548
Total creditors	128,243	219,752

10 Risk management

In pursuing its investment objective as stated on page 71, the Sub-fund holds a number of financial instruments. The Sub-fund's financial instruments comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for issues and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued revenue.

The main risks arising from the Sub-fund's financial instruments, those of its underlying holdings and the AFM's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. These policies have been applied throughout the year.

Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the Sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss the Sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations, which are monitored by the AFM in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and in the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

If market prices at the Balance Sheet date had been 10% higher or lower while all other variables remained constant, the return attributable to ordinary shareholders and equity for the year ended 30 September 2023 would have increased/decreased by £2,010,179 (30 September 2022: £2,241,421).

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is invested in funds that are registered overseas and collective investment schemes which invest in overseas securities and the balance sheet can be affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. The AFM may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward exchange contracts or by hedging the Sterling value of investments that are priced in other currencies. Revenue received in other currencies is converted to Sterling on or near the date of receipt.

Net currency assets and liabilities consist of:

	Net monetary assets and liabilities		Non-monetary assets		Total net assets	
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sterling	293,451	443,134	20,101,794	22,144,210	20,395,245	22,587,344
Total	293,451	443,134	20,101,794	22,144,210	20,395,245	22,587,344

10 Risk management (Continued)**Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk to portfolio value due to changes in interest rates. The magnitude of the exposure from an adverse change in interest rates depends on the sensitivity of the instrument to changes in interest rates as well as the absolute change in interest rates. In general, values of long-term instruments are more sensitive to interest rate changes than the values of short-term instruments.

The Sub-fund takes on interest rate risk when the investment manager believes the expected returns compensate for the risk, limited by the investment objective, policy and any prospectus rules. The investment manager monitors the level of interest rate risk in the Sub-fund on a regular basis. In addition any cash deposits in the Sub-fund are linked to SONIA, ensuring interest income increases as interest rates increase.

The table below details the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Financial assets floating rate	413,694	407,035
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	4,119,473	3,821,729
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	15,990,351	18,578,344
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(128,273)	(219,764)
	20,395,245	22,587,344

At 30 September 2023, if interest rates increased or decreased by 0.25%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders of the Sub-fund would increase or decrease by approximately £1,034 (30 September 2022: £1,018).

Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Sub-fund as at 30 September 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand.

Liquidity risk

The Sub-fund's assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the Sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that the investors wish to sell. Assets of the Sub-fund may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions.

Credit risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Sub-fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Sub-fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the AFM as acceptable counterparties and fund management companies. In addition, limits are set to the exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time and changes in brokers' financial ratings are reviewed.

Credit risk also arises on cash held within financial institutions. Credit risk on cash balances is mitigated by ensuring that cash is held with financial institutions that are at least investment grade credit rated. Indirect credit risk arises from holdings in collectives that invest in debt securities as any default or perceived risk of default will affect the valuation of such holdings.

Fair value disclosure

The fair value hierarchy is intended to prioritise the inputs that are used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices and the lowest priority to un-observable inputs. The criteria applied to the fair values levels in these financial statements are as follows:

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

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

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

	30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
Valuation Technique	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)
Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument	1,294	-	556	-
Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1	18,808	-	21,588	-
Total	20,102	-	22,144	-

11 Shares held**Class A Accumulation**

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	9,271,338
Shares issued during the year	875,938
Shares cancelled during the year	(2,016,621)
Shares converted during the year	2,022
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	8,132,677

Class B Income

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	3,894
Shares issued during the year	-
Shares cancelled during the year	-
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	3,894

Class B Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	992,589
Shares issued during the year	8,339
Shares cancelled during the year	(203,190)
Shares converted during the year	(2,229)
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	795,509

Class D Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	716,547
Shares issued during the year	33,776
Shares cancelled during the year	(104,579)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	645,744

12 Contingent assets and liabilities

At 30 September 2023, the Sub-fund had no contingent liabilities or commitments (30 September 2022: Nil).

13 Post balance sheet events

As indicated in the accounting policies in Note 1, the investments have been valued at the closing valuation point on 29 September 2023. Since that date, the Sub-fund's quoted price has moved as follows for each share class:

Share class	Price at 29 September 2023	Price at 26 January 2024
Class A Accumulation	216.7076p	226.1171p
Class B Income	186.3011p	193.8533p
Class B Accumulation	194.8578p	202.7566p
Class D Accumulation	188.0486p	195.5121p

14 Direct transaction costs

For both the current and prior year, the Sub-fund purchases and sales did not incur any trading commissions, taxes or levies. Therefore the direct transaction costs on purchases, sales and overall are all 0.00%.

15 Portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at 30 September 2023 is 0.01% (30 September 2022: 0.04%).

16 Related party transactions

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, as AFM is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Sub-fund.

Amounts paid to the AFM and its associates are disclosed in note 4. The amounts due to the AFM and its associates at the balance sheet date are disclosed in note 9.

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2022

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2022 and on or before 31 March 2023

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	1.2318p	-	1.2318p	1.1191p
Group 2	0.3942p	0.8376p	1.2318p	1.1191p

Class B Income	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.2606p	-	0.2606p	0.1677p
Group 2	0.2606p	-	0.2606p	0.1677p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.2692p	-	0.2692p	0.1729p
Group 2	0.0117p	0.2575p	0.2692p	0.1729p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.0204p	-	0.0204p	-
Group 2	-	0.0204p	0.0204p	-

Final distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 April 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 April 2023 and on or before 30 September 2023

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	1.8140p	-	1.8140p	1.2500p
Group 2	0.7717p	1.0423p	1.8140p	1.2500p

Class B Income	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.7753p	-	0.7753p	0.2984p
Group 2	0.7753p	-	0.7753p	0.2984p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.8067p	-	0.8067p	0.3081p
Group 2	0.2532p	0.5535p	0.8067p	0.3081p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.5440p	-	0.5440p	-
Group 2	0.1348p	0.4092p	0.5440p	-

Information for corporate shareholders

A corporate shareholder receives the distribution shown on the voucher enclosed with this report as follows:

- i) 67.21% of the total dividend allocation together with the tax credit is received as franked investment income.
- ii) 32.79% of the dividend allocation is received as an annual payment received after deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is not franked investment income.

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund	VT Sinfonia Adventurous Growth Portfolio
Size of Sub-fund	£12,351,427
Investment objective and policy	<p>The Sub-fund aims to provide returns over the long term (5 years) by a combination of both capital growth and income generation.</p> <p>The Sub-fund's investment objective will be achieved primarily (at least 70%) by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed interest securities and equities, as well as warrants, and money market instruments, through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (which may include those managed and/or advised by the AFM or Investment Manager). The Sub-fund will typically be invested in a global portfolio of assets but may also focus on UK assets.</p> <p>Normally, the Sub-fund will be fully invested except for an amount to enable redemption of shares, efficient management of the Sub-fund in relation to its strategic objectives, and other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Sub-fund. However, there may be short periods (e.g. in times of market stress) where it is considered appropriate for the scheme property not to be fully invested (and so for higher levels of liquidity to be maintained).</p> <p>One measure of risk is the proportion invested in the riskiest assets, such as equities. The Sub-fund will be actively managed and the investments will be selected to achieve a mix of higher and lower risk assets. The Sub-fund has a more adventurous strategy with there being a focus on exposure to higher risk assets (such as equities (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)) over lower risk assets (such as bonds and cash (and collective investment schemes investing in/providing investment exposure to such assets)). For this Sub-fund, over the long-term (5 years), it is expected that the proportion of the Sub-fund exposed to equities will be approximately 90%. In the shorter term, this weighting may be adjusted tactically as economic and market conditions dictate while not deviating by more than $\pm 12.5\%$.</p> <p>The asset classes in which the Sub-fund may also invest includes transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.</p>
Derivatives	<p>The Sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for investment purposes, however, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-fund shall utilise derivative instruments and forward transactions for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management techniques (and if this intention is to change the AFM shall provide advance notice to Shareholders).</p>
Benchmark	<p>The Sub-fund is not managed to or constrained by a benchmark, and nor does the AFM use a benchmark in order to assess performance.</p> <p>However, the performance of the Sub-fund can be compared to that of the ARC Steady Growth Index.</p> <p>The performance of the Sub-fund can be compared against that of the index. This index has been selected as it is considered that this index most closely reflects the investments which the Sub-fund will make (and its risk/return objectives) at the current time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager is not bound or influenced by the index when making its decisions and can make investments that are not included in the index.</p>
Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)	Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW (Continued)

Ex-distribution dates	30 September (final), 31 March (interim)
Distribution dates	By 30 November (final), 31 May (interim)
Individual Savings Account (ISA)	The Sub-fund is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA
Share classes	Class A Accumulation Shares; Class A Income Shares^; Class B Accumulation Shares; Class B Income Shares^; Class C Accumulation Shares^; Class C Income Shares^; Class D Income Shares^; and Class D Accumulation Shares.

^Share classes are currently not active.

Minimum investment*

Lump sum subscription:	All share classes - £1,000
Top-up:	All share classes - £1,000
Holding:	All share classes - £1,000
Redemption:	All share classes - £1,000
Switching:	N/A (provided minimum holding is maintained)

Initial charges:*	Class A Shares - 0.00% Class B, Class C & Class D Shares - 5.50%
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Redemption and switching charges:	Nil
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Regular savings plans	The minimum values shown above will only apply where regular monthly contributions have been discontinued.
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The AFM may waive the minimum levels (and waive or discount the initial charge) at its discretion.

Annual management charges	Class A Shares - 0.65% Class B Shares - 1.50% Class C Shares - 2.00% Class D Shares - 1.75%
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The above percentages being a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT if applicable).

Investment review

The Sub-fund Class A Accumulation returned 4.1% over the last twelve months to 30th September 2023, while the benchmark returned 4.8% over the same period, meaning the fund underperformed by -0.7% over the period. Over the six months to 30th September 2023 the Class A Accumulation generated a return of 1.1%. The average return for the ARC Steady Growth PCI TR GBP was 0.1% meaning the fund outperformed by 1.0% over the period.

Overview

The Sub-fund positioning was adjusted ten times over the 12 months to 30th September 2023, the most recent update held on 22nd September 2023, was guided by our thoughts at the time, described below:

The global economy expanded at a reasonable rate, defying fears of a sharp economic slowdown after bank failures in the US and Europe occurred in the first quarter of this year. The positive surprises were neatly centred in areas of the world where the crisis had occurred (US and Europe), whilst China's growth trajectory fell short of expectations.

Tight labour markets persist in the developed world. After a bit of a slowdown, there even seems to be a slight re-acceleration in the US. Despite elevated mortgage rates, the US residential property market is holding up. In the UK, first cracks are more obvious in the surveys. Concerns about commercial real estate, especially in the office building space, persist – without a significant fall-out so far.

Banks reported tighter lending standards, but for now the impact on economic activity has been muted. At the same time, corporates have been able to raise financing in the bond market, helped by diminishing corporate spreads. Central Banks kept tightening policy, though diminishing their pace of interest rate hikes. Policy has turned decisively more restrictive than a year ago, and inflation is coming down. Hence, markets anticipate the tightening cycle ending soon. In the UK, inflation proved stickier than in the US or EU.

In China, economic activity rebounded after Covid barriers were lifted, but fell short of expectations. Consumption behaviours proved more reserved than in the Western world after coming out of Covid lockdowns. Furthermore, manufacturing had remained open in any case, so the catching-up potential was lower. Probably most importantly, the economy's Achilles heel, the property sector, keeps having difficulties to re-open. Authorities have been forthcoming with some policy support, though for now the feed through is proving slow.

Outlook

Inflation is coming down globally, especially for households, which had been squeezed by negative real wage growth and this is a welcome development. Had it not been for excess savings from Covid, which are now being depleted, record high inflation could have been much more detrimental. With employment high, households are in a rather solid position in the US, UK and Europe.

However, past sharp rate increases are set to feed into the economy. The UK has a relatively elevated exposure to short-term mortgage financing and households' finances will therefore be negatively impacted. Equally, as time goes by, corporates will adjust to higher rates, which makes a credit event more likely. A lower inflation environment also means that corporates may have to give up on some of their margins to uphold their market share. A determining factor will be when interest rates can come down, be it in the US, UK or Europe.

Headline inflation is easing and may also feed into some core reading. However, labour markets are tight and capacity utilisation high. Accordingly, policy rates may not be cut any time soon, and even if a slight downside adjustment were to occur (as a nod to lower inflation), the overall level of rates would be elevated compared with the past 10 years.

China's growth trajectory will depend on its authorities' ability to unlock the property market. So far, measures have had a stabilising effect, but no sigh of relief is reverberating through the economy. Experience shows that 'bad assets' need to be withdrawn from circulation, such that new capital and economic activity can flow freely. The current process is long, and accordingly Chinese consumers are reserved. Other areas of the economy, such as infrastructure investment, are likely to remain supportive, as will exports for as long as the West keeps consuming.

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (Continued)

Fund positioning and changes

The Sub-fund's long-term strategy remains unchanged, there were several changes made on a shorter-term tactical basis.

In October 2022, we adjusted the bond positioning by adding Vanguard UK Inflation Linked Gilt Index seeking to take advantage of the sharp falls and corresponding rises in yields in UK index-linked gilts following the mini-budget. This was funded by a reduction in the Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income.

The inflation-linked position was removed in November 2022 and reallocated back to GBP cash. Additionally, we reduced the Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income and equally split the proceeds into high yield bonds BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta and global corporate credit Cheyne Global Credit Fund.

In February 2023, we reduced iShares North American Equity Index and reallocated the proceeds to ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity, seeking to enhance the value characteristics of the US holdings. We also reduced GBP cash and purchased iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF aiming to benefit from the rise in US government bond yields.

In May 2023, we reduced UK, European, Japanese and US equities and reallocated to Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income.

In June 2023, we reduced Schroder Recovery to increase the holding in JOHCM UK Dynamic. We also reduced the holding in US treasuries in favour of global bonds. Finally, in September 2023, we increased the holding in longer-dated US treasuries, funded from global bonds.

Tatton Investment Management Limited
Investment Manager to the Fund
18 October 2023

PERFORMANCE RECORD

Financial Highlights

Class A Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBP	GBP	GBP
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	213.8335	222.8323	185.3200
Return before operating charges	11.0610	(6.7936)	39.6143
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.2696)	(2.2052)	(2.1020)
Return after operating charges *	8.7914	(8.9988)	37.5123
Closing net asset value per share	222.6249	213.8335	222.8323
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	2.5634	2.2649	1.2485
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.11%	(4.04%)	20.24%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£10,162,127	£10,958,603	£13,981,090
Closing number of shares	4,564,686	5,124,830	6,274,267
Operating charges (note 2)	1.04%	1.01%	1.03%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	229.6615	233.6241	226.5234
Lowest share price	207.2215	207.1756	180.0000

Class B Accumulation

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
	GBP	GBP	GBP
Changes in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	193.4360	203.2970	170.4900
Return before operating charges	9.9677	(6.1714)	36.3206
Operating charges (note 1)	(3.7150)	(3.6896)	(3.5136)
Return after operating charges *	6.2527	(9.8610)	32.8070
Closing net asset value per share	199.6887	193.4360	203.2970
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	0.6242	0.3424	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.23%	(4.85%)	19.24%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£1,741,026	£1,745,496	£2,034,151
Closing number of shares	871,870	902,364	1,000,581
Operating charges (note 2)	1.89%	1.86%	1.88%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	207.1173	212.9044	206.7704
Lowest share price	187.3934	187.8583	165.5000

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)**Financial Highlights (Continued)****Class C Accumulation****Period 1 October
2020 to 3 February
2021^**

Changes in net assets per share	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	160.2300
Return before operating charges	13.8900
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.3200)
Return after operating charges *	12.5700
Closing net asset value per share	172.8000
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	7.84%
Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.38%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	177.2000
Lowest share price	155.5000

^Share class closed 3 February 2021

Class D Income**Period 1 October
2020 to 3 February
2021^**

Changes in net assets per share	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	163.0800
Return before operating charges	23.4300
Operating charges (note 1)	(2.3100)
Return after operating charges *	21.1200
Distribution on income shares	-
Closing net asset value per share	184.2000
*after direct transactions costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	12.95%
Other information	
Closing net asset value	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges (note 2)	2.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	187.2000
Lowest share price	158.7000

^Share class closed 3 February 2021

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)**Financial Highlights (Continued)****Class D Accumulation**

	Year ended 30 September 2023	Year ended 30 September 2022	Year ended 30 September 2021
Changes in net assets per share	GBP	GBP	GBP
Opening net asset value per share	186.7715	196.7840	165.4600
Return before operating charges	9.6120	(5.9660)	35.1840
Operating charges (note 1)	(4.0564)	(4.0465)	(3.8600)
Return after operating charges *	5.5556	(10.0125)	31.3240
Closing net asset value per share	192.3271	186.7715	196.7840
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	0.1223	-	-
*after direct transactions costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.97%	(5.09%)	18.93%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£448,592	£468,547	£503,505
Closing number of shares	233,244	250,867	255,867
Operating charges (note 2)	2.14%	2.11%	2.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	199.8006	206.0177	200.1740
Lowest share price	180.9196	181.5126	160.6000

1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.

2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund together with the ongoing charges included within the underlying holdings held within the Sub-fund.

Risk Profile

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '5' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Information Document (30 September 2022: ranked 5). The Sub-fund is ranked '5' because weekly historical performance data indicates that relatively high rises and falls in market prices would have occurred historically.

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As at 30 September 2023

Holding	Name	Value £	% of net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (30.09.2022: 95.80%)			
117,392	Artemis US Select	370,877	3.00
361,213	AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap	367,354	2.97
1,084	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return Fund	123,279	1.00
179,191	BCIF 100 UK Equity Tracker	370,417	3.00
128,296	BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta Fund	127,269	1.03
57,376	Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	626,543	5.07
396,377	ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	610,025	4.94
165,767	Fidelity Index Japan	340,287	2.76
139,000	Fidelity Index Pacific ex Japan	249,436	2.02
3,306	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity Fund	372,472	3.02
152,161	HSBC American Index	1,500,292	12.15
27,988	HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	247,722	2.01
13,274	HSBC Global Government Bond Index	123,460	1.00
419,882	iShares Emerging Markets Equity Tracker	743,715	6.02
165,389	iShares North American Equity Index	1,045,062	8.46
9,610	Janus Henderson European Selected Opportunities Fund	250,254	2.03
99,593	JOHCM UK Dynamic	307,744	2.49
60,239	JPM US Equity Income	244,691	1.98
40,165	JPM Japan	118,849	0.96
445,314	Legal & General UK Index	1,664,138	13.47
75,560	Liontrust European Growth Fund	246,649	2.00
46,298	Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	500,948	4.06
222,501	Schroder Recovery	309,276	2.50
1,780	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	432,384	3.49
1,401	Vanguard Global Credit Bond	125,495	1.01
		11,418,638	92.44
Exchange Traded Funds (30.09.2022: 2.47%)			
66,366	HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF	319,950	2.59
120,333	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	368,880	2.99
		688,830	5.58
Portfolio of investments (30.09.2022: 98.27%)		12,107,468	98.02
Net other assets (30.09.2022: 1.74%)		243,959	1.98
		12,351,427	100.00

Note: The 30 September 2022 comparators percentages are based on Mid pricing and does not add up to 100%. The Mid to Bid adjustment for the year ended 30 September 2022 was (0.01%).

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

	£
Total purchases for the year (note 14)	7,438,965
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	886,347
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	843,770
iShares North American Equity Index	658,794
HSBC American Index	649,515
Legal & General UK Index	633,036
Schroder Recovery	485,206
ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	469,168
JOHCM UK Dynamic	347,178
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	272,696
Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies	210,345
Other various purchase	1,982,910
	£
Total sales for the year (note 14)	8,943,075
iShares North American Equity Index	1,264,794
Schroder Recovery	1,106,301
Dimensional Global Ultra Short Fixed Income	1,040,124
Legal & General UK Index	920,725
HSBC American Index	853,385
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	497,676
HSBC Global Aggregate Bond Index	421,531
Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex-UK Equity Index	300,150
ES Alliance Bernstein Concentrated US Equity	279,788
Fidelity Index Japan	275,506
Other various sales	1,983,095

The above transactions represent the top 10 purchases and sales during the year.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 30 September

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Income			
Net capital gains/(losses)	2	460,100	(570,300)
Revenue	3	238,171	275,328
Expenses	4	(124,763)	(140,264)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(105)	(361)
Net revenue before taxation		113,303	134,703
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		113,303	134,703
Total return before distributions		573,403	(435,597)
Finance costs: distributions	6	(129,775)	(135,448)
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		443,628	(571,045)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 30 September

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	13,171,857	16,513,323
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	4,842,160	6,879,425
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(6,231,365)	(9,782,132)
Dilution levies	685	5,308
Accumulation dividends retained	124,462	126,978
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	443,628	(571,045)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	12,351,427	13,171,857

BALANCE SHEET

As at		30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Assets					
Investment assets			12,107,468		12,943,067
Current assets					
Debtors	7	8,290		199,759	
Cash and bank balances	8	259,464		285,073	
Total current assets			267,754		484,832
Total assets			12,375,222		13,427,899
Current liabilities					
Creditors	9	(23,795)		(256,042)	
Total current liabilities			(23,795)		(256,042)
Net assets attributable to shareholders			12,351,427		13,171,857

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 The principal accounting policies, which have been applied in both the current and prior year, are set out on page 7.

2 Net capital gains/(losses)	2023	2022
	£	£
The net capital gains/(losses) comprise:		
Non-derivative securities gains/(losses)	464,292	(567,912)
Transaction charges (custodian)	(2,400)	(1,342)
Rebates from underlying holdings	(1,792)	(1,046)
Total net capital gains/(losses)	460,100	(570,300)

3 Revenue	2023	2022
	£	£
Non-taxable dividends	177,932	274,764
Interest from non-derivative securities	43,761	-
Rebates from underlying holdings	8,552	489
Bank interest	7,926	75
Total revenue	238,171	275,328

4 Expenses	2023	2022
	£	£
Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager, associates of the Authorised Fund Manager, and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	104,213	119,776
Payable to the depositary, associates of the depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depositary fee	3,108	6,046
Safe custody fee	1,144	1,209
	4,252	7,255
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	7,194	5,952
Other expenses	9,104	7,281
	16,298	13,233
Total expenses	124,763	140,264

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

5 Taxation

	2023	2022
	£	£

(a) Analysis of charge in the year

UK corporation tax	-	-
Total tax charge for the year (note 5b)	-	-

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)

The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before UK corporation tax	113,303	134,703
Corporation tax at 20.00% (2022: 20.00%)	22,661	26,941
<u>Effects of:</u>		
Revenue not subject to UK corporation tax	(35,586)	(54,953)
Tax effect of rebates in capital	(358)	(209)
Excess management expenses	13,283	28,221
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	-	-

(c) Provision for deferred taxation

At 30 September 2023 there is a potential deferred tax asset of £363,413 in relation to surplus management expenses (30 September 2022: £350,130).

6 Finance costs

	2023	2022
	£	£

Interim dividend distribution	40,410	60,742
Final dividend distribution	84,052	66,236
	124,462	126,978

Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	20,071	29,277
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(14,758)	(20,807)

Net distribution for the year	129,775	135,448
Interest payable and similar charges	105	361
Total finance costs	129,880	135,809

Reconciliation of distributions

Net revenue after taxation	113,303	134,703
Equalisation from collectives allocated to revenue	54,092	-
Balance brought forward	570	1,315
Balance carried forward	(38,190)	(570)
Net distribution for the year	129,775	135,448

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

7 Debtors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts receivable on unsettled trades	-	196,102
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	6,021	1,748
Accrued revenue:		
Rebates from underlying holdings	2,170	1,792
Prepayments	99	117
Total debtors	8,290	199,759

8 Cash and bank balances	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	259,464	285,073

9 Creditors	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	4,106	237,043
Payable to the Authorised Fund Manager, associates of the Authorised Fund Manager, and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	8,054	9,040
Payable to the depositary, associates of the depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depositary fee	239	276
Safe custody fee	1,145	1,123
	1,384	1,399
Audit fee	6,588	6,000
Other accrued expenses	3,663	2,560
Total creditors	23,795	256,042

10 Risk management

In pursuing its investment objective as stated on page 90, the Sub-fund holds a number of financial instruments. The Sub-fund's financial instruments comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for issues and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued revenue.

The main risks arising from the Sub-fund's financial instruments, those of its underlying holdings and the AFM's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. These policies have been applied throughout the year.

Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the Sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss the Sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations, which are monitored by the AFM in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and in the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

If market prices at the Balance Sheet date had been 10% higher or lower while all other variables remained constant, the return attributable to ordinary shareholders and equity for the year ended 30 September 2023 would have increased/decreased by £1,210,747 (30 September 2022: £1,294,307).

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is invested in funds that are registered overseas and collective investment schemes which invest in overseas securities and the balance sheet can be affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. The AFM may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward exchange contracts or by hedging the Sterling value of investments that are priced in other currencies. Revenue received in other currencies is converted to Sterling on or near the date of receipt.

Net currency assets and liabilities consist of:

	Net monetary assets and liabilities		Non-monetary assets		Total net assets	
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sterling	243,959	228,790	12,107,468	12,943,067	12,351,427	13,171,857
Total	243,959	228,790	12,107,468	12,943,067	12,351,427	13,171,857

10 Risk management (Continued)**Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk to portfolio value due to changes in interest rates. The magnitude of the exposure from an adverse change in interest rates depends on the sensitivity of the instrument to changes in interest rates as well as the absolute change in interest rates. In general, values of long-term instruments are more sensitive to interest rate changes than the values of short-term instruments.

The Sub-fund takes on interest rate risk when the investment manager believes the expected returns compensate for the risk, limited by the investment objective, policy and any prospectus rules. The investment manager monitors the level of interest rate risk in the Sub-fund on a regular basis. In addition any cash deposits in the Sub-fund are linked to SONIA, ensuring interest income increases as interest rates increase.

The table below details the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	£	£
Financial assets floating rate	259,464	285,073
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	1,742,648	1,470,184
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	10,373,110	11,672,642
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(23,795)	(256,042)
	12,351,427	13,171,857

At 30 September 2023, if interest rates increased or decreased by 0.25%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders of the Sub-fund would increase or decrease by approximately £649 (30 September 2022: £713).

Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Sub-fund as at 30 September 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand.

Liquidity risk

The Sub-fund's assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the Sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that the investors wish to sell. Assets of the Sub-fund may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions.

Credit risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Sub-fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Sub-fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the AFM as acceptable counterparties and fund management companies. In addition, limits are set to the exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time and changes in brokers' financial ratings are reviewed.

Credit risk also arises on cash held within financial institutions. Credit risk on cash balances is mitigated by ensuring that cash is held with financial institutions that are at least investment grade credit rated. Indirect credit risk arises from holdings in collectives that invest in debt securities as any default or perceived risk of default will affect the valuation of such holdings.

Fair value disclosure

The fair value hierarchy is intended to prioritise the inputs that are used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices and the lowest priority to un-observable inputs. The criteria applied to the fair values levels in these financial statements are as follows:

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

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

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

	30.09.2023		30.09.2022	
Valuation Technique	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)	Assets (£000's)	Liabilities (£000's)
Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument	689	-	324	-
Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1	11,418	-	12,619	-
Total	12,107	-	12,943	-

11 Shares held

A Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	5,124,830
Shares issued during the year	2,212,351
Shares cancelled during the year	(2,772,495)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	4,564,686

B Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	902,364
Shares issued during the year	15,104
Shares cancelled during the year	(45,598)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	871,870

D Accumulation

Opening shares at 01.10.2022	250,867
Shares issued during the year	842
Shares cancelled during the year	(18,465)
Shares converted during the year	-
Closing shares as at 30.09.2023	233,244

12 Contingent assets and liabilities

At 30 September 2023, the Sub-fund had no contingent liabilities or commitments (30 September 2022: Nil).

13 Post balance sheet events

As indicated in the accounting policies in Note 1, the investments have been valued at the closing valuation point on 29 September 2023. Since that date, the Sub-fund's quoted price has moved as follows for each share class:

Share class	Price at 29 September 2023	Price at 26 January 2024
A Accumulation	222.6249p	232.3973p
B Accumulation	199.6887p	207.8773p
D Accumulation	192.3271p	200.0476p

14 Direct transaction costs

For both the current and prior year, the Sub-fund purchases and sales did not incur any trading commissions, taxes or levies. Therefore the direct transaction costs on purchases, sales and overall are all 0.00%.

15 Portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at 30 September 2023 is 0.01% (30 September 2022: 0.02%).

16 Related party transactions

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, as AFM is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Sub-fund.

Amounts paid to the AFM and its associates are disclosed in note 4. The amounts due to the AFM and its associates at the balance sheet date are disclosed in note 9.

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

Interim Distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 October 2022

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 October 2022 and on or before 31 March 2023

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	0.8475p	-	0.8475p	1.0220p
Group 2	0.1976p	0.6499p	0.8475p	1.0220p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	-	-	-	0.0611p
Group 2	-	-	-	0.0611p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 31.05.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 31.05.2023	Distribution 31.05.2022
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

Final Distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 April 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 April 2023 and on or before 30 September 2023

Class A Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	1.7159p	-	1.7159p	1.2429p
Group 2	0.5002p	1.2157p	1.7159p	1.2429p

Class B Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.6242p	-	0.6242p	0.2813p
Group 2	0.2017p	0.4225p	0.6242p	0.2813p

Class D Accumulation	Net revenue 30.11.2023	Equalisation	Distribution 30.11.2023	Distribution 30.11.2022
Group 1	0.1223p	-	0.1223p	-
Group 2	0.0475p	0.0748p	0.1223p	-

Information for corporate shareholders

A corporate shareholder receives the distribution shown on the voucher enclosed with this report as follows:

- i) 77.28% of the total dividend allocation together with the tax credit is received as franked investment income.
- ii) 22.72% of the dividend allocation is received as an annual payment received after deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is not franked investment income.

INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

Taxation

The Company will pay corporation tax on its profits in VT Sinfonia Cautious Managed Portfolio with no corporation tax payable in the other four Sub-funds for the year ended 30 September 2023. Capital gains within the Company will not be taxed.

Individual shareholders

Tax-free annual dividend allowance currently standing at £1,000 (2023/2024). UK resident shareholders are now subject to new higher rates of tax on dividend income in excess of the annual allowance. The actual rate depends on the individual's tax rate band.

Capital gains tax:

Individual shareholders resident in the UK for tax purposes may be liable to capital gains tax on realisation of their shares as with other chargeable assets. However, the first £6,000 (2023/2024) of gains each year are presently tax free for individuals. Gains in excess of that amount are charged at the rate of tax applicable to the individual tax payer.

Corporate shareholders

Companies resident for tax purposes in the UK which hold shares should note that OEIC distributions are streamed into both franked and unfranked income. The unfranked income element will be treated as an annual payment which has been subject to income tax at a rate of 20% and will be liable to tax accordingly. On realisation of their shares, UK resident companies may be liable to pay corporation tax on any capital gains.

The above information on taxation is only a general summary, and shareholders should consult their own tax advisors in relation to their own circumstances. Shareholders should also note that the position as outlined may change to reflect future changes in tax legislation.

Issue and redemption of shares

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited is the AFM and Registrar. Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited will receive requests for the purchase or sale of shares at any time during 8.30am to 5.30pm. Instructions may be given by email to the below email address or by sending an application form to the Registrar. Application forms are available from the Registrar. (E-mail: sinfonia@valu-trac.com).

The price of shares will be determined by reference to a valuation of the Company's net assets at 12 noon on each dealing day.

The AFM has the right to reject, on reasonable grounds relating to the circumstances of the applicant, any application for shares in whole or part, and in this event the AFM will return any money sent, or the balance of such monies, at the risk of the applicant. In addition the AFM may reject any application previously accepted in circumstances where the applicant has paid by cheque and that cheque subsequently fails to be cleared.

Any subscription monies remaining after a whole number of shares has been issued will not be returned to the applicant. Instead, smaller denomination shares will be issued in such circumstances.

A contract note giving details of the shares purchased and the price used will be issued by the Registrar by the end of the business day following the valuation point by reference to which the purchase price is determined.

Ownership of shares will be evidenced by an entry on the Company's Register of Shareholders. Certificates will not be issued. Statements in respect of periodic distributions of revenue will show the number of shares held by the recipient in respect of which the distribution is made. Individual statements of a shareholder's shares will also be issued at any time on request by the registered holder.

Where shares are redeemed, payment will be made not later than the close of business on the fourth business day following the next valuation point after receipt by the AFM of a request for redemption. The AFM may at its discretion accept subscriptions lower than the minimum amount.

The most recent issue and redemption prices are available from the AFM.

INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS (Continued)

Remuneration

The AFM is subject to a remuneration policy which meets the requirements of the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Directive (UCITS) as set out in SYSC 19E of the FCA Handbook.

The policy is designed to ensure practices for employee remuneration are consistent with, and promote, sound and effective risk management. It does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, rules or instrument of incorporation of the funds managed, and does not impair the AFM compliance with its duty to act in the best interests of the funds it manages.

The AFM has reviewed the Remuneration Policy and its application in the last year which has resulted in no material changes to the policy or irregularities to process.

The AFM is required to disclose the total remuneration it pays to its staff during the financial year, split into fixed and variable remuneration, with separate aggregate disclosure for staff whose actions may have a material impact to the risk profile of a fund or the AFM itself. This includes executives, senior risk and compliance staff and certain senior managers.

28.05.2023	Number of Beneficiaries	Fixed Remuneration	Variable Remuneration Paid	Total Remuneration Paid
Total remuneration paid by the AFM during the year	86	£3,462,948	£ nil	£3,462,948
Remuneration paid to employees of the AFM who have a material impact on the risk profile of the UK UCITS	18	£1,043,732	£ nil	£1,043,732
Senior Management	14	£779,584	£ nil	£779,584
Control Functions	4	£264,148	£ nil	£264,148
Employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration brackets as senior management and risk takers	0	£ -	£ nil	£ -

Further information is available in the AFM's Remuneration Policy document which can be obtained from www.valu-trac.com. A paper copy of the remuneration policy is available on request from the registered office of the Authorised Fund Manager free of charge.

CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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