

INTERIM REPORT & ACCOUNTS

For the six months ended 31 December 2023

Who are Janus Henderson Investors?

Global Strength



More than **2,000**
employees



24
Offices worldwide



4,000
company engagements
by our investment teams
in 2022

■ North America ■ EMEA & LatAm ■ Asia Pacific

* Numbers may not cast due to rounding.

Source: Janus Henderson Investors, Staff and assets under management (AUM) data as at 31 December 2023. AUM data excludes Exchange-Traded Note (ETN) assets.

Who we are

At Janus Henderson our mission is to help clients define and achieve superior financial outcomes through differentiated insights, disciplined investments, and world-class service. This means being ever mindful of the futures of the millions of lives that our thinking and our investments help shape. Our diverse client base and robust balance sheet allow us to offer financial strength and stability with which to help investors achieve their objectives.

The human connection matters in all that we do. Teams across Janus Henderson come together every day to deliver outcomes for our clients – and their clients – that make a difference. We are proud of this responsibility as we fulfil our purpose of 'Investing in a brighter future together'. The goals we set, the strategy we create, and the way that we work are all shaped with this ultimate objective in mind.

Why us

Choosing Janus Henderson means benefiting from:

Differentiated insights

- We are proud of our deep-rooted research culture, which has underpinned our 89-year track record of investing.
- Janus Henderson's investment teams meet thousands of companies each year. Insight from these meetings combined with proprietary analysis results in original views that shape our investment positioning.
- With 340 investment professionals around the world, we benefit from a range of perspectives that we test and share as we seek to differentiate between the winners and losers on behalf of our clients.

Disciplined investments

- Our investment teams set clearly defined objectives and processes to deliver long-term risk-adjusted returns. We value the trust clients place in us and are disciplined in staying true to our investment style through all market conditions.
- We apply robust controls to ensure that risk taken is in accordance with client expectations and investment manager expectations. We have more than 150 experts in our risk and compliance teams.

World class service

- We offer global reach with our broad network of investment and client service specialists. This is combined with the responsiveness, tailored solutions, and personal touch of a local partner.
- Understanding the challenges our clients – and their clients – face globally, and working in partnership, means we can provide support as we blend our best ideas and capabilities to define appropriate tailored outcomes.
- We seek to contribute to clients' understanding and decision-making – we share knowledge through published insights, at events, and by actively participating in debate on the future of investing.

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Authorised Corporate Director's (ACD) report for the six months ended 31 December 2023

We are pleased to present the Interim Report & Accounts for Janus Henderson UK & Europe Funds (the 'Company') for the six months ended 31 December 2023.

Authorised status

The Company is an open-ended investment company (OEIC) with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC70 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) with effect from 21 June 2000. It is a United Kingdom Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UK UCITS) scheme structured as an umbrella company, comprising of twelve sub-funds ('funds'), complying with chapter 5 of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL). The operation of the Company is governed by the OEIC Regulations, COLL, its Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus.

The Company has an unlimited duration. Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

Segregation of assets

The assets of each fund will be treated as separate from those of every other fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that fund.

Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's (ACD) responsibilities

The FCA's COLL requires the ACD to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting year and interim accounting period, which give a true and fair view, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (IMA) in May 2014 and amended in June 2017, UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP) (UK Accounting Standards, comprising the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland), of the financial affairs of the Company and each of the sub-funds, and their revenue/expenditure for the period. The ACD is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with its Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus and the OEIC Regulations. The ACD is also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Value assessment

The board of Janus Henderson Fund Management UK Limited (JHFMUKL) present the value assessment report for the period to 31 December 2022, made available on our website www.janushenderson.com.

Access by this link (<https://www.janushenderson.com/en-gb/investor/notice/value-assessment-report>).

The FCA, the UK's financial services regulator, requires all fund management groups to perform a detailed assessment of whether funds are providing value to investors, and publish an annual statement summarising the outcome of this process, known as the value assessment. Our report is published by JHFMUKL, the Board of the ACD (the body responsible for an investment fund) and summarises the period to 31 December 2022. For the period to 31 December 2023, the report is expected to be published on our website at the end of April 2024.

The value assessment considers a minimum of seven criteria set by the FCA. While investment performance and quality of service are clearly important factors, costs and charges paid by investors are also key considerations. At Janus Henderson, ensuring value is delivered to investors has always been central to our process and therefore the value assessment is an extension to the existing ongoing monitoring processes that provide oversight of how the funds are managed.

The report contains an overview of the process that Janus Henderson undertook to perform this assessment along with the conclusions.

Macro risks

The Investment Manager continues to monitor closely macro risks, including geopolitical risks, such as the ongoing impact of the Russia/Ukraine conflict and the conflict in the Middle East, market risks, such as stresses in the banking sector and the higher inflationary and interest rate environment. We have established processes to be able to respond timely to changes. We have well established and tested business continuity and crisis management processes in place, which cover a large number of disruptive scenarios, including cyber threats and market events. The Investment Manager also has embedded market risk monitoring processes, including modelling potential stressed market scenarios, to help inform our investment decisions.

Authorised Corporate Director's (ACD) report (continued)

Director's statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority. I hereby certify the investment reviews and financial statements on behalf of the Directors of Janus Henderson Fund Management UK Limited.



R Chaudhuri
(Director)

27 February 2024

Authorised Corporate Director's (ACD) report (continued)

Service providers

| | Name | Address | Regulator |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Authorised Corporate Director | Janus Henderson Fund Management UK Limited Member of the Investment Association The ultimate holding company is Janus Henderson Group plc | Registered Office: 201 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3AE Registered in England No 2678531 Enquiries - 0800 832 832 | Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority |
| Directors of the ACD | R Chaudhuri G Fogo S Hillenbrand (to 06.11.23) JR Lowry W Lucken P Shea* F Smith* R Weallans *Independent | | |
| Investment Manager | Janus Henderson Investors UK Limited The ultimate holding company is Janus Henderson Group plc | 201 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3AE | Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority |
| Shareholder Administrator | SS&C Financial Services International Limited and SS&C Financial Services Europe Limited | SS&C House St Nicholas Lane Basildon Essex SS15 5FS | Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority |
| Fund Administrator | BNP Paribas | 10 Harewood Avenue London NW1 6AA | Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority |
| Depository | NatWest Trustee and Depository Services Limited The ultimate holding company is Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | 250 Bishopsgate London EC2M 4AA | Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and by the Prudential Regulation Authority |
| Independent Auditors | PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP | 141 Bothwell Street Glasgow G2 7EQ | Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales |
| Legal Adviser | Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP | One Wood Street London EC2V 7WS | The Law Society |

Global equities, as measured by the MSCI World Index, increased by 7.5% in sterling and 7.8% in US dollar terms during the reporting period as inflation cooled and major central banks appeared to reach the end of their interest rate hiking campaigns. Markets surged in November – global equity benchmark the MSCI All Countries World Index (ACWI) achieved its best monthly performance in three years – and again in December, as investors grew increasingly hopeful that policy makers would cut rates in 2024. However, bouts of uncertainty regarding the direction of monetary policy and anxiety about a global economic downturn dampened sentiment during the period.

In the UK, the FTSE All Share Index rose by 5.2% in sterling terms as slowing inflation heightened investor expectations that major central banks would loosen monetary policy in 2024. The Bank of England (BoE) increased its benchmark rate just once, by 25 basis points (bps) to 5.25% in August – a 15-year high – and announced its first pause in almost two years in the following month. The BoE continued to warn that monetary policy could remain tight for an extended period, although investors speculated that this appeared less likely as pricing pressures eased. The annual inflation rate hit a more than two-year low of 3.9% in November, down from 6.8% in July. The UK economy contracted by 0.1% over the third quarter, following no growth over the previous quarter, heightening anxiety about a possible recession. More positively, a data revision at the end of September showed that Gross domestic product (GDP) had recovered more strongly than previously thought from the pandemic. Sterling was only slightly stronger against the US dollar, helped by the latter's weakness, particularly in November.

In Europe, the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index was higher by 5.9% in sterling and 3.6% in euro terms as inflation cooled and markets predicted that monetary policy makers would turn dovish sooner than previously predicted. The positive mood at the end of the period helped the Stoxx Europe 600 Index hit a near two-year high in December. Anxiety about a possible economic downturn – Eurozone GDP contracted by 0.1% over the third quarter, following 0.1% growth over the second quarter – the initial belief that borrowing conditions would remain tight for longer, conflict in the Middle East and China's uncertain economic recovery unsettled investors, however. The European Central Bank (ECB) raised its deposit rate to an all-time high of 4.0% in September and left it on hold thereafter, although in December, it stressed that borrowing conditions would remain tight for as long as needed to contain inflation. However, investors appeared sceptical about its stance, particularly as Eurozone annual inflation slowed to a more than two-year low of 2.4% in November – within reach of the ECB's 2% target – which compared with July's 5.3% level. The euro strengthened slightly against sterling and the US dollar during the period.

US stocks, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, advanced 7.7% in sterling and 8.0% in US dollar terms on optimism that the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) interest rate hikes had come to an end and that it would shift to cuts in 2024. The market rally in the final two months of the period helped the S&P 500 Index near to a record high in December. Some strong corporate results also boosted sentiment, while the threat of a government shutdown, and some hawkish comments from the Fed earlier in the period limited the overall gains. Consumer prices initially quickened, reaching 3.7% year on year in both August and September, before slowing to 3.1% in November – a five-month low. The Fed raised interest rates once, to a 22-year high of 5.5% from 5.25%, and although its tone was somewhat hawkish for most of the period – largely because of the economy's resilience – it suggested in December that it could ease borrowing conditions in 2024. Third-quarter GDP grew by a stronger-than-expected 4.9%, on an annualised basis, which was up from 2.1% in the second quarter. The US dollar weakened against a basket of currencies, with the prospect of looser monetary policy pulling down the US currency to a five-month low in December.

In Japan, the Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section Index (TOPIX) strengthened by 6.9% in sterling and 4.5% in yen terms as it benefited from a weak yen, which boosted exporters, interest from foreign investors and corporate governance reforms. The positive sentiment helped the benchmark Nikkei 225 Index hit a 33-year high late in the period. In November, the government announced a US\$113bn stimulus package to boost the economy. The Bank of Japan (BoJ) maintained its highly accommodative monetary policy stance, despite persistent speculation it was about to change course after making minor adjustments to its yield curve controls. The annual core inflation rate, which excludes fresh food prices, moderated to 2.5% in November from 3.1% in July. The economy shrank by an annualised 2.9% in the third quarter, following second-quarter growth of 3.6%, highlighting the challenges facing the government and monetary authorities. Although the yen strengthened against the US dollar during the period – the gains were largely due to the faltering US currency – it remained weak in an historical context.

In Asia, the MSCI All Countries Asia Pacific ex Japan Index was up by 4.1% in sterling and 4.4% in US dollar terms as the improved global mood boosted sentiment. Chinese shares fell as the country's economic recovery remained shaky – although third-quarter GDP growth was higher than expected – while stimulus measures fell short of expectations, deflationary pressures grew and anxiety about the debt-laden property sector persisted. South Korean stocks moved higher as an end-of-year rally, supported by continued economic growth, outweighed sharp losses in October, when a weakening outlook for battery makers and anxiety about inflation unnerved investors. Equities increased in Taiwan as gains in the key technology sector and interest from foreign investors spurred a rally and despite uncertainty ahead of January's presidential election. Australian shares also rose, with the benchmark S&P/ASX 200 Index achieving its best monthly performance in more than three years in December. In November, the Reserve Bank of Australia announced its first rate hike since June, citing worries about inflation, although pricing pressures eased during the period.

Market review (continued)

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained by 4.6% in sterling and 4.9% in US dollar terms as investors' risk appetite increased. In India, shares rose as continued economic expansion and interest from overseas investors helped the benchmark Nifty 50 and S&P BSE Sensex indices hit all-time highs. Relatively robust economic growth and interest rate cuts boosted sentiment in Brazil, where the benchmark Bovespa Index also hit record levels. Argentina's market advanced on investor hopes that the new president, Javier Milei, would revitalise growth by pursuing policies of economic liberalisation. South African stocks moved higher, although third-quarter GDP contracted by more than expected, largely because of continued power cuts. Turkey's market strengthened as domestic investors sought to protect their money from rampant inflation, while a series of large interest rate rises to combat the pricing pressures signalled the Turkish central bank's return to monetary policy orthodoxy.

In fixed income, the JPM Global Government Bond Index returned 2.9% in sterling and 3.2% in US dollar terms, with yields on core government bond markets – including the US, UK, Germany and Japan – generally mixed. The yield on US benchmark 10-year Treasuries rose over much of the period – it hit a 16-year high in October amid anxiety about tighter-for-longer borrowing conditions. However, it reversed course in the final two months of the period on growing expectations that the Fed would cut rates in 2024 and finished little changed overall. The yields on 10-year UK gilts and German bunds fell (prices rose, reflecting their inverse relationship), while the equivalent yield on Japanese government bonds increased – it hit a 10-year high in October - as investors predicted the BoJ would, ultimately, change policy. Corporate credit markets, as measured by the Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index, performed positively as investors took advantage of relatively high yields to buy corporate bonds.

In commodity markets, oil prices were only modestly higher as output cuts by major producers tightened supply, while uncertainty about demand exerted downward pressure towards the end of the period. US crude benchmark West Texas Intermediate, which hit a 2023 high above US\$90 per barrel in September, ended the period up by about 1%. Spot gold prices increased and reached an all-time high in December on expectations that major central banks would loosen monetary policy in the new year. The prospect of interest rate cuts and a weakening US dollar helped copper prices to rise mildly.

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the SORP for UK Authorised Funds issued by the IMA in May 2014 and amended in June 2017, FRS 102, the FCA's COLL, the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus.

The financial statements for Janus Henderson Index Linked Bond Fund, Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Credit Fund, Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Gilt Fund and Janus Henderson Institutional UK Gilt Fund have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. The ACD plans to close Janus Henderson Index Linked Bond Fund, Janus Henderson Institutional UK Gilt Fund and Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Gilt Fund on 14 March 2024, and Janus Henderson Long dated Credit Fund on 10 April 2024.

The accounting policies, distribution policy and potential risks are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 and are described in those annual accounts.

Cross holdings

31 December 2023

| | Fund Held | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| | Janus Henderson Asset-Backed Securities Fund | |
| | Number of shares | Market value £000 |
| Investor Fund | | |
| Janus Henderson Absolute Return Fixed Income Fund | 543,760 | 592 |

As at 30 June 2023 there were no sub-fund cross holdings within Janus Henderson UK & Europe Funds.

Janus Henderson Absolute Return Fixed Income Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Managers

Daniel Siluk and Jason England

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to generate a positive return (more than zero), after the deduction of costs and charges, over a rolling 12 month period. An absolute return performance is not guaranteed over this specific, or any other, time period and consequently capital is in fact at risk.

Performance target: To outperform the ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index by at least 2% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a global portfolio of bonds of any quality, including high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, issued by governments or companies. The fund may invest directly or via derivatives (complex financial instruments).

The fund may also invest in other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) (including those managed by Janus Henderson), preference shares, cash and money market instruments.

In certain market conditions, the fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in government bonds issued by any one body. The fund will not invest more than 15% of its assets in high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and will never invest in bonds rated lower than B- or B3 (credit agency ratings), or if unrated deemed to be of a comparable quality by the Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, with the aim of making investment gains in line with the fund's objective, to reduce risk, to manage the fund more efficiently, or to generate additional capital or income for the fund.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has a high degree of freedom to choose individual investments for the fund.

Strategy

The Investment Manager manages the fund to act as a 'risk reducer', aiming to provide consistent positive absolute returns in excess of cash with low volatility and capital stability across economic and credit cycles. Exposure to shorter maturity investment grade bonds across global fixed income markets creates steady income generation which is balanced with tactical trades that aim to dampen overall volatility and take advantage of any market mispricing and dislocations. The fund is benchmark agnostic seeking the best risk adjusted opportunities across sectors and countries.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months 30 Jun 23 - 31 Dec 23 % | One year 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 % | Three years 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 23 % | Since inception 25 Feb 19 - 31 Dec 23 % |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 3.6 | 5.2 | 2.7 | 7.5 |
| ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index | 2.7 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 7.0 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 3.9 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 10.4 |
| ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index + 2% | 3.8 | 6.8 | 12.5 | 17.8 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 % | 31 Dec 21 - 31 Dec 22 % | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 21 % | 31 Dec 19 - 31 Dec 20 % | 25 Feb 19 - 31 Dec 19 % |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 5.2 | (1.5) | (0.9) | 2.9 | 1.7 |
| ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index | 4.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 5.8 | (0.9) | (0.3) | 3.5 | 2.2 |
| ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index + 2% | 6.8 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 |

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class I accumulation (Gross), NAV to NAV, gross of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Index: ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index

Index usage: Target

Index description: The ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index is an unmanaged index that is comprised of a single UK Gilt issue with approximately three months to final maturity. It is the basis for the fund's performance target.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales/maturities | £000 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Global Payments 0.00% 31/08/2023 | 790 | Global Payments 0.00% 13/07/2023 | 846 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 22/08/2023 | 786 | Global Payments 0.00% 31/08/2023 | 789 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 18/08/2023 | 785 | Global Payments 0.00% 24/08/2023 | 788 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 23/08/2023 | 785 | Global Payments 0.00% 21/08/2023 | 786 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 21/08/2023 | 784 | Global Payments 0.00% 22/08/2023 | 786 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 24/08/2023 | 783 | Global Payments 0.00% 23/08/2023 | 785 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 12/09/2023 | 641 | Global Payments 0.00% 18/08/2023 | 784 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 07/09/2023 | 637 | Global Payments 0.00% 07/09/2023 | 641 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 05/09/2023 | 633 | Global Payments 0.00% 12/09/2023 | 639 |
| Global Payments 0.00% 14/12/2023 | 599 | Global Payments 0.00% 05/09/2023 | 637 |
| Total purchases | 54,095 | Total sales/maturities | 59,574 |

Investment review

The fund returned 3.6% (Net), 3.9% (Gross) based on Class I accumulation over the period under review, compared with a return of 2.7% in the ICE Bank of America 3 month Sterling Government Bill Index and a return of 3.8% in the Target Index +2%.

Global bond returns were positive during the reporting period, with corporate, global sovereign and US Treasury bonds all generating positive returns. The yield on US benchmark 10-year Treasuries increased, although the yield curve became less inverted (yields for shorter-maturity bonds remained higher than yields for bonds with a longer maturity, albeit less so).

The Fed increased interest rates in July, although it kept them unchanged for the remainder of the period and indicated the potential for multiple cuts in 2024. Markets welcomed the Fed's dovish 'pivot' at its December meeting, as the central bank appeared to forecast an economic 'soft landing'. Investment-grade and high-yield credit spreads ended the period tighter.

The fund seeks to generate consistent returns by focusing on higher-quality, shorter-dated credit that tends to offer attractive income generation – or carry – as they near maturity. The primary positive contributors were carry on securities and the added tailwind of declining rates that occurred late in the period. Given continued interest rate volatility, we deployed securities with the aim of dampening the impact of future rate swings. These also produced positive returns during the period.

Our view that this interest rate hiking cycle had reached its zenith was largely confirmed by the Fed's December comments. Consequently, we believe that the next move in rates will be lower. After having increased duration early in the period, we reduced it to 0.66 years by the end of December – still within neutral territory, albeit slightly more cautious to account for risks present in the market and global economy. This range allows us to capture a sufficient level of yield until we have greater visibility on the direction of the global economy and the degree to which inflation continues along its downward path toward the Fed's – and other central banks' – preferred objectives.

In recent months, an acute source of tension has created a disconnect between the Fed's expected trajectory for its overnight policy rate and what forward-looking markets believed was appropriate, with the former remaining firmly in the restrictive camp. December's statement relieved much of that tension as US policy makers took what we considered to be an unambiguous move towards dovish territory for the first time in this monetary tightening cycle.

This shift in the Fed's stance has considerable implications for the fixed income landscape. Foremost, given Chairman Jerome Powell's laser focus on price stability after 2022's botched transitory call, the Fed would not even hint that a pivot – much less a 75 basis point reduction – was an option unless it believed the inflation genie was being placed back in the bottle.

An economic soft landing is notoriously difficult to achieve – it is the goal in nearly every tightening cycle, yet it seldom plays out that way. The current cycle has been further complicated by the historic amount of accommodative policy unleashed by the Fed and other central banks in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, data has been supportive of an economy cooling at a manageable pace.

Moderating economic growth means that a peak in the rates cycle has been reached. Importantly, a fixed income allocation can now offer yields at levels that had been absent for over a decade. Furthermore, should a soft landing materialise, we believe higher-quality corporate and securitised credit could offer value as their financial positions should help them weather a modest economic slowdown. If, however, economic growth surprises to the downside, we could see the safest segments of the bond market – namely US Treasuries – rally across maturities. The resulting capital appreciation would then serve as a diversifier against the riskier equities and high-yield corporate debt that could experience a drawdown in a bearish scenario.

While we see bonds likely performing well in both a soft landing and a more material contraction, there are risks inherent in our assessment of how Fed policy could impact the economy and the fixed income market. Higher rates have stymied the US housing market and business investment, and a lower cost of capital could provide relief to these rate-sensitive pockets of the economy. Should this development result in a positive growth surprise, bond yields would likely find a bottom, and those further out on the yield curve could climb as investors price in higher growth and accompanying inflationary pressure.

References made to individual securities do not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, investment strategy or market sector, and should not be assumed to be profitable. Janus Henderson Investors, its affiliated advisor, or its employees, may have a position in the securities mentioned.

Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class G accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 102.32 | 100.09 | 102.42 | 102.53 |
| Return before operating charges* | 4.06 | 2.70 | (1.87) | 0.35 |
| Operating charges | (0.25) | (0.47) | (0.46) | (0.46) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.81 | 2.23 | (2.33) | (0.11) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.14) | (2.34) | (1.12) | (0.38) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.14 | 2.34 | 1.12 | 0.38 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 106.13 | 102.32 | 100.09 | 102.42 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.72% | 2.23% | (2.27%) | (0.11%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,952 | 1,952 | 1,952 | 500 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.48% | 0.47% | 0.45% | 0.45% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 106.17 | 102.41 | 102.50 | 103.14 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 102.42 | 99.62 | 100.07 | 102.36 |
| | Class G income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 97.45 | 97.55 | 100.91 | 101.50 |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.81 | 2.62 | (1.81) | 0.23 |
| Operating charges | (0.24) | (0.46) | (0.45) | (0.46) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.57 | 2.16 | (2.26) | (0.23) |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.02) | (2.26) | (1.10) | (0.36) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 99.00 | 97.45 | 97.55 | 100.91 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.66% | 2.21% | (2.24%) | (0.23%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,981 | 1,981 | 1,981 | 500 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.48% | 0.47% | 0.45% | 0.45% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 100.22 | 98.34 | 100.99 | 102.02 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 97.71 | 96.68 | 97.74 | 101.07 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 103.69 | 101.62 | 104.08 | 103.97 |
| Return before operating charges* | 4.04 | 2.66 | (1.88) | 0.69 |
| Operating charges | (0.31) | (0.59) | (0.58) | (0.58) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.73 | 2.07 | (2.46) | 0.11 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.08) | (2.19) | (0.61) | (0.60) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.08 | 2.19 | 0.61 | 0.60 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 107.42 | 103.69 | 101.62 | 104.08 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.60% | 2.04% | (2.36%) | 0.11% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 8,618 | 8,444 | 16,677 | 58,069 |
| Closing number of shares | 8,022,709 | 8,144,590 | 16,410,935 | 55,793,459 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.59% | 0.58% | 0.56% | 0.56% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 107.47 | 103.78 | 104.19 | 104.72 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 103.78 | 101.09 | 101.60 | 103.95 |
| | | | | |
| | Class I income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 98.16 | 98.25 | 101.40 | 101.90 |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.81 | 2.55 | (1.83) | 0.67 |
| Operating charges | (0.29) | (0.57) | (0.56) | (0.57) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.52 | 1.98 | (2.39) | 0.10 |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.95) | (2.07) | (0.76) | (0.60) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 99.73 | 98.16 | 98.25 | 101.40 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.59% | 2.02% | (2.36%) | 0.10% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 242 | 283 | 3,112 | 4,042 |
| Closing number of shares | 242,833 | 288,226 | 3,167,170 | 3,986,244 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.59% | 0.58% | 0.56% | 0.56% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 100.91 | 99.02 | 101.50 | 102.49 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 98.42 | 97.36 | 98.37 | 101.58 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class S accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 103.29 | 100.79 | 102.90 | 102.50 |
| Return before operating charges* | 4.10 | 2.78 | (1.84) | 0.67 |
| Operating charges | (0.15) | (0.28) | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.95 | 2.50 | (2.11) | 0.40 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.29) | (2.72) | (0.62) | (0.92) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.29 | 2.72 | 0.62 | 0.92 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 107.24 | 103.29 | 100.79 | 102.90 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.82% | 2.48% | (2.50%) | 0.39% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 76,533 |
| Closing number of shares | 549 | 549 | 549 | 74,375,063 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.29% | 0.28% | 0.26% | 0.26% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 107.28 | 103.44 | 103.09 | 103.39 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 103.44 | 100.42 | 100.75 | 102.53 |
| | | Class S income | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 97.44 | 97.58 | 100.70 | 101.17 |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.78 | 2.50 | (1.81) | 0.66 |
| Operating charges | (0.14) | (0.27) | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.64 | 2.23 | (2.07) | 0.40 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.09) | (2.37) | (1.05) | (0.87) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 98.99 | 97.44 | 97.58 | 100.70 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.74% | 2.29% | (2.06%) | 0.40% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 3,376 | 8,194 | 54,587 | 80,682 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,410,717 | 8,409,607 | 55,943,854 | 80,125,166 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.29% | 0.28% | 0.26% | 0.26% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 100.24 | 98.36 | 100.88 | 101.81 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 97.70 | 96.69 | 97.79 | 100.89 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 105.99 | 103.36 | 105.31 | 104.68 |
| Return before operating charges* | 4.14 | 2.70 | (1.90) | 0.68 |
| Operating charges | (0.04) | (0.07) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Return after operating charges* | 4.10 | 2.63 | (1.95) | 0.63 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.40) | (2.77) | (1.40) | (1.14) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.40 | 2.77 | 1.40 | 1.14 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 110.09 | 105.99 | 103.36 | 105.31 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.87% | 2.54% | (1.85%) | 0.60% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 10,205 | 9,825 | 13,689 | 13,252 |
| Closing number of shares | 9,269,256 | 9,269,256 | 13,244,831 | 12,583,761 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.08% | 0.07% | 0.05% | 0.05% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 110.14 | 106.08 | 105.56 | 105.71 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 106.09 | 102.98 | 103.31 | 104.71 |
| | | Class Z income | | |
| | | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | | 98.29 | 101.41 | 101.90 |
| Return before operating charges* | | 1.80 | (1.80) | 0.67 |
| Operating charges | | (0.06) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Return after operating charges* | | 1.74 | (1.85) | 0.62 |
| Distributions on income shares | | (1.65) | (1.27) | (1.11) |
| Final cancellation | | (98.38) ¹ | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | | - | 98.29 | 101.41 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | | 1.77% ² | (1.82%) | 0.61% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | | - | 1 | 1 |
| Closing number of shares | | - | 499 | 499 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | | 0.07% | 0.05% | 0.05% |
| Direct transaction costs | | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | | 99.10 ² | 101.60 | 102.63 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | | 97.41 ² | 98.56 | 101.62 |

¹ Class Z income closed on 18 May 2023.

² to 18 May 2023.

Comparative tables (continued)

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised ongoing charge figure (OCF) of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

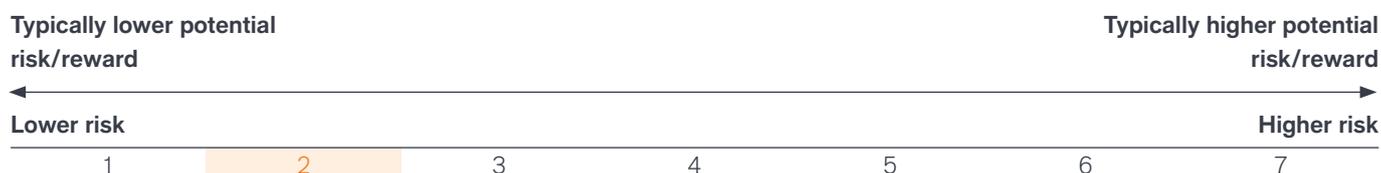
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class G accumulation | 0.48 | 0.47 |
| Class G income | 0.48 | 0.47 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.59 | 0.58 |
| Class I income | 0.59 | 0.58 |
| Class S accumulation | 0.29 | 0.28 |
| Class S income | 0.29 | 0.28 |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.08 | 0.07 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 7 types of share class in issue: G accumulation, G income, I accumulation, I income, S accumulation, S income, and Z accumulation.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 2 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRI level. The SRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on simulated historic volatility. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Asset-Backed Securities The fund invests in Asset-Backed Securities (ABS) and other forms of securitised investments, which may be subject to greater credit/default, liquidity, interest rate and prepayment and extension risks, compared to other investments such as government or corporate issued bonds and this may negatively impact the realised return on investment in the securities.

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Currency Hedging When the fund, or a hedged share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency (hedge), the hedging strategy itself may positively or negatively impact the value of the fund due to differences in short-term interest rates between the currencies.

Derivatives and Leverage The fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Exchange Rates If the fund holds assets in currencies other than the base currency of the fund or you invest in a share/unit class of a different currency to the fund (unless hedged, i.e. mitigated by taking an offsetting position in a related security), the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in exchange rates.

Interest Rates When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise (or are expected to rise). This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

Prepayment and Extension Some bonds (callable bonds) allow their issuers the right to repay capital early or to extend the maturity. Issuers may exercise these rights when favourable to them and as a result the value of the fund may be impacted.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRI.

* Class I accumulation, Class I income and Class Z accumulation launched on 25 February 2019, Class G accumulation and G income launched on 27 June 2019. Class S accumulation launched on 9 December 2019 and Class S income launched on 20 February 2020. As these share classes do not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the fund's relevant sector average.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|---|----------------------|---|
| Bonds 84.26% (30/06/2023: 90.84%) Australia 21.27% (30/06/2023: 22.44%) Asset Backed 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.14%) | | | |
| Fixed Rate Bond 7.73% (30/06/2023: 7.39%) | | | |
| AUD 420,000 | Ausgrid Finance 3.75% 30/10/2024 | 222 | 0.99 |
| AUD 350,000 | Charter Hall 2.086% 03/03/2028 | 161 | 0.72 |
| AUD 250,000 | CNH Industrial Capital Australia 5.80% 13/07/2026 | 137 | 0.61 |
| AUD 500,000 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia 4.2% 18/08/2025 | 266 | 1.19 |
| AUD 330,000 | Computershare US 3.147% 30/11/2027 | 162 | 0.72 |
| AUD 360,000 | ElectraNet 2.4737% 15/12/2028 | 167 | 0.74 |
| AUD 300,000 | Lonsdale Finance 2.10% 15/10/2027 | 144 | 0.64 |
| AUD 200,000 | Lonsdale Finance 2.45% 20/11/2026 | 100 | 0.45 |
| AUD 430,000 | Network Finance 2.25% 11/11/2026 | 213 | 0.95 |
| AUD 350,000 | VER Finco 2.40% 21/09/2028 | 163 | 0.72 |
| | | 1,735 | 7.73 |
| Floating Rate Note 13.54% (30/06/2023: 13.91%) | | | |
| AUD 500,000 | Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN 31/03/2026 | 268 | 1.19 |
| AUD 350,000 | Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN 26/02/2031 | 189 | 0.84 |
| AUD 390,000 | Bank Australia FRN 22/02/2027 | 209 | 0.93 |
| AUD 300,000 | Bank of Queensland FRN 19/05/2032 | 158 | 0.7 |
| AUD 220,000 | Bendigo & Adelaide Bank FRN 16/06/2026 | 118 | 0.53 |
| AUD 300,000 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 20/08/2031 | 160 | 0.71 |
| AUD 300,000 | Credit Union Australia FRN 09/02/2027 | 161 | 0.72 |
| AUD 300,000 | Heritage and People's Choice FRN 16/09/2031 | 156 | 0.7 |
| AUD 390,000 | Insurance Australia FRN 15/06/2044 | 209 | 0.93 |
| AUD 400,000 | Liberty Financial FRN 17/03/2025 | 212 | 0.94 |
| AUD 180,000 | Liberty Financial FRN 25/05/2026 | 94 | 0.42 |
| AUD 820,000 | Macquarie Bank FRN 17/06/2031 | 438 | 1.95 |
| AUD 185,000 | National Australia Bank FRN 05/12/2026 | 99 | 0.44 |
| AUD 450,000 | National Australia Bank FRN 18/11/2031 | 243 | 1.09 |
| AUD 100,000 | Suncorp FRN 27/06/2034 | 54 | 0.24 |
| AUD 300,000 | Westpac FRN 23/06/2033 | 164 | 0.73 |
| AUD 200,000 | Westpac FRN 29/01/2031 | 107 | 0.48 |
| | | 3,039 | 13.54 |
| Canada 3.40% (30/06/2023: 3.36%) Fixed Rate Bond 3.40% (30/06/2023: 3.36%) | | | |
| USD 250,000 | Enbridge 2.15% 16/02/2024 | 195 | 0.87 |
| GBP 200,000 | Royal Bank of Canada 1.125% 15/12/2025 | 187 | 0.83 |
| USD 65,000 | Royal Bank of Canada 5.20% 20/07/2026 | 52 | 0.23 |
| CAD 165,000 | Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.21% 01/06/2027 | 97 | 0.44 |
| USD 290,000 | Toronto-Dominion Bank 5.532% 17/07/2026 | 232 | 1.03 |
| | | 763 | 3.40 |
| Finland 0.70% (30/06/2023: 0.59%) Floating Rate Note 0.70% (30/06/2023: 0.59%) | | | |
| USD 200,000 | Nordea Bank FRN 06/06/2025 | 158 | 0.70 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Germany 1.70% (30/06/2023: 2.44%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.70% (30/06/2023: 2.44%) | | |
| AUD 230,000 | Mercedes-Benz Australia 0.75% 22/01/2024 | 123 | 0.55 |
| USD 325,000 | Volkswagen 5.70% 12/09/2026 | 259 | 1.15 |
| | | <u>382</u> | <u>1.70</u> |
| | Ireland 1.59% (30/06/2023: 2.11%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.59% (30/06/2023: 2.11%) | | |
| USD 210,000 | AerCap Ireland 6.10% 15/01/2027 | 169 | 0.75 |
| USD 250,000 | AerCap Ireland 1.65% 29/10/2024 | 189 | 0.84 |
| | | <u>358</u> | <u>1.59</u> |
| | Netherlands 0.70% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.70% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| USD 200,000 | NXP 5.35% 01/03/2026 | 157 | 0.70 |
| | New Zealand 9.17% (30/06/2023: 7.30%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 8.34% (30/06/2023: 6.62%) | | |
| NZD 3,835,000 | New Zealand (Government of) 0.50% 15/05/2024 | 1,870 | 8.34 |
| | Floating Rate Note 0.83% (30/06/2023: 0.68%) | | |
| AUD 350,000 | Kiwibank FRN 23/09/2025 | 187 | 0.83 |
| | Singapore 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.58%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.58%) | | |
| | South Korea 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.62%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.62%) | | |
| | Spain 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.13%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.13%) | | |
| | United Kingdom 1.51% (30/06/2023: 2.10%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 1.51% (30/06/2023: 2.10%) | | |
| USD 215,000 | NatWest 5.847% 02/03/2027 | 170 | 0.76 |
| USD 210,000 | Santander 6.833% 21/11/2026 | 168 | 0.75 |
| | | <u>338</u> | <u>1.51</u> |
| | United States 44.22% (30/06/2023: 47.17%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 4.18% (30/06/2023: 2.70%) | | |
| USD 47,472 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2022-R01 FRN 25/12/2041 | 37 | 0.16 |
| USD 56,876 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2022-R05 FRN 25/04/2042 | 45 | 0.20 |
| USD 49,286 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2022-R08 FRN 25/07/2042 | 40 | 0.18 |
| USD 94,704 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2022-R09 FRN 25/09/2042 | 75 | 0.33 |
| USD 85,786 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2023-R01 FRN 25/12/2042 | 68 | 0.31 |
| USD 48,436 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2023-R01 FRN 25/04/2043 | 38 | 0.17 |
| USD 54,820 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2023-R04 FRN 25/05/2043 | 44 | 0.20 |
| USD 104,913 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2023-R06 FRN 25/07/2043 | 82 | 0.37 |
| USD 13,301 | Freddie Mac STACR FRN 25/04/2023 | 11 | 0.05 |
| USD 73,110 | Freddie Mac STACR FRN 25/08/2033 | 58 | 0.26 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|---|----------------------|---|
| United States (continued) | | | |
| USD 249,847 | Freddie Mac STACR FRN 25/06/2043 | 197 | 0.88 |
| USD 96,680 | Freddie Mac STACR FRN 25/11/2043 | 76 | 0.34 |
| USD 29,431 | Freddie Mac STACR REMIC Trust 2022-DNA6 FRN 25/09/2042 | 23 | 0.10 |
| USD 82,380 | Freddie Mac STACR REMIC Trust 2022-HQA3 FRN 25/08/2042 | 66 | 0.29 |
| USD 62,843 | Freddie Mac STACR REMIC Trust 2023-DNA1 FRN 25/03/2043 | 50 | 0.22 |
| USD 36,080 | Freddie Mac STACR REMIC Trust 2023-HQA1 FRN 25/04/2043 | 28 | 0.12 |
| | | 938 | 4.18 |
| Fixed Rate Bond 31.99% (30/06/2023: 35.55%) | | | |
| USD 200,000 | Air Lease 0.80% 18/08/2024 | 152 | 0.68 |
| USD 105,000 | Air Lease 1.875% 15/08/2026 | 76 | 0.34 |
| USD 100,000 | American Tower 3.55% 15/07/2027 | 75 | 0.33 |
| USD 175,000 | Amgen 5.507% 02/03/2026 | 137 | 0.61 |
| USD 260,000 | Athene Global Funding 0.914% 19/08/2024 | 198 | 0.88 |
| USD 200,000 | Aviation Capital 1.95% 20/09/2026 | 142 | 0.63 |
| USD 100,000 | Aviation Capital 1.95% 30/01/2026 | 73 | 0.33 |
| CAD 155,000 | Bank of America 2.932% 25/04/2025 | 91 | 0.41 |
| USD 150,000 | Blackstone Private Credit Fund 3.25% 15/03/2027 | 108 | 0.48 |
| USD 200,000 | Cardinal Health 3.079% 15/06/2024 | 155 | 0.69 |
| USD 63,000 | Celanese US 6.05% 15/03/2025 | 50 | 0.22 |
| USD 325,000 | Centene 4.25% 15/12/2027 | 246 | 1.10 |
| USD 60,000 | Columbia Pipelines 6.055% 15/08/2026 | 48 | 0.21 |
| USD 100,000 | Constellation Brands 5.00% 02/02/2026 | 78 | 0.35 |
| USD 180,000 | Corebridge Financial 3.5% 04/04/2025 | 138 | 0.61 |
| USD 100,000 | CVS Health 5.00% 20/02/2026 | 79 | 0.35 |
| USD 65,000 | DTE Energy 4.875% 01/06/2028 | 51 | 0.23 |
| USD 105,000 | Duke Energy 5.00% 08/12/2025 | 83 | 0.37 |
| USD 200,000 | Elevance Health 4.90% 08/02/2026 | 157 | 0.70 |
| USD 210,000 | Energy Transfer 6.05% 01/12/2026 | 169 | 0.75 |
| USD 80,000 | EnLink Midstream Partners 4.85% 15/07/2026 | 61 | 0.27 |
| USD 100,000 | Fidelity National Information Services 4.50% 15/07/2025 | 78 | 0.35 |
| USD 275,000 | General Motors Financial 6.05% 10/10/2025 | 218 | 0.97 |
| USD 235,000 | Global Payments 4.95% 15/08/2027 | 185 | 0.82 |
| USD 200,000 | Goldman Sachs 3.50% 01/04/2025 | 153 | 0.68 |
| USD 295,000 | HCA 5.875% 15/02/2026 | 233 | 1.04 |
| USD 130,000 | Hess Midstream Operations 5.625% 15/02/2026 | 101 | 0.45 |
| USD 235,000 | Humana 5.70% 13/03/2026 | 184 | 0.82 |
| USD 130,000 | Hyundai Capital America 5.65% 26/06/2026 | 103 | 0.46 |
| USD 240,000 | Hyundai Capital America 5.95% 21/09/2026 | 192 | 0.86 |
| USD 245,000 | Illumina 5.80% 12/12/2025 | 193 | 0.86 |
| USD 135,000 | JPMorgan Chase 3.96% 29/01/2027 | 103 | 0.46 |
| USD 340,000 | LPL 4.625% 15/11/2027 | 258 | 1.15 |
| USD 90,000 | Marriott International 5.45% 15/09/2026 | 72 | 0.32 |
| CAD 380,000 | McDonald's 3.125% 04/03/2025 | 222 | 0.99 |
| CAD 350,000 | Mondelez International 3.25% 07/03/2025 | 204 | 0.91 |
| USD 75,000 | NASDAQ 5.65% 28/06/2025 | 59 | 0.26 |
| USD 165,000 | NRG Energy 2.00% 02/12/2025 | 121 | 0.54 |
| USD 110,000 | NRG Energy 2.45% 02/12/2027 | 78 | 0.35 |
| USD 295,000 | Occidental Petroleum 3.40% 15/04/2026 | 221 | 0.98 |
| USD 105,000 | OneMain Finance 7.125% 15/03/2026 | 84 | 0.37 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|--|----------------------|---|
| Fixed Rate Bond (continued) | | | |
| USD 100,000 | ONEOK 5.55% 01/11/2026 | 80 | 0.36 |
| USD 320,000 | Universal Health Services 1.65% 01/09/2026 | 228 | 1.02 |
| USD 300,000 | VICI Properties 4.50% 01/09/2026 | 228 | 1.02 |
| USD 204,000 | Vistra Operations 4.875% 13/05/2024 | 159 | 0.71 |
| USD 113,000 | Vistra Operations 5.125% 13/05/2025 | 88 | 0.39 |
| USD 210,000 | VMware 1.40% 15/08/2026 | 151 | 0.67 |
| USD 50,000 | Warnermedia 6.412% 15/03/2026 | 39 | 0.17 |
| AUD 825,000 | Wells Fargo 3.70% 27/07/2026 | 427 | 1.90 |
| USD 165,000 | Williams Companies 5.40% 02/03/2026 | 131 | 0.58 |
| USD 285,000 | Willis North America 3.60% 15/05/2024 | 222 | 0.99 |
| | | <u>7,182</u> | <u>31.99</u> |
| Stepped Rate Bond 0.78% (30/06/2023: 0.86%) | | | |
| USD 225,000 | DTE Energy 4.22% 01/11/2024 | <u>174</u> | <u>0.78</u> |
| Variable Rate Bond 7.27% (30/06/2023: 8.06%) | | | |
| USD 240,000 | American Express 4.99% 20/05/2026 | 188 | 0.84 |
| USD 70,000 | Bank of America 3.841% 25/04/2025 | 55 | 0.25 |
| USD 100,000 | Bank of America 5.08% 20/01/2027 | 78 | 0.35 |
| USD 145,000 | Bank of America 5.202% 25/04/2029 | 115 | 0.51 |
| USD 115,000 | Bank of America FRN 11/03/2027 | 83 | 0.37 |
| USD 550,000 | Citigroup 3.106% 08/04/2026 | 419 | 1.87 |
| USD 385,000 | JPMorgan Chase FRN 23/06/2025 | 295 | 1.31 |
| USD 450,000 | Morgan Stanley 1.164% 21/10/2025 | 340 | 1.51 |
| USD 75,000 | Morgan Stanley 5.05% 28/01/2027 | 59 | 0.26 |
| | | <u>1,632</u> | <u>7.27</u> |
| Collective Investment Schemes 2.64% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | | |
| 1,000 | Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Platinum Sterling Fund | 1 | - |
| 543,760 | Janus Henderson Asset-Backed Securities Fund Z Accumulation ¹ | <u>592</u> | <u>2.64</u> |
| | | <u>593</u> | <u>2.64</u> |
| Commercial Paper 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.03%) | | | |
| United States 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.03%) | | | |
| Derivatives 1.31% (30/06/2023: 1.57%) | | | |
| Futures (0.14%) (30/06/2023: 0.10%) | | | |
| (3) | CBT US 2 Year Note March 2024 | (4) | (0.02) |
| (5) | CBT US 5 Year Note March 2024 | (8) | (0.03) |
| (17) | SFE 90-Day Bank Bill March 2024 ² | - | - |
| (12) | SFE Australia 10 Year Bond March 2024 | <u>(20)</u> | <u>(0.09)</u> |
| | | <u>(32)</u> | <u>(0.14)</u> |
| Options 0.02% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | | |
| (1,900,000) | Goldman Sachs 5.00% Put 0.37 June 2024 | (4) | (0.02) |
| (750,000) | Goldman Sachs 5.00% Put 0.50 June 2024 | (1) | - |
| 1,900,000 | Goldman Sachs 5.00% Put 0.74 June 2024 | 7 | 0.03 |
| 750,000 | Goldman Sachs 5.00% Put 0.90 June 2024 | <u>2</u> | <u>0.01</u> |
| | | <u>4</u> | <u>0.02</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|---|----------------------|---|
| Swaps (0.14%) (30/06/2023: (0.07%))³ | | | |
| Credit Default Index Swaps (0.23%) (30/06/2023: (0.24%))³ | | | |
| 3,400,000 | CDX 1.00% 20/12/2028 NAIG Pay USD | (52) | (0.23) |
| Interest Rate Swaps (0.02%) (30/06/2023: 0.00%)³ | | | |
| 710,000 | IRS 4.4063% CI CRB3 - Pay Floating AUD | (3) | (0.02) |
| 337,500 | IRS 4.5330% CI CRLC - Pay Floating AUD | (2) | (0.01) |
| 362,500 | IRS 5.3125% CI CRKW - Receive Fixed NZD ² | - | - |
| 476,000 | IRS 5.3775% CI CPZ6 - Receive Fixed NZD | (1) | - |
| 1,000,000 | IRS 5.4400% CI CQ2R - Receive Fixed NZD | (1) | - |
| 490,000 | IRS 5.5100% CI CQBL - Receive Fixed NZD | 1 | - |
| 476,000 | IRS 5.6150% CI CPU1 - Receive Fixed NZD ² | - | - |
| 755,000 | IRS 5.6213% CI CRB4 - Receive Fixed NZD | 2 | 0.01 |
| | | (4) | (0.02) |
| Overnight Index Swaps 0.11% (30/06/2023: 0.17%)³ | | | |
| 310,000 | OIS 0.6935% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 24 | 0.11 |
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 1.57% (30/06/2023: 1.54%)³ | | | |
| | Buy AUD 500,000 : Sell GBP 262,448 January 2024 | 5 | 0.03 |
| | Buy AUD 100,000 : Sell GBP 52,397 January 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy GBP 5,721,825 : Sell AUD 10,950,000 January 2024 | (143) | (0.64) |
| | Buy GBP 514,284 : Sell CAD 861,600 January 2024 | 2 | 0.01 |
| | Buy GBP 95,229 : Sell CAD 162,500 January 2024 | (2) | (0.01) |
| | Buy GBP 224,989 : Sell JPY 40,500,000 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 220,722 : Sell JPY 40,000,000 January 2024 | (2) | (0.01) |
| | Buy GBP 1,842,681 : Sell NZD 3,840,000 January 2024 | (65) | (0.29) |
| | Buy GBP 12,111,206 : Sell USD 14,700,000 January 2024 | 582 | 2.59 |
| | Buy GBP 792,234 : Sell USD 1,000,000 January 2024 | 8 | 0.04 |
| | Buy USD 850,000 : Sell GBP 700,133 January 2024 | (33) | (0.15) |
| | | 353 | 1.57 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | | 19,799 | 88.21 |
| | Other net assets | 2,647 | 11.79 |
| Total net assets | | 22,446 | 100.00 |

¹ Related party to the fund

² Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

³ Not listed on an official stock exchange

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The collective investment schemes held are approved regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

Portfolio statement (continued)

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 18,445 | 82.18 |
| Below investment grade (BB and below) | 468 | 2.08 |
| Total debt securities | 18,913 | 84.26 |
| Collective investment schemes | 593 | 2.64 |
| Derivatives | 293 | 1.31 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 19,799 | 88.21 |
| Other net assets | 2,647 | 11.79 |
| Total net assets | 22,446 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 24,299 | 90.84 |
| Total debt securities | 24,299 | 90.84 |
| Collective investment schemes | 1 | - |
| Derivatives | 420 | 1.57 |
| Money market instruments | 275 | 1.03 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 24,995 | 93.44 |
| Other net assets | 1,756 | 6.56 |
| Total net assets | 26,751 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 370 | | (270) |
| Revenue | 529 | | 416 | |
| Expenses | (33) | | (68) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | (1) | | (2) | |
| | <u>495</u> | | <u>346</u> | |
| Net revenue before taxation | | | | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| | <u>495</u> | | <u>346</u> | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 495 | | 346 |
| Total return before distributions | | 865 | | 76 |
| Distributions | | (495) | | (346) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>370</u> | | <u>(270)</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 26,751 | | 88,071 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 2,322 | | 2,030 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (7,377) | | (59,088) | |
| | <u>(5,055)</u> | | <u>(57,058)</u> | |
| Dilution adjustment | | 1 | | 48 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 370 | | (270) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 379 | | 226 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>22,446</u> | | <u>31,017</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 20,140 | 25,088 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 207 | 1,121 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,663 | 996 |
| Total assets | 23,010 | 27,205 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 341 | 93 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 129 | 190 |
| Bank overdrafts | - | 1 |
| Distributions payable | 44 | 72 |
| Other creditors | 50 | 98 |
| Total liabilities | 564 | 454 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 22,446 | 26,751 |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class G accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8934 | - | 0.8934 | 0.4277 |
| Group 2 | 0.8934 | - | 0.8934 | 0.4277 |
| Class G income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8424 | - | 0.8424 | 0.4184 |
| Group 2 | 0.8424 | - | 0.8424 | 0.4184 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8551 | - | 0.8551 | 0.3896 |
| Group 2 | 0.5356 | 0.3195 | 0.8551 | 0.3896 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8110 | - | 0.8110 | 0.3768 |
| Group 2 | 0.6249 | 0.1861 | 0.8110 | 0.3768 |
| Class S accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9581 | - | 0.9581 | 0.5318 |
| Group 2 | 0.9581 | - | 0.9581 | 0.5318 |
| Class S income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8780 | - | 0.8780 | 0.4443 |
| Group 2 | 0.5842 | 0.2938 | 0.8780 | 0.4443 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0133 | - | 1.0133 | 0.5297 |
| Group 2 | 1.0133 | - | 1.0133 | 0.5297 |
| Class Z income¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.4986 |
| Group 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.4986 |

¹ Class Z income closed on 18 May 2023.

Distribution tables (continued)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class G accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.2464 | - | 1.2464 | 0.4928 |
| Group 2 | 1.2464 | - | 1.2464 | 0.4928 |
| Class G income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1781 | - | 1.1781 | 0.4780 |
| Group 2 | 1.1781 | - | 1.1781 | 0.4780 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.2210 | - | 1.2210 | 0.4469 |
| Group 2 | 0.7760 | 0.4450 | 1.2210 | 0.4469 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1422 | - | 1.1422 | 0.3972 |
| Group 2 | 0.7742 | 0.3680 | 1.1422 | 0.3972 |
| Class S accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3278 | - | 1.3278 | 0.5537 |
| Group 2 | 1.3278 | - | 1.3278 | 0.5537 |
| Class S income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.2088 | - | 1.2088 | 0.4968 |
| Group 2 | 0.7886 | 0.4202 | 1.2088 | 0.4968 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3903 | - | 1.3903 | 0.5905 |
| Group 2 | 1.3903 | - | 1.3903 | 0.5905 |
| Class Z income¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.5266 |
| Group 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.5266 |

¹ Class Z income closed on 18 May 2023.

Janus Henderson All Stocks Credit Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Managers

James Briggs and Tim Winstone

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide a return, from a combination of income and capital growth over the long term.

Performance target: To outperform the Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts all maturities Index by 1% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in sterling-denominated investment grade (equivalent to BBB rated or higher) corporate bonds. The fund may also hold other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, cash and money market instruments.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, with the aim of making investment gains in line with the fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts all maturities Index, which is broadly representative of the bonds in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index.

Strategy

The Investment Manager seeks to provide a total return in excess of that generated by the benchmark over a market cycle by investing primarily in sterling denominated investment grade rated corporate bonds. The investment process combines asset allocation views with rigorous fundamentally driven security selection from the credit analysts.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years | Since inception |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 30 Jun 23 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 23 | 04 Sep 00 - 31 Dec 23 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 9.9 | 7.8 | (14.7) | 2.0 | 141.8 |
| Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts all maturities Index | 9.8 | 8.6 | (13.4) | 2.0 | 187.8 |
| IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector | 10.0 | 9.3 | (10.4) | 5.9 | 131.8 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 10.1 | 8.3 | (13.3) | 4.7 | 173.9 |
| Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts all maturities Index + 1% | 10.3 | 9.7 | (10.8) | 7.2 | 263.0 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 21 - 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 19 - 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 19 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 7.8 | (18.1) | (3.4) | 9.0 | 9.7 |
| Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts all maturities Index | 8.6 | (17.7) | (3.1) | 7.8 | 9.3 |
| IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector | 9.3 | (16.4) | (1.9) | 7.9 | 9.5 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 8.3 | (17.6) | (2.8) | 9.6* | 10.3 |
| Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts all maturities Index + 1% | 9.7 | (16.9) | (2.1) | 8.9 | 10.4 |

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

* Historical performance has been restated.

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class I accumulation (Gross), NAV to NAV, gross of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Index: Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts all maturities Index

Index usage: Target

Index description: The Markit iBoxx Non-Gilts all maturities Index is a measure of the combined performance of investment grade corporate bonds issued in pounds sterling. It is the basis for the fund's performance target.

Peer group: IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector

Peer group usage: Comparator

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| UK Treasury 4.50% 07/06/2028 | 4,090 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/10/2025 | 6,136 |
| UK Treasury 3.50% 22/10/2025 | 3,570 | UK Treasury 4.1255% 29/01/2027 | 5,230 |
| UK Treasury 4.625% 31/01/2034 | 3,143 | Crédit Agricole 4.875% 23/10/2029 | 3,123 |
| UK Treasury 4.1255% 29/01/2027 | 2,753 | NatWest 6.375% 08/11/2027 | 2,558 |
| European Investment Bank 5.625% 07/06/2032 | 2,295 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040 | 2,417 |
| UK Treasury 3.50% 22/01/2045 | 2,195 | Enel Finance International 2.875% 11/04/2029 | 1,994 |
| NatWest 2.057% 09/11/2028 | 1,864 | Morgan Stanley 5.789% 18/11/2033 | 1,916 |
| Inter-American Development 5.00% 20/07/2030 | 1,789 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/06/2028 | 1,818 |
| Nationwide Building Society 6.125% 21/08/2028 | 1,704 | PepsiCo 3.20% 22/07/2029 | 1,800 |
| UK Treasury 3.75% 29/01/2038 | 1,697 | Inter-American Development 5.00% 20/07/2030 | 1,790 |
| Total purchases | 83,331 | Total sales | 87,635 |

Investment review

The fund returned 9.9% (Net), 10.1% (Gross) based on Class I accumulation over the period under review, compared with a return of 9.8% in the Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts all maturities Index, a return of 10.3% in the Target Index + 1% and a return of 10.0% in the IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector peer group benchmark.

Investor sentiment over the direction of interest rates dominated global fixed income prices, which fell during the first part of the reporting period before recovering strongly on hopes that peak rates had been reached. In the summer months, the BoE, along with other major central banks, indicated that interest rates would need to stay higher for longer, which created a difficult environment for government bonds in particular. The BoE continued with its interest rate hiking cycle in August, although inflation data for the remainder of the period undershot expectations.

The fund outperformed the benchmark as sector allocation and security selection both contributed to relative returns. The main detractor was the fund's underweight credit beta exposure relative to the benchmark, as credit spreads tightened during the period.

The fund's overweight exposure and credit selection in banks were among the best contributors to relative returns. Underweight positioning and credit selection in insurance also contributed positively. The fund's underweight allocation to real estate detracted, as did selection in the sector. An overweight position in utilities weighed on returns, although this was more than offset by selection in the sector, which was a strong contributor to performance.

In terms of issuers, one of the best contributors was the holding in French bank Crédit Agricole. Elsewhere, overweight positions in French utility Électricité de France and UK utility Electricity North West (ENW) also added value. Conversely, an exposure to HSBC detracted as sentiment towards Asia-exposed banks weakened on concerns about the outlook for economic growth in China. In addition, the fund's participation in a new International Distributions Services sterling bond issue weighed on performance.

We diversified currency exposure by taking select off-benchmark positions in euro-denominated or US dollar-denominated primary issues. Examples included National Grid and Manchester Airport, which came to the market at what we believed were compelling levels. We exited Bupa Finance and started to draw down the position in British Telecommunications.

We added to our credit beta exposure as the period progressed, bringing it close to neutral. However, the fund remained marginally underweight relative to the benchmark as we trimmed risk meaningfully during December's rally. We reduced the overweight allocations to banks and utilities ahead of expected new supply for these sectors in early 2024. We took profits on the holding in Crédit Agricole and reduced exposures to off-benchmark positions in US financial firms JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley. Within utilities, we sold down the holding in Thames Water. In anticipation of higher supply, we lightened allocations to Italian energy provider Enel and National Grid, as well as other favoured names in the sector. Meanwhile, we trimmed the fund's long interest rate (duration) exposure and switched its overweight duration stance out of US dollar instruments and back to sterling bonds. We think that gilts will continue to marginally outperform on further evidence that inflation is less sticky than originally suspected.

We remain broadly constructive on investment-grade credit, although we maintain our conservative stance, focusing on liquid credits underpinned by strong balance sheets. We think it is still unclear which path the economy is going to take in 2024 – the speed and magnitude of interest cuts will be the key in determining the outcome. We believe rates have a path lower, hence we are comfortable in maintaining our marginal overweight duration exposure, although at the trimmed levels completed through the fourth quarter of 2023. While we believe that investment-grade markets will appreciate a little further, we think that a discriminating approach to security selection is essential when looking for value in a market that has remained relatively strong against a backdrop of elevated uncertainty. As a result of this view, we will continue to seek to add value by exploring market dislocations through relative value trades and new issues in the primary market. Banking and other financial credits continue to look attractive, therefore we are happy with the fund's overweight position for now. However, we remain watchful for any reductions in quality and diminishing catalysts for continued outperformance.

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Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class A accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 141.75 | 153.96 | 178.57 | 175.49 |
| Return before operating charges* | 14.11 | (10.91) | (23.00) | 4.77 |
| Operating charges | (0.64) | (1.30) | (1.61) | (1.69) |
| Return after operating charges* | 13.47 | (12.21) | (24.61) | 3.08 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.63) | (3.55) | (2.47) | (2.66) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.63 | 3.55 | 2.47 | 2.66 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 155.22 | 141.75 | 153.96 | 178.57 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.50% | (7.93%) | (13.78%) | 1.76% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 517 | 570 | 807 | 1,214 |
| Closing number of shares | 332,761 | 402,180 | 524,280 | 680,140 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.88% | 0.88% | 0.93% | 0.94% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 156.30 | 160.60 | 182.40 | 184.80 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 140.00 | 133.50 | 152.50 | 175.50 |
| | Class A income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 108.33 | 120.60 | 141.96 | 141.59 |
| Return before operating charges* | 10.71 | (8.50) | (18.14) | 3.85 |
| Operating charges | (0.49) | (1.01) | (1.27) | (1.35) |
| Return after operating charges* | 10.22 | (9.51) | (19.41) | 2.50 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.01) | (2.76) | (1.95) | (2.13) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 116.54 | 108.33 | 120.60 | 141.96 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.43% | (7.89%) | (13.67%) | 1.77% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 800 | 756 | 1,106 | 1,574 |
| Closing number of shares | 686,016 | 698,602 | 917,465 | 1,108,903 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.88% | 0.88% | 0.93% | 0.94% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 118.40 | 125.80 | 145.00 | 148.20 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 107.00 | 104.00 | 119.90 | 140.50 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class E accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 143.18 | 155.12 | 179.47 | 175.92 |
| Return before operating charges* | 14.26 | (11.00) | (23.17) | 4.79 |
| Operating charges | (0.46) | (0.94) | (1.18) | (1.24) |
| Return after operating charges* | 13.80 | (11.94) | (24.35) | 3.55 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.85) | (3.96) | (2.92) | (3.12) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.85 | 3.96 | 2.92 | 3.12 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 156.98 | 143.18 | 155.12 | 179.47 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.64% | (7.70%) | (13.57%) | 2.02% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 671 | 581 | 629 | 701 |
| Closing number of shares | 427,276 | 405,450 | 405,785 | 390,817 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.68% | 0.69% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 158.00 | 161.90 | 183.30 | 185.50 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 141.50 | 134.60 | 153.60 | 176.20 |
| | Class E income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 108.28 | 120.56 | 141.92 | 141.55 |
| Return before operating charges* | 10.70 | (8.52) | (18.14) | 3.85 |
| Operating charges | (0.34) | (0.72) | (0.93) | (0.98) |
| Return after operating charges* | 10.36 | (9.24) | (19.07) | 2.87 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.15) | (3.04) | (2.29) | (2.50) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 116.49 | 108.28 | 120.56 | 141.92 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.57% | (7.66%) | (13.44%) | 2.03% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 905 | 816 | 916 | 1,108 |
| Closing number of shares | 777,039 | 753,183 | 759,996 | 780,500 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.68% | 0.68% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 118.40 | 125.80 | 145.00 | 148.30 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 107.00 | 104.00 | 120.00 | 140.60 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 237.77 | 257.24 | 297.21 | 290.94 |
| Return before operating charges* | 23.69 | (18.26) | (38.42) | 7.91 |
| Operating charges | (0.59) | (1.21) | (1.55) | (1.64) |
| Return after operating charges* | 23.10 | (19.47) | (39.97) | 6.27 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (4.91) | (6.91) | (5.24) | (5.58) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 4.91 | 6.91 | 5.24 | 5.58 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 260.87 | 237.77 | 257.24 | 297.21 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.72% | (7.57%) | (13.45%) | 2.16% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 138,249 | 127,510 | 171,605 | 203,061 |
| Closing number of shares | 52,994,707 | 53,628,068 | 66,708,862 | 68,321,784 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.49% | 0.49% | 0.54% | 0.55% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 262.60 | 268.50 | 303.60 | 307.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 234.90 | 223.30 | 254.70 | 291.40 |
| | Class I income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 109.68 | 122.12 | 143.77 | 143.40 |
| Return before operating charges* | 10.84 | (8.62) | (18.38) | 3.89 |
| Operating charges | (0.27) | (0.57) | (0.75) | (0.79) |
| Return after operating charges* | 10.57 | (9.19) | (19.13) | 3.10 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.25) | (3.25) | (2.52) | (2.73) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 118.00 | 109.68 | 122.12 | 143.77 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.64% | (7.53%) | (13.31%) | 2.16% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 18,490 | 17,585 | 20,342 | 27,850 |
| Closing number of shares | 15,669,292 | 16,033,055 | 16,656,648 | 19,370,550 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.49% | 0.49% | 0.54% | 0.54% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 120.00 | 127.50 | 146.90 | 150.20 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 108.40 | 105.40 | 121.60 | 142.40 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 225.29 | 242.64 | 278.98 | 271.72 |
| Return before operating charges* | 22.50 | (17.26) | (36.23) | 7.40 |
| Operating charges | (0.05) | (0.09) | (0.11) | (0.14) |
| Return after operating charges* | 22.45 | (17.35) | (36.34) | 7.26 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (5.18) | (7.59) | (6.27) | (6.62) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 5.18 | 7.59 | 6.27 | 6.62 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 247.74 | 225.29 | 242.64 | 278.98 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.96% | (7.15%) | (13.03%) | 2.67% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 33,784 | 31,838 | 34,129 | 48,489 |
| Closing number of shares | 13,636,774 | 14,131,746 | 14,065,330 | 17,380,655 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.04% | 0.04% | 0.04% | 0.05% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 249.40 | 253.30 | 285.20 | 287.50 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 222.60 | 210.90 | 240.20 | 272.20 |

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

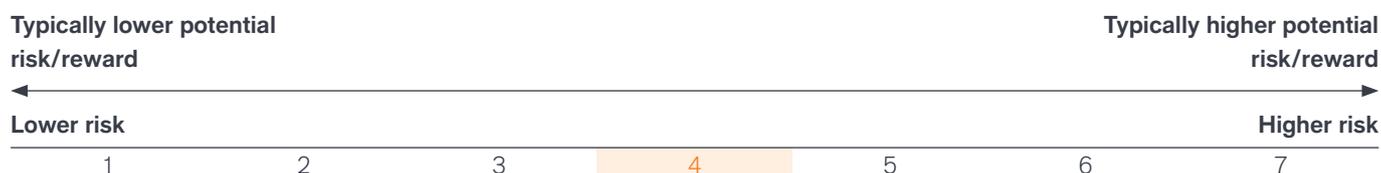
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class A accumulation | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| Class A income | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| Class E accumulation | 0.63 | 0.63 |
| Class E income | 0.63 | 0.63 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.49 | 0.49 |
| Class I income | 0.49 | 0.49 |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.04 | 0.04 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 7 types of share class in issue: A accumulation, A income, E accumulation, E income, I accumulation, I income and Z accumulation.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 4 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares, they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Derivatives and Leverage The fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Exchange Rates If the fund holds assets in currencies other than the base currency of the fund or you invest in a share/unit class of a different currency to the fund (unless hedged, i.e. mitigated by taking an offsetting position in a related security), the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in exchange rates.

Interest Rates When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise (or are expected to rise). This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class E accumulation and Class E income launched on 8 July 2019. As these share classes do not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the A accumulation and A income share classes, respectively.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Bonds 95.27% (30/06/2023 96.95%) | | |
| | Belgium 0.63% (30/06/2023 1.29%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.63% (30/06/2023 1.29%) | | |
| GBP 1,200,000 | KBC 5.50% 20/09/2028 | 1,221 | 0.63 |
| | Canada 1.29% (30/06/2023 0.83%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.29% (30/06/2023 0.83%) | | |
| GBP 1,500,000 | CPPIB 6.00% 07/06/2025 | 1,523 | 0.79 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Royal Bank of Canada 3.625% 14/06/2027 | 968 | 0.50 |
| | | <u>2,491</u> | <u>1.29</u> |
| | Denmark 1.16% (30/06/2023 1.37%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023 0.69%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 1.16% (30/06/2023 0.68%) | | |
| GBP 1,300,000 | Danske Bank 4.625% 13/04/2027 | 1,288 | 0.67 |
| GBP 900,000 | Danske Bank 6.50% 23/08/2028 | 947 | 0.49 |
| | | <u>2,235</u> | <u>1.16</u> |
| | Finland 0.53% (30/06/2023 0.52%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.53% (30/06/2023 0.52%) | | |
| GBP 1,200,000 | Nordea Bank 1.625% 09/12/2032 | 1,027 | 0.53 |
| | France 6.88% (30/06/2023 9.09%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 5.85% (30/06/2023 8.76%) | | |
| GBP 1,300,000 | Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel 1.00% 16/07/2026 | 1,189 | 0.61 |
| GBP 1,500,000 | Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel 5.00% 19/01/2026 | 1,504 | 0.78 |
| GBP 1,100,000 | BNP Paribas 2.875% 24/02/2029 | 1,002 | 0.52 |
| GBP 1,800,000 | BNP Paribas 5.75% 13/06/2032 | 1,893 | 0.98 |
| GBP 1,300,000 | Électricité de France 5.50% 25/01/2035 | 1,310 | 0.68 |
| GBP 1,700,000 | Électricité de France 5.625% 25/01/2053 | 1,660 | 0.86 |
| EUR 1,000,000 | Engie 3.875% 06/12/2033 | 896 | 0.46 |
| GBP 900,000 | Kering 5.00% 23/11/2032 | 939 | 0.49 |
| GBP 900,000 | Kering 5.125% 23/11/2026 | 918 | 0.47 |
| | | <u>11,311</u> | <u>5.85</u> |
| | Variable Rate Bond 1.03% (30/06/2023 0.33%) | | |
| GBP 500,000 | BPCE 2.50% 30/11/2032 | 437 | 0.23 |
| GBP 200,000 | Crédit Agricole 5.75% 29/11/2027 | 205 | 0.10 |
| EUR 1,500,000 | Société Générale 4.875% 21/11/2031 | 1,358 | 0.70 |
| | | <u>2,000</u> | <u>1.03</u> |
| | Germany 2.96% (30/06/2023 2.01%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 2.44% (30/06/2023 1.50%) | | |
| EUR 900,000 | Deutsche Boerse 3.75% 28/09/2029 | 811 | 0.42 |
| EUR 600,000 | Deutsche Boerse 3.875% 28/09/2033 | 553 | 0.29 |
| GBP 1,100,000 | E.ON International Finance 6.125% 06/07/2039 | 1,200 | 0.62 |
| GBP 1,010,000 | Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 1.375% 09/12/2024 | 977 | 0.51 |
| EUR 500,000 | Sartorius Finance 4.5% 14/09/2032 | 451 | 0.23 |
| GBP 700,000 | Volkswagen 5.875% 23/05/2029 | 724 | 0.37 |
| | | <u>4,716</u> | <u>2.44</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|--|----------------------|---|
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.52% (30/06/2023 0.51%) | | |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Deutsche Bank 6.125% 12/12/2030 | 1,012 | 0.52 |
| | Italy 1.21% (30/06/2023 0.88%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.21% (30/06/2023 0.88%) | | |
| GBP 1,560,000 | CA Auto Bank 6.00% 06/12/2026 | 1,590 | 0.82 |
| GBP 720,000 | Enel Finance International 5.75% 14/09/2040 | 751 | 0.39 |
| | | 2,341 | 1.21 |
| | Japan 0.53% (30/06/2023 0.84%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.53% (30/06/2023 0.84%) | | |
| GBP 1,000,000 | East Japan Railway 4.875% 14/06/2034 | 1,020 | 0.53 |
| | Luxembourg 0.42% (30/06/2023 0.00%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.42% (30/06/2023 0.00%) | | |
| EUR 900,000 | Eurofins Scientific 4.75% 06/09/2030 | 821 | 0.42 |
| | Netherlands 1.24% (30/06/2023 1.34%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.24% (30/06/2023 1.34%) | | |
| GBP 1,100,000 | ING 3.00% 18/02/2026 | 1,060 | 0.55 |
| GBP 750,000 | Shell International Finance 1.00% 10/12/2030 | 613 | 0.32 |
| EUR 720,000 | TenneT 4.75% 28/10/2042 | 719 | 0.37 |
| | | 2,392 | 1.24 |
| | Norway 0.98% (30/06/2023 0.99%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.98% (30/06/2023 0.99%) | | |
| GBP 1,940,000 | DNB Bank 4.00% 17/08/2027 | 1,890 | 0.98 |
| | Spain 1.24% (30/06/2023 0.72%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.24% (30/06/2023 0.00%) | | |
| GBP 1,400,000 | Banco Santander 5.125% 25/01/2030 | 1,419 | 0.73 |
| GBP 950,000 | Telefonica Emisiones 5.445% 08/10/2029 | 981 | 0.51 |
| | | 2,400 | 1.24 |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023 0.72%) | | |
| | Supranational 4.08% (30/06/2023 4.33%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 4.08% (30/06/2023 4.33%) | | |
| GBP 997,000 | European Investment Bank 4.50% 07/03/2044 | 1,025 | 0.53 |
| GBP 1,100,000 | European Investment Bank 5.50% 15/04/2025 | 1,110 | 0.57 |
| GBP 3,430,000 | European Investment Bank 5.625% 07/06/2032 | 3,899 | 2.02 |
| GBP 1,870,000 | International Finance 4.125% 28/11/2025 | 1,865 | 0.96 |
| | | 7,899 | 4.08 |
| | Sweden 1.50% (30/06/2023 1.50%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.76% (30/06/2023 1.50%) | | |
| GBP 1,380,000 | Volvo Treasury 6.125% 22/06/2028 | 1,468 | 0.76 |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.74% (30/06/2023 0.00%) | | |
| GBP 1,390,000 | Swedbank 5.875% 24/05/2029 | 1,438 | 0.74 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|--|----------------------|---|
| | Switzerland 1.43% (30/06/2023 1.40%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 1.43% (30/06/2023 1.40%) | | |
| GBP 2,110,000 | UBS 2.25% 09/06/2028 | 1,912 | 0.99 |
| GBP 890,000 | Zurich Finance 5.125% 23/11/2052 | 855 | 0.44 |
| | | <u>2,767</u> | <u>1.43</u> |
| | United Kingdom 52.11% (30/06/2023 52.38%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 46.02% (30/06/2023 46.55%) | | |
| GBP 598,000 | Accent Capital 2.625% 18/07/2049 | 405 | 0.21 |
| GBP 877,000 | Affordable Housing Finance 2.893% 11/08/2043 | 705 | 0.36 |
| GBP 540,000 | Anglian Water Services 5.875% 20/06/2031 | 569 | 0.29 |
| GBP 1,100,000 | Annington Funding 2.308% 06/10/2032 | 855 | 0.44 |
| GBP 900,000 | Annington Funding 4.75% 09/08/2033 | 838 | 0.43 |
| GBP 880,000 | Aster Treasury 5.412% 20/12/2032 | 939 | 0.49 |
| GBP 800,000 | Barclays 3.00% 08/05/2026 | 759 | 0.39 |
| GBP 1,486,000 | BG Energy Capital 5.00% 04/11/2036 | 1,530 | 0.79 |
| GBP 1,176,000 | Blend Funding 'B' 3.459% 21/09/2047 | 931 | 0.48 |
| GBP 830,000 | BP Capital Markets 5.773% 25/05/2038 | 906 | 0.47 |
| GBP 500,000 | BPHA Finance 4.816% 11/04/2044 | 486 | 0.25 |
| GBP 1,070,000 | British Telecommunications 5.75% 13/02/2041 | 1,100 | 0.57 |
| GBP 880,000 | Broadgate Financing 4.821% 05/07/2033 | 879 | 0.45 |
| GBP 1,090,000 | Cadent Finance 2.125% 22/09/2028 | 976 | 0.50 |
| GBP 1,260,000 | Cadent Finance 2.25% 10/10/2035 | 935 | 0.48 |
| GBP 400,000 | Cadent Finance 2.625% 22/09/2038 | 289 | 0.15 |
| GBP 2,600,000 | Church Commissioners for England 3.25% 14/07/2032 | 2,421 | 1.25 |
| GBP 2,510,000 | Diageo Finance 2.375% 08/06/2028 | 2,347 | 1.21 |
| GBP 1,110,000 | ENW Finance 4.893% 24/11/2032 | 1,138 | 0.59 |
| GBP 950,000 | Gatwick Funding 5.75% 23/01/2037 | 977 | 0.51 |
| GBP 1,080,000 | GlaxoSmithKline Capital 1.625% 12/05/2035 | 823 | 0.43 |
| GBP 440,000 | GreenSquareAccord 5.25% 30/11/2047 | 432 | 0.22 |
| GBP 900,000 | Heathrow Funding 6.45% 10/12/2031 | 994 | 0.51 |
| GBP 900,000 | Heathrow Funding 6.75% 03/12/2026 | 945 | 0.49 |
| GBP 450,000 | HSBC 6.00% 29/03/2040 | 451 | 0.23 |
| GBP 1,400,000 | International Distributions Services 7.375% 14/09/2030 | 1,479 | 0.76 |
| GBP 1,320,000 | Jersey International 2.875% 06/05/2052 | 909 | 0.47 |
| GBP 1,260,000 | Land Securities Capital Markets 2.375% 29/03/2027 | 1,173 | 0.61 |
| GBP 936,000 | Lloyds Bank 5.125% 07/03/2025 | 937 | 0.48 |
| GBP 2,290,000 | Logicor 1.875% 17/11/2026 | 2,101 | 1.09 |
| GBP 370,000 | London Power Networks 5.875% 15/11/2040 | 408 | 0.21 |
| GBP 1,400,000 | London Stock Exchange 1.625% 06/04/2030 | 1,208 | 0.62 |
| EUR 1,020,000 | LSEG Netherlands 4.231% 29/09/2030 | 933 | 0.48 |
| GBP 750,000 | Manchester Airport Group Funding 6.125% 30/09/2041 | 831 | 0.43 |
| GBP 1,690,000 | Motability Operations 4.875% 17/01/2043 | 1,700 | 0.88 |
| GBP 1,180,000 | National Gas Transmission 1.375% 07/02/2031 | 930 | 0.48 |
| GBP 1,010,000 | National Grid 2.75% 06/02/2035 | 814 | 0.42 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | National Grid 4.00% 08/06/27 | 980 | 0.51 |
| GBP 1,010,000 | National Grid 5.818% 31/07/2041 | 1,078 | 0.56 |
| GBP 1,710,000 | Nationwide Building Society 6.125% 21/08/2028 | 1,824 | 0.94 |
| GBP 710,000 | NATS En Route 1.375% 31/03/2031 | 625 | 0.32 |
| GBP 440,000 | NATS En Route 1.75% 30/09/2033 | 344 | 0.18 |
| GBP 2,200,000 | NatWest 2.057% 09/11/2028 | 1,962 | 1.01 |
| GBP 510,000 | NIE Finance 5.875% 01/12/2032 | 550 | 0.28 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|---|----------------------|---|
| Fixed Rate Bond (continued) | | | |
| GBP 290,000 | Northern Powergrid (Northeast) 3.25% 01/04/2052 | 218 | 0.11 |
| GBP 340,000 | Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) 5.125% 04/05/2035 | 347 | 0.18 |
| GBP 660,000 | Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) 5.625% 14/11/2033 | 706 | 0.37 |
| GBP 770,000 | Northumbrian Water Finance 4.50% 14/02/2031 | 740 | 0.38 |
| GBP 1,036,000 | Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 31/01/2029 | 954 | 0.49 |
| GBP 790,000 | Paradigm 2.25% 20/05/2051 | 482 | 0.25 |
| GBP 680,000 | Peabody Capital No.2 2.75% 02/03/2034 | 561 | 0.29 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Places For People Treasury 6.25% 06/12/2041 | 1,074 | 0.56 |
| GBP 2,592,000 | PRS Finance 1.50% 24/08/2034 | 2,003 | 1.04 |
| GBP 534,297 | PRS Finance 1.75% 24/11/2026 | 501 | 0.26 |
| GBP 599,000 | Reckitt Benckiser Treasury Services 5.625% 14/12/2038 | 670 | 0.35 |
| GBP 1,310,000 | Sage 2.875% 08/02/2034 | 1,102 | 0.57 |
| GBP 1,110,000 | Saltaire Finance 4.818% 01/12/2033 | 1,177 | 0.61 |
| GBP 440,000 | Sanctuary Capital 2.375% 14/04/2050 | 275 | 0.14 |
| GBP 1,530,000 | Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.625% 30/11/2034 | 1,495 | 0.77 |
| GBP 850,000 | Southern Gas Networks 6.375% 15/05/2040 | 924 | 0.48 |
| GBP 580,000 | Southern Gas Networks 6.625% 14/03/2035 | 642 | 0.33 |
| GBP 1,210,000 | SSE 8.375% 20/11/2028 | 1,417 | 0.73 |
| GBP 1,570,000 | Stonewater 1.625% 10/09/2036 | 1,109 | 0.57 |
| GBP 517,000 | SW Finance 7.375% 12/12/2041 | 553 | 0.29 |
| GBP 1,160,000 | Telereal Securitisation 3.5625% 10/12/2031 | 1,052 | 0.54 |
| GBP 1,840,000 | Tesco 5.50% 27/02/2035 | 1,859 | 0.96 |
| GBP 721,000 | Thames Water Utilities Finance 2.625% 24/01/2032 | 563 | 0.29 |
| GBP 500,000 | Thames Water Utilities Finance 4.625% 04/06/2046 | 395 | 0.20 |
| GBP 934,000 | THFC Funding No.3 5.20% 11/10/2043 | 946 | 0.49 |
| GBP 1,825,510 | UK Treasury 0.50% 31/01/2029 | 1,585 | 0.82 |
| GBP 581,962 | UK Treasury 3.25% 22/01/2044 | 513 | 0.28 |
| GBP 2,750,000 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/01/2045 | 2,506 | 1.30 |
| GBP 950,000 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/10/2025 | 942 | 0.49 |
| GBP 888,088 | UK Treasury 3.75% 29/01/2038 | 872 | 0.45 |
| GBP 300,000 | UK Treasury 4.1255% 29/01/2027 | 305 | 0.16 |
| GBP 1,700,000 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/09/2039 | 1,753 | 0.91 |
| GBP 2,200,000 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/06/2028 | 2,294 | 1.19 |
| GBP 470,000 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/12/2042 | 496 | 0.26 |
| GBP 2,900,000 | UK Treasury 4.625% 31/01/2034 | 3,148 | 1.63 |
| GBP 1,420,000 | Unilever 1.875% 15/09/2029 | 1,279 | 0.66 |
| GBP 730,000 | United Utilities Water Finance 5.125% 06/10/2038 | 745 | 0.39 |
| GBP 1,890,000 | University of Oxford 2.544% 08/12/2017 | 1,100 | 0.57 |
| GBP 1,340,000 | Vodafone 5.125% 02/12/2052 | 1,268 | 0.66 |
| GBP 610,000 | Wellcome Trust Finance 4.625% 25/07/2036 | 632 | 0.33 |
| GBP 971,000 | Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 04/08/2026 | 881 | 0.46 |
| GBP 400,000 | WPP Finance 2013 2.875% 14/09/2046 | 262 | 0.14 |
| GBP 686,000 | Wrekin Housing 2.50% 22/10/2048 | 441 | 0.23 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Yorkshire Building Society 3.50% 21/04/2026 | 963 | 0.50 |
| GBP 1,194,000 | Yorkshire Water Finance 2.75% 18/04/2041 | 822 | 0.42 |
| | | <u>88,988</u> | <u>46.02</u> |
| Variable Rate Bond 6.09% (30/06/2023 5.83%) | | | |
| GBP 1,700,000 | Aviva 6.125% 14/11/2036 | 1,736 | 0.90 |
| GBP 930,000 | Barclays 7.09% 06/11/2029 | 989 | 0.51 |
| GBP 1,815,000 | HSBC 5.844% Perpetual | 1,888 | 0.98 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|--|----------------------|---|
| Variable Rate Bond (continued) | | | |
| GBP 890,000 | HSBC 6.80% 14/09/2031 | 957 | 0.50 |
| GBP 1,070,000 | HSBC 8.201% 16/11/2034 | 1,179 | 0.61 |
| GBP 1,030,000 | Lloyds Bank 6.625% 02/06/2033 | 1,052 | 0.54 |
| GBP 1,200,000 | NatWest 2.105% 28/11/2031 | 1,070 | 0.55 |
| GBP 910,000 | NatWest 3.619% 29/03/2029 | 852 | 0.44 |
| GBP 1,500,000 | Virgin Money UK 3.375% 24/04/2026 | 1,431 | 0.74 |
| GBP 600,000 | Yorkshire Building Society 7.375% 12/09/2027 | 621 | 0.32 |
| | | 11,775 | 6.09 |
| United States 17.08% (30/06/2023 17.46%) | | | |
| Fixed Rate Bond 14.83% (30/06/2023 13.50%) | | | |
| GBP 1,390,000 | American Honda Finance 5.60% 06/09/2030 | 1,473 | 0.76 |
| GBP 780,000 | Apple 3.60% 31/07/2042 | 708 | 0.37 |
| GBP 1,700,000 | AT&T 4.375% 14/09/2029 | 1,677 | 0.87 |
| GBP 750,000 | AT&T 7.00% 30/04/2040 | 874 | 0.45 |
| GBP 1,324,000 | Bank of America 2.30% 25/07/2025 | 1,270 | 0.65 |
| EUR 560,000 | Carrier Global 4.125% 29/05/2028 | 500 | 0.26 |
| EUR 510,000 | Carrier Global 4.50% 29/11/2032 | 472 | 0.24 |
| GBP 810,000 | GE Capital UK Funding 5.875% 18/01/2033 | 867 | 0.45 |
| GBP 328,541 | Lehman Brothers 7.875% 08/05/2018 ¹ | - | - |
| EUR 460,000 | McDonald's 3.625% 28/11/2027 | 407 | 0.21 |
| EUR 640,000 | McDonald's 3.875% 20/02/2031 | 576 | 0.30 |
| EUR 470,000 | Medtronic Global 3.125% 15/10/2031 | 409 | 0.21 |
| GBP 1,090,000 | Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 4.125% 02/09/2025 | 1,079 | 0.56 |
| GBP 1,240,000 | Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 5.00% 10/01/2030 | 1,273 | 0.66 |
| GBP 1,030,000 | Nestlé 2.50% 04/04/2032 | 916 | 0.47 |
| GBP 550,000 | Nestlé 5.125% 07/12/2038 | 583 | 0.30 |
| GBP 1,220,000 | Nestlé 5.125% 21/09/2032 | 1,300 | 0.67 |
| GBP 1,620,000 | New York Life Global Funding 0.75% 14/12/2028 | 1,378 | 0.71 |
| GBP 1,030,000 | New York Life Global Funding 4.95% 07/12/2029 | 1,069 | 0.55 |
| GBP 1,380,000 | Pacific Life Global Funding II 5.00% 12/01/2028 | 1,405 | 0.73 |
| GBP 931,000 | Pacific Life Global Funding II 5.375% 30/11/2028 | 966 | 0.50 |
| USD 1,075,000 | Pfizer Investment Enterprises 4.75% 19/05/2033 | 845 | 0.44 |
| GBP 1,130,000 | Procter & Gamble 6.25% 31/01/2030 | 1,250 | 0.65 |
| GBP 620,000 | Realty Income 6.00% 05/12/2039 | 666 | 0.34 |
| GBP 400,000 | Time Warner Cable 5.75% 02/06/2031 | 399 | 0.21 |
| GBP 1,500,000 | Toyota Motor Credit 5.625% 23/10/2028 | 1,582 | 0.82 |
| USD 1,400,000 | US Treasury 1.125% 15/05/2040 | 711 | 0.37 |
| GBP 940,000 | Walmart 5.25% 28/09/2035 | 1,030 | 0.53 |
| GBP 807,000 | Walmart 5.625% 27/03/2034 | 902 | 0.47 |
| GBP 1,009,000 | Walmart 5.75% 19/12/2030 | 1,122 | 0.58 |
| GBP 1,090,000 | Wells Fargo 2.50% 02/05/2029 | 975 | 0.50 |
| | | 28,684 | 14.83 |
| Variable Rate Bond 2.25% (30/06/2023 3.96%) | | | |
| GBP 1,390,000 | Bank of America 3.584% 27/04/2031 | 1,297 | 0.67 |
| GBP 1,700,000 | Goldman Sachs 3.625% 29/10/2029 | 1,607 | 0.83 |
| GBP 1,540,000 | JPMorgan Chase 0.991% 28/04/2026 | 1,455 | 0.75 |
| | | 4,359 | 2.25 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Derivatives (0.25%) (30/06/2023: (0.17%)) | | |
| | Futures (0.09%) (30/06/2023: (0.03%)) | | |
| 8 | CBT US 10 Year Note March 2024 | 2 | - |
| 6 | CBT US Ultra Bond March 2024 | 59 | 0.03 |
| (30) | EUX Euro Bobl March 2024 | (43) | (0.02) |
| (35) | EUX Euro Bund March 2024 | (108) | (0.06) |
| (20) | ICF Long Gilt March 2024 | (87) | (0.04) |
| | | <u>(177)</u> | <u>(0.09)</u> |
| | Swaps (0.15%) (30/06/2023: (0.16%))² | | |
| | Credit Default Index Swaps (0.15%) (30/06/2023: (0.16%))² | | |
| 4,100,000 | CDX 0.00% 20/12/2028 iTraxx- Crossover Pay EUR | (283) | (0.15) |
| | Overnight Index Swaps 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%)² | | |
| 6,000,000 | OIS 3.6837% CI CSES - Receive - GBP ³ | - | - |
| | Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (0.01%) (30/06/2023: 0.02%)² | | |
| | Buy EUR 5,101 : Sell GBP 4,435 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 10,624 : Sell GBP 9,175 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 60,354 : Sell EUR 69,352 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 14,309 : Sell EUR 16,461 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 25,873 : Sell EUR 29,832 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,416 : Sell EUR 1,633 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,403 : Sell EUR 1,619 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 84,790 : Sell EUR 98,090 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 6,156 : Sell EUR 7,133 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 16,785 : Sell EUR 19,457 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 8,966,607 : Sell EUR 10,400,426 January 2024 | (53) | (0.03) |
| | Buy GBP 37,190 : Sell EUR 43,214 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 6,521 : Sell USD 8,315 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,153 : Sell USD 1,469 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 6,588 : Sell USD 8,380 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 2,301,292 : Sell USD 2,885,384 January 2024 | 38 | 0.02 |
| | Buy USD 18,065 : Sell GBP 14,126 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy USD 1,295 : Sell GBP 1,019 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy USD 753,176 : Sell GBP 594,468 January 2024 | (4) | - |
| | Buy USD 1,532 : Sell GBP 1,209 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy USD 1,498 : Sell GBP 1,185 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy USD 21,518 : Sell GBP 17,173 January 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | | <u>(19)</u> | <u>(0.01)</u> |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 183,776 | 95.02 |
| | Other net assets | 9,640 | 4.98 |
| | Total net assets | 193,416 | 100.00 |

¹ Defaulted

² Not listed on an official stock exchange

³ Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

Portfolio statement (continued)

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 184,255 | 95.26 |
| Total debt securities | 184,255 | 95.26 |
| Derivatives | (479) | (0.25) |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 183,776 | 95.01 |
| Other net assets | 9,640 | 4.99 |
| Total net assets | 193,416 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 172,520 | 96.03 |
| Below investment grade (BB and below) | 1,660 | 0.92 |
| Unrated | 1 | - |
| Total debt securities | 174,181 | 96.95 |
| Derivatives | (312) | (0.17) |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 173,869 | 96.78 |
| Other net assets | 5,787 | 3.22 |
| Total net assets | 179,656 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|--------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 13,572 | | (16,148) |
| Revenue | 4,136 | | 3,171 | |
| Expenses | (385) | | (479) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | (1) | | - | |
| | <u>3,750</u> | | <u>2,692</u> | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| | | <u>3,750</u> | | <u>2,692</u> |
| Net revenue after taxation | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 17,322 | | (13,456) |
| Distributions | | (3,750) | | (2,692) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>13,572</u> | | <u>(16,148)</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 179,656 | | 229,534 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 394 | | 1,042 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | <u>(3,557)</u> | | <u>(1,017)</u> | |
| | | (3,163) | | 25 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 13,572 | | (16,148) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 3,351 | | 2,444 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>193,416</u> | | <u>215,855</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 184,354 | 174,241 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 2,922 | 3,998 |
| Cash and bank balances | 8,006 | 8,563 |
| Total assets | 195,282 | 186,802 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 578 | 372 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 70 | 42 |
| Distributions payable | 199 | 170 |
| Other creditors | 1,019 | 6,562 |
| Total liabilities | 1,866 | 7,146 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 193,416 | 179,656 |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.2537 | - | 1.2537 | 0.6944 |
| Group 2 | 0.7858 | 0.4679 | 1.2537 | 0.6944 |
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9590 | - | 0.9590 | 0.5442 |
| Group 2 | 0.4416 | 0.5174 | 0.9590 | 0.5442 |
| Class E accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3592 | - | 1.3592 | 0.7972 |
| Group 2 | 0.7121 | 0.6471 | 1.3592 | 0.7972 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0283 | - | 1.0283 | 0.6197 |
| Group 2 | 0.7330 | 0.2953 | 1.0283 | 0.6197 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.3422 | - | 2.3422 | 1.4125 |
| Group 2 | 1.0445 | 1.2977 | 2.3422 | 1.4125 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0807 | - | 1.0807 | 0.6706 |
| Group 2 | 0.4026 | 0.6781 | 1.0807 | 0.6706 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.4791 | - | 2.4791 | 1.6063 |
| Group 2 | 2.0778 | 0.4013 | 2.4791 | 1.6063 |

Distribution tables (continued)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3811 | - | 1.3811 | 0.7704 |
| Group 2 | 0.7920 | 0.5891 | 1.3811 | 0.7704 |
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0467 | - | 1.0467 | 0.6001 |
| Group 2 | 0.4626 | 0.5841 | 1.0467 | 0.6001 |
| Class E accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.4907 | - | 1.4907 | 0.8687 |
| Group 2 | 0.8107 | 0.6800 | 1.4907 | 0.8687 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1169 | - | 1.1169 | 0.6708 |
| Group 2 | 0.3640 | 0.7529 | 1.1169 | 0.6708 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.5639 | - | 2.5639 | 1.5259 |
| Group 2 | 1.1172 | 1.4467 | 2.5639 | 1.5259 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1715 | - | 1.1715 | 0.7196 |
| Group 2 | 0.5194 | 0.6521 | 1.1715 | 0.7196 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.7002 | - | 2.7002 | 1.6997 |
| Group 2 | 2.7002 | - | 2.7002 | 1.6997 |

Janus Henderson Asset-Backed Securities Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Managers

Denis Struc, Ian Bettney and Colin Fleury

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide a return from a combination of income and some capital growth over the long term.

Performance target: To outperform the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) by 1.5% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

The fund invests at least 70% of its assets in Asset Backed Securities (ABS). The fund also holds a minimum of 80% of its assets in investment grade securities (rated BBB- or higher by at least one independent credit rating agency) and maintains at least 60% of its investments in European assets.

The fund may also hold other assets including other types of bonds and floating rate notes of any quality, from any issuer, CIS (including those managed by Janus Henderson), certificates of deposit, bank term deposits and other money market investments (including cash funds), covered bonds, US agency mortgage-backed securities (that will not be deemed to form part of the minimum 70% ABS investment), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and other secured finance investments.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, with the aim of making investment gains in line with the fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to SONIA, as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has complete discretion to choose investments for the fund and is not constrained by a benchmark.

Strategy

The Investment Manager invests in a diversified portfolio of ABS and other investments, with a focus on floating rate or low interest rate sensitivity. The Investment Manager will seek to generate the majority of return from income whilst maintaining a focus on investments that are expected to have strong fundamental credit resilience over the long term. Notwithstanding its bias to European investments, as the fund has no benchmark to follow, the Investment Manager has flexibility to utilise its broad expertise across securitisation markets to vary the portfolio mix based on relative value and the desired risk and return profile for the fund.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months 30 Jun 23 - 31 Dec 23 | One year 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | Three year 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 23 | Since inception 15 Sep 20 - 31 Dec 23 |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Class Y accumulation (Net) | 3.5 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 8.1 |
| SONIA | 2.7 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 6.4 |
| Class Y accumulation (Gross) | 3.6 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 9.4 |
| SONIA + 1.5% | 3.4 | 6.4 | 11.2 | 11.7 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 21 - 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 21 | 15 Sep 20* - 31 Dec 20 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | % | % | % | % |
| Class Y accumulation (Net) | 7.1 | (1.0) | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| SONIA | 4.8 | 1.4 | 0.1 | -* |
| Class Y accumulation (Gross) | 7.5 | (0.6) | 1.8 | 0.6 |
| SONIA + 1.5% | 6.4 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 0.4 |

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

* Benchmark return is not quoted as it was not compared against the fund in this time period previously.

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Source: Morningstar

Class Y accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class Y accumulation (Gross), NAV to NAV, gross of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class Y accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Index: SONIA

Index usage: Target

Index description: SONIA reflects the average of the interest rates that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other financial institutions. The BoE is the administrator for SONIA and they are responsible for its governance and publication every London business day. It is the basis for the fund's performance target.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|--|---------------|---|---------------|
| Driver UK Multi-Compartment FRN 25/04/2031 | 8,000 | VCL Multi-Compartment FRN 23/04/2029 | 9,693 |
| SC Germany SA Compartment Consumer 2023-1 FRN 15/09/2037 | 6,926 | Holmes Master Issuer FRN 15/10/2072 | 6,012 |
| Holmes Master Issuer FRN 15/10/2072 | 6,000 | Driver UK Multi-Compartment FRN 25/04/2031 | 4,108 |
| PUMA Series 2023-1 FRN 22/03/2055 | 5,339 | Red & Black Auto France FRN 27/06/2035 | 2,768 |
| Private Driver Australia 2023-1 FRN 21/02/2032 | 5,287 | Metro Finance Trust 2021-1 A FRN 20/06/2027 | 2,744 |
| Finance Ireland Auto Receivables NO 1 FRN 12/09/2033 | 4,804 | Income Contingent Student Loans FRN 24/07/2058 2 A1 | 2,587 |
| VCL Multi-Compartment FRN 23/04/2029 | 4,221 | Silver Arrow Athlon FRN 26/04/2031 1 A | 2,345 |
| Panorama Auto Trust 2023-3 FRN 15/01/2032 | 3,795 | Shamrock Residential FRN 24/12/2059 1 A | 2,278 |
| Bowbell NO 3 FRN 16/07/2065 | 2,880 | Southern Pacific FRN 10/03/2044 | 2,262 |
| Bumper NL 2023-1 FRN 22/03/2035 | 2,829 | Lanark Master Issuer FRN 22/08/2069 | 2,220 |
| Total purchases | 60,786 | Total sales | 64,529 |

Investment review

The fund returned 3.5% (Net), 3.6% (Gross) based on class Y accumulation over the period under review, compared with a return of 2.7% in the SONIA and a return of 3.4% in the Target Index + 1.5%.

Coming into July, the market tone was positive overall, driven by the view that interest rates had peaked. This triggered small spread compression normalisation in August. However, later in the same month, a 'higher-for-longer' rates narrative reared its head, which forced spreads to widen marginally. Some of the asset-backed security (ABS) market came to a halt in August due to the usual summer slowdown. In September, there was a resurgence in activity across all ABS sectors and a heavy new issuance pipeline, with numerous European automotive and consumer ABS profiles coming to the market.

Going into the final quarter of 2023, we saw peak macroeconomic volatility, triggered by weak economic data in Europe and geopolitical risks due to the outbreak of conflict between Israel and Hamas. By late October, the market narrative turned more positive as inflation cooled, coupled with more dovish rhetoric from central banks. This heightened expectations that interest rates had peaked, leading to a rally in November and December and a retracement of the spread widening from the start of the quarter. The market became particularly optimistic following the Fed's December meeting, where policy makers signalled 75bps of rate cuts in 2024. The prospect of looser monetary policy in the US triggered fresh optimism among investors for an economic 'soft landing'.

Within our investable universe, AAA rated European collateralised loan obligation (CLO) spreads tightened by 23bps to 155bps during the reporting period. Further down, A rated CLOs tightened by 30bps to end at 310bps. Away from CLOs, UK three-year AAA rated prime residential mortgage-backed security (RMBS) spreads widened marginally, from 45bps to 48bps, while AAA rated UK non-conforming RMBS tightened by 20bps to 95bps.

Including CLOs, there was €69.9bn of publicly placed European ABS new issuance during the period.

The fund's performance was driven 75% by income and 25% by capital appreciation. CLOs, the largest single and highest-yielding sectoral allocation, was the main driver of positive performance, with returns mostly driven by income rather than spread compression. The second-largest contributor was Australian automotive exposure. Growing demand for the Australian automotive sector led to spread tightening in secondary issues, particularly in the fourth quarter. The fund's exposure to UK non-conforming securities also benefited performance. We reduced the allocation, taking profit on legacy mezzanine UK non-conforming ABS. The fund's short risk hedge expressed through credit default swap indices was a marginal detractor due to the overall market rally.

During the period, we added exposure to both senior and mezzanine consumer ABS profiles from a range of jurisdictions, with a focus on adding liquid, high-quality exposure through the primary market to reduce the fund's cash drag. Cash from repayments in the UK automotive and consumer ABS sectors was reinvested into Australian exposure, specifically senior tranches in the automotive sector. There was a small reduction in credit risk transfers, as the deals the fund owned continued to amortise.

We have become more positive on our overall outlook due to improved fundamentals and macroeconomic conditions. We have been cautiously positioned for the past 18 months due to expectations for a rates shock and rise in unemployment that would eventually feed through to consumer and economic weakness. Housing transactions may have collapsed, and stretched borrower affordability suggests some stress. However, there have been no signs of forced selling and homeowners have been able to refinance. We have seen some deterioration in underlying pools of ABS bonds with a lower credit profile, although the cleaner profiles in which the fund predominantly invests have held up well, thus challenging our expectations for deteriorating fundamentals.

Our outlook also considers ABS market technical factors, which we believe have become more supportive. For example, the appetite for primary issuance has reduced relative to the oversubscription experienced during an active September in 2023. In addition, risk assets experienced strong moves towards the end of the period despite seasonality affects. We are less positive on valuations, given that broader markets have fully priced in a soft landing and there is limited room for much spread compression at this juncture.

Sectors where we have continued to see attractive relative valuations include CLOs, which have remained the fund's largest sectoral overweight. Regionally, Australian ABS have also looked attractive to us on a relative valuation basis, and we have added exposure to diversify away from UK and Europe. The fund has remained positioned overall with a relatively high exposure to senior, high credit quality and shorter duration bonds, where relative value and our fundamental risk assessment have been compelling.

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Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class Y accumulation | | | 15/09/20 - 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 104.31 | 99.58 | 101.44 | 100.00 ¹ |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.90 | 5.09 | (1.49) | 1.73 |
| Operating charges | (0.19) | (0.36) | (0.37) | (0.29) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.71 | 4.73 | (1.86) | 1.44 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.76) | (3.27) | (0.79) | (0.72) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.76 | 3.27 | 0.79 | 0.72 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 108.02 | 104.31 | 99.58 | 101.44 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.56% | 4.75% | (1.83%) | 1.44% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 101,186 | 109,004 | 132,665 | 1 |
| Closing number of shares | 93,673,319 | 104,495,730 | 133,226,152 | 500 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.36% | 0.36% | 0.36% | 0.37% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 108.10 | 104.49 | 102.09 | 101.56 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 104.54 | 98.34 | 99.92 | 100.00 |

¹ The fund launched on 15 September 2020 and this is the first published price.

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Y income | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | 15/09/20 - 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 98.16 | 100.73 | 100.00 ² |
| Return before operating charges* | 4.42 | (1.37) | 1.75 |
| Operating charges | (0.33) | (0.36) | (0.29) |
| Return after operating charges* | 4.09 | (1.73) | 1.46 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.09) | (0.84) | (0.73) |
| Final cancellation | (100.16) ³ | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | - | 98.16 | 100.73 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | |
| Return after charges | 4.17% ⁴ | (1.72%) | 1.46% |
| Other information | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | - | 2 | 1 |
| Closing number of shares | - | 1,977 | 500 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.37% | 0.36% | 0.37% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 100.28 ⁴ | 101.25 | 101.14 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 96.53 ⁴ | 98.78 | 100.00 |

² The fund launched on 15 September 2020 and this is the first published price.

³ Class Y income closed on 18 May 2023.

⁴ to 18 May 2023.

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z accumulation | | | 15/09/20 - 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 104.92 | 99.85 | 101.42 | 100.00 ⁵ |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.92 | 5.13 | (1.51) | 1.48 |
| Operating charges | (0.03) | (0.06) | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.89 | 5.07 | (1.57) | 1.42 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.94) | (3.59) | (1.08) | (0.72) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.94 | 3.59 | 1.08 | 0.72 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 108.81 | 104.92 | 99.85 | 101.42 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.71% | 5.08% | (1.55%) | 1.42% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 32,227 | 28,807 | 31,551 | 13 |
| Closing number of shares | 29,618,765 | 27,457,300 | 31,596,925 | 12,761 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.06% | 0.06% | 0.06% | 0.07% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 108.89 | 105.09 | 102.21 | 101.56 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 105.15 | 98.68 | 100.20 | 100.00 |

⁵ The fund launched on 15 September 2020 and this is the first published price.

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z income | | | 15/09/20 - 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 99.48 | 98.06 | 100.66 | 100.00 ⁶ |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.70 | 4.96 | (1.48) | 1.40 |
| Operating charges | (0.03) | (0.06) | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.67 | 4.90 | (1.54) | 1.34 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.77) | (3.48) | (1.06) | (0.68) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 100.38 | 99.48 | 98.06 | 100.66 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.69% | 5.00% | (1.53%) | 1.34% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 133,267 | 125,715 | 198,769 | 167,803 |
| Closing number of shares | 132,762,556 | 126,371,180 | 202,710,354 | 166,695,214 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.06% | 0.06% | 0.06% | 0.07% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 101.92 | 100.82 | 101.20 | 101.06 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 99.69 | 96.42 | 98.75 | 99.99 |

⁶ The fund launched on 15 September 2020 and this is the first published price.

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z accumulation (USD hedged) 30/08/23 - 31/12/23 (pence per share) |
|---|--|
| Change in net assets per share | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 789.58 ⁷ |
| Return before operating charges* | 12.48 |
| Operating charges | (0.16) |
| Return after operating charges* | 12.32 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (15.44) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 15.44 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 801.90 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - |

Performance

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Return after charges (Share class base currency) | 1.56% ⁸ |
| Return after charges (Share class currency hedged) | 2.23% |

Other information

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 9 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,140 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.06% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% |

Prices

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Highest share price (USD cents) | 1,023.03 |
| Lowest share price (USD cents) | 1,000.22 |

⁷ The class launched on 30 August 2023 and this is the first published price.

⁸ Return after charges relates to the period 30 August 2023 to 31 December 2023. This performance will differ from the other share classes as it does not include returns generated prior to class launch, whilst the other classes returns cover the entire period under review.

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

The following share class launched during the period:

| Share class | Launch date |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Class Z accumulation (USD hedged) | 30 August 2023 |

There were no share classes closed during the period.

Hedged share classes

Class Z accumulation (USD hedged) is a hedged share class. Hedged share classes allow the ACD to use currency hedging transactions to reduce the effect of fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency of share in those classes and sterling which is the base currency of the fund.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 | Estimated OCF from 30 August 2023 ¹ |
|--|----------|----------|---|
| | % | % | % |
| Class Y accumulation | 0.36 | 0.36 | n/a |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.06 | 0.06 | n/a |
| Class Z income | 0.06 | 0.06 | n/a |
| Class Z accumulation (USD hedged)² | 0.06 | n/a | 0.06 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

¹ The estimated ongoing charge based on the annual fee rates from 30 August 2023.

² Class Z accumulation (USD hedged) launched on 30 August 2023 therefore there is no prior year comparative.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 4 types of share class in issue: Y accumulation, Z accumulation, Z income and Z accumulation (USD hedged)

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 2 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on simulated historic volatility. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Asset-Backed Securities The fund invests in ABS and other forms of securitised investments, which may be subject to greater credit/default, liquidity, interest rate and prepayment and extension risks, compared to other investments such as government or corporate issued bonds and this may negatively impact the realised return on investment in the securities.

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Currency Hedging When the fund, or a share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency (hedge), the hedging strategy itself may positively or negatively impact the value of the fund due to differences in short-term interest rates between the currencies.

Derivatives and Leverage The fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Interest Rates When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise (or are expected to rise). This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

Prepayment and Extension Some bonds (callable bonds) allow their issuers the right to repay capital early or to extend the maturity. Issuers may exercise these rights when favourable to them and as a result the value of the fund may be impacted.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class Y accumulation, Class Z accumulation and Class Z income launched on 15 September 2020. Class Z accumulation (USD hedged) launched on 30 August 2023. As these share classes do not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the fund's relevant sector average.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|----------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Bonds 95.09% (30/06/2023: 95.97%) | | |
| | Australia 19.78% (30/06/2023: 18.04%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 14.83% (30/06/2023: 14.05%) | | |
| AUD 5,439,771 | Firstmac Mortgage Funding Trust No. 4 Series 2-2019 FRN 17/11/2050 | 2,915 | 1.09 |
| AUD 2,826,384 | Firstmac Mortgage Funding Trust No. 4 Series 4-2019 FRN 17/01/2051 | 1,513 | 0.57 |
| AUD 3,234,621 | La Trobe Financial Capital Markets Trust 2021-2 A1 FRN 14/01/2053 | 1,724 | 0.65 |
| AUD 6,350,000 | Latitude Australia Credit Card Master Trust Series 2019-1 FRN 22/09/2033 | 3,391 | 1.27 |
| AUD 3,500,000 | Latitude Australia Credit Card Master Trust Series 2019-1 FRN 22/09/2033 A1 | 1,872 | 0.70 |
| AUD 852,796 | Liberty Series 2020-3 FRN 25/12/2051 | 457 | 0.17 |
| AUD 6,721,964 | Liberty Series 2023-1 Auto FRN 25/03/2031 | 3,608 | 1.35 |
| AUD 724,100 | Medallion Trust FRN 23/04/2049 1 A1A | 388 | 0.15 |
| AUD 9,534,657 | Metro Finance 2023-1 Trust FRN 18/02/2029 | 5,122 | 1.92 |
| AUD 4,272,234 | Metro Finance 2023-2 Trust FRN 17/09/2029 | 2,287 | 0.86 |
| AUD 7,798,063 | Panorama Auto Trust 2023-1 FRN 15/05/2031 | 4,189 | 1.57 |
| AUD 4,639,438 | Pepper SPARKZ Trust No.4 A1A FRN 15/09/2030 | 2,475 | 0.93 |
| AUD 2,188,062 | Pepper SPARKZ Trust No.6 A1A FRN 16/03/2032 | 1,176 | 0.44 |
| AUD 1,400,000 | Pepper SPARKZ Trust No.6B FRN 16/03/2032 | 761 | 0.29 |
| AUD 2,044,216 | Plenti PL-Green ABS Trust 2023-1 FRN 11/01/2034 | 1,098 | 0.41 |
| AUD 2,924,395 | Plenti PL-Green ABS Trust 2023-1 FRN 12/06/2031 | 1,569 | 0.59 |
| AUD 9,331,737 | Private Driver Australia 2023-1 FRN 21/02/2032 | 4,992 | 1.87 |
| | | <u>39,537</u> | <u>14.83</u> |
| | Floating Rate Note 4.95% (30/06/2023: 3.99%) | | |
| AUD 7,200,000 | Bank of Queensland FRN 09/05/2028 | 3,856 | 1.45 |
| AUD 7,260,000 | Panorama Auto Trust 2023-3 FRN 15/01/2032 | 3,884 | 1.46 |
| AUD 10,200,000 | PUMA Series 2023-1 FRN 22/03/2055 | 5,452 | 2.04 |
| | | <u>13,192</u> | <u>4.95</u> |
| | Austria 0.45% (30/06/2023: 0.45%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 0.45% (30/06/2023: 0.45%) | | |
| EUR 1,400,000 | FACT Master FRN 20/07/2028 1 B | 1,206 | 0.45 |
| | Belgium 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.80%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.80%) | | |
| | Canada 1.74% (30/06/2023: 1.76%) | | |
| | Floating Rate Note 1.74% (30/06/2023: 1.76%) | | |
| GBP 4,600,000 | Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 26/01/2026 | 4,639 | 1.74 |
| | Eurozone 29.17% (30/06/2023: 29.06%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 29.17% (30/06/2023: 29.06%) | | |
| EUR 485,743 | Adagio CLO FRN 30/04/2031 VIX A | 416 | 0.16 |
| EUR 1,940,000 | Adagio CLO FRN 15/09/2034 X C | 1,598 | 0.60 |
| EUR 800,000 | Adagio CLO FRN 30/04/2031 X B1 | 671 | 0.25 |
| EUR 977,966 | ALME Loan Funding FRN 15/04/2032 3X ARRE | 840 | 0.31 |
| EUR 319,000 | ALME Loan Funding V FRN 15/07/2031 5X B1R | 274 | 0.10 |
| EUR 630,000 | Ares European VIII FRN 17/04/2032 8XCR | 526 | 0.20 |
| EUR 1,485,000 | Ares European CLO XI FRN 15/04/2032 11X | 1,243 | 0.47 |
| EUR 1,300,000 | Ares European CLO XII FRN 20/04/2032 | 1,082 | 0.41 |
| EUR 2,500,000 | Armada Euro CLO IV FRN 15/07/2033 | 2,106 | 0.79 |
| EUR 3,600,000 | Armada Euro FRN 28/07/2034 5X A | 3,050 | 1.14 |
| EUR 1,900,000 | Armada Euro FRN 28/07/2034 5X C | 1,578 | 0.59 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|--|----------------------|---|
| | Asset Backed <small>(continued)</small> | | |
| EUR 3,000,000 | Aurium FRN 22/05/2034 6X AR | 2,537 | 0.95 |
| EUR 2,000,000 | Aurium FRN 22/05/2034 6X CR | 1,656 | 0.62 |
| EUR 2,179,000 | Aurium FRN 22/06/2034 2X CRR | 1,789 | 0.67 |
| EUR 700,000 | Avoca FRN 15/04/2034 X11 | 591 | 0.22 |
| EUR 1,500,000 | Avoca FRN 15/04/2034 23X | 1,268 | 0.48 |
| EUR 3,900,000 | Bain Capital Euro CLO 2022-2 DAC FRN 22/07/2036 | 3,377 | 1.27 |
| EUR 1,250,000 | BBAM European FRN 22/07/2034 1X CR | 1,027 | 0.39 |
| EUR 1,750,000 | Bilbao III FRN 17/08/2034 3X BR | 1,448 | 0.54 |
| EUR 1,200,000 | BNPP FRN 15/04/2031 1X CR | 986 | 0.37 |
| EUR 1,825,350 | BNPP IP Euro CLO 2015-1 FRN 15/10/2030 | 1,560 | 0.59 |
| EUR 3,000,000 | Cairn CLO XIV 14X A FRN 29/10/2034 | 2,553 | 0.96 |
| EUR 2,000,000 | Capital Four CLO III 3X A FRN 15/10/2034 | 1,701 | 0.64 |
| EUR 480,000 | Contego CLO IV FRN 23/01/2030 4X CR | 397 | 0.15 |
| EUR 1,000,000 | Contego CLO VIII 8X AR FRN 25/01/2034 | 851 | 0.32 |
| EUR 1,570,000 | Contego CLO VIII 8X B1R FRN 25/01/2034 | 1,319 | 0.49 |
| EUR 532,760 | CVC Cordatus Loan Fund V FRN 21/07/2030 5X ARR | 456 | 0.17 |
| EUR 500,000 | CVC Cordatus Loan Fund V FRN 21/07/2030 5X B1R | 425 | 0.16 |
| EUR 1,170,000 | CVC Cordatus Loan Fund XX FRN 22/06/2034 20X | 967 | 0.36 |
| EUR 4,300,000 | CVC Cordatus Loan Fund XXI 21X B1 FRN 22/09/2034 | 3,619 | 1.36 |
| EUR 500,000 | Harvest XI FRN 26/06/2030 11X CR | 424 | 0.16 |
| EUR 1,200,000 | Harvest XVI FRN 15/10/2031 16X CRR | 998 | 0.37 |
| EUR 1,017,202 | Harvest VIII FRN 15/01/2031 8X ARR | 871 | 0.33 |
| EUR 3,220,000 | Hayfin Emerald CLO IV 4X AR FRN 15/10/2034 | 2,732 | 1.02 |
| EUR 1,214,000 | Hayfin Emerald CLO VIII 8X C FRN 17/01/2035 | 970 | 0.36 |
| EUR 2,700,000 | Invesco Euro FRN 15/07/2034 6X C | 2,194 | 0.82 |
| EUR 828,000 | Invesco Euro III FRN 15/07/2032 3X B1 | 694 | 0.26 |
| EUR 500,000 | Invesco Euro III FRN 15/07/2032 3X C | 414 | 0.16 |
| EUR 6,378,687 | Last Mile Securities FRN 17/08/2031 1X A1 | 5,391 | 2.02 |
| EUR 269,944 | Last Mile Securities FRN 17/08/2031 1X C | 223 | 0.08 |
| EUR 3,200,000 | Montmartre Euro CLO 2020-2X A1R FRN 15/07/2034 | 2,702 | 1.01 |
| EUR 3,170,000 | Montmartre Euro CLO 2020-2X CR FRN 15/07/2034 | 2,567 | 0.96 |
| EUR 3,000,000 | Neuberger Berman Loan Advisers Euro CLO 2X A FRN 15/04/2034 | 2,545 | 0.95 |
| EUR 1,750,000 | North Westerly FRN 15/05/2035 VII X A | 1,479 | 0.55 |
| EUR 1,080,000 | North Westerly FRN 15/05/2035 VII X C | 882 | 0.33 |
| EUR 1,810,000 | North Westerly V Leveraged Loan Strategies CLO X AR FRN 20/07/2034 | 1,531 | 0.57 |
| EUR 1,370,000 | North Westerly V Leveraged Loan Strategies CLO X CR FRN 20/07/2034 | 1,133 | 0.43 |
| EUR 660,000 | OAK Hill European Credit Partners FRN 20/04/2035 8X C | 553 | 0.21 |
| EUR 1,780,000 | Sound Point Euro CLO II Funding DAC 2X FRN 26/01/2036 | 1,477 | 0.55 |
| EUR 2,740,000 | Sound Point Euro FRN 25/05/2034 1X CR | 2,262 | 0.85 |
| EUR 2,380,000 | Tikehau CLO VII DAC B1 FRN 20/10/2035 | 2,062 | 0.77 |
| EUR 530,000 | Voya Euro CLO II 2X CR FRN 15/07/2035 | 439 | 0.17 |
| EUR 1,640,000 | Voya Euro CLO V 5X C FRN 15/04/2035 | 1,351 | 0.51 |
| | | <u>77,805</u> | <u>29.17</u> |
| | France 0.35% (30/06/2023: 1.56%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 0.35% (30/06/2023: 0.52%) | | |
| EUR 1,086,912 | Auto ABS French Leases FRN 29/06/2033 FR1 A | <u>943</u> | <u>0.35</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|--|----------------------|---|
| Floating Rate Note 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.04%) | | | |
| Germany 7.38% (30/06/2023: 5.21%) | | | |
| Asset Backed 4.77% (30/06/2023: 3.16%) | | | |
| EUR 6,700,000 | Bumper DE FRN 23/08/2032 | 5,813 | 2.18 |
| EUR 2,885,377 | Red & Black Auto Germany 10 UG FRN 15/09/2032 | 2,500 | 0.94 |
| EUR 1,500,000 | Red & Black Auto Germany 10 UG FRN 15/09/2032 | 1,303 | 0.49 |
| EUR 913,886 | Red & Black Auto Germany 7 UG FRN 15/10/2029 | 792 | 0.30 |
| EUR 68,161 | SC Germany SA Compartment Consumer FRN 14/11/2034 1 B | 59 | 0.02 |
| EUR 1,295,052 | SC Germany SA Compartment Consumer FRN 14/11/2034 1 C | 1,120 | 0.42 |
| EUR 1,300,000 | SC Germany SA Compartment Consumer FRN 15/09/2037 | 1,136 | 0.42 |
| | | <u>12,723</u> | <u>4.77</u> |
| Floating Rate Note 2.61% (30/06/2023: 2.05%) | | | |
| EUR 8,000,000 | SC Germany SA Compartment Consumer FRN 15/09/2037 | <u>6,949</u> | <u>2.61</u> |
| Ireland 5.16% (30/06/2023: 4.40%) | | | |
| Asset Backed 3.36% (30/06/2023: 4.40%) | | | |
| EUR 2,814,937 | Armada Euro CLO III DAC FRN 15/07/2031 | 2,410 | 0.90 |
| EUR 2,178,326 | Glenbeigh 2 FRN 24/03/2046 1X A | 1,885 | 0.71 |
| EUR 2,439,199 | Primrose Residential FRN 24/03/2061 1 A | 2,106 | 0.79 |
| EUR 3,010,000 | RRE 1 Loan Management FRN 15/04/2035 | 2,556 | 0.96 |
| | | <u>8,957</u> | <u>3.36</u> |
| Floating Rate Note 1.80% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | | |
| EUR 5,519,000 | Finance Ireland Auto Receivables NO 1 DAC FRN 12/09/2033 | <u>4,794</u> | <u>1.80</u> |
| Netherlands 2.91% (30/06/2023: 2.33%) | | | |
| Asset Backed 1.84% (30/06/2023: 2.33%) | | | |
| EUR 155,617 | Magoi FRN 27/07/2039 C | 133 | 0.05 |
| EUR 5,517,891 | Silver Arrow Athlon FRN 26/04/2031 1 A | 4,786 | 1.79 |
| | | <u>4,919</u> | <u>1.84</u> |
| Floating Rate Note 1.07% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | | |
| EUR 3,300,000 | Bumper NL 2023-1 FRN 22/03/2035 | <u>2,861</u> | <u>1.07</u> |
| Spain 1.28% (30/06/2023: 1.41%) | | | |
| Asset Backed 1.28% (30/06/2023: 1.41%) | | | |
| EUR 700,000 | Autonoria Spain 2023 FT FRN 30/09/2041 | 606 | 0.23 |
| EUR 1,591,697 | Miravet FRN 27/02/2065 1 A | 1,366 | 0.51 |
| EUR 1,176,375 | Sabadell Consumo A FRN 24/06/2034 | 1,035 | 0.39 |
| EUR 470,550 | Sabadell Consumo B FRN 24/06/2034 | 414 | 0.15 |
| | | <u>3,421</u> | <u>1.28</u> |
| United Kingdom 24.51% (30/06/2023: 28.18%) | | | |
| Asset Backed 21.04% (30/06/2023: 22.30%) | | | |
| GBP 3,898,544 | Agora Sécurité FRN 17/08/2031 1X A | 3,801 | 1.43 |
| GBP 1,039,612 | Agora Sécurité FRN 17/08/2031 1X B | 1,001 | 0.38 |
| GBP 6,720,000 | Bavarian Sky UK 5 FRN 20/04/2031 | 6,727 | 2.52 |
| GBP 2,880,000 | Bowbell NO 3 FRN 16/07/2065 | 2,884 | 1.08 |
| USD 565,067 | Brass No.10 0.669% 16/04/2069 | 429 | 0.16 |
| GBP 638,498 | Dowson 2021-2 B FRN 20/10/2028 | 639 | 0.24 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Asset Backed (continued) | | |
| GBP 388,628 | Dowson 2022-1 A FRN 20/01/2029 | 389 | 0.15 |
| GBP 690,000 | Dowson 2022-1 B FRN 20/01/2029 | 692 | 0.26 |
| GBP 2,251,125 | Economic Master Issuer 1 A FRN 25/06/2074 | 2,256 | 0.85 |
| GBP 2,702,437 | Harbour FRN 28/01/2054 | 2,700 | 1.01 |
| GBP 2,144,850 | Income Contingent Student Loans FRN 24/07/2058 2 A1 | 2,147 | 0.81 |
| GBP 2,650,000 | Lanark Master Issuer FRN 22/08/2069 | 2,652 | 0.99 |
| GBP 1,631,939 | Mortgage Funding 2008-1 FRN 13/03/2046 | 1,631 | 0.61 |
| USD 2,500,000 | Newday Funding FRN 15/03/2029 1A A2 | 1,959 | 0.73 |
| GBP 1,400,000 | Newday Funding Series 2021-2X A1 FRN 15/07/2029 | 1,398 | 0.52 |
| GBP 74,289 | Paragon Mortgage FRN 15/11/2038 12X A2A | 73 | 0.03 |
| USD 315,819 | Paragon Mortgages FRN 15/11/2038 12A A2C | 240 | 0.09 |
| USD 1,528,390 | Paragon Mortgages FRN 15/11/2038 12X A2C | 1,163 | 0.44 |
| GBP 710,000 | PCL Funding VI 1 B FRN 15/07/2026 | 713 | 0.27 |
| GBP 890,000 | PCL Funding VIII FRN 15/05/2028 | 891 | 0.33 |
| GBP 2,960,000 | PCL Funding VIII FRN A 15/05/2028 | 2,965 | 1.11 |
| GBP 5,660,000 | Permanent Master Issuer FRN 15/07/2073 | 5,673 | 2.13 |
| GBP 610,083 | Residential Mortgage Securities FRN 20/06/2070 32X A | 611 | 0.23 |
| GBP 496,379 | RMAC Securities No. 1 FRN 12/06/2044 NS3X A2A | 473 | 0.18 |
| GBP 3,924,010 | RMAC Securities No. 1 FRN 12/06/2044 NS4X A3A | 3,769 | 1.41 |
| GBP 2,908,828 | Rochester Financing No.3 FRN 18/12/2044 3 A | 2,884 | 1.08 |
| GBP 2,382,046 | Stratton Mortgage Funding FRN 12/03/2052 1 A | 2,381 | 0.89 |
| GBP 2,985,512 | Together Asset Backed Securitisation 2021-1st1 A FRN 12/07/2063 | 2,967 | 1.11 |
| | | <u>56,108</u> | <u>21.04</u> |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 2.01% (30/06/2023: 1.88%) | | |
| GBP 2,910,000 | Annington Funding 2.308% 06/10/2032 | 2,261 | 0.85 |
| GBP 746,707 | Broadgate Financing 5.098% 05/04/2033 | 698 | 0.26 |
| GBP 564,440 | Mitchells & Butlers Finance 5.574% 15/12/2030 | 554 | 0.21 |
| GBP 1,780,127 | Tesco 6.0517% 13/10/2039 | 1,844 | 0.69 |
| | | <u>5,357</u> | <u>2.01</u> |
| | Floating Rate Note 1.46% (30/06/2023: 4.00%) | | |
| GBP 3,900,000 | Driver UK Multi-Compartment FRN 25/04/2031 | 3,905 | 1.46 |
| | United States 2.36% (30/06/2023: 2.77%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 2.36% (30/06/2023: 2.77%) | | |
| USD 2,045,572 | Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust 2022-R01 FRN 25/12/2041 | 1,600 | 0.60 |
| USD 3,135,974 | Freddie Mac STACR REMIC Trust 2022-DN FRN 25/02/2042 | 2,457 | 0.92 |
| USD 2,872,360 | Freddie Mac STACR REMIC Trust 2022-DNA1 FRN 25/01/2042 | 2,238 | 0.84 |
| | | <u>6,295</u> | <u>2.36</u> |
| | Collective Investment Schemes 0.04% (30/06/2023: 0.04%) | | |
| 100,000 | Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Platinum Sterling Fund | 100 | 0.04 |
| | Derivatives (0.68%) (30/06/2023: 0.69%) | | |
| | Swaps (0.01%) (30/06/2023: 0.32%)¹ | | |
| | Credit Default Index Swaps (0.31%) (30/06/2023: (0.16%))¹ | | |
| 4,350,000 | CDX 5.00% 20/12/2027 iTraxx-Crossover Pay EUR | (370) | (0.14) |
| 5,500,000 | CDX 5.00% 20/12/2027 iTraxx-Crossover Pay EUR | (468) | (0.17) |
| | | <u>(838)</u> | <u>(0.31)</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|--|----------------------|---|
| Overnight Index Swaps 0.30% (30/06/2023: 0.48%)¹ | | | |
| 600,000 | OIS 0.0435% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 59 | 0.02 |
| 500,000 | OIS 0.0776% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 80 | 0.03 |
| 720,000 | OIS 0.3038% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 33 | 0.01 |
| 700,000 | OIS 0.6212% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 94 | 0.04 |
| 400,000 | OIS 0.6282% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 54 | 0.02 |
| 400,000 | OIS 0.6361% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 53 | 0.02 |
| 680,000 | OIS 0.6392 SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 88 | 0.03 |
| 2,200,000 | OIS 0.9102% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 336 | 0.13 |
| 530,000 | OIS 20/05/2024 SOFR Receive Floating - USD | 4 | - |
| | | <u>801</u> | <u>0.30</u> |
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (0.67%) (30/06/2023: 0.37%)¹ | | | |
| | Buy AUD 141,078 : Sell GBP 74,242 January 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy AUD 408,642 : Sell GBP 216,557 January 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy AUD 346,210 : Sell GBP 183,985 January 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy AUD 311,028 : Sell GBP 166,421 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy AUD 789,832 : Sell GBP 423,051 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy AUD 1,192,412 : Sell GBP 638,860 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy AUD 152,122 : Sell GBP 81,545 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy AUD 149,282 : Sell GBP 80,125 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy AUD 69,487 : Sell GBP 37,355 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 72,661 : Sell GBP 63,236 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 15,466 : Sell GBP 13,447 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 15,819 : Sell GBP 13,752 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 76,250 : Sell GBP 66,126 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 53,854 : Sell GBP 46,683 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 104,196 : Sell GBP 90,072 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 51,943 : Sell GBP 44,855 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 15,182 : Sell GBP 13,066 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 53,373,136 : Sell AUD 101,941,970 January 2024 | (1,228) | (0.46) |
| | Buy GBP 276,339 : Sell AUD 516,966 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy GBP 52,416 : Sell EUR 60,438 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 12,647 : Sell EUR 14,655 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 33,224 : Sell EUR 38,513 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 125,441,829 : Sell EUR 145,500,794 January 2024 | (739) | (0.28) |
| | Buy GBP 11,534 : Sell USD 14,673 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 10,745,510 : Sell USD 13,472,834 January 2024 | 179 | 0.07 |
| | Buy USD 107,317 : Sell GBP 83,916 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 2,918 : Sell GBP 2,286 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 150,367 : Sell GBP 117,935 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 10,283 : Sell GBP 8,070 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 4,758 : Sell GBP 3,745 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 5,032 : Sell GBP 3,971 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 2,006 : Sell GBP 1,586 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 3,352 : Sell GBP 2,675 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | | <u>(1,784)</u> | <u>(0.67)</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (Hedged share classes) 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%)¹ Buy USD 11,591 : Sell GBP 9,166 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 251,890 | 94.45 |
| | Other net assets | 14,799 | 5.55 |
| | Total net assets | 266,689 | 100.00 |

¹ Not listed on an official stock exchange

² Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The collective investment schemes held are approved regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 253,611 | 95.09 |
| Total debt securities | 253,611 | 95.09 |
| Collective investment schemes | 100 | 0.04 |
| Derivatives | (1,821) | (0.68) |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 251,890 | 94.45 |
| Other net assets | 14,799 | 5.55 |
| Total net assets | 266,689 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 252,894 | 95.97 |
| Total debt securities | 252,894 | 95.97 |
| Collective investment schemes | 100 | 0.04 |
| Derivatives | 1,837 | 0.69 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 254,831 | 96.70 |
| Other net assets | 8,695 | 3.30 |
| Total net assets | 263,526 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 2,379 | | (998) |
| Revenue | 7,419 | | 3,914 | |
| Expenses | (230) | | (268) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | (32) | | (1) | |
| | <u>7,157</u> | | <u>3,645</u> | |
| Taxation | 5 | | - | |
| | <u>7,162</u> | | <u>3,645</u> | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | <u>7,162</u> | | <u>3,645</u> |
| Total return before distributions | | 9,541 | | 2,647 |
| Distributions | | (7,162) | | (3,645) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>2,379</u> | | <u>(998)</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 263,526 | | 362,987 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 13,106 | | 3,120 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (15,799) | | (136,780) | |
| | <u>(2,693)</u> | | <u>(133,660)</u> | |
| Dilution adjustment | | - | | 379 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 2,379 | | (998) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 3,477 | | 1,660 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>266,689</u> | | <u>230,368</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 254,696 | 255,774 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 2,147 | 2,082 |
| Cash and bank balances | 15,640 | 12,428 |
| Total assets | 272,483 | 270,284 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 2,806 | 943 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 967 | 1,356 |
| Distributions payable | 1,939 | 1,478 |
| Other creditors | 82 | 2,981 |
| Total liabilities | 5,794 | 6,758 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 266,689 | 263,526 |

Statement of cash flows (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|----------|----------------|-----------|------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 9,541 | | 2,647 |
| Adjustments for: | | | | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 32 | | 1 | |
| Taxation | (5) | | - | |
| Transactions charges paid from capital | 3 | | 1 | |
| (Gains)/losses on investments | (821) | | 393 | |
| Increase in debtors | (62) | | (235) | |
| Increase in creditors | 18 | | 20 | |
| | | <u>(835)</u> | | <u>180</u> |
| Cash flows from operations | | 8,706 | | 2,827 |
| Interest payable and similar charges | (32) | | (1) | |
| Taxation | 5 | | - | |
| Distribution paid on income shares | (3,198) | | (1,546) | |
| | | <u>(3,225)</u> | | <u>(1,547)</u> |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | | 5,481 | | 1,280 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | |
| Purchases of investments | (60,772) | | (27,819) | |
| Sales of investments | 64,600 | | 143,501 | |
| | | <u>3,828</u> | | <u>115,682</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | |
| Issue of shares | 13,105 | | 3,127 | |
| Cancellation of shares | (18,813) | | (137,002) | |
| Dilution adjustment | - | | 379 | |
| | | <u>(5,708)</u> | | <u>(133,496)</u> |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash | | 3,601 | | (16,534) |
| Cash at beginning of period* | | 11,072 | | 28,087 |
| Cash at end of the period | | 14,673 | | 11,553 |

* The opening cash and cash equivalents to shareholders for the current period do not equal the cash and cash equivalents attributable to shareholders

| Components of cash and cash equivalents | 31/12/23 | 31/12/22 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Cash and bank balances | 15,640 | 13,059 |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | (967) | (1,506) |
| | <u>14,673</u> | <u>11,553</u> |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class Y accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.2957 | - | 1.2957 | 0.4205 |
| Group 2 | 1.0454 | 0.2503 | 1.2957 | 0.4205 |
| Class Y income¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.4102 |
| Group 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.4102 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3839 | - | 1.3839 | 0.4976 |
| Group 2 | 1.0010 | 0.3829 | 1.3839 | 0.4976 |
| Class Z income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3126 | - | 1.3126 | 0.4887 |
| Group 2 | 0.6561 | 0.6565 | 1.3126 | 0.4887 |
| Class Z accumulation (USD hedged)^{2,3} | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.7503 | - | 4.7503 | n/a |
| Group 2 | 4.7503 | - | 4.7503 | n/a |

¹ Class Y income closed on 18 May 2023.

² Class Z accumulation (USD hedged) launched on 30 August 2023.

³ in USD cents per share.

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class Y accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.4679 | - | 1.4679 | 0.7616 |
| Group 2 | 0.6548 | 0.8131 | 1.4679 | 0.7616 |
| Class Y income¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.7497 |
| Group 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.7497 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.5595 | - | 1.5595 | 0.8406 |
| Group 2 | 1.0736 | 0.4859 | 1.5595 | 0.8406 |
| Class Z income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.4600 | - | 1.4600 | 0.8214 |
| Group 2 | 0.7584 | 0.7016 | 1.4600 | 0.8214 |
| Class Z accumulation (USD hedged)^{2,3} | | | | |
| Group 1 | 14.7232 | - | 14.7232 | n/a |
| Group 2 | 9.4713 | 5.2519 | 14.7232 | n/a |

¹ Class Y income closed on 18 May 2023.

² Class Z accumulation (USD hedged) launched on 30 August 2023.

³ in USD cents per share.

Janus Henderson European Smaller Companies Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Managers

Ollie Beckett and Rory Stokes

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term (5 years or more).

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in shares (also known as equities) of smaller companies, in any industry, in Europe (excluding UK). Companies will be incorporated, headquartered, listed on an exchange in, or deriving significant revenue from, this region. The fund may also invest in other assets including cash.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed. The MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index is broadly representative of the companies in which the fund may invest and can provide a useful comparator for assessing the fund's performance. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index.

Strategy

The Investment Manager focuses on meetings and calls with company management, along with the use of quantitative filters, to identify potential companies for investment. Emphasis is placed on the robustness of a company's business model, an analysis of what drives the business, its competitive advantages and the sustainability of returns. The fund maintains a well-diversified portfolio of companies which generally fall within the bottom 25% of their relevant market by way of size. The liquidity of any stock (the degree to which shares can be quickly bought or sold in the market at a price reflecting its intrinsic value) is important in determining whether to invest and the size of the holding for the fund.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years | Since inception |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 30 Jun 23 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Jan 85 - 31 Dec 23 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 2.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 71.1 | 7,578.0 |
| MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index* | 7.1 | 11.1 | 8.3** | 55.3** | *** |
| IA European Smaller Companies Sector | 5.4 | 8.0 | 0.7 | 43.3 | 4,905.2 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 21 - 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 19 - 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 19 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 5.5 | (11.4) | 12.7 | 32.6 | 22.4 |
| MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index* | 11.1 | (15.5)** | 15.4* | 18.9* | 20.6* |
| IA European Smaller Companies Sector | 8.0 | (21.9) | 19.3 | 18.0 | 20.6 |

* From 25 February 2022, the fund benchmark changed from EMIX Smaller European Companies ex UK Index to MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index. Past performance before 25 February 2022 is shown for the previous fund benchmark.

** Performance is a blend of the old and new benchmark.

*** Benchmark return is not quoted as the fund inception date is earlier than the benchmark inception date.

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

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Performance summary (continued)

Benchmark usage:

Index: MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index

Index usage: Comparator

Index description: The MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index is a measure of the combined performance of small and medium sized companies from developed European stock markets. It provides a useful comparison against which the fund's performance can be assessed over time.

Peer group: IA European Smaller Companies Sector

Peer group usage: Comparator

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| ams-OSRAM | 3,632 | Iveco | 2,786 |
| Borregaard | 2,140 | Uniphar | 2,575 |
| Optima Bank | 2,074 | F-Secure | 2,537 |
| NOS | 1,997 | AcadeMedia | 2,414 |
| Invisio | 1,937 | Kendrion | 2,337 |
| Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen | 1,874 | BFF Bank | 2,137 |
| Xior Student Housing | 1,426 | New Work | 2,091 |
| Stabilus | 1,375 | AIB | 1,787 |
| Montea | 1,242 | Munters | 1,632 |
| Kardex | 1,163 | Gaztransport et Technigaz | 1,582 |
| Total purchases | 31,024 | Total sales | 46,522 |

Investment review

The fund returned 2.8% based on Class I accumulation (Net) over the period under review, compared with a return of 7.1% in the MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index and a return of 5.4% in the IA European Smaller Companies Sector peer group benchmark.

The reporting period started with a 'risk off' mood in markets due to the prospect of stubbornly elevated inflation leading to 'higher-for-longer' interest rates. However, from late October, there was an astonishing rally in European equities and risk assets more broadly, as cooling inflation led investors to grow increasingly excited about a 'soft landing' for the global economy. Short covering (where an investor purchases a security to close an open short position) in sectors most affected by the interest rate hiking cycle, such as real estate investment trusts and industrials, led the rally in equities. Mid-cap stocks outperformed small caps as they attracted more of the returning capital, likely because they are well represented in equity exchange traded funds and futures. As the economic recovery becomes more evident, small caps (and the lower end of the small-cap universe) are expected to benefit further.

The main detractor from performance was AMG Advanced Metallurgical, a speciality metal producer, as the company downgraded its guidance because of weaker lithium pricing. AMG Advanced Metallurgical faced the additional headwinds of lower production at one of its mines and sales problems in its clean energy segment. However, we liked the company's exposure to the circular economy theme, as it recycles lithium and vanadium. Online targeted advertising company Criteo also hampered returns, as it suffered with a decrease in advertising spending (particularly online). However, we continued to like the business fundamentals. Ascom was another detractor. The main part of its business is the digitisation of hospitals, although the company announced poor trading from the smaller, more cyclical part of the business (hardware for the chemicals and hospitality industries).

We had positive returns from the energy sector, including Odfjell Drilling and Gaztransport Et Techniga. The latter is a French company that licenses technology for liners for liquefied natural gas and announced strong results by beating revenue estimates. With its strong net cash position, order backlog and future opportunities, the stock has had strong positive momentum. We also had good returns from Munters, a heating and ventilation company. The market expected Munters to benefit from artificial intelligence-driven demand for data centres, which will be cooled by the company's systems.

We purchased Cadeler, a Norwegian transportation company that specialises in transporting and installing offshore wind farms. With its recent acquisition of Eneti, a US-based company, Cadeler owns about a third of all wind installation vessels. We believed that this expanded fleet size would help the company overcome industry challenges, such as rising costs and turbine issues in the value chain. We also bought Bonesupport, a Swedish healthcare company. The company has developed and launched three innovative injectable bone substitute products based on its proprietary technology platform. The technology has a proven ability to heal bone defects by remodelling into host bone in 6-12 months. In addition, the company is moving into the spine fusion market. We bought Xior Student Housing, the only European property stock focused purely on student accommodation, a fast-growing subsegment of residential real estate. We also added new positions in NOS, a communication services company, and Borregaard in the materials sector. NOS is a cable provider in the Portuguese broadcast market and has faced competition from Digi, a new entrant to the market. We liked the fact that a large portion of NOS's customer base is part of bundle packages (such as cable and mobile), which we expected to limit customer churn. Borregaard is a producer of biochemicals, and we believed it was well positioned as underlying prices of speciality cellulose start to normalise. We sold the position in Meyer Burger, which continued to falter despite being the only Europe-based solar manufacturer. We also sold F-Secure (cyber security) and Unipharm (healthcare supply chain) after they disappointed with poor growth.

We think small caps will perform positively as it becomes clear an economic soft landing is likely and investors become less risk averse. For significant progress in 2024 we will need to see earnings upgrades come through as we expect, as valuations are no longer at the extreme levels of October 2023.

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Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Class A accumulation | | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 3,187.64 | 2,855.37 | 3,599.84 | 2,388.26 |
| Return before operating charges* | 72.32 | 385.59 | (685.05) | 1,264.68 |
| Operating charges | (26.54) | (53.32) | (59.42) | (53.10) |
| Return after operating charges* | 45.78 | 332.27 | (744.47) | 1,211.58 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (35.26) | (20.32) | - |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 35.26 | 20.32 | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 3,233.42 | 3,187.64 | 2,855.37 | 3,599.84 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.13 | 0.04 | - | 0.59 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 1.44% | 11.64% | (20.68%) | 50.73% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 23,989 | 26,278 | 31,733 | 45,034 |
| Closing number of shares | 741,901 | 824,365 | 1,111,332 | 1,251,000 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.74% | 1.74% | 1.74% | 1.74% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.02% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 3,281.00 | 3,438.00 | 3,827.00 | 3,655.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 2,789.00 | 2,622.00 | 2,835.00 | 2,371.00 |
| Class E accumulation | | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 3,252.25 | 2,898.67 | 3,636.13 | 2,400.27 |
| Return before operating charges* | 74.36 | 392.45 | (694.65) | 1,274.15 |
| Operating charges | (19.32) | (38.87) | (42.81) | (38.29) |
| Return after operating charges* | 55.04 | 353.58 | (737.46) | 1,235.86 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (52.76) | (38.47) | (3.09) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 52.76 | 38.47 | 3.09 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 3,307.29 | 3,252.25 | 2,898.67 | 3,636.13 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.13 | 0.04 | - | 0.60 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 1.69% | 12.20% | (20.28%) | 51.49% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 21,401 | 21,704 | 21,092 | 28,014 |
| Closing number of shares | 647,096 | 667,351 | 727,654 | 770,421 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.24% | 1.24% | 1.24% | 1.24% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.02% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 3,348.00 | 3,501.00 | 3,869.00 | 3,689.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 2,850.00 | 2,666.00 | 2,874.00 | 2,383.00 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 3,736.76 | 3,317.88 | 4,146.13 | 2,726.49 |
| Return before operating charges* | 85.89 | 449.86 | (794.32) | 1,450.62 |
| Operating charges | (15.41) | (30.98) | (33.93) | (30.98) |
| Return after operating charges* | 70.48 | 418.88 | (828.25) | 1,419.64 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (74.74) | (63.87) | (17.32) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 74.74 | 63.87 | 17.32 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 3,807.24 | 3,736.76 | 3,317.88 | 4,146.13 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.16 | 0.05 | - | 0.70 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 1.89% | 12.62% | (19.98%) | 52.07% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 255,804 | 266,009 | 275,586 | 332,355 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,718,878 | 7,118,706 | 8,306,089 | 8,016,042 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.02% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 3,848.00 | 4,017.00 | 4,415.00 | 4,206.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 3,279.00 | 3,054.00 | 3,286.00 | 2,707.00 |

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

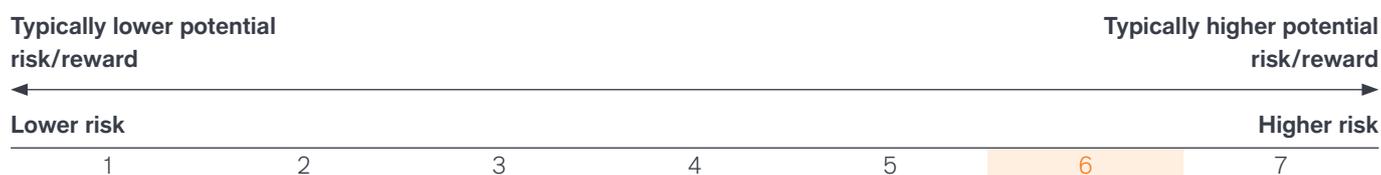
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class A accumulation | 1.74 | 1.74 |
| Class E accumulation | 1.24 | 1.24 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.86 | 0.86 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 3 types of share class in issue: A accumulation, E accumulation and I accumulation.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 6 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Derivatives The fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the portfolio more efficiently. However this introduces other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Exchange Rates If the fund holds assets in currencies other than the base currency of the fund or you invest in a share/unit class of a different currency to the fund (unless hedged, i.e. mitigated by taking an offsetting position in a related security), the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in exchange rates.

Equities Shares/Units can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

Smaller Companies Shares of small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than shares of larger companies, and at times it may be difficult to value or to sell shares at desired times and prices, increasing the risk of losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class E accumulation launched on 8 July 2019 and as it does not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the A accumulation share class.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Equities 98.62% (30/06/2023: 98.54%) | | |
| | Austria 1.38% (30/06/2023: 1.92%) | | |
| | Industrials 1.38% (30/06/2023: 1.92%) | | |
| 81,990 | Palfinger | 1,758 | 0.58 |
| 443,751 | Zumtobel | 2,411 | 0.80 |
| | | <u>4,169</u> | <u>1.38</u> |
| | Belgium 3.56% (30/06/2023: 2.37%) | | |
| | Industrials 1.68% (30/06/2023: 1.55%) | | |
| 551,661 | Recticel | 5,067 | 1.68 |
| | Real Estate 1.88% (30/06/2023: 0.82%) | | |
| 56,375 | Montea | 4,211 | 1.40 |
| 56,667 | Xior Student Housing | 1,458 | 0.48 |
| | | <u>5,669</u> | <u>1.88</u> |
| | Cyprus 0.75% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| | Financials 0.75% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| 333,105 | Optima Bank | 2,251 | 0.75 |
| | Denmark 3.94% (30/06/2023: 4.01%) | | |
| | Consumer Discretionary 1.91% (30/06/2023: 1.84%) | | |
| 216,567 | Huscompagniet | 1,158 | 0.38 |
| 342,486 | Matas | 4,594 | 1.53 |
| | | <u>5,752</u> | <u>1.91</u> |
| | Industrials 2.03% (30/06/2023: 2.17%) | | |
| 91,258 | DFDS | 2,363 | 0.78 |
| 238,873 | H+H International | 2,438 | 0.81 |
| 38,822 | NTG Nordic Transport | 1,327 | 0.44 |
| | | <u>6,128</u> | <u>2.03</u> |
| | Finland 2.88% (30/06/2023: 4.23%) | | |
| | Consumer Discretionary 1.02% (30/06/2023: 0.95%) | | |
| 372,000 | Alma Media | 3,082 | 1.02 |
| | Industrials 1.86% (30/06/2023: 2.43%) | | |
| 352,724 | Metso Outotec | 2,803 | 0.93 |
| 123,762 | Valmet | 2,792 | 0.93 |
| | | <u>5,595</u> | <u>1.86</u> |
| | Technology 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.85%) | | |
| | France 17.30% (30/06/2023: 17.63%) | | |
| | Consumer Discretionary 5.73% (30/06/2023: 5.51%) | | |
| 181,706 | Ipsos | 8,888 | 2.95 |
| 143,792 | Kaufman & Broad | 3,750 | 1.24 |
| 36,045 | Trigano | 4,632 | 1.54 |
| | | <u>17,270</u> | <u>5.73</u> |
| | Energy 1.27% (30/06/2023: 1.33%) | | |
| 36,824 | Gaztransport et Technigaz | 3,823 | 1.27 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Health Care 1.68% (30/06/2023: 1.35%) | | |
| 57,096 | Vétoquinol | 5,056 | 1.68 |
| | Industrials 4.21% (30/06/2023: 4.60%) | | |
| 112,256 | Assystem | 4,795 | 1.59 |
| 144,962 | Mersen | 4,422 | 1.47 |
| 48,178 | Thermador | 3,473 | 1.15 |
| | | <u>12,690</u> | <u>4.21</u> |
| | Technology 4.41% (30/06/2023: 4.84%) | | |
| 213,337 | Criteo ADS | 4,232 | 1.40 |
| 120,828 | Neurones | 4,565 | 1.52 |
| 269,458 | Quadient | 4,488 | 1.49 |
| | | <u>13,285</u> | <u>4.41</u> |
| | Germany 13.99% (30/06/2023: 12.09%) | | |
| | Basic Materials 2.83% (30/06/2023: 1.57%) | | |
| 167,770 | AlzChem | 3,780 | 1.25 |
| 66,465 | Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen | 2,381 | 0.79 |
| 143,490 | Nabaltec | 2,375 | 0.79 |
| | | <u>8,536</u> | <u>2.83</u> |
| | Consumer Discretionary 3.11% (30/06/2023: 2.93%) | | |
| 1,081,587 | Bike24 | 1,374 | 0.46 |
| 49,832 | CEWE Stiftung | 4,344 | 1.44 |
| 20,515 | Einhell Germany Preference Shares | 2,880 | 0.96 |
| 251,943 | HGears | 764 | 0.25 |
| | | <u>9,362</u> | <u>3.11</u> |
| | Industrials 2.31% (30/06/2023: 1.74%) | | |
| 27,510 | Amadeus FiRe | 2,927 | 0.97 |
| 27,114 | Krones | 2,634 | 0.87 |
| 26,285 | Stabilus | 1,408 | 0.47 |
| | | <u>6,969</u> | <u>2.31</u> |
| | Technology 4.19% (30/06/2023: 4.42%) | | |
| 187,700 | Ionos | 2,823 | 0.94 |
| 177,500 | PVA TePla | 3,135 | 1.04 |
| 145,775 | SUESS MicroTec | 3,499 | 1.16 |
| 218,530 | USU Software | 3,153 | 1.05 |
| | | <u>12,610</u> | <u>4.19</u> |
| | Utilities 1.55% (30/06/2023: 1.43%) | | |
| 75,150 | Befesa | 2,282 | 0.76 |
| 33,298 | Energiekontor | 2,395 | 0.79 |
| | | <u>4,677</u> | <u>1.55</u> |
| | Greece 0.78% (30/06/2023: 0.66%) | | |
| | Financials 0.78% (30/06/2023: 0.66%) | | |
| 509,506 | Hellenic Exchanges - Athens Stock Exchange | 2,336 | 0.78 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Hong Kong 0.27% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| | Industrials 0.27% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| 56,333 | Cadeler | 809 | 0.27 |
| | Ireland 3.86% (30/06/2023: 4.86%) | | |
| | Consumer Discretionary 1.18% (30/06/2023: 1.08%) | | |
| 889,856 | Dalata Hotel | 3,559 | 1.18 |
| | Consumer Staples 1.70% (30/06/2023: 2.32%) | | |
| 1,562,737 | C&C | 2,382 | 0.79 |
| 918,030 | Origin Enterprises | 2,736 | 0.91 |
| | | 5,118 | 1.70 |
| | Financials 0.98% (30/06/2023: 1.46%) | | |
| 883,856 | AIB | 2,949 | 0.98 |
| | Italy 10.62% (30/06/2023: 12.23%) | | |
| | Consumer Discretionary 2.73% (30/06/2023: 2.81%) | | |
| 2,785,940 | Arnoldo Mondadori Editore | 5,106 | 1.70 |
| 1,211,843 | Piaggio | 3,108 | 1.03 |
| | | 8,214 | 2.73 |
| | Financials 6.51% (30/06/2023: 6.79%) | | |
| 697,546 | BFF Bank | 6,195 | 2.06 |
| 497,599 | Credito Emiliano | 3,424 | 1.14 |
| 949,665 | doValue | 2,814 | 0.94 |
| 193,090 | FinecoBank | 2,271 | 0.75 |
| 176,969 | Gruppo MutuiOnline | 4,892 | 1.62 |
| | | 19,596 | 6.51 |
| | Industrials 1.38% (30/06/2023: 2.63%) | | |
| 406,787 | Datalogic | 2,344 | 0.78 |
| 563,846 | Eurogroup Laminations | 1,808 | 0.60 |
| | | 4,152 | 1.38 |
| | Netherlands 10.14% (30/06/2023: 11.82%) | | |
| | Consumer Discretionary 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.05%) | | |
| | Energy 1.04% (30/06/2023: 0.95%) | | |
| 347,527 | Sif | 3,144 | 1.04 |
| | Financials 1.68% (30/06/2023: 2.05%) | | |
| 207,879 | Van Lanschot Kempen | 5,062 | 1.68 |
| | Industrials 4.90% (30/06/2023: 5.73%) | | |
| 130,142 | AMG Advanced Metallurgical | 2,573 | 0.86 |
| 392,988 | Fugro | 5,881 | 1.95 |
| 184,374 | TKH | 6,298 | 2.09 |
| | | 14,752 | 4.90 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Real Estate 2.52% (30/06/2023: 2.04%) | | |
| 573,336 | CTP | 7,591 | 2.52 |
| | Norway 6.61% (30/06/2023: 5.70%) | | |
| | Basic Materials 0.78% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| 177,628 | Borregaard | 2,352 | 0.78 |
| | Energy 2.16% (30/06/2023: 1.81%) | | |
| 1,119,571 | Odfjell Drilling | 3,381 | 1.12 |
| 727,213 | Odfjell Technology | 3,118 | 1.04 |
| | | 6,499 | 2.16 |
| | Financials 0.72% (30/06/2023: 0.69%) | | |
| 210,925 | Sparebank 1 | 2,160 | 0.72 |
| | Industrials 0.79% (30/06/2023: 1.13%) | | |
| 103,027 | Flex | 2,371 | 0.79 |
| | Technology 2.16% (30/06/2023: 2.07%) | | |
| 255,731 | Nordic Semiconductor | 2,479 | 0.82 |
| 2,335,165 | Smartcraft | 4,022 | 1.34 |
| | | 6,501 | 2.16 |
| | Portugal 1.51% (30/06/2023: 0.88%) | | |
| | Industrials 0.88% (30/06/2023: 0.88%) | | |
| 334,976 | Corticeira Amorim | 2,653 | 0.88 |
| | Telecommunications 0.63% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| 680,588 | NOS | 1,886 | 0.63 |
| | Spain 2.31% (30/06/2023: 2.17%) | | |
| | Financials 1.45% (30/06/2023: 1.47%) | | |
| 163,103 | Grupo Catalana Occidente | 4,367 | 1.45 |
| | Utilities 0.86% (30/06/2023: 0.70%) | | |
| 86,860 | Grenergy Renovables | 2,577 | 0.86 |
| | Sweden 10.74% (30/06/2023: 9.46%) | | |
| | Basic Materials 1.02% (30/06/2023: 0.59%) | | |
| 518,109 | Alleima | 3,085 | 1.02 |
| | Consumer Discretionary 4.39% (30/06/2023: 5.20%) | | |
| 943,310 | Karnov | 4,060 | 1.35 |
| 531,063 | Kindred | 3,850 | 1.28 |
| 450,191 | Modern Times | 3,014 | 1.00 |
| 2,438,528 | Stillfront | 2,306 | 0.76 |
| | | 13,230 | 4.39 |
| | Health Care 0.21% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| 43,864 | Bonesupport | 642 | 0.21 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Industrials 4.37% (30/06/2023: 3.47%) | | |
| 749,314 | Alimak | 4,783 | 1.59 |
| 168,032 | Concentric | 2,338 | 0.78 |
| 145,346 | Invisio | 2,213 | 0.73 |
| 300,593 | Munters | 3,830 | 1.27 |
| | | <u>13,164</u> | <u>4.37</u> |
| | Technology 0.75% (30/06/2023: 0.20%) | | |
| 2,950,935 | Acast | 2,246 | 0.75 |
| | Switzerland 7.98% (30/06/2023: 7.52%) | | |
| | Consumer Discretionary 1.70% (30/06/2023: 1.80%) | | |
| 235,771 | lastminute.com | 5,120 | 1.70 |
| | Industrials 1.53% (30/06/2023: 1.80%) | | |
| 17,003 | Kardex | 3,455 | 1.15 |
| 76,224 | Klingelberg | 1,158 | 0.38 |
| | | <u>4,613</u> | <u>1.53</u> |
| | Technology 3.41% (30/06/2023: 2.08%) | | |
| 1,593,345 | ams-OSRAM | 3,139 | 1.04 |
| 11,399 | Comet | 2,818 | 0.94 |
| 46,263 | u-blox | 4,307 | 1.43 |
| | | <u>10,264</u> | <u>3.41</u> |
| | Telecommunications 1.34% (30/06/2023: 1.84%) | | |
| 528,676 | Ascom | 4,045 | 1.34 |
| | United Kingdom 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.47%)¹ | | |
| | Consumer Staples 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.47%) | | |
| | United States 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.52%)² | | |
| | Telecommunications 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.52%) | | |
| | Derivatives 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| | Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%)³ | | |
| | Buy EUR 375,688 : Sell GBP 326,192 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy EUR 206,976 : Sell GBP 179,949 January 2024 ⁴ | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 20,031 : Sell GBP 17,405 January 2024 ⁴ | - | - |
| | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 297,047 | 98.62 |
| | Other net assets | 4,147 | 1.38 |
| | Total net assets | 301,194 | 100.00 |

¹ The stock is registered in Europe and is a permitted investment, the country of risk is United Kingdom

² The stock is registered in Europe and is a permitted investment, the country of risk is United States

³ Not listed on an official stock exchange

⁴ Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|----------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 3,089 | | 24,024 |
| Revenue | 2,691 | | 2,708 | |
| Expenses | (1,392) | | (1,468) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | (2) | | (4) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,297 | | 1,236 | |
| Taxation | (143) | | (89) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,154 | | 1,147 |
| | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 4,243 | | 25,171 |
| | | | | |
| Distributions | | - | | - |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 4,243 | | 25,171 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 313,991 | | 328,411 |
| | | | | |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 22,915 | | 20,136 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (39,983) | | (68,035) | |
| | | (17,068) | | (47,899) |
| | | | | |
| Dilution adjustment | | 28 | | 102 |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 4,243 | | 25,171 |
| | | | | |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 301,194 | | 305,785 |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 £000 | 30/06/23 £000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 297,048 | 309,401 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 2,538 | 2,245 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,043 | 3,558 |
| Total assets | 301,629 | 315,204 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 1 | - |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 434 | 1,213 |
| Total liabilities | 435 | 1,213 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 301,194 | 313,991 |

Janus Henderson Index Linked Bond Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Manager

Helen Anthony

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide an income with the potential for capital growth over the long term.

Performance target: To outperform the FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index by 0.75% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in UK index-linked government bonds (also known as index-linked gilts) of any maturity. (Index-linked bonds pay interest which increases in line with inflation, while their capital values are not directly related to inflation and may fall in value.)

The fund may also hold other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, CIS (including those managed by Janus Henderson), cash and money market instruments.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) with the aim of making investment gains in line with the fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index, which is broadly representative of the bonds in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index.

Strategy

The Investment Manager aims to provide a return in excess of the benchmark by investing primarily in UK government bonds - principally inflation-linked gilts - UK gilts and floating rate assets. The managers can also invest in other global fixed income securities with a focus on G10 government bond markets and associated fixed income derivatives, with the aim of providing diversification in the portfolio, as well as looking to enhance returns and/or manage risk.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months 30 Jun 23 - 31 Dec 23 | One year 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | Three years 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 23 | Five years 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 23 | Since inception 04 Sep 00 - 31 Dec 23 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 4.9 | (0.3) | (37.7) | (24.2) | 143.0 |
| FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index | 3.5 | 0.2 | (35.3) | (22.3) | 179.4 |
| IA UK Index-Linked Gilts Sector | 4.6 | 0.5 | (32.4) | (20.0) | 148.3 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 5.0 | 0.0 | (37.0) | (22.5) | 174.1 |
| FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index + 0.75% | 3.9 | 0.9 | (33.8) | (19.3) | 232.5 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 21 - 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 19 - 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 19 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | (0.3) | (38.9) | 2.3 | 13.8 | 6.9 |
| FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index | 0.2 | (38.0) | 4.2 | 12.4 | 6.8 |
| IA UK Index-Linked Gilts Sector | 0.5 | (35.3) | 3.9 | 11.9 | 5.9 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 0.0 | (38.7) | 2.8 | 14.4 | 7.5 |
| FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index + 0.75% | 0.9 | (37.5) | 5.0 | 13.2 | 7.6 |

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class I accumulation (Gross), NAV to NAV, gross of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Index: FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index

Index usage: Target

Index description: The FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index is a measure of the combined performance of index-linked bonds issued by the British government with greater than 5 years to maturity. It is the basis for the fund's performance target.

Peer group: IA UK Index-Linked Gilts Sector

Peer group usage: Comparator

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|--|--------------|--|---------------|
| UK Treasury 4.125% Index-Linked 22/07/2030 | 2,877 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 10/08/2028 | 5,250 |
| UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/03/2045 | 1,130 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 10/08/2031 | 1,985 |
| UK Treasury 2.00% Index-Linked 26/01/2035 | 1,086 | UK Treasury 2.00% Index-Linked 26/01/2035 | 899 |
| UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/03/2040 | 830 | UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/03/2040 | 538 |
| UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2051 | 700 | UK Treasury 1.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2037 | 513 |
| UK Treasury 1.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2037 | 599 | UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2032 | 487 |
| UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/11/2042 | 574 | UK Treasury 0.75% Index-Linked 22/03/2034 | 241 |
| UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2055 | 348 | UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2055 | 199 |
| UK Treasury 0.375% Index-Linked 22/03/2062 | 333 | UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/11/2042 | 142 |
| UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2068 | 268 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2065 | 142 |
| Total purchases | 9,192 | Total sales | 10,828 |

Investment review

The fund returned 4.9% (Net), 5.0% (Gross) based on Class I accumulation over the period under review, compared with a return of 3.5% in the FTSE Actuaries UK Index-Linked Gilts greater than 5 years to maturity Index, a return of 3.9% in the Target Index + 0.75% and a return of 4.6% in the IA UK Index-Linked Gilts Sector peer group benchmark.

Global government bond yields generally moved higher (prices fell, reflecting their inverse relationship) in the first half of the reporting period, driven by growing expectations that interest rates would stay higher for longer. US Treasuries were particularly weak, with the 10-year yield reaching a 16-year high of 4.57% at one point. In Europe, weak macroeconomic data and still-elevated inflation heightened concerns about economic growth, and uncertainty about the ECB's interest rate hiking path. In the final two months of the period, government bonds rallied, as investors took heart from a significant cooling of inflation and the growing belief that terminal interest rates had been reached.

The Fed raised interest rates once, in July, and although its tone was somewhat hawkish for most of the period – largely because of the economy's resilience – it suggested in December that it could ease borrowing conditions in 2024. The ECB raised its deposit rate to an all-time high of 4.0% in September and left it on hold thereafter. The BoE increased its benchmark rate just once, by 25bps to 5.25% in August – a 15-year high. The BoE continued to warn that monetary policy could remain tight for an extended period, although investors speculated that this appeared less likely as pricing pressures eased. The UK annual consumer inflation rate hit a more than two-year low of 3.9% in November, down from 6.8% in July. The UK economy contracted by 0.1% over the third quarter, following no growth over the previous quarter, heightening anxiety about a possible recession.

UK gilts outperformed other developed markets, gaining back some ground in the fourth quarter as it became clear that inflation – which had been stubbornly rangebound over the summer – was slowing sharply and following the experience of other core markets. The UK 10-year yield fell by 85bps to 3.54%, while the 10-year US Treasury yield rose by 4bps to 3.88%. The German 10-year yield fell by 37bps to 2.02%.

The fund has been positioned longer duration (higher interest rate sensitivity) than the index, on the expectation that government bond yields would fall. Over the period as a whole, this positioning was beneficial for performance, although the gains mainly came in the last two months of the period as government bond yields peaked in October and rallied.

The main contributors to relative performance were positions in five-year US bond futures, Germany, the UK and Australia. In September, we switched some duration out of the US into Germany given the sharp growth divergence between the regions.

The catalyst for this recent bond rally has been a growing realisation that terminal rates occurred months ago, driven by continued strong progress in core disinflation. This is now a game changer for central bank policy as the next move will likely be rate cuts. Thus, the debate for 2024 has become when and how many. We believe these cuts could be as early as March for the Fed and the ECB. We expect this environment to be supportive for sovereign bonds, which so far have lagged historical moves lower in yields as central banks have begun to shift to easing mode. In our view, it seems unfeasible that the lags from earlier monetary tightening do not weigh on economic growth. We still see a high probability of a US downturn in 2024 and UK/Germany are already flirting with recession, which we believe will continue to favour a long duration stance.

References made to individual securities do not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, investment strategy or market sector, and should not be assumed to be profitable. Janus Henderson Investors, its affiliated advisor, or its employees, may have a position in the securities mentioned.

Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class A income | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 325.23 | 412.55 | 517.88 | 549.91 |
| Return before operating charges* | 12.38 | (84.85) | (100.96) | (27.61) |
| Operating charges | (1.06) | (2.47) | (4.37) | (4.42) |
| Return after operating charges* | 11.32 | (87.32) | (105.33) | (32.03) |
| Distributions on income shares | - | - | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 336.55 | 325.23 | 412.55 | 517.88 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.48% | (21.17%) | (20.34%) | (5.82%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 3,340 | 3,748 | 6,708 | 10,592 |
| Closing number of shares | 992,533 | 1,152,309 | 1,625,908 | 2,045,177 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.69% | 0.69% | 0.82% | 0.84% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 343.50 | 453.00 | 598.80 | 555.60 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 287.30 | 273.50 | 394.90 | 483.90 |
| | Class D accumulation | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 255.60 | 322.60 | 402.82 | 425.48 |
| Return before operating charges* | 9.79 | (66.44) | (79.02) | (21.40) |
| Operating charges | (0.25) | (0.56) | (1.20) | (1.26) |
| Return after operating charges* | 9.54 | (67.00) | (80.22) | (22.66) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | - | - | - |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | - | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 265.14 | 255.60 | 322.60 | 402.82 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.73% | (20.77%) | (19.91%) | (5.33%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 8 | 11 | 20 | 26 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,789 | 4,489 | 6,151 | 6,539 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.29% | 0.31% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 270.60 | 354.40 | 466.90 | 429.90 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 226.20 | 214.10 | 308.80 | 375.70 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class E income | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 328.50 | 415.64 | 520.45 | 551.27 |
| Return before operating charges* | 12.54 | (85.56) | (101.77) | (27.71) |
| Operating charges | (0.69) | (1.58) | (3.04) | (3.11) |
| Return after operating charges* | 11.85 | (87.14) | (104.81) | (30.82) |
| Distributions on income shares | - | - | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 340.35 | 328.50 | 415.64 | 520.45 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.61% | (20.97%) | (20.14%) | (5.59%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 322 | 366 | 524 | 620 |
| Closing number of shares | 94,695 | 111,455 | 126,046 | 119,134 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.44% | 0.44% | 0.57% | 0.59% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 347.30 | 456.50 | 602.50 | 556.90 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 290.50 | 275.70 | 397.90 | 485.90 |
| | Class I accumulation | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 396.17 | 500.56 | 625.92 | 662.05 |
| Return before operating charges* | 15.16 | (103.10) | (122.59) | (33.27) |
| Operating charges | (0.57) | (1.29) | (2.77) | (2.86) |
| Return after operating charges* | 14.59 | (104.39) | (125.36) | (36.13) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | - | - | - |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | - | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 410.76 | 396.17 | 500.56 | 625.92 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.68% | (20.85%) | (20.03%) | (5.46%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 85,560 | 81,038 | 94,884 | 126,470 |
| Closing number of shares | 20,829,538 | 20,455,072 | 18,955,374 | 20,205,544 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.30% | 0.30% | 0.43% | 0.45% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 419.20 | 549.90 | 725.00 | 668.90 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 350.50 | 332.10 | 479.20 | 584.10 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I income | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 343.72 | 434.30 | 543.05 | 574.40 |
| Return before operating charges* | 13.16 | (89.45) | (106.34) | (28.87) |
| Operating charges | (0.50) | (1.13) | (2.41) | (2.48) |
| Return after operating charges* | 12.66 | (90.58) | (108.75) | (31.35) |
| Distributions on income shares | - | - | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 356.38 | 343.72 | 434.30 | 543.05 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.68% | (20.86%) | (20.03%) | (5.46%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 12,621 | 14,435 | 22,442 | 34,285 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,541,526 | 4,199,501 | 5,167,522 | 6,313,369 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.30% | 0.30% | 0.43% | 0.45% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 363.70 | 477.10 | 629.00 | 580.30 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 304.10 | 288.20 | 415.70 | 506.80 |
| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 237.12 | 298.85 | 372.28 | 392.20 |
| Return before operating charges* | 9.09 | (61.60) | (73.24) | (19.73) |
| Operating charges | (0.05) | (0.13) | (0.19) | (0.19) |
| Return after operating charges* | 9.04 | (61.73) | (73.43) | (19.92) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | - | - | - |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | - | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 246.16 | 237.12 | 298.85 | 372.28 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 3.81% | (20.66%) | (19.72%) | (5.08%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 9,625 | 9,181 | 11,589 | 15,164 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,909,976 | 3,872,106 | 3,877,867 | 4,073,288 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.05% | 0.05% | 0.05% | 0.05% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 251.20 | 328.40 | 432.00 | 396.30 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 209.90 | 198.40 | 286.10 | 346.90 |

Comparative tables (continued)

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class A income | 0.69 | 0.69 |
| Class D accumulation | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Class E income | 0.44 | 0.44 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| Class I income | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.05 | 0.05 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 6 types of share class in issue: A income, D accumulation, E income, I accumulation, I income and Z accumulation.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 6 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares, they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Derivatives and Leverage The fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Interest Rates When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise (or are expected to rise). This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class E income launched on 8 July 2019 and as it does not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the A income share class.

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|--|----------------------|---|
| Bonds 98.46% (30/06/2023: 99.22%) | | | |
| United Kingdom 98.46% (30/06/2023: 99.22%) | | | |
| Index Linked Bonds 98.46% (30/06/2023: 99.22%) | | | |
| GBP 2,790,063 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 10/08/2031 | 3,643 | 3.27 |
| GBP 2,868,899 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 10/08/2041 | 3,491 | 3.13 |
| GBP 2,841,200 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 10/08/2048 | 3,204 | 2.87 |
| GBP 3,636,581 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2029 | 5,840 | 5.24 |
| GBP 1,980,186 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2039 | 2,329 | 2.09 |
| GBP 3,656,357 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2044 | 4,916 | 4.41 |
| GBP 3,200,921 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2046 | 3,938 | 3.53 |
| GBP 2,403,957 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2051 | 2,475 | 2.22 |
| GBP 2,598,740 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2058 | 2,930 | 2.63 |
| GBP 3,068,482 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2068 | 3,468 | 3.11 |
| GBP 1,043,932 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2073 | 1,021 | 0.92 |
| GBP 3,299,470 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2036 | 4,629 | 4.15 |
| GBP 1,740,745 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2056 | 1,929 | 1.73 |
| GBP 1,916,219 | UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2065 | 2,076 | 1.86 |
| GBP 2,934,053 | UK Treasury 0.25% Index-Linked 22/03/2052 | 3,790 | 3.40 |
| GBP 3,113,776 | UK Treasury 0.375% Index-Linked 22/03/2062 | 4,127 | 3.70 |
| GBP 2,825,454 | UK Treasury 0.50% Index-Linked 22/03/2050 | 4,476 | 4.02 |
| GBP 2,165,929 | UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/03/2045 | 2,136 | 1.92 |
| GBP 3,484,307 | UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/03/2040 | 6,024 | 5.40 |
| GBP 3,174,765 | UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/11/2042 | 5,502 | 4.93 |
| GBP 3,246,782 | UK Treasury 0.75% Index-Linked 22/03/2034 | 5,553 | 4.98 |
| GBP 2,846,588 | UK Treasury 0.75% Index-Linked 22/11/2047 | 4,971 | 4.46 |
| GBP 3,108,292 | UK Treasury 1.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2037 | 6,296 | 5.65 |
| GBP 3,230,014 | UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2032 | 6,218 | 5.58 |
| GBP 2,429,118 | UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2055 | 5,186 | 4.65 |
| GBP 2,163,669 | UK Treasury 2.00% Index-Linked 26/01/2035 | 5,472 | 4.91 |
| GBP 1,174,161 | UK Treasury 4.125% Index-Linked 22/07/2030 | 4,120 | 3.70 |
| | | 109,760 | 98.46 |
| Collective Investment Schemes 1.23% (30/06/2023: 0.38%) | | | |
| 1,369,249 | Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Platinum Sterling Fund | 1,369 | 1.23 |
| Derivatives 0.42% (30/06/2023: (0.15%)) | | | |
| Futures 0.35% (30/06/2023: (0.16%)) | | | |
| 56 | CBT US 5 Year Note March 2024 | 117 | 0.10 |
| 11 | EUX Euro Bobl March 2024 | 16 | 0.01 |
| 6 | EUX Euro BUXL 30 Year Bond March 2024 | 53 | 0.05 |
| 23 | ICF Long Gilt March 2024 | 166 | 0.15 |
| 23 | SFE Australia 10 Year Bond March 2024 | 42 | 0.04 |
| | | 394 | 0.35 |
| Swaps 0.07% (30/06/2023: 0.01%)¹ | | | |
| 15,500,000 | Interest Rate Swaps 0.07% (30/06/2023: 0.01%) ¹ IRS 3.2045% STIBOR 3 month - Pay Fixed - SEK | 81 | 0.07 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%)¹ | | |
| | Buy AUD 80,900 : Sell GBP 42,859 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 50,400 : Sell GBP 43,818 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 143,597 : Sell AUD 274,268 January 2024 | (3) | - |
| | Buy GBP 39,314 : Sell EUR 45,600 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,201 : Sell SEK 15,695 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 26,579 : Sell SEK 344,076 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 2,726 : Sell SEK 35,004 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 4,254 : Sell SEK 54,555 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 3,822 : Sell SEK 48,734 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 5,157 : Sell SEK 65,686 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 64,604 : Sell GBP 4,947 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 88,086 : Sell GBP 6,769 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 73,447 : Sell GBP 5,651 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 13,067 : Sell GBP 1,014 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 120,567 : Sell GBP 9,356 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 54,555 : Sell GBP 4,253 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 48,734 : Sell GBP 3,814 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 38,710 : Sell GBP 3,050 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 65,686 : Sell GBP 5,183 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 49,000 : Sell GBP 38,367 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 42,800 : Sell GBP 33,530 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 25,235 : Sell GBP 20,127 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | | (3) | - |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 111,601 | 100.11 |
| | Other net liabilities | (125) | (0.11) |
| | Total net assets | 111,476 | 100.00 |

¹ Not listed on an official stock exchange

² Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The collective investment schemes held are approved regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

Portfolio statement (continued)

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 109,760 | 98.46 |
| Total debt securities | 109,760 | 98.46 |
| Collective investment schemes | 1,369 | 1.23 |
| Derivatives | 472 | 0.42 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 111,601 | 100.11 |
| Other net liabilities | (125) | (0.11) |
| Total net assets | 111,476 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 107,928 | 99.22 |
| Total debt securities | 107,928 | 99.22 |
| Collective investment schemes | 417 | 0.38 |
| Derivatives | (159) | (0.15) |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 108,186 | 99.45 |
| Other net assets | 593 | 0.55 |
| Total net assets | 108,779 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 3,419 | | (32,048) |
| Revenue | 628 | | 7,556 | |
| Expenses | (148) | | (180) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | (2) | | (5) | |
| | <u>478</u> | | <u>7,371</u> | |
| Net revenue before taxation | | | | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| | <u>478</u> | | <u>7,371</u> | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 478 | | 7,371 |
| Total return before distributions | | 3,897 | | (24,677) |
| Distributions | | - | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>3,897</u> | | <u>(24,677)</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 108,779 | | 136,167 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 3,492 | | 9,002 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (4,692) | | (9,800) | |
| | | (1,200) | | (798) |
| Dilution adjustment | | - | | 13 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 3,897 | | (24,677) |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>111,476</u> | | <u>110,705</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 £000 | 30/06/23 £000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Investments | 111,604 | 108,362 |
| Debtors | 201 | 220 |
| Cash and bank balances | 358 | 569 |
| Total assets | 112,163 | 109,151 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 3 | 176 |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 479 | 38 |
| Other creditors | 205 | 158 |
| Total liabilities | 687 | 372 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 111,476 | 108,779 |

Distribution table for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

For the purpose of calculating the distribution on Janus Henderson Index Linked Bond Fund, revenue is computed on the effective yield basis utilising the exemption set out in the FCA's COLL 6.8.3 (for funds whose policy is to invest predominately in index linked securities) to treat capital indexation as non-distributable.

The expenses properly chargeable against revenue for the fund are greater than the remaining revenue for all share classes, therefore no distribution has been made for any share class at each quarter end during the current and prior period.

Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Credit Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Managers

James Briggs and Tim Winstone

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide an income with the potential for capital growth over the long term.

Performance target: To outperform the Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index by 1% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in sterling-denominated investment grade (equivalent to BBB rated or higher) corporate bonds, typically with maturities of 15 years or more. (Longer dated bonds are generally more sensitive to changes in interest rates and may at times exhibit significant volatility.)

The fund may also hold other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, cash and money market instruments.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, with the aim of making investment gains in line with the fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index, which is broadly representative of the bonds in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index.

Strategy

The investment process combines asset allocation views with rigorous fundamentally driven security selection, which allows the managers to determine key economic themes and identify which industry sectors to favour or avoid.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years | Since inception |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | 30 Jun 23 - | 31 Dec 22 - | 31 Dec 20 - | 31 Dec 18 - | 18 Apr 97 - |
| | 31 Dec 23 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 12.7 | 9.3 | (33.1) | (9.1) | 159.8 |
| Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index | 12.6 | 10.6 | (31.6) | (7.8) | 183.3 |
| IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector | 10.0 | 9.3 | (10.4) | 5.9 | 131.8 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 12.9 | 9.8 | (32.0) | (6.6) | 194.5 |
| Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index + 1% | 13.2 | 11.7 | (29.5) | (3.1) | 257.2 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - | 31 Dec 21 - | 31 Dec 20 - | 31 Dec 19 - | 31 Dec 18 - |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 19 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 9.3 | (34.8) | (6.0) | 15.8 | 17.4 |
| Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index | 10.6 | (34.4) | (5.8) | 14.8 | 17.4 |
| IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector | 9.3 | (16.4) | (1.9) | 7.9 | 9.5 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 9.8 | (34.5) | (5.5) | 16.4 | 18.0 |
| Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index + 1% | 11.7 | (33.8) | (4.8) | 15.9 | 18.6 |

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class I accumulation (Gross), NAV to NAV, gross of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Index: Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index

Index usage: Target

Index description: The Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index is a measure of the combined performance of investment grade corporate bonds issued in pounds sterling with greater than 15 years to maturity. It is the basis for the fund's performance target.

Peer group: IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector

Peer group usage: Comparator

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|--|---------------|---|---------------|
| Motability Operations 5.75% 11/09/2048 | 1,000 | UK Treasury 3.25% 22/01/2044 | 2,182 |
| UK Treasury 3.50% 22/01/2045 | 906 | UK Treasury 0.625% 22/10/2050 | 1,411 |
| McDonald's 4.125% 28/11/2035 | 777 | UK Treasury 1.50% 22/07/2047 | 1,333 |
| SW Finance 7.375% 12/12/2041 | 714 | E.ON International Finance 5.875% 30/10/2037 | 1,118 |
| UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040 | 682 | European Investment Bank 5.00% 15/04/2039 | 990 |
| Engie 4.50% 06/09/2042 | 594 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/01/2045 | 937 |
| Saltire Finance 4.818% 01/12/2033 | 590 | Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.50% 11/02/2041 | 802 |
| National Grid 5.818% 31/07/2041 | 560 | Société Générale 6.25% 22/06/2033 | 599 |
| Manchester Airport Group Funding 6.125% 30/09/2041 | 538 | Engie 4.50% 06/09/2042 | 593 |
| Gatwick Funding 5.75% 23/01/2037 | 531 | Morgan Stanley 5.789% 18/11/2033 | 561 |
| Total purchases | 11,575 | Total sales | 14,004 |

Investment review

The fund returned 12.7% (Net), 12.9% (Gross) based on Class I accumulation over the period under review, compared with a return of 12.6% in the Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index, a return of 13.2% in the Target Index + 1% and a return of 10.0% in the IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector peer group benchmark.

Investor sentiment over the direction of interest rates dominated global fixed income prices, which fell during the first part of the reporting period before recovering strongly on hopes that peak rates had been reached. In the summer months, the BoE, along with other major central banks, indicated that interest rates would need to stay higher for longer, which created a difficult environment for government bonds in particular. The BoE continued with its interest rate hiking cycle in August, although inflation data for the remainder of the period undershot expectations.

The fund outperformed the benchmark as sector allocation and security selection both contributed to relative returns. The main detractor was the fund's underweight credit beta exposure relative to the benchmark as spreads tightened during the period.

At the sector level, an overweight exposure to oil and gas and underweight positioning in housing associations were among the best contributors to relative returns, while selection in these sectors was also beneficial. The fund's overweight position in utilities detracted, although this was more than offset by selection in the sector, which was a strong contributor to performance.

In terms of issuers, noteworthy contributors included the fund's exposure to utilities Électricité de France, Engie and SSE, as well as an underweight allocation to Southern Water. The fund's position in Wellcome Trust, a health research foundation, was also a strong contributor to performance. Detractors included an exposure to a long-dated Aviva bond and an overweight exposure to and issue selection within HSBC, as sentiment towards Asia-exposed banks weakened on concerns about the outlook for economic growth in China. The position in Pfizer also hampered performance, following the US drugmaker's weaker-than-expected 2024 revenue forecast.

During the period, we added to our credit beta exposure, bringing it close to neutral. However, the fund remained marginally underweight relative to the benchmark, partly due to a lack of issuance at the longer end of the yield curve by our favoured names. We diversified currency exposure by taking select off-benchmark positions in euro-denominated or US dollar-denominated primary issues. Examples included National Grid and Manchester Airport, which came to the market at what we believed were compelling levels. We exited BUPA Finance and started to draw down the positions in Morgan Stanley and British Telecommunications. Elsewhere, we continued to tactically reduce some of the fund's exposure to water stocks, such as Thames Water and Anglian Water, given the stresses across the sector. Mindful of the fund's underweight position in housing associations, we added debt from Places for People Homes and Realty Income, although we remained cautious about the quality of issuance in this area.

We remain broadly constructive on investment-grade credit, although we maintain our conservative stance, focusing on liquid credits underpinned by strong balance sheets. We think it is still unclear which path the economy is going to take in 2024 – the speed and magnitude of interest cuts will be the key in determining the outcome. We believe rates have a path lower, hence we are comfortable in maintaining our marginal overweight duration exposure, although at the trimmed levels completed through the fourth quarter of 2023. While we believe that investment-grade markets will appreciate a little further, we think that a discriminating approach to security selection is essential when looking for value in a market that has remained relatively strong against a backdrop of elevated uncertainty. As a result of this view, we will continue to seek to add value by exploring market dislocations through relative value trades and new issues in the primary market.

References made to individual securities do not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, investment strategy or market sector, and should not be assumed to be profitable. Janus Henderson Investors, its affiliated advisor, or its employees, may have a position in the securities mentioned.

Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class A income | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 133.85 | 162.92 | 222.75 | 227.52 |
| Return before operating charges* | 16.39 | (23.22) | (54.04) | 1.39 |
| Operating charges | (0.59) | (1.31) | (1.96) | (2.15) |
| Return after operating charges* | 15.80 | (24.53) | (56.00) | (0.76) |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.57) | (4.54) | (3.83) | (4.01) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 147.08 | 133.85 | 162.92 | 222.75 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 11.80% | (15.06%) | (25.14%) | (0.33%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 1,750 | 1,620 | 1,892 | 3,124 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,189,714 | 1,210,305 | 1,161,695 | 1,402,379 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.89% | 0.89% | 0.93% | 0.94% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 151.40 | 178.40 | 235.50 | 243.70 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 123.90 | 116.90 | 161.00 | 215.90 |
| | | | | |
| | Class E income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 133.81 | 162.89 | 222.73 | 227.51 |
| Return before operating charges* | 16.40 | (23.23) | (54.06) | 1.39 |
| Operating charges | (0.43) | (0.94) | (1.43) | (1.58) |
| Return after operating charges* | 15.97 | (24.17) | (55.49) | (0.19) |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.74) | (4.91) | (4.35) | (4.59) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 147.04 | 133.81 | 162.89 | 222.73 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 11.93% | (14.84%) | (24.91%) | (0.08%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 418 | 377 | 441 | 612 |
| Closing number of shares | 284,157 | 281,665 | 270,790 | 274,869 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.68% | 0.69% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 151.50 | 178.40 | 235.50 | 243.80 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 123.90 | 116.80 | 161.00 | 216.00 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 298.12 | 349.86 | 467.21 | 467.08 |
| Return before operating charges* | 37.01 | (50.15) | (114.96) | 2.73 |
| Operating charges | (0.75) | (1.59) | (2.39) | (2.60) |
| Return after operating charges* | 36.26 | (51.74) | (117.35) | 0.13 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (6.35) | (11.14) | (9.83) | (10.14) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 6.35 | 11.14 | 9.83 | 10.14 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 334.38 | 298.12 | 349.86 | 467.21 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 12.16% | (14.79%) | (25.12%) | 0.03% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 98,297 | 90,585 | 87,921 | 109,066 |
| Closing number of shares | 29,396,458 | 30,385,886 | 25,130,346 | 23,344,317 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.50% | 0.50% | 0.54% | 0.55% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 341.20 | 383.20 | 495.50 | 503.80 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 279.10 | 253.20 | 343.40 | 448.30 |
| | Class I income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 137.25 | 167.09 | 228.49 | 233.44 |
| Return before operating charges* | 16.83 | (23.83) | (55.46) | 1.36 |
| Operating charges | (0.34) | (0.76) | (1.17) | (1.30) |
| Return after operating charges* | 16.49 | (24.59) | (56.63) | 0.06 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.91) | (5.25) | (4.77) | (5.01) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 150.83 | 137.25 | 167.09 | 228.49 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 12.01% | (14.72%) | (24.78%) | 0.03% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 10,038 | 11,213 | 20,514 | 35,961 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,655,675 | 8,169,021 | 12,276,914 | 15,738,430 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.50% | 0.50% | 0.54% | 0.55% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 155.40 | 183.00 | 241.70 | 250.20 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 127.10 | 119.90 | 165.20 | 221.70 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z accumulation | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 224.29 | 297.89 | 296.28 |
| Return before operating charges* | (27.41) | (73.49) | 1.76 |
| Operating charges | (0.08) | (0.11) | (0.15) |
| Return after operating charges* | (27.49) | (73.60) | 1.61 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (5.90) | (7.65) | (7.99) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 5.90 | 7.65 | 7.99 |
| Final cancellation | (196.80) ¹ | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | - | 224.29 | 297.89 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | |
| Return after charges | (12.26%) ² | (24.71%) | 0.54% |
| Other information | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | - | 1 | 1 |
| Closing number of shares | - | 206 | 206 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.00% | 0.04% | 0.05% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 245.80 ² | 316.70 | 320.40 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 162.70 ² | 220.10 | 285.40 |

¹ Class Z accumulation closed on 18 May 2023.

² to 18 May 2023.

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

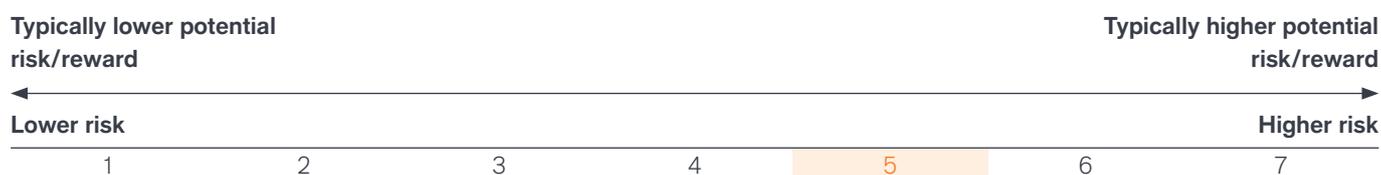
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class A income | 0.89 | 0.89 |
| Class E income | 0.64 | 0.64 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Class I income | 0.50 | 0.50 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 4 types of share class in issue: A income, E income, I accumulation and I income.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 5 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRI level. The SRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares, they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Derivatives and Leverage The fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Interest Rates and Longer Maturity Bonds When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise or are expected to rise. This is especially true for bonds with a longer time to maturity. A high portion of this fund is invested in longer maturity bonds and so rising interest rates can pose a significant risk to capital.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRI.

* Class E income launched on 8 July 2019 and as it does not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the A income share class.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Bonds 96.99% (30/06/2023: 96.78%) | | |
| | Australia 0.95% (30/06/2023: 0.92%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.95% (30/06/2023: 0.92%) | | |
| GBP 1,140,000 | BHP Billiton Finance 4.30% 25/09/2042 | 1,047 | 0.95 |
| | Denmark 1.17% (30/06/2023: 1.17%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.17% (30/06/2023: 1.17%) | | |
| GBP 1,244,000 | Orsted 5.75% 09/04/2040 | 1,297 | 1.17 |
| | France 8.95% (30/06/2023: 8.15%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 8.46% (30/06/2023: 8.15%) | | |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Électricité de France 5.50% 17/10/2041 | 980 | 0.89 |
| GBP 2,800,000 | Électricité de France 5.625% 25/01/2053 | 2,734 | 2.47 |
| GBP 1,400,000 | Électricité de France 6.00% 23/01/2114 | 1,363 | 1.23 |
| USD 401,000 | Électricité de France 6.90% 23/05/2053 | 357 | 0.32 |
| GBP 1,600,000 | Engie 5.00% 5.00% 01/10/2060 | 1,577 | 1.43 |
| GBP 500,000 | Engie 5.625% 03/04/2053 | 530 | 0.48 |
| GBP 500,000 | Kering 5.00% 23/11/2032 | 522 | 0.47 |
| GBP 400,000 | Orange 5.375% 22/11/2050 | 433 | 0.39 |
| GBP 370,000 | SNCF Reseau 4.83% 25/03/2060 | 372 | 0.34 |
| GBP 470,000 | SNCF Reseau 5.00% 11/03/2052 | 483 | 0.44 |
| | | 9,351 | 8.46 |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.49% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| EUR 600,000 | Société Générale 4.875% 21/11/2031 | 543 | 0.49 |
| | Germany 2.92% (30/06/2023: 3.88%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 2.92% (30/06/2023: 3.88%) | | |
| GBP 300,000 | Allianz Finance 4.50% 13/03/2043 | 299 | 0.27 |
| GBP 1,850,000 | E.ON International Finance 6.125% 06/07/2039 | 2,019 | 1.82 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Siemens Financieringsmaatschappij 3.75% 10/09/2042 | 912 | 0.83 |
| | | 3,230 | 2.92 |
| | Italy 1.95% (30/06/2023: 1.87%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.95% (30/06/2023: 1.87%) | | |
| GBP 2,064,000 | Enel Finance International 5.75% 14/09/2040 | 2,152 | 1.95 |
| | Japan 0.71% (30/06/2023: 0.69%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.71% (30/06/2023: 0.69%) | | |
| GBP 800,000 | East Japan Railway 4.50% 25/01/2036 | 784 | 0.71 |
| | Mexico 0.31% (30/06/2023: 0.31%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.31% (30/06/2023: 0.31%) | | |
| GBP 445,000 | Mexico (United Mexican States) 5.625% 19/03/2114 | 343 | 0.31 |
| | Netherlands 0.83% (30/06/2023: 0.95%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.83% (30/06/2023: 0.95%) | | |
| GBP 300,000 | Coöperatieve Rabobank 5.375% 03/08/2060 | 350 | 0.32 |
| GBP 200,000 | Shell International Finance 1.75% 10/09/2052 | 109 | 0.10 |
| EUR 450,000 | TenneT 4.75% 28/10/2042 | 449 | 0.41 |
| | | 908 | 0.83 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Norway 0.10% (30/06/2023: 0.10%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.10% (30/06/2023: 0.10%) | | |
| GBP 117,000 | Equinor 4.25% 10/04/2041 | 113 | 0.10 |
| | Supranational 4.31% (30/06/2023: 5.25%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 4.31% (30/06/2023: 5.25%) | | |
| GBP 800,000 | European Investment Bank 4.50% 07/03/2044 | 822 | 0.74 |
| GBP 730,000 | European Investment Bank 4.625% 12/10/2054 | 764 | 0.69 |
| GBP 2,901,000 | European Investment Bank 5.00% 15/04/2039 | 3,180 | 2.88 |
| | | 4,766 | 4.31 |
| | Sweden 0.57% (30/06/2023: 0.56%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.57% (30/06/2023: 0.56%) | | |
| GBP 529,000 | Vattenfall 6.875% 15/04/2039 | 628 | 0.57 |
| | Switzerland 0.43% (30/06/2023: 0.42%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.43% (30/06/2023: 0.42%) | | |
| GBP 500,000 | Zurich Finance 5.125% 23/11/2052 | 480 | 0.43 |
| | United Kingdom 62.86% (30/06/2023: 62.71%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 60.03% (30/06/2023: 59.47%) | | |
| GBP 650,000 | 3i 3.75% 05/06/2040 | 521 | 0.47 |
| GBP 700,000 | Accent Capital 2.625% 18/07/2049 | 475 | 0.43 |
| GBP 400,000 | Affinity Sutton Capital Markets 5.981% 17/09/2038 | 436 | 0.39 |
| GBP 1,500,000 | Affordable Housing Finance 2.893% 11/08/2043 | 1,206 | 1.09 |
| GBP 780,000 | Affordable Housing Finance 3.80% 20/05/2042 | 721 | 0.65 |
| GBP 1,100,000 | Anchor Hanover 2.00% 21/07/2051 | 633 | 0.57 |
| GBP 240,000 | Anglian Water Services 6.00% 20/06/2039 | 259 | 0.23 |
| GBP 1,600,000 | Annington Funding 2.924% 06/10/2051 | 983 | 0.89 |
| GBP 260,000 | Annington Funding 4.75% 09/08/2033 | 242 | 0.22 |
| GBP 600,000 | BAT International Finance 2.25% 09/09/2052 | 268 | 0.24 |
| GBP 600,000 | BG Energy Capital 5.00% 04/11/2036 | 618 | 0.56 |
| GBP 990,000 | Blend Funding 2.922% 05/04/2054 | 669 | 0.61 |
| GBP 930,000 | Blend Funding 'B' 3.459% 21/09/2047 | 736 | 0.67 |
| GBP 480,000 | BP Capital Markets 5.773% 25/05/2038 | 524 | 0.47 |
| GBP 1,100,000 | BPHA Finance 4.816% 11/04/2044 | 1,068 | 0.97 |
| GBP 700,000 | British Telecommunications 3.625% 21/11/2047 | 545 | 0.49 |
| GBP 710,000 | British Telecommunications 5.75% 13/02/2041 | 730 | 0.66 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Cadent Finance 2.625% 22/09/2038 | 723 | 0.65 |
| GBP 1,100,000 | Cadent Finance 2.75% 22/09/2046 | 727 | 0.66 |
| GBP 400,000 | Centrica 4.25% 12/09/2044 | 347 | 0.31 |
| GBP 800,000 | Church Commissioners for England 3.625% 14/07/2052 | 666 | 0.60 |
| GBP 700,000 | EMH Treasury 4.5% 29/01/2044 | 651 | 0.59 |
| GBP 965,000 | Futures Treasury 3.375% 08/02/2044 | 769 | 0.70 |
| GBP 550,000 | Gatwick Funding 5.75% 23/01/2037 | 566 | 0.51 |
| GBP 650,000 | GlaxoSmithKline Capital 6.375% 09/03/2039 | 776 | 0.70 |
| GBP 290,000 | GreenSquareAccord 5.25% 30/11/2047 | 286 | 0.26 |
| GBP 1,400,000 | Heathrow Funding 4.625% 31/10/2046 | 1,284 | 1.16 |
| GBP 522,000 | Heathrow Funding 5.875% 13/05/2041 | 563 | 0.51 |
| GBP 317,000 | Housing & Care 21 3.288% 08/11/2049 | 233 | 0.21 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | HSBC 6.00% 29/03/2040 | 1,002 | 0.91 |
| GBP 250,000 | HSBC 7.00% 07/04/2038 | 274 | 0.25 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|--|----------------------|---|
| | Fixed Rate Bond (continued) | | |
| GBP 800,000 | Hyde Housing Association 1.75% 18/08/2055 | 405 | 0.37 |
| GBP 900,000 | Incommunities Treasury 3.25% 21/03/2049 | 692 | 0.63 |
| GBP 850,000 | Jersey International 2.875% 06/05/2052 | 585 | 0.53 |
| GBP 734,000 | Land Securities Capital Markets 2.75% 22/09/2057 | 472 | 0.43 |
| GBP 362,000 | LCR Finance 4.50% 07/12/2038 | 373 | 0.34 |
| GBP 490,000 | LCR Finance 5.10% 07/03/2051 | 546 | 0.49 |
| GBP 1,050,000 | Lloyds Bank 6.50% 17/09/2040 | 1,252 | 1.13 |
| GBP 550,000 | London & Quadrant Housing 2.00% 20/10/2038 | 374 | 0.34 |
| GBP 600,000 | London & Quadrant Housing 3.75% Perpetual | 472 | 0.43 |
| GBP 200,000 | London Power Networks 5.875% 15/11/2040 | 221 | 0.20 |
| GBP 540,000 | Manchester Airport Group Funding 6.125% 30/09/2041 | 598 | 0.54 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Martlet Homes 3.00% 09/05/2052 | 717 | 0.65 |
| GBP 760,000 | Motability Operations 2.375% 03/07/2039 | 569 | 0.51 |
| GBP 1,270,000 | Motability Operations 4.875% 17/01/2043 | 1,277 | 1.16 |
| GBP 1,000,000 | Motability Operations 5.75% 11/09/2048 | 1,125 | 1.02 |
| GBP 1,600,000 | National Grid 2.00% 16/09/2038 | 1,090 | 0.99 |
| GBP 1,300,000 | National Grid 5.272% 18/01/2043 | 1,306 | 1.18 |
| GBP 560,000 | National Grid 5.818% 31/07/2041 | 598 | 0.54 |
| GBP 400,000 | Northern Powergrid (Northeast) 1.875% 16/06/2062 | 208 | 0.19 |
| GBP 270,000 | Northern Powergrid (Northeast) 3.25% 01/04/2052 | 203 | 0.18 |
| GBP 520,000 | Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) 2.25% 09/10/2059 | 297 | 0.27 |
| GBP 1,200,000 | Notting Hill Genesis 3.25% 12/10/2048 | 879 | 0.80 |
| GBP 710,000 | Onward Pensions Trustee 2.125% 25/03/2053 | 397 | 0.36 |
| GBP 950,000 | Optivo Finance 3.283% 22/03/2048 | 689 | 0.62 |
| GBP 300,000 | Orbit Capital 2.00% 24/11/2038 | 206 | 0.19 |
| GBP 740,000 | Orbit Capital 3.50% 24/03/2045 | 580 | 0.53 |
| GBP 700,000 | Paradigm 2.25% 20/05/2051 | 427 | 0.39 |
| GBP 400,000 | Peabody Capital No.2 3.25% 14/09/2048 | 295 | 0.27 |
| GBP 250,000 | Peabody Capital No.2 4.625% 12/12/2053 | 232 | 0.21 |
| GBP 960,000 | Places For People Treasury 2.50% 26/01/2036 | 722 | 0.65 |
| GBP 430,000 | Places For People Treasury 6.25% 06/12/2041 | 462 | 0.42 |
| GBP 600,000 | Platform HG Financing 1.625% 10/08/2055 | 297 | 0.27 |
| GBP 810,000 | Platform HG Financing 1.926% 15/09/2041 | 546 | 0.49 |
| GBP 360,000 | Saltaire Finance 4.809% 14/03/2055 | 380 | 0.34 |
| GBP 590,000 | Saltaire Finance 4.818% 01/12/2033 | 626 | 0.57 |
| GBP 710,000 | Sanctuary Capital 2.375% 14/04/2050 | 444 | 0.40 |
| GBP 900,000 | Sanctuary Capital 5.00% 26/04/2047 | 891 | 0.81 |
| GBP 950,000 | Scottish Widows 7.00% 16/06/2043 | 1,032 | 0.93 |
| GBP 250,000 | Severn Trent Utilities Finance 5.25% 04/04/2036 | 258 | 0.23 |
| GBP 545,000 | Southern Electric Power 4.625% 20/02/2037 | 530 | 0.48 |
| GBP 500,000 | Southern Gas Networks 6.375% 15/05/2040 | 543 | 0.49 |
| GBP 300,000 | Southern Housing 3.50% 19/10/2047 | 225 | 0.20 |
| GBP 600,000 | Sovereign Housing Capital 2.375% 04/11/2048 | 381 | 0.34 |
| GBP 420,000 | Sovereign Housing Capital 4.768% 01/06/2043 | 407 | 0.37 |
| GBP 650,000 | SSE 6.25% 27/08/2038 | 727 | 0.66 |
| GBP 418,000 | SW Finance 7.375% 12/12/2041 | 447 | 0.40 |
| GBP 1,030,000 | Thames Water Utilities Finance 4.625% 04/06/2046 | 814 | 0.74 |
| GBP 850,000 | THFC Funding No.2 6.35% 08/07/2039 | 975 | 0.88 |
| GBP 1,300,000 | THFC Funding No.3 5.20% 11/10/2043 | 1,317 | 1.19 |
| GBP 5,260,000 | UK Treasury 0.50% 22/10/2061 | 1,782 | 1.61 |
| GBP 4,170,000 | UK Treasury 0.625% 22/10/2050 | 1,841 | 1.67 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|--|----------------------|---|
| Fixed Rate Bond (continued) | | | |
| GBP 700,000 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040 | 719 | 0.65 |
| GBP 3,050,000 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046 | 3,100 | 2.81 |
| GBP 240,000 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/12/2042 | 253 | 0.23 |
| GBP 450,000 | United Utilities Water Finance 1.75% 10/02/2038 | 307 | 0.28 |
| GBP 390,000 | United Utilities Water Finance 5.125% 06/10/2038 | 398 | 0.36 |
| GBP 740,000 | University College London 1.625% 04/06/2061 | 387 | 0.35 |
| GBP 580,000 | University of Cambridge 2.35% 27/06/2078 | 369 | 0.33 |
| GBP 253,000 | University of Cambridge 3.75% 17/10/2052 | 228 | 0.21 |
| GBP 2,587,000 | University of Oxford 2.544% 08/12/2017 | 1,506 | 1.36 |
| GBP 202,000 | University of Southampton 2.25% 11/04/2057 | 121 | 0.11 |
| GBP 1,300,000 | Vodafone 3.00% 12/08/2056 | 831 | 0.75 |
| GBP 960,000 | Vodafone 3.375% Perpetual | 691 | 0.63 |
| GBP 1,080,000 | Vodafone 5.125% 02/12/2052 | 1,022 | 0.92 |
| GBP 800,000 | Wellcome Trust Finance 1.50% 14/07/2071 | 357 | 0.32 |
| GBP 1,500,000 | Wellcome Trust Finance 2.517% 07/02/2118 | 886 | 0.80 |
| GBP 800,000 | Wellcome Trust Finance 4.00% 09/05/2059 | 753 | 0.68 |
| GBP 400,000 | Western Power Distribution South West 5.75% 23/03/2040 | 425 | 0.39 |
| GBP 650,000 | WPP Finance 2013 2.875% 14/09/2046 | 425 | 0.39 |
| GBP 800,000 | Wrekin Housing 2.50% 22/10/2048 | 514 | 0.47 |
| GBP 1,173,000 | Yorkshire Water Finance 2.75% 18/04/2041 | 807 | 0.73 |
| | | <u>66,332</u> | <u>60.03</u> |
| Stepped Rate Bond 0.32% (30/06/2023: 0.32%) | | | |
| GBP 350,000 | Yorkshire Water Finance 5.50% 28/05/2037 | <u>351</u> | <u>0.32</u> |
| Variable Rate Bond 2.51% (30/06/2023: 2.92%) | | | |
| GBP 729,000 | Aviva 6.875% 20/05/2058 | 755 | 0.68 |
| GBP 710,000 | HSBC 5.844% Perpetual | 738 | 0.67 |
| GBP 385,000 | Legal & General 5.50% 27/06/2064 | 378 | 0.34 |
| GBP 948,000 | M&G 6.34% 19/12/2063 | 900 | 0.82 |
| | | <u>2,771</u> | <u>2.51</u> |
| United States 10.93% (30/06/2023: 9.80%) | | | |
| Fixed Rate Bond 10.93% (30/06/2023: 9.27%) | | | |
| GBP 800,000 | Apple 3.60% 31/07/2042 | 726 | 0.66 |
| GBP 800,000 | AT&T 4.25% 01/06/2043 | 690 | 0.62 |
| GBP 1,062,000 | AT&T 4.875% 01/06/2044 | 985 | 0.89 |
| GBP 1,750,000 | AT&T 7.00% 30/04/2040 | 2,039 | 1.84 |
| GBP 715,000 | Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.375% 19/06/2039 | 531 | 0.48 |
| GBP 1,800,000 | Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.625% 19/06/2059 | 1,144 | 1.04 |
| EUR 290,000 | Carrier Global 4.50% 29/11/2032 | 269 | 0.24 |
| GBP 580,000 | Citigroup 6.80% 25/06/2038 | 691 | 0.63 |
| GBP 184,000 | General Electric Capital 4.875% 18/09/2037 | 172 | 0.16 |
| GBP 460,000 | Goldman Sachs 6.875% 18/01/2038 | 506 | 0.46 |
| EUR 900,000 | McDonald's 4.125% 28/11/2035 | 822 | 0.74 |
| GBP 430,000 | Nestlé 5.125% 07/12/2038 | 456 | 0.41 |
| GBP 543,000 | Pfizer 2.735% 15/06/2043 | 409 | 0.37 |
| USD 1,000,000 | Pfizer Investment Enterprises 5.34% 19/05/2063 | 796 | 0.72 |
| GBP 490,000 | Realty Income 6.00% 05/12/2039 | 527 | 0.48 |
| GBP 718,000 | Time Warner Cable 5.25% 15/07/2042 | 634 | 0.57 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Fixed Rate Bond (continued) | | |
| GBP 648,000 | Walmart 4.875% 19/01/2039 | 684 | 0.62 |
| | | <u>12,081</u> | <u>10.93</u> |
| | Variable Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.53%) | | |
| | Derivatives 0.27% (30/06/2023: (0.12%)) | | |
| | Futures 0.36% (30/06/2023: (0.05%)) | | |
| (13) | EUX Euro Bund March 2024 | (41) | (0.04) |
| 68 | ICF Long Gilt March 2024 | 440 | 0.40 |
| | | <u>399</u> | <u>0.36</u> |
| | Swaps (0.10%) (30/06/2023: (0.08%))¹ | | |
| | Credit Default Index Swaps (0.10%) (30/06/2023: (0.08%))¹ | | |
| 1,600,000 | CDX 0.00% 20/12/2028 iTraxx- Crossover Pay EUR | (110) | (0.10) |
| | Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 0.01% (30/06/2023: 0.01%)¹ | | |
| | Buy GBP 15,229 : Sell EUR 17,500 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 25,616 : Sell EUR 29,468 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 12,880 : Sell EUR 14,900 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 24,684 : Sell EUR 28,613 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 2,113,132 : Sell EUR 2,451,035 January 2024 | (12) | (0.01) |
| | Buy GBP 14,200 : Sell EUR 16,500 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 2,545 : Sell USD 3,245 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 2,092 : Sell USD 2,661 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 106,064 : Sell USD 134,123 January 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,116,616 : Sell USD 1,400,024 January 2024 | 19 | 0.02 |
| | Buy USD 7,049 : Sell GBP 5,512 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 1,376 : Sell GBP 1,083 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | | <u>8</u> | <u>0.01</u> |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 107,474 | 97.26 |
| | Other net assets | 3,029 | 2.74 |
| | Total net assets | 110,503 | 100.00 |

¹ Not listed on an official stock exchange

² Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

Portfolio statement (continued)

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 107,177 | 96.99 |
| Total debt securities | 107,177 | 96.99 |
| Derivatives | 297 | 0.27 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 107,474 | 97.26 |
| Other net assets | 3,029 | 2.74 |
| Total net assets | 110,503 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 100,094 | 96.44 |
| Below investment grade (BB and below) | 354 | 0.34 |
| Total debt securities | 100,448 | 96.78 |
| Derivatives | (126) | (0.12) |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 100,322 | 96.66 |
| Other net assets | 3,473 | 3.34 |
| Total net assets | 103,795 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|----------|--------------|----------|-----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 9,765 | | (15,224) |
| Revenue | 2,417 | | 1,836 | |
| Expenses | (258) | | (254) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 2,159 | | 1,582 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 2,159 | | 1,582 |
| Total return before distributions | | 11,924 | | (13,642) |
| Distributions | | (2,159) | | (1,582) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 9,765 | | (15,224) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 103,795 | | 110,769 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 861 | | 714 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (5,829) | | (5,323) | |
| | | (4,968) | | (4,609) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 13 | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 9,765 | | (15,224) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,898 | | 1,283 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 110,503 | | 92,219 |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Assets: | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Investments | 107,637 | 100,456 |
| Debtors | 2,105 | 3,478 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,596 | 2,483 |
| Total assets | <u>111,338</u> | <u>106,417</u> |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 163 | 134 |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 479 | - |
| Distributions payable | 117 | 134 |
| Other creditors | 76 | 2,354 |
| Total liabilities | <u>835</u> | <u>2,622</u> |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | <u>110,503</u> | <u>103,795</u> |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.2760 | - | 1.2760 | 1.0395 |
| Group 2 | 0.5703 | 0.7057 | 1.2760 | 1.0395 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3601 | - | 1.3601 | 1.1415 |
| Group 2 | 0.1419 | 1.2182 | 1.3601 | 1.1415 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.1336 | - | 3.1336 | 2.5728 |
| Group 2 | 1.5961 | 1.5375 | 3.1336 | 2.5728 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.4429 | - | 1.4429 | 1.2286 |
| Group 2 | 0.6232 | 0.8197 | 1.4429 | 1.2286 |
| Class Z accumulation¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.9100 |
| Group 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.9100 |

¹ Class Z accumulation closed on 18 May 2023.

Interim dividend distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.2963 | - | 1.2963 | 1.0428 |
| Group 2 | 0.2843 | 1.0120 | 1.2963 | 1.0428 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3809 | - | 1.3809 | 1.1319 |
| Group 2 | 0.5579 | 0.8230 | 1.3809 | 1.1319 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.2175 | - | 3.2175 | 2.5600 |
| Group 2 | 1.1128 | 2.1047 | 3.2175 | 2.5600 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.4656 | - | 1.4656 | 1.2121 |
| Group 2 | 0.5221 | 0.9435 | 1.4656 | 1.2121 |
| Class Z accumulation¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.8470 |
| Group 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.8470 |

¹ Class Z accumulation closed on 18 May 2023.

Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Gilt Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Manager

Helen Anthony

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide an income with the potential for capital growth over the long term.

Performance target: To outperform the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index by 0.75% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in UK government bonds (also known as gilts), typically with maturities of 15 years or more. (Longer dated bonds are generally more sensitive to changes in interest rates and may at times exhibit significant volatility.)

The fund may also hold other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, CIS (including those managed by Janus Henderson), cash and money market instruments.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) with the aim of making investment gains in line with the fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index, which is broadly representative of the bonds in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index.

Strategy

The Investment Manager aims to provide a return in excess of the benchmark by investing primarily in long maturity UK government bonds, including inflation-linked gilts and floating rate assets. The managers can also invest in other global fixed income securities with a focus on G10 government bond markets and associated fixed income derivatives, with the aim of providing diversification in the portfolio, as well as looking to enhance returns and/or manage risk.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years | Since inception |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 30 Jun 23 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 23 | 04 Sep 00 - 31 Dec 23 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 8.5 | 1.3 | (45.2) | (29.5) | 79.7 |
| FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index | 7.9 | 1.6 | (43.5) | (27.9) | 128.5 |
| IA UK Gilts Sector | 7.5 | 3.6 | (25.8) | (13.3) | 84.3 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 8.7 | 1.7 | (44.5) | (27.8) | 103.1 |
| FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index + 0.75% | 8.3 | 2.4 | (42.2) | (25.2) | 172.0 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 21 - 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 19 - 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 19 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 1.3 | (40.7) | (8.8) | 14.9 | 12.0 |
| FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index | 1.6 | (40.1) | (7.3) | 13.9 | 12.0 |
| IA UK Gilts Sector | 3.6 | (24.3) | (5.3) | 9.0 | 7.2 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 1.7 | (40.5) | (8.4) | 15.6 | 12.7 |
| FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index + 0.75% | 2.4 | (39.6) | (6.6) | 14.7 | 12.9 |

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class I accumulation (Gross), NAV to NAV, gross of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Index: FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index

Index usage: Target

Index description: The FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index is a measure of the combined performance of bonds issued by the British government with more than 15 years to maturity. It is the basis for the fund's performance target.

Peer group: IA UK Gilts Sector

Peer group usage: Comparator

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| UK Treasury 1.50% 31/07/2053 | 311 | UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038 | 1,141 |
| UK Treasury 0.875% 31/01/2046 | 291 | UK Treasury 4.00% 22/01/2060 | 330 |
| UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053 | 280 | UK Treasury 0.875% 31/01/2046 | 276 |
| UK Treasury 4.00% 22/01/2060 | 280 | UK Treasury 3.75% 22/07/2052 | 268 |
| UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040 | 240 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040 | 243 |
| UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049 | 202 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046 | 240 |
| UK Treasury 4.75% 22/10/2043 | 196 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/09/2039 | 172 |
| UK Treasury 3.75% 22/07/2052 | 187 | UK Treasury 1.25% 22/10/2041 | 164 |
| UK Treasury 2.50% 22/07/2065 | 174 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/12/2042 | 158 |
| UK Treasury 1.125% 31/01/2039 | 152 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2055 | 144 |
| Total purchases | 2,989 | Largest sales | 4,331 |

Investment review

The fund returned 8.5% (Net), 8.7% (Gross) based on Class I accumulation over the period under review, compared with a return of 7.9% in the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts greater than 15 years to maturity Index, a return of 8.3% in the Target Index + 0.75% and a return of 7.5% in the IA UK Gilts Sector peer group benchmark.

Global government bond yields generally moved higher (prices fell, reflecting their inverse relationship) in the first half of the reporting period, driven by growing expectations that interest rates would stay higher for longer. US Treasuries were particularly weak, with the 10-year yield reaching a 16-year high of 4.57% at one point. In Europe, weak macroeconomic data and still-elevated inflation raised concerns about economic growth, and uncertainty about the ECB's interest rate hiking path. In the final two months of the period, government bonds rallied, as investors took heart from a significant cooling of inflation and the growing belief that terminal interest rates had been reached.

The Fed raised interest rates once, in July, and although its tone was somewhat hawkish for most of the period – largely because of the economy's resilience – it suggested in December that it could ease borrowing conditions in 2024. The ECB raised its deposit rate to an all-time high of 4.0% in September and left it on hold thereafter. The BoE increased its benchmark rate just once, by 25bps to 5.25% in August – a 15-year high. The BoE continued to warn that monetary policy could remain tight for an extended period, although investors speculated that this appeared less likely as pricing pressures eased. The UK annual consumer inflation rate hit a more than two-year low of 3.9% in November, down from 6.8% in July. The UK economy contracted by 0.1% over the third quarter, following no growth over the previous quarter, heightening anxiety about a possible recession.

UK gilts outperformed other developed markets, gaining back some ground in the fourth quarter as it became clear that inflation – which had been stubbornly rangebound over the summer – was slowing sharply and following the experience of other core markets. The UK 10-year yield fell by 85bps to 3.54%, while the 10-year Treasury yield rose by 4bps to 3.88%. The German 10-year yield fell by 37bps to 2.02%.

The fund has been positioned longer duration (higher interest rate sensitivity) than the index, on the expectation that government bond yields would fall. Over the period as a whole, this positioning was beneficial for performance, although the gains mainly came in the last two months of the period as government bond yields peaked in October and rallied.

The main contributors to relative performance were positions in five-year US bond futures, Germany, the UK and Australia. In September, we switched some duration out of the US into Germany given the sharp growth divergence between the regions.

The catalyst for this recent bond rally has been a growing realisation that terminal rates occurred months ago, driven by continued strong progress in core disinflation. This is now a game changer for central bank policy as the next move will likely be rate cuts. Thus, the debate for 2024 has become when and how many. We believe these cuts could be as early as March for the Fed and the ECB. We expect this environment to be supportive for sovereign bonds, which so far have lagged historical moves lower in yields as central banks have begun to shift to easing mode. In our view, it seems unfeasible that the lags from earlier monetary tightening do not weigh on economic growth. We still see a high probability of a US downturn in 2024 and UK/Germany are already flirting with recession, which we believe will continue to favour a long duration stance.

References made to individual securities do not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, investment strategy or market sector, and should not be assumed to be profitable. Janus Henderson Investors, its affiliated advisor, or its employees, may have a position in the securities mentioned.

Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class A accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 138.92 | 187.60 | 245.38 | 279.22 |
| Return before operating charges* | 11.36 | (47.61) | (55.82) | (31.61) |
| Operating charges | (0.47) | (1.07) | (1.96) | (2.23) |
| Return after operating charges* | 10.89 | (48.68) | (57.78) | (33.84) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (1.94) | (3.05) | (1.25) | (1.77) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.94 | 3.05 | 1.25 | 1.77 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 149.81 | 138.92 | 187.60 | 245.38 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.84% | (25.95%) | (23.55%) | (12.12%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 295 | 1,847 | 597 | 970 |
| Closing number of shares | 196,694 | 1,329,160 | 318,278 | 395,380 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.71% | 0.71% | 0.83% | 0.85% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 152.90 | 203.40 | 269.40 | 281.70 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 124.20 | 124.30 | 178.20 | 236.60 |
| | Class A income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 118.98 | 163.98 | 215.71 | 247.17 |
| Return before operating charges* | 9.61 | (41.38) | (48.91) | (27.93) |
| Operating charges | (0.40) | (0.97) | (1.72) | (1.96) |
| Return after operating charges* | 9.21 | (42.35) | (50.63) | (29.89) |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.66) | (2.65) | (1.10) | (1.57) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 126.53 | 118.98 | 163.98 | 215.71 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.74% | (25.83%) | (23.47%) | (12.09%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 3,515 | 3,513 | 5,271 | 8,311 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,778,365 | 2,951,979 | 3,214,302 | 3,852,770 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.71% | 0.71% | 0.83% | 0.85% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 130.00 | 177.80 | 236.50 | 249.40 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 105.60 | 108.20 | 156.00 | 208.40 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class E accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 140.38 | 189.08 | 246.65 | 279.95 |
| Return before operating charges* | 11.52 | (47.96) | (56.12) | (31.73) |
| Operating charges | (0.31) | (0.74) | (1.45) | (1.57) |
| Return after operating charges* | 11.21 | (48.70) | (57.57) | (33.30) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.16) | (3.46) | (1.85) | (2.44) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.16 | 3.46 | 1.85 | 2.44 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 151.59 | 140.38 | 189.08 | 246.65 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.99% | (25.76%) | (23.34%) | (11.89%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 6 | 4 | 13 | 73 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,105 | 3,014 | 6,608 | 29,509 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.46% | 0.46% | 0.59% | 0.60% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 154.70 | 205.10 | 271.10 | 282.50 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 125.60 | 125.40 | 179.60 | 237.70 |
| | Class E income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 118.95 | 163.96 | 215.72 | 247.20 |
| Return before operating charges* | 9.60 | (41.39) | (48.95) | (27.95) |
| Operating charges | (0.26) | (0.63) | (1.20) | (1.38) |
| Return after operating charges* | 9.34 | (42.02) | (50.15) | (29.33) |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.81) | (2.99) | (1.61) | (2.15) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 126.48 | 118.95 | 163.96 | 215.72 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.85% | (25.63%) | (23.25%) | (11.86%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 41 | 55 | 75 | 107 |
| Closing number of shares | 32,785 | 46,446 | 45,737 | 49,410 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.46% | 0.46% | 0.58% | 0.60% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 130.00 | 177.80 | 236.60 | 249.50 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 105.60 | 108.20 | 156.10 | 208.50 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 210.06 | 282.46 | 368.00 | 417.14 |
| Return before operating charges* | 17.25 | (71.64) | (83.97) | (47.34) |
| Operating charges | (0.33) | (0.76) | (1.57) | (1.80) |
| Return after operating charges* | 16.92 | (72.40) | (85.54) | (49.14) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (3.34) | (5.53) | (3.26) | (4.18) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 3.34 | 5.53 | 3.26 | 4.18 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 226.98 | 210.06 | 282.46 | 368.00 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 8.05% | (25.63%) | (23.24%) | (11.78%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 6,176 | 5,553 | 11,522 | 21,721 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,720,973 | 2,643,667 | 4,079,120 | 5,902,242 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.32% | 0.32% | 0.44% | 0.46% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 231.60 | 306.40 | 404.70 | 421.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 188.00 | 187.40 | 268.30 | 354.40 |
| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 155.73 | 208.88 | 271.12 | 306.08 |
| Return before operating charges* | 12.80 | (53.03) | (62.08) | (34.79) |
| Operating charges | (0.05) | (0.12) | (0.16) | (0.17) |
| Return after operating charges* | 12.75 | (53.15) | (62.24) | (34.96) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.67) | (4.53) | (3.40) | (4.23) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.67 | 4.53 | 3.40 | 4.23 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 168.48 | 155.73 | 208.88 | 271.12 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 8.19% | (25.45%) | (22.96%) | (11.42%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 11,306 | 10,450 | 19,547 | 24,875 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,710,604 | 6,710,604 | 9,358,157 | 9,174,902 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.07% | 0.07% | 0.06% | 0.06% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 171.90 | 226.60 | 298.70 | 309.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 139.50 | 138.70 | 198.40 | 260.80 |

Comparative tables (continued)

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

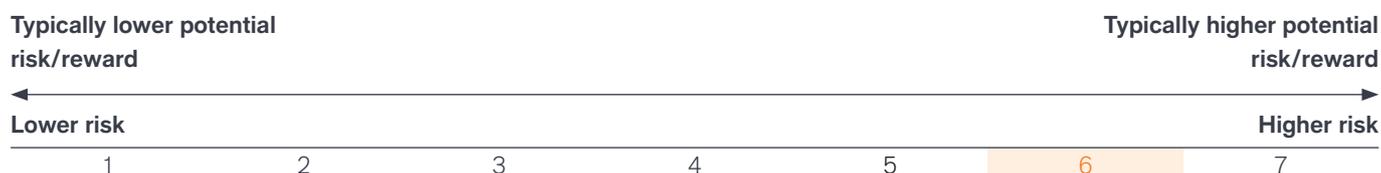
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class A accumulation | 0.71 | 0.71 |
| Class A income | 0.71 | 0.71 |
| Class E accumulation | 0.46 | 0.46 |
| Class E income | 0.46 | 0.46 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.32 | 0.32 |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.07 | 0.07 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 6 types of share class in issue: A accumulation, A income, E accumulation, E income, I accumulation and Z accumulation.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 6 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares, they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Derivatives and Leverage The fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Interest Rates and Longer Maturity Bonds When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise or are expected to rise. This is especially true for bonds with a longer time to maturity. A high portion of this fund is invested in longer maturity bonds and so rising interest rates can pose a significant risk to capital.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class E accumulation and Class E income launched on 8 July 2019. As these share classes do not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the A accumulation and A income share classes, respectively.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|--|----------------------|---|
| Bonds 97.96% (30/06/2023: 98.63%) | | | |
| United Kingdom 97.96% (30/06/2023: 98.63%) | | | |
| Fixed Rate Bond 97.96% (30/06/2023: 98.63%) | | | |
| GBP 1,054,136 | UK Treasury 0.50% 22/10/2061 | 357 | 1.67 |
| GBP 1,179,412 | UK Treasury 0.625% 22/10/2050 | 521 | 2.44 |
| GBP 1,047,243 | UK Treasury 0.875% 31/01/2046 | 560 | 2.63 |
| GBP 931,385 | UK Treasury 1.125% 31/01/2039 | 633 | 2.97 |
| GBP 574,487 | UK Treasury 1.125% 22/10/2073 | 241 | 1.13 |
| GBP 1,337,304 | UK Treasury 1.25% 22/10/2041 | 869 | 4.07 |
| GBP 1,118,294 | UK Treasury 1.25% 31/07/2051 | 596 | 2.79 |
| GBP 1,053,572 | UK Treasury 1.50% 22/07/2047 | 639 | 2.99 |
| GBP 921,404 | UK Treasury 1.50% 31/07/2053 | 514 | 2.41 |
| GBP 982,899 | UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2054 | 563 | 2.64 |
| GBP 932,495 | UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2071 | 483 | 2.26 |
| GBP 1,171,068 | UK Treasury 1.75% 22/01/2049 | 741 | 3.47 |
| GBP 1,172,635 | UK Treasury 1.75% 22/07/2057 | 684 | 3.20 |
| GBP 963,175 | UK Treasury 2.50% 22/07/2065 | 674 | 3.16 |
| GBP 1,130,741 | UK Treasury 3.25% 22/01/2044 | 997 | 4.67 |
| GBP 1,233,331 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/01/2045 | 1,124 | 5.27 |
| GBP 815,564 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/07/2068 | 733 | 3.44 |
| GBP 928,125 | UK Treasury 3.75% 22/07/2052 | 872 | 4.09 |
| GBP 959,817 | UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053 | 896 | 4.20 |
| GBP 1,164,688 | UK Treasury 4.00% 22/01/2060 | 1,153 | 5.41 |
| GBP 366,870 | UK Treasury 4.00% 22/10/2063 | 364 | 1.71 |
| GBP 886,618 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/09/2039 | 914 | 4.28 |
| GBP 1,245,151 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040 | 1,280 | 6.00 |
| GBP 987,193 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046 | 1,003 | 4.70 |
| GBP 1,019,096 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049 | 1,036 | 4.85 |
| GBP 1,087,270 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2055 | 1,115 | 5.23 |
| GBP 1,075,553 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/12/2042 | 1,134 | 5.31 |
| GBP 192,053 | UK Treasury 4.75% 22/10/2043 | 208 | 0.97 |
| | | <u>20,904</u> | <u>97.96</u> |
| Collective Investment Schemes 0.42% (30/06/2023: 0.23%) | | | |
| 89,413 | Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Platinum Sterling Fund | <u>89</u> | <u>0.42</u> |
| Derivatives 0.50% (30/06/2023: (0.13%)) | | | |
| Futures 0.41% (30/06/2023: (0.14%)) | | | |
| 10 | CBT US 5 Year Note March 2024 | 21 | 0.10 |
| 2 | EUX Euro Bobl March 2024 | 3 | 0.01 |
| 1 | EUX Euro BUXL 30 Year Bond March 2024 | 9 | 0.04 |
| 7 | ICF Long Gilt March 2024 | 47 | 0.22 |
| 4 | SFE Australia 10 Year Bond March 2024 | <u>7</u> | <u>0.04</u> |
| | | <u>87</u> | <u>0.41</u> |
| Swaps 0.09% (30/06/2023: 0.01%)¹ | | | |
| Interest Rate Swaps 0.09% (30/06/2023: 0.01%)¹ | | | |
| 3,550,000 | IRS 3.2045% STIBOR 3 month - Pay Fixed - SEK | <u>19</u> | <u>0.09</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%)¹ | | |
| | Buy GBP 33,875 : Sell AUD 64,700 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy GBP 26,985 : Sell EUR 31,300 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,075 : Sell SEK 14,053 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 6,088 : Sell SEK 78,805 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,181 : Sell SEK 15,044 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 679 : Sell SEK 8,612 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 33,260 : Sell USD 41,701 January 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy SEK 14,796 : Sell GBP 1,133 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 13,451 : Sell GBP 1,030 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 20,174 : Sell GBP 1,550 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 16,822 : Sell GBP 1,294 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 27,614 : Sell GBP 2,143 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 23,657 : Sell GBP 1,857 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 21,099 | 98.88 |
| | Other net assets | 240 | 1.12 |
| | Total net assets | 21,339 | 100.00 |

¹ Not listed on an official stock exchange

² Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The collective investment schemes held are approved regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

Portfolio statement (continued)

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 20,904 | 97.96 |
| Total debt securities | 20,904 | 97.96 |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 89 | 0.42 |
| Derivatives | 106 | 0.50 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 21,099 | 98.88 |
| Other net assets | 240 | 1.12 |
| Total net assets | 21,339 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 21,128 | 98.63 |
| Total debt securities | 21,128 | 98.63 |
| Collective investment schemes | 51 | 0.23 |
| Derivatives | (29) | (0.13) |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 21,150 | 98.73 |
| Other net assets | 272 | 1.27 |
| Total net assets | 21,422 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 1,204 | | (7,212) |
| Revenue | 344 | | 328 | |
| Expenses | (23) | | (34) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | - | | (1) | |
| | <u>321</u> | | <u>293</u> | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| | <u>321</u> | | <u>293</u> | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 321 | | 293 |
| Total return before distributions | | 1,525 | | (6,919) |
| Distributions | | (321) | | (293) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>1,204</u> | | <u>(7,212)</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 21,422 | | 37,025 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 2,725 | | 5,141 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | <u>(4,285)</u> | | <u>(12,117)</u> | |
| | | (1,560) | | (6,976) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 1 | | 9 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 1,204 | | (7,212) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 272 | | 235 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>21,339</u> | | <u>23,081</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 £000 | 31/12/23 £000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 21,100 | 21,182 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 375 | 406 |
| Cash and bank balances | 177 | 134 |
| Total assets | 21,652 | 21,722 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 1 | 32 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 107 | 9 |
| Distributions payable | 24 | 22 |
| Other creditors | 181 | 237 |
| Total liabilities | 313 | 300 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 21,339 | 21,422 |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9463 | - | 0.9463 | 0.5902 |
| Group 2 | 0.3794 | 0.5669 | 0.9463 | 0.5902 |
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8118 | - | 0.8118 | 0.5159 |
| Group 2 | 0.3949 | 0.4169 | 0.8118 | 0.5159 |
| Class E accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0520 | - | 1.0520 | 0.7123 |
| Group 2 | 0.4280 | 0.6240 | 1.0520 | 0.7123 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8856 | - | 0.8856 | 0.6144 |
| Group 2 | 0.2914 | 0.5942 | 0.8856 | 0.6144 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.6341 | - | 1.6341 | 1.1530 |
| Group 2 | 1.1519 | 0.4822 | 1.6341 | 1.1530 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3067 | - | 1.3067 | 0.9784 |
| Group 2 | 1.3067 | - | 1.3067 | 0.9784 |

Distribution tables (continued)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9966 | - | 0.9966 | 0.7696 |
| Group 2 | 0.2062 | 0.7904 | 0.9966 | 0.7696 |
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8470 | - | 0.8470 | 0.6769 |
| Group 2 | 0.2848 | 0.5622 | 0.8470 | 0.6769 |
| Class E accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1053 | - | 1.1053 | 0.8866 |
| Group 2 | 0.5377 | 0.5676 | 1.1053 | 0.8866 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9194 | - | 0.9194 | 0.7602 |
| Group 2 | 0.3306 | 0.5888 | 0.9194 | 0.7602 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.7093 | - | 1.7093 | 1.3983 |
| Group 2 | 0.6478 | 1.0615 | 1.7093 | 1.3983 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3642 | - | 1.3642 | 1.1430 |
| Group 2 | 1.3642 | - | 1.3642 | 1.1430 |

Janus Henderson Institutional Short Duration Bond Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Managers

Denis Struc, Ian Bettney and Colin Fleury

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide a return primarily from income with the potential for some capital growth over the long term.

Performance target: To outperform SONIA by 0.25% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 3 year period.

The fund invests in a global portfolio of short duration bonds, money market instruments and other fixed income and variable rate securities, issued by governments, companies or any other type of issuer, this may include but is not limited to ABS and residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS).

The fund may also hold CIS (including those managed by Janus Henderson) and cash.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk (specifically credit, currency and interest rate risks) or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to SONIA, as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has complete discretion to choose investments for the fund and is not constrained by a benchmark.

Strategy

The Investment Manager aims to generate returns through the interest income from a diversified portfolio of primarily senior and short maturity investments with a focus on floating rate or low interest rate sensitivity. Investments are spread across highly rated corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, residential mortgage-backed securities and money market instruments. With no benchmark to follow the managers have the flexibility to vary the portfolio mix based on relative value and the desired risk and return.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years | Since inception |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 30 Jun 23 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 23 | 24 Nov 15 - 31 Dec 23 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class Z accumulation (Net) | 3.0 | 5.3 | 7.0 | 9.3 | 12.1 |
| SONIA* | 2.7 | 4.8 | 6.3** | 7.6** | 9.4** |
| Class Z accumulation (Gross) | 3.0 | 5.3 | 7.1 | 9.5 | 12.4 |
| SONIA + 0.25%* | 2.8 | 5.0 | 7.1** | 9.0** | 11.6** |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 21 - 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 19 - 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 19 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class Z accumulation (Net) | 5.3 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| SONIA* | 4.8 | 1.4 | 0.1** | 0.4* | 0.8* |
| Class Z accumulation (Gross) | 5.3 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| SONIA + 0.25%* | 5.0 | 1.7 | 0.3** | 0.6* | 1.1* |

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

* From 19 April 2021, the fund benchmark changed from the 3 month GBP LIBOR Interest Rate to SONIA. Past performance before 19 April 2021 is shown for the previous fund benchmark.

** Performance is a blend of the old and new benchmark.

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Source: BNP Paribas

Class Z accumulation (Net), net of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class Z accumulation (Gross), gross of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class Z accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Index: SONIA

Index usage: Target

Index description: SONIA reflects the average of the interest rates that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other financial institutions. The BoE is the administrator for SONIA and they are responsible for its governance and publication every London business day. It is the basis of the fund's performance target.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales/maturities | £000 |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|
| SC Germany SA Compartment Consumer 2023-1 FRN 15/09/2037 | 11,015 | UBS 4.15% 08/09/2023 | 10,000 |
| Bowbell NO 3 FRN 16/07/2065 | 10,944 | National Australia Bank 3.55% 21/08/2023 | 10,000 |
| Private Driver Australia 2023-1 FRN 21/02/2032 | 10,519 | Compartment VCL 39 FRN 21/04/2029 | 9,763 |
| Silver Arrow FRN 15/09/2030 | 10,463 | PBD Germany Auto Lease Master - Compartment 2021-1 FRN 26/11/2030 | 8,900 |
| Red & Black Auto Germany 10 UG FRN 15/09/2032 | 9,413 | Delamare Cards MTN Issuer FRN 19/04/2031 | 8,855 |
| Elvet Mortgages 2023-1 FRN 22/08/2065 | 8,900 | Auto ABS French Leases FRN 29/06/2033 FR1 A | 6,027 |
| Driver UK Multi-Compartment FRN 25/04/2031 | 8,800 | Crédit Industriel et Commercial 4.12% 06/09/2023 | 6,000 |
| Silver Arrow Athlon FRN 26/04/2031 1 A | 7,858 | Red and Black Auto Lease FRN 27/10/2033 | 5,449 |
| Bavarian Sky SA - Compartment German Auto Leases 8 FRN 20/11/2031 | 7,118 | Australia & New Zealand Bank 0.00% 21/11/2023 | 5,000 |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN 04/12/2026 | 6,705 | Barclays 4.48% 27/07/2023 | 5,000 |
| Total purchases | 343,444 | Total sales/maturities | 276,124 |

Investment review

The fund returned 3.0% (Net), 3.0% (Gross) based on Class Z accumulation over the period under review, compared with a return of 2.7% in the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) and a return of 2.8% in the Target Index +0.25%.

Market conditions shifted significantly during reporting period. The period from July until October was characterised by better-than-anticipated economic growth and higher-than-expected inflation. Major central banks continued to raise interest rates – the Fed hiked by 25bps in July, the ECB raised rates by 25bps in both July and September, and the BoE increased rates by 25bps in August. In September, hopes that monetary policy might be close to 'pivoting' appeared to have been dashed, with the phrase 'higher for longer' widely used to characterise both the outlook for inflation and interest rates. By the end of September, 10-year government bond yields had risen by 45bps to 2.84% in Germany, by 73bps to 4.57% in the US and by 5bps to 4.44% in the UK.

However, from October, inflation started to undershoot forecasts and the bond market rallied. This was reinforced by dovish comments from Fed Chairman Jerome Powell in December and by Fed projections that rates would be cut by 75bps in 2024. By the end of December, 10-year government bond yields had fallen sharply: to 2.02% in Germany, to 3.88% in the US and to 3.54% in the UK. Concurrently, firm GDP data, particularly in the US, led many investors to conclude that there would be an economic 'soft landing', which helped to stimulate a 'risk on' investment environment. As a result, most asset classes performed strongly in the final two months of the period.

Credit spreads declined, with these moves concentrated in the final two months of the period. By region, sterling investment-grade spreads narrowed the most, while euro and US investment-grade lagged. At the sector level, spreads on financial debt tightened more than for non-financials. Within financials, real estate tightened the most, while other sectors such as insurance benefited to a lesser extent. In non-financials, the level of dispersion was lower, although, in general, cyclical sectors such as oil and basic materials saw greater tightening than defensive sectors such as healthcare and consumer goods.

The fund benefited from positive returns across all asset classes held. Investment-grade corporate bonds delivered the strongest performance, with ABS and money market instruments generating strong contributions. Performance was derived primarily from income, reflecting the ongoing impact of higher interest rates. Price returns, while positive, were more muted.

ABS holdings delivered a positive return, in line with the broader ABS market. Returns were largely driven by income, although price returns were also positive. Corporate bond performance lagged the broader credit market. This relative underperformance was due to the fund's shorter duration, more defensive positioning and a lack of exposure to BBB rated credit at a time when risk assets rallied on positive market sentiment and abating inflation concerns. The fund's money market exposure also made a contribution to performance and was ahead of the cash benchmark (SONIA). Money market returns were primarily driven by the income received on the fund's holdings, with declines in UK short-term government bond yields further contributing to returns.

In terms of activity, within ABS, we initially added exposure through secondary markets. However, as primary issuance picked up, we rotated from shorter ABS holdings into new issue ABS with a longer average life. We made purchases in both the automotive and mortgage-backed market segments. In money markets, we rolled maturing exposures in several instruments and added new instruments. In corporate credit, activity was limited, although we invested in new issues in Nestlé and Société Générale. At the end of December, the fund's average spread was 51bps, a rise of 20bps during the period. Spread duration was broadly unchanged at around 1.1 years. In terms of asset allocation during the period, ABS exposure fell from 36.2% to 35.7% while the portion in money market instruments was broadly unchanged at 39.1%. Corporate bonds' share declined marginally, from 19.6% to 19.4%. Cash amounted to 5.9% at the end of December.

By the end of 2023, a new market consensus had emerged. In this view, 2024 will see both sharply lower interest rates and a soft economic landing. We would caution that, a year ago, the market consensus was for a hard economic landing. We never expected a deep recession, although we had an overall cautious approach, which we retain. Past interest rate increases are still feeding through the economy. However, we recognise that many corporates and households are in a better starting position than in previous economic downturns.

Overall, we believe that the outlook for the fund's main asset classes is constructive. The exposure to floating rates is likely to deliver high income for some time to come. Technical factors remain positive, helped by elevated investor cash balances. New issuance from the securitised market has also continued to build. Our focus remains on adhering to our investment process, with its strong emphasis on relative value, while seeking to take advantage of the evolving opportunity set. At the same time, we maintain a prudent approach to risk.

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Comparative table for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 108.80 | 105.00 | 104.86 | 104.25 |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.23 | 3.84 | 0.18 | 0.65 |
| Operating charges | (0.02) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.21 | 3.80 | 0.14 | 0.61 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.77) | (3.25) | (0.50) | (0.40) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.77 | 3.25 | 0.50 | 0.40 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 112.01 | 108.80 | 105.00 | 104.86 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 2.95% | 3.62% | 0.13% | 0.59% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 580,806 | 495,463 | 800,602 | 966,316 |
| Closing number of shares | 518,545,595 | 455,389,849 | 762,464,668 | 921,563,079 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.04% | 0.04% | 0.04% | 0.04% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 112.02 | 108.80 | 105.04 | 104.89 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 108.85 | 105.04 | 104.89 | 104.30 |

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

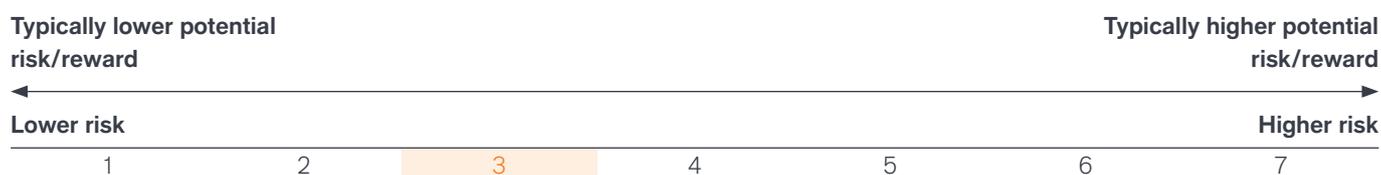
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.04 | 0.04 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has one type of share class in issue: Z accumulation.

The risk and reward profile is as follows:



The share class appears at 3 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share class. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Asset-Backed Securities The fund invests in ABS and other forms of securitised investments, which may be subject to greater credit/default, liquidity, interest rate and prepayment and extension risks, compared to other investments such as government or corporate issued bonds and this may negatively impact the realised return on investment in the securities.

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Currency Hedging When the fund, or a share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency, the hedging strategy itself may positively or negatively impact the value of the fund due to differences in short-term interest rates between the currencies.

Derivatives The fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the portfolio more efficiently. However this introduces other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Interest Rates When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise. This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

Prepayment and Extension Some bonds (callable bonds) allow their issuers the right to repay capital early or to extend the maturity. Issuers may exercise these rights when favourable to them and as a result the value of the fund may be impacted.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|----------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Bonds 54.73% (30/06/2023: 55.46%) | | |
| | Australia 9.03% (30/06/2023: 6.82%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 5.42% (30/06/2023: 5.08%) | | |
| AUD 7,272,196 | Metro Finance 30/06/2022-1 Trust FRN 18/02/2029 | 3,906 | 0.67 |
| AUD 5,869,678 | Metro Finance 30/06/2022-2 Trust FRN 17/09/2029 | 3,143 | 0.54 |
| AUD 11,697,095 | Panorama Auto Trust 30/06/2022-1 FRN 15/05/2031 | 6,283 | 1.08 |
| AUD 6,336,487 | Pepper SPARKZ Trust No.4 A1A FRN 15/09/2030 | 3,380 | 0.58 |
| AUD 6,082,962 | Pepper SPARKZ Trust No.6 A1A FRN 16/03/2032 | 3,270 | 0.57 |
| AUD 2,692,651 | Plenti PL-Green ABS Trust 30/06/2022-1 FRN 11/01/2034 | 1,447 | 0.25 |
| AUD 18,755,868 | Private Driver Australia 30/06/2022-1 FRN 21/02/2032 | 10,034 | 1.73 |
| | | <u>31,463</u> | <u>5.42</u> |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 1.53% (30/06/2023: 1.74%) | | |
| EUR 3,330,000 | Toyota Finance Australia 0.064% 13/01/2025 | 2,783 | 0.48 |
| EUR 7,000,000 | Westpac 3.703% 16/01/2026 | 6,119 | 1.05 |
| | | <u>8,902</u> | <u>1.53</u> |
| | Floating Rate Note 2.08% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| GBP 6,700,000 | Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN 04/12/2026 | 6,702 | 1.16 |
| AUD 10,030,000 | Panorama Auto Trust 30/06/2022-3 FRN 15/01/2032 | 5,366 | 0.92 |
| | | <u>12,068</u> | <u>2.08</u> |
| | Austria 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.88%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.88%) | | |
| | Belgium 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.45%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.45%) | | |
| | Canada 5.46% (30/06/2023: 5.26%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.97% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| GBP 5,600,000 | Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce FRN 23/06/2026 | 5,651 | 0.97 |
| | Floating Rate Note 4.49% (30/06/2023: 5.26%) | | |
| GBP 7,200,000 | Bank of Montreal FRN 14/12/2025 | 7,214 | 1.24 |
| GBP 9,200,000 | Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 26/01/2026 | 9,278 | 1.60 |
| GBP 2,200,000 | Royal Bank of Canada FRN 03/10/2024 | 2,202 | 0.38 |
| EUR 6,000,000 | Royal Bank of Canada FRN 17/01/2025 | 5,208 | 0.89 |
| GBP 2,200,000 | Royal Bank of Canada FRN 30/01/2025 | 2,196 | 0.38 |
| | | <u>26,098</u> | <u>4.49</u> |
| | Denmark 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.48%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.48%) | | |
| | France 6.08% (30/06/2023: 8.87%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 2.81% (30/06/2023: 5.05%) | | |
| EUR 3,278,539 | Bumper FR1 30/06/2022-1 FRN 27/04/2032 | 2,844 | 0.49 |
| EUR 2,558,313 | FCT Noria 2021-1 A FRN 25/10/2049 | 2,219 | 0.38 |
| EUR 3,200,000 | Ginkgo Auto Loans FRN 25/07/2043 | 2,775 | 0.48 |
| EUR 9,800,000 | Purple Master Credit Cards FRN 25/07/2036 | 8,481 | 1.46 |
| | | <u>16,319</u> | <u>2.81</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|----------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Fixed Rate Bond 2.30% (30/06/2023: 1.60%) | | |
| GBP 8,300,000 | Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel 5.00% 19/01/2026 | 8,323 | 1.43 |
| EUR 5,700,000 | Société Générale 4.25% 28/09/2026 | 5,060 | 0.87 |
| | | <u>13,383</u> | <u>2.30</u> |
| | Floating Rate Note 0.97% (30/06/2023: 2.22%) | | |
| EUR 6,500,000 | L'Oréal FRN 29/03/2024 | 5,638 | 0.97 |
| | Germany 8.40% (30/06/2023: 6.10%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 4.81% (30/06/2023: 4.80%) | | |
| EUR 8,200,000 | Bavarian Sky SA - Compartment German Auto Leases 8 FRN 20/11/2031 | 7,107 | 1.22 |
| EUR 5,600,000 | Bumper DE1 30/06/2022-1 FRN 23/08/2032 | 4,858 | 0.84 |
| EUR 10,238,436 | Red & Black Auto Germany 10 UG FRN 15/09/2032 | 8,872 | 1.53 |
| EUR 3,782,914 | SC Germany Compartment Consumer 2020-1A FRN 14/11/2034 | 3,281 | 0.57 |
| EUR 4,371,438 | SC Germany Compartment Consumer 2021-1A FRN 14/11/2035 | 3,792 | 0.65 |
| | | <u>27,910</u> | <u>4.81</u> |
| | Floating Rate Note 3.59% (30/06/2023: 1.30%) | | |
| EUR 12,700,000 | SC Germany SA Compartment Consumer 30/06/2022-1 FRN 15/09/2037 | 11,031 | 1.90 |
| EUR 11,339,288 | Silver Arrow FRN 15/09/2030 | 9,837 | 1.69 |
| | | <u>20,868</u> | <u>3.59</u> |
| | Ireland 1.14% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| | Floating Rate Note 1.14% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| EUR 7,595,000 | Finance Ireland Auto Receivables NO 1 DAC FRN 12/09/2033 | 6,597 | 1.14 |
| | Japan 0.78% (30/06/2023: 1.66%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.78% (30/06/2023: 1.66%) | | |
| USD 5,800,000 | NTT Finance 0.583% 01/03/2024 | 4,513 | 0.78 |
| | Netherlands 2.49% (30/06/2023: 1.01%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 1.59% (30/06/2023: 1.01%) | | |
| EUR 4,805,352 | Magoi FRN 27/07/2039 A | 4,164 | 0.72 |
| EUR 5,834,409 | Silver Arrow Athlon FRN 26/04/2031 1 A | 5,060 | 0.87 |
| | | <u>9,224</u> | <u>1.59</u> |
| | Floating Rate Note 0.90% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| EUR 6,000,000 | Bumper NL 30/06/2022-1 FRN 22/03/2035 | 5,202 | 0.90 |
| | Spain 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.44%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.44%) | | |
| | United Kingdom 20.01% (30/06/2023: 22.53%) | | |
| | Asset Backed 9.70% (30/06/2023: 15.96%) | | |
| GBP 2,077,270 | Bavarian Sky UK 4A FRN 20/08/2029 | 2,076 | 0.36 |
| GBP 6,850,000 | Bavarian Sky UK 5 FRN 20/04/2031 | 6,858 | 1.18 |
| GBP 10,930,000 | Bowbell NO 3 FRN 16/07/2065 | 10,944 | 1.88 |
| GBP 3,642,474 | Brass No.10 FRN 16/04/2069 10XA2 | 3,636 | 0.63 |
| GBP 4,548,847 | Brass No.8 FRN 16/11/2066 8XA2 | 4,555 | 0.78 |
| GBP 2,923,875 | Economic Master Issuer 1 A FRN 25/06/2074 | 2,930 | 0.50 |
| GBP 2,712,024 | Elvet Mortgages 2021-1 FRN 22/10/2063 | 2,702 | 0.46 |
| GBP 6,232,445 | Friary FRN 21/11/2067 6 A | 6,245 | 1.08 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|--|----------------------|---|
| | Asset Backed (continued) | | |
| GBP 3,506,407 | Friary No. 7 FRN 21/10/2070 | 3,520 | 0.61 |
| GBP 3,800,000 | Lanark Master Issuer FRN 22/12/2069 | 3,824 | 0.66 |
| GBP 4,150,000 | PCL Funding VI 1 A FRN 15/07/2026 | 4,161 | 0.72 |
| GBP 4,280,000 | PCL Funding VIII FRN A 15/05/2028 | 4,288 | 0.74 |
| GBP 585,835 | Silver Arrow Compartment Silver Arrow UK 2021-2UK A FRN 20/10/2027 | 586 | 0.10 |
| | | <u>56,325</u> | <u>9.70</u> |
| | Floating Rate Note 10.31% (30/06/2023: 6.57%) | | |
| GBP 3,200,000 | Albion No 5 FRN 17/07/2066 | 3,201 | 0.55 |
| GBP 7,300,000 | Clydesdale Bank FRN 22/03/2024 | 7,307 | 1.26 |
| GBP 8,800,000 | Driver UK Multi-Compartment FRN 25/04/2031 | 8,811 | 1.52 |
| GBP 6,400,000 | Economic Master Issuer 1 A FRN 25/06/2072 | 6,448 | 1.11 |
| GBP 8,900,000 | Elvet Mortgages 2021-1 FRN 22/08/2065 | 8,898 | 1.53 |
| GBP 7,000,000 | HSBC FRN 09/03/2025 | 7,001 | 1.21 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Nationwide Building Society FRN 10/01/2024 | 5,000 | 0.86 |
| GBP 8,180,000 | Santander FRN 12/11/2024 | 8,195 | 1.41 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Yorkshire Building Society FRN 21/11/2024 | 5,009 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>59,870</u> | <u>10.31</u> |
| | United States 1.34% (30/06/2023: 0.96%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.53% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| GBP 3,000,000 | Nestlé 5.25% 21/09/2026 | 3,068 | 0.53 |
| | Floating Rate Note 0.81% (30/06/2023: 0.96%) | | |
| USD 6,000,000 | PepsiCo FRN 13/02/2026 | 4,708 | 0.81 |
| | Certificates of Deposit 38.49% (30/06/2023: 38.41%) | | |
| | Australia 3.43% (30/06/2023: 6.96%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Australia & New Zealand Bank 0.00% 02/04/2024 | 4,934 | 0.85 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Australia & New Zealand Bank 0.00% 03/01/2024 | 4,998 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia 5.50% 09/02/2024 | 5,000 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia 6.20% 18/03/2024 | 5,008 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>19,940</u> | <u>3.43</u> |
| | Canada 2.60% (30/06/2023: 4.03%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Toronto-Dominion Bank 5.33% 19/11/2024 | 5,023 | 0.87 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Toronto-Dominion Bank 5.80% 28/10/2024 | 5,036 | 0.87 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Toronto-Dominion Bank 6.47% 12/04/2024 | 5,015 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>15,074</u> | <u>2.60</u> |
| | Denmark 2.59% (30/06/2023: 3.02%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Danske Bank 5.60% 27/02/2024 | 5,002 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Danske Bank 5.87% 27/09/2024 | 5,031 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | DNB Bank 5.75% 04/11/2024 | 5,036 | 0.87 |
| | | <u>15,069</u> | <u>2.59</u> |
| | Finland 0.00% (30/06/2023: 3.03%) | | |
| | France 5.18% (30/06/2023: 5.24%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Crédit Agricole 5.35% 21/10/2024 | 5,019 | 0.87 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Crédit Agricole 5.53% 30/08/2024 | 5,016 | 0.86 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | France (continued) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Crédit Agricole 5.11% 02/01/2024 | 5,000 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Crédit Agricole 5.46% 08/01/2024 | 5,000 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Crédit Industriel et Commercial 6.165% 05/08/2024 | 5,029 | 0.87 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Société Générale 5.995% 08/03/2024 | 5,006 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>30,070</u> | <u>5.18</u> |
| | Germany 1.72% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | DZ Bank 5.60% 01/05/2024 | 5,005 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | DZ Bank 5.65% 26/04/2024 | 5,006 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>10,011</u> | <u>1.72</u> |
| | Japan 1.72% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | MUFG Bank 5.47% 14/03/2024 | 5,002 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | MUFG Bank 5.65% 30/04/2024 | 5,006 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>10,008</u> | <u>1.72</u> |
| | Netherlands 2.60% (30/06/2023: 3.02%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Rabobank 5.54% 02/12/2024 | 5,034 | 0.87 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Rabobank 6.1% 17/05/2024 | 5,014 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Rabobank 6.2% 21/06/2024 | 5,021 | 0.87 |
| | | <u>15,069</u> | <u>2.60</u> |
| | Singapore 1.72% (30/06/2023: 3.03%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | United Overseas Bank 5.43% 18/01/2024 | 5,001 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | United Overseas Bank 5.70% 08/04/2024 | 5,006 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>10,007</u> | <u>1.72</u> |
| | Sweden 6.02% (30/06/2023: 4.03%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Handelsbanken 5.51% 17/05/2024 | 5,005 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Handelsbanken 5.92% 05/02/2024 | 5,003 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Handelsbanken 6.05% 18/03/2024 | 5,007 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Nordea Bank 0.00% 02/05/2024 | 4,913 | 0.85 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Nordea Bank 5.90% 14/02/2024 | 5,003 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | SEB 6.10% 20/06/2024 | 5,018 | 0.87 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | SEB 6.10% 29/04/2024 | 5,012 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>34,961</u> | <u>6.02</u> |
| | Switzerland 1.73% (30/06/2023: 2.01%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | UBS 5.60% 22/11/2024 | 5,034 | 0.87 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | UBS 5.73% 29/07/2024 | 5,017 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>10,051</u> | <u>1.73</u> |
| | United Arab Emirates 2.59% (30/06/2023: 2.02%) | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | First Abu Dhabi Bank 5.61% 29/11/2024 | 5,036 | 0.87 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | First Abu Dhabi Bank 6.10% 29/01/2024 | 5,003 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | First Abu Dhabi Bank 6.26% 28/03/2024 | 5,010 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>15,049</u> | <u>2.59</u> |
| | United Kingdom 4.87% (30/06/2023: 1.01%) | | |
| GBP 3,700,000 | Barclays 4.80% 01/02/2024 | 3,698 | 0.64 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | NatWest 0.00% 01/08/2024 | 4,856 | 0.84 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|--|----------------------|---|
| United Kingdom (continued) | | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | NatWest 0.00% 02/09/2024 | 4,837 | 0.83 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | NatWest 0.00% 20/08/2024 | 4,845 | 0.83 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Santander 5.50% 01/02/2024 | 5,001 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Standard Chartered 6.16% 06/09/2024 | 5,035 | 0.87 |
| | | <u>28,272</u> | <u>4.87</u> |
| United States 1.72% (30/06/2023: 1.01%) | | | |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Citibank 5.46% 07/06/2024 | 5,005 | 0.86 |
| GBP 5,000,000 | Citibank 5.57% 10/05/2024 | 5,006 | 0.86 |
| | | <u>10,011</u> | <u>1.72</u> |
| Derivatives (0.24%) (30/06/2023: 0.25%) | | | |
| Swaps 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.15%)¹ | | | |
| Interest Rate Swaps (0.01%) (30/06/2023: 0.08%)¹ | | | |
| 3,330,000 | IRS -0.1740% EURIBOR 3 Month - Pay Fixed EUR | 102 | 0.02 |
| 7,000,000 | IRS 2.96% EURIBOR 3 Month - Pay Fixed EUR | (35) | (0.01) |
| 5,700,000 | IRS 3.46% CI CQWH - Pay Floating EUR | (125) | (0.02) |
| | | <u>(58)</u> | <u>(0.01)</u> |
| Overnight Index Swaps 0.01% (30/06/2023: 0.07%)¹ | | | |
| 5,800,000 | OIS 0.3737% SOFR 1 Day - Receive Floating - USD | 103 | 0.02 |
| 8,300,000 | OIS 4.0134% SONIA 1 Day - Receive Floating - GBP | 7 | - |
| 3,000,000 | OIS 4.9712% CI CQQ9 - Pay - GBP | (54) | (0.01) |
| | | <u>56</u> | <u>0.01</u> |
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (0.24%) (30/06/2023: 0.10%)¹ | | | |
| | Buy AUD 331,676 : Sell GBP 175,769 January 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy AUD 951,423 : Sell GBP 505,612 January 2024 | 4 | - |
| | Buy AUD 1,302,667 : Sell GBP 697,737 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 49,692 : Sell GBP 43,246 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 200,904 : Sell GBP 174,666 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy EUR 683,172 : Sell GBP 593,885 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy EUR 4,367 : Sell GBP 3,785 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 336,451 : Sell GBP 290,842 January 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy EUR 166,981 : Sell GBP 143,709 January 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy GBP 37,397,134 : Sell AUD 71,428,022 January 2024 | (860) | (0.16) |
| | Buy GBP 93,463 : Sell AUD 174,948 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 24,720 : Sell EUR 28,506 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 112,679,593 : Sell EUR 130,697,793 January 2024 | (664) | (0.11) |
| | Buy GBP 312,213 : Sell EUR 362,890 January 2024 | (3) | - |
| | Buy GBP 24,171 : Sell USD 30,828 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 9,397,818 : Sell USD 11,783,083 January 2024 | 156 | 0.03 |
| | | <u>(1,365)</u> | <u>(0.24)</u> |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | | 540,032 | 92.98 |
| Other net assets | | 40,774 | 7.02 |
| Total net assets | | 580,806 | 100.00 |

¹ Not listed on an official stock exchange

² Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

Portfolio statement (continued)

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB)* | 541,399 | 93.22 |
| Total debt securities | 541,399 | 93.22 |
| Derivatives | (1,367) | (0.24) |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 540,032 | 92.98 |
| Other net assets | 40,774 | 7.02 |
| Total net assets | 580,806 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB)* | 465,105 | 93.87 |
| Total debt securities | 465,105 | 93.87 |
| Derivatives | 1,220 | 0.25 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 466,325 | 94.12 |
| Other net assets | 29,138 | 5.88 |
| Total net assets | 495,463 | 100.00 |

* Certificates of deposit included within investment grade have been rated based on the rating of the issuer.

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 2,032 | | 1,222 |
| Revenue | 13,238 | | 6,208 | |
| Expenses | (109) | | (135) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | (17) | | (19) | |
| | <u>13,112</u> | | <u>6,054</u> | |
| Net revenue before taxation | | | | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| | <u>13,112</u> | | <u>6,054</u> | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 13,112 | | 6,054 |
| Total return before distributions | | 15,144 | | 7,276 |
| Distributions | | (13,112) | | (6,054) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>2,032</u> | | <u>1,222</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 495,463 | | 800,602 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 90,804 | | - | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (21,002) | | (324,421) | |
| | <u>69,802</u> | | <u>(324,421)</u> | |
| Dilution adjustment | | 16 | | 99 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 2,032 | | 1,222 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 13,493 | | 5,469 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>580,806</u> | | <u>482,971</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 541,775 | 466,675 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 5,971 | 4,409 |
| Cash and bank balances | 35,463 | 25,944 |
| Total assets | <u>583,209</u> | <u>497,028</u> |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 1,743 | 350 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 225 | 1,119 |
| Bank overdrafts | - | 35 |
| Other creditors | 435 | 61 |
| Total liabilities | <u>2,403</u> | <u>1,565</u> |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | <u>580,806</u> | <u>495,463</u> |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.3054 | - | 1.3054 | 0.3588 |
| Group 2 | 0.2297 | 1.0757 | 1.3054 | 0.3588 |

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.4689 | - | 1.4689 | 0.7324 |
| Group 2 | 0.8646 | 0.6043 | 1.4689 | 0.7324 |

Janus Henderson Institutional UK Gilt Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Manager

Helen Anthony

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide an income with the potential for capital growth over the long term.

Performance target: To outperform the FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index by 0.75% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in UK government bonds (also known as gilts) of any maturity.

The fund may also hold other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, CIS (including those managed by Janus Henderson), cash and money market instruments.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) with the aim of making investment gains in line with the fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index, which is broadly representative of the bonds in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index.

Strategy

The Investment Manager aims to provide a return in excess of the benchmark by investing primarily in UK government bonds, including inflation-linked gilts and floating rate assets. The managers can also invest in other global fixed income securities with a focus on G10 government bond markets and associated fixed income derivatives, with the aim of providing diversification in the portfolio, as well as looking to enhance returns and/or manage risk.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years | Since inception |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | 30 Jun 23 - | 31 Dec 22 - | 31 Dec 20 - | 31 Dec 18 - | 4 Sep 00 - |
| | 31 Dec 23 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 7.7 | 3.4 | (27.2) | (14.5) | 76.0 |
| FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index | 7.4 | 3.7 | (25.1) | (13.3) | 122.2 |
| IA UK Gilts Sector | 7.5 | 3.6 | (25.8) | (13.3) | 84.3 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 7.8 | 3.7 | (26.3) | (12.5) | 98.5 |
| FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index + 0.75% | 7.8 | 4.5 | (23.4) | (10.0) | 164.5 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - | 31 Dec 21 - | 31 Dec 20 - | 31 Dec 19 - | 31 Dec 18 - |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 19 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 3.4 | (24.6) | (6.6) | 9.4 | 7.3 |
| FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index | 3.7 | (23.8) | (5.2) | 8.3 | 6.9 |
| IA UK Gilts Sector | 3.6 | (24.3) | (5.3) | 9.0 | 7.2 |
| Class I accumulation (Gross) | 3.7 | (24.2) | (6.2) | 10.1 | 7.9 |
| FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index + 0.75% | 4.5 | (23.3) | (4.4) | 9.1 | 7.7 |

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class I accumulation (Gross), NAV to NAV, gross of OCF and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Index: FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index

Index usage: Target

Index description: The FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index is a measure of the combined performance of conventional bonds issued by the British government. It is the basis for the fund's performance target.

Peer group: IA UK Gilts Sector

Peer group usage: Comparator

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales/maturities | £000 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| UK Treasury 1.25% 22/07/2027 | 1,133 | UK Treasury 0.75% 22/07/2023 | 2,107 |
| UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2030 | 952 | UK Treasury 0.625% 07/06/2025 | 1,428 |
| UK Treasury 2.00% 07/09/2025 | 753 | UK Treasury 0.125% 30/01/2026 | 1,160 |
| UK Treasury 1.50% 22/07/2026 | 741 | UK Treasury 0.625% 31/07/2035 | 803 |
| UK Treasury 3.25% 31/01/2033 | 674 | UK Treasury 0.375% 22/10/2026 | 610 |
| UK Treasury 3.50% 22/10/2025 | 647 | UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2028 | 549 |
| UK Treasury 3.75% 29/01/2038 | 606 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/09/2034 | 300 |
| UK Treasury 4.625% 31/01/2034 | 559 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046 | 269 |
| UK Treasury 4.00% 22/10/2063 | 400 | UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053 | 191 |
| UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046 | 216 | UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038 | 184 |
| Total purchases | 7,594 | Total sales/maturities | 7,968 |

Investment review

The fund returned 7.7% (Net), 7.8% (Gross) based on Class I accumulation over the period under review, compared with a return of 7.4% in the FTSE Actuaries All Stocks Gilt Index, a return of 7.8% in the Target Index + 0.75% and a return of 7.5% in the IA UK Gilts Sector peer group benchmark.

Global government bond yields generally moved higher (prices fell, reflecting their inverse relationship) in the first half of the review period, driven by growing expectations that interest rates would stay higher for longer. US Treasuries were particularly weak, with the 10-year yield reaching a 16-year high of 4.57% at one point. In Europe, weak macroeconomic data and still-elevated inflation raised concerns about economic growth, and uncertainty about the ECB's interest rate hiking path. In the final two months of the period, government bonds rallied, as investors took heart from a significant cooling of inflation and the growing belief that terminal interest rates had been reached.

The Fed raised interest rates once, in July, and although its tone was somewhat hawkish for most of the period – largely because of the economy's resilience – it suggested in December that it could ease borrowing conditions in 2024. The ECB raised its deposit rate to an all-time high of 4.0% in September and left it on hold thereafter. The BoE increased its benchmark rate just once, by 25bps to 5.25% in August – a 15-year high. The BoE continued to warn that monetary policy could remain tight for an extended period, although investors speculated that this appeared less likely as pricing pressures eased. The UK annual consumer inflation rate hit a more than two-year low of 3.9% in November, down from 6.8% in July. The UK economy contracted by 0.1% over the third quarter, following no growth over the previous quarter, heightening anxiety about a possible recession.

UK gilts outperformed other developed markets, gaining back some ground in the fourth quarter as it became clear that inflation – which had been stubbornly rangebound over the summer – was slowing sharply and following the experience of other core markets. The UK 10-year yield fell by 85bps to 3.54%, while the 10-year Treasury yield rose by 4bps to 3.88%. The German 10-year yield fell by 37bps to 2.02%.

The fund has been positioned longer duration (higher interest rate sensitivity) than the index, on the expectation that government bond yields would fall. Over the period as a whole, this positioning was beneficial for performance, although the gains mainly came in the last two months of the period as government bond yields peaked in October and rallied.

The main contributors to relative performance were positions in five-year US bond futures, Germany, the UK and Australia. In September, we switched some duration out of the US into Germany given the sharp growth divergence between the regions.

The catalyst for this recent bond rally has been a growing realisation that terminal rates occurred months ago, driven by continued strong progress in core disinflation. This is now a game changer for central bank policy as the next move will likely be rate cuts. Thus, the debate for 2024 has become when and how many. We believe these cuts could be as early as March for the Fed and the ECB. We expect this environment to be supportive for sovereign bonds, which so far have lagged historical moves lower in yields as central banks have begun to shift to easing mode. In our view, it seems unfeasible that the lags from earlier monetary tightening do not weigh on economic growth. We still see a high probability of a US downturn in 2024 and UK/Germany are already flirting with recession, which we believe will continue to favour a long duration stance.

References made to individual securities do not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, investment strategy or market sector, and should not be assumed to be profitable. Janus Henderson Investors, its affiliated advisor, or its employees, may have a position in the securities mentioned.

Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class A income | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 154.42 | 185.07 | 216.50 | 235.13 |
| Return before operating charges* | 11.61 | (27.39) | (29.24) | (15.40) |
| Operating charges | (0.52) | (1.15) | (1.73) | (1.90) |
| Return after operating charges* | 11.09 | (28.54) | (30.97) | (17.30) |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.45) | (2.11) | (0.46) | (1.33) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 164.06 | 154.42 | 185.07 | 216.50 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.18% | (15.42%) | (14.30%) | (7.36%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 349 | 407 | 519 | 811 |
| Closing number of shares | 212,776 | 263,780 | 280,627 | 374,389 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.69% | 0.69% | 0.82% | 0.84% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 166.17 | 193.62 | 225.61 | 236.85 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 148.52 | 148.72 | 179.72 | 213.13 |
| | Class D accumulation | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 120.21 | 141.50 | 164.26 | 176.39 |
| Return before operating charges* | 9.12 | (21.03) | (22.30) | (11.62) |
| Operating charges | (0.12) | (0.26) | (0.46) | (0.51) |
| Return after operating charges* | 9.00 | (21.29) | (22.76) | (12.13) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (1.43) | (2.26) | (1.20) | (1.92) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.43 | 2.26 | 1.20 | 1.92 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 129.21 | 120.21 | 141.50 | 164.26 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.49% | (15.05%) | (13.86%) | (6.88%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 6,147 | 5,140 | 4,413 | 4,111 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,757,106 | 4,275,923 | 3,118,568 | 2,502,794 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.29% | 0.30% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 130.29 | 148.10 | 171.70 | 177.76 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 116.35 | 114.12 | 137.28 | 161.37 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class E income | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 154.39 | 185.06 | 216.49 | 235.13 |
| Return before operating charges* | 11.62 | (27.40) | (29.25) | (15.42) |
| Operating charges | (0.34) | (0.74) | (1.19) | (1.33) |
| Return after operating charges* | 11.28 | (28.14) | (30.44) | (16.75) |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.64) | (2.53) | (0.99) | (1.89) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 164.03 | 154.39 | 185.06 | 216.49 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|----------|----------|---------|
| Return after charges | 7.31% | (15.21%) | (14.06%) | (7.12%) |
|----------------------|-------|----------|----------|---------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 114 | 93 | 126 | 135 |
| Closing number of shares | 69,283 | 59,809 | 68,388 | 62,388 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.44% | 0.44% | 0.57% | 0.59% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 166.24 | 193.65 | 225.71 | 236.89 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 148.52 | 148.71 | 179.81 | 213.19 |

| | Class I accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 261.93 | 308.62 | 358.78 | 385.84 |
| Return before operating charges* | 19.85 | (45.86) | (48.66) | (25.38) |
| Operating charges | (0.39) | (0.83) | (1.50) | (1.68) |
| Return after operating charges* | 19.46 | (46.69) | (50.16) | (27.06) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.98) | (4.64) | (2.13) | (3.64) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.98 | 4.64 | 2.13 | 3.64 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 281.39 | 261.93 | 308.62 | 358.78 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|----------|----------|---------|
| Return after charges | 7.43% | (15.13%) | (13.98%) | (7.01%) |
|----------------------|-------|----------|----------|---------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 7,877 | 6,682 | 4,163 | 5,326 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,799,490 | 2,550,988 | 1,348,774 | 1,484,526 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.30% | 0.30% | 0.43% | 0.45% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 283.74 | 322.98 | 374.76 | 388.80 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 253.43 | 248.83 | 299.42 | 352.53 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I income | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 153.13 | 183.55 | 214.74 | 233.22 |
| Return before operating charges* | 11.53 | (27.18) | (29.02) | (15.28) |
| Operating charges | (0.23) | (0.50) | (0.90) | (1.01) |
| Return after operating charges* | 11.30 | (27.68) | (29.92) | (16.29) |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.74) | (2.74) | (1.27) | (2.19) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 162.69 | 153.13 | 183.55 | 214.74 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.38% | (15.08%) | (13.93%) | (6.98%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 933 | 901 | 1,196 | 1,678 |
| Closing number of shares | 573,284 | 588,495 | 651,556 | 781,217 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.30% | 0.30% | 0.43% | 0.45% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 164.93 | 192.09 | 223.93 | 235.01 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 147.31 | 147.50 | 178.40 | 211.49 |
| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 176.06 | 206.93 | 239.66 | 256.70 |
| Return before operating charges* | 13.36 | (30.78) | (32.61) | (16.92) |
| Operating charges | (0.04) | (0.09) | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Return after operating charges* | 13.32 | (30.87) | (32.73) | (17.04) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.23) | (3.59) | (2.31) | (3.42) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.23 | 3.59 | 2.31 | 3.42 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 189.38 | 176.06 | 206.93 | 239.66 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.57% | (14.92%) | (13.66%) | (6.64%) |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 55,294 | 53,654 | 55,063 | 57,794 |
| Closing number of shares | 29,196,916 | 30,474,402 | 26,609,760 | 24,115,526 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.05% | 0.05% | 0.05% | 0.05% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 190.96 | 216.61 | 250.77 | 258.76 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 170.48 | 166.96 | 200.75 | 235.35 |

Comparative tables (continued)

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

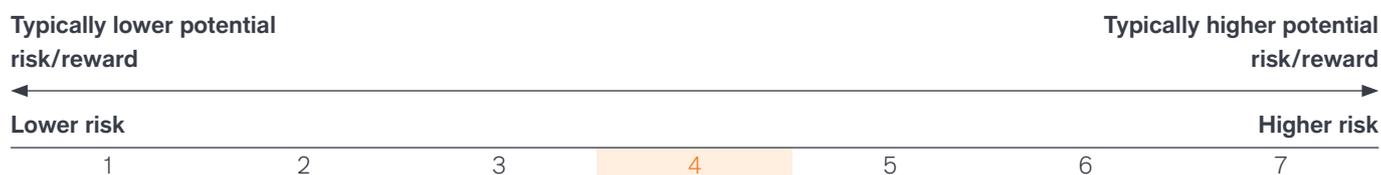
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class A income | 0.69 | 0.69 |
| Class D accumulation | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Class E income | 0.44 | 0.44 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| Class I income | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.05 | 0.05 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 6 types of share class in issue: A income, D accumulation, E income, I accumulation, I income and Z accumulation.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 4 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares, they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Derivatives and Leverage The fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Interest Rates When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise (or are expected to rise). This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class E income launched on 8 July 2019 and as it does not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the A income share class.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|--|----------------------|---|
| | Bonds 98.35% (30/06/2023: 98.55%) | | |
| | United Kingdom 98.35% (30/06/2023: 98.55%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 98.35% (30/06/2023: 98.55%) | | |
| GBP 1,863,735 | UK Treasury 0.125% 31/01/2024 | 1,857 | 2.63 |
| GBP 2,577,419 | UK Treasury 0.125% 30/01/2026 | 2,398 | 3.39 |
| GBP 1,489,872 | UK Treasury 0.125% 31/01/2028 | 1,308 | 1.85 |
| GBP 2,931,265 | UK Treasury 0.25% 31/01/2025 | 2,806 | 3.97 |
| GBP 1,737,379 | UK Treasury 0.25% 31/07/2031 | 1,374 | 1.94 |
| GBP 2,945,635 | UK Treasury 0.375% 22/10/2026 | 2,700 | 3.82 |
| GBP 2,760,831 | UK Treasury 0.375% 22/10/2030 | 2,263 | 3.20 |
| GBP 1,139,162 | UK Treasury 0.50% 22/10/2061 | 386 | 0.55 |
| GBP 1,556,923 | UK Treasury 0.625% 07/06/2025 | 1,484 | 2.10 |
| GBP 1,170,504 | UK Treasury 0.625% 31/07/2035 | 833 | 1.18 |
| GBP 1,433,955 | UK Treasury 0.625% 22/10/2050 | 633 | 0.90 |
| GBP 2,877,788 | UK Treasury 0.875% 22/10/2029 | 2,513 | 3.55 |
| GBP 1,271,668 | UK Treasury 0.875% 31/07/2033 | 996 | 1.41 |
| GBP 1,023,271 | UK Treasury 0.875% 31/01/2046 | 547 | 0.77 |
| GBP 2,707,329 | UK Treasury 1.00% 22/04/2024 | 2,675 | 3.78 |
| GBP 1,842,423 | UK Treasury 1.00% 31/01/2032 | 1,527 | 2.16 |
| GBP 921,323 | UK Treasury 1.125% 31/01/2039 | 627 | 0.89 |
| GBP 444,961 | UK Treasury 1.125% 22/10/2073 | 186 | 0.26 |
| GBP 4,675,598 | UK Treasury 1.25% 22/07/2027 | 4,341 | 6.14 |
| GBP 1,562,284 | UK Treasury 1.25% 22/10/2041 | 1,015 | 1.44 |
| GBP 1,280,171 | UK Treasury 1.25% 31/07/2051 | 682 | 0.96 |
| GBP 1,027,754 | UK Treasury 1.50% 22/07/2026 | 977 | 1.38 |
| GBP 1,150,197 | UK Treasury 1.50% 22/07/2047 | 698 | 0.99 |
| GBP 658,776 | UK Treasury 1.50% 31/07/2053 | 367 | 0.52 |
| GBP 2,570,320 | UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2028 | 2,380 | 3.37 |
| GBP 1,043,447 | UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2054 | 597 | 0.84 |
| GBP 1,088,820 | UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2071 | 564 | 0.80 |
| GBP 2,199,672 | UK Treasury 1.75% 07/09/2037 | 1,707 | 2.41 |
| GBP 1,366,060 | UK Treasury 1.75% 22/01/2049 | 864 | 1.22 |
| GBP 1,377,199 | UK Treasury 1.75% 22/07/2057 | 803 | 1.14 |
| GBP 800,000 | UK Treasury 2.00% 07/09/2025 | 776 | 1.10 |
| GBP 912,787 | UK Treasury 2.50% 22/07/2065 | 639 | 0.90 |
| GBP 1,738,553 | UK Treasury 2.75% 07/09/2024 | 1,716 | 2.43 |
| GBP 722,316 | UK Treasury 3.25% 31/01/2033 | 707 | 1.00 |
| GBP 1,264,475 | UK Treasury 3.25% 22/01/2044 | 1,114 | 1.58 |
| GBP 670,101 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/10/2025 | 665 | 0.94 |
| GBP 1,294,929 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/01/2045 | 1,180 | 1.67 |
| GBP 941,313 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/07/2068 | 847 | 1.20 |
| GBP 666,502 | UK Treasury 3.75% 29/01/2038 | 654 | 0.92 |
| GBP 1,156,985 | UK Treasury 3.75% 22/07/2052 | 1,087 | 1.54 |
| GBP 978,866 | UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053 | 914 | 1.29 |
| GBP 1,071,648 | UK Treasury 4.00% 22/01/2060 | 1,061 | 1.50 |
| GBP 511,095 | UK Treasury 4.00% 22/10/2063 | 506 | 0.72 |
| GBP 2,222,797 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/06/2032 | 2,354 | 3.33 |
| GBP 700,422 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/03/2036 | 735 | 1.04 |
| GBP 1,051,954 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/09/2039 | 1,085 | 1.53 |
| GBP 1,248,618 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2040 | 1,283 | 1.81 |
| GBP 1,105,795 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046 | 1,124 | 1.59 |
| GBP 955,113 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049 | 971 | 1.37 |
| GBP 1,174,716 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2055 | 1,205 | 1.70 |
| GBP 1,287,713 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/09/2034 | 1,384 | 1.96 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Fixed Rate Bond (continued) | | |
| GBP 1,253,777 | UK Treasury 4.50% 07/12/2042 | 1,323 | 1.87 |
| GBP 549,535 | UK Treasury 4.625% 31/01/2034 | 596 | 0.84 |
| GBP 1,863,494 | UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2030 | 2,018 | 2.85 |
| GBP 1,164,737 | UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038 | 1,270 | 1.80 |
| GBP 204,645 | UK Treasury 4.75% 22/10/2043 | 222 | 0.31 |
| | | <u>69,544</u> | <u>98.35</u> |
| | Collective Investment Schemes 1.69% (30/06/2023: 0.57%) | | |
| 1,198,071 | Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Platinum Sterling Fund | <u>1,198</u> | <u>1.69</u> |
| | Derivatives 0.46% (30/06/2023: (0.16%)) | | |
| | Futures 0.39% (30/06/2023: (0.17%)) | | |
| 39 | CBT US 5 Year Note March 2024 | 79 | 0.11 |
| 9 | EUX Euro Bobl March 2024 | 13 | 0.02 |
| 3 | EUX Euro BUXL 30 Year Bond March 2024 | 26 | 0.04 |
| 19 | ICF Long Gilt March 2024 | 137 | 0.19 |
| 13 | SFE Australia 10 Year Bond March 2024 | 24 | 0.03 |
| | | <u>279</u> | <u>0.39</u> |
| | Swaps 0.07% (30/06/2023: 0.01%)¹ | | |
| | Interest Rate Swaps 0.07% (30/06/2023: 0.01%)¹ | | |
| 9,720,000 | IRS 3.2045% STIBOR 3 month - Pay Fixed - SEK | <u>51</u> | <u>0.07</u> |
| | Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%)¹ | | |
| | Buy AUD 87,700 : Sell GBP 46,462 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 49,000 : Sell GBP 42,358 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 102,933 : Sell AUD 196,600 January 2024 | (2) | - |
| | Buy GBP 36,727 : Sell EUR 42,600 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,581 : Sell SEK 20,667 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 16,668 : Sell SEK 215,769 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,710 : Sell SEK 21,951 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 2,668 : Sell SEK 34,211 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 2,397 : Sell SEK 30,561 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 3,234 : Sell SEK 41,192 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 21,525 : Sell USD 26,988 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 40,513 : Sell GBP 3,102 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 19,019 : Sell GBP 1,456 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 55,238 : Sell GBP 4,245 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 46,059 : Sell GBP 3,544 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 75,607 : Sell GBP 5,867 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 34,211 : Sell GBP 2,667 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 30,561 : Sell GBP 2,391 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 24,275 : Sell GBP 1,912 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy SEK 41,192 : Sell GBP 3,250 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | Buy USD 43,600 : Sell GBP 34,157 January 2024 ² | - | - |
| | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 71,070 | 100.50 |
| | Other net liabilities | (356) | (0.50) |
| | Total net assets | <u>70,714</u> | <u>100.00</u> |

¹ Not listed on an official stock exchange

² Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

Portfolio statement (continued)

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The collective investment schemes held are approved regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 69,544 | 98.35 |
| Total debt securities | 69,544 | 98.35 |
| Collective investment schemes | 1,198 | 1.69 |
| Derivatives | 328 | 0.46 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 71,070 | 100.50 |
| Other net liabilities | (356) | (0.50) |
| Total net assets | 70,714 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 65,904 | 98.55 |
| Total debt securities | 65,904 | 98.55 |
| Collective investment schemes | 383 | 0.57 |
| Derivatives | (103) | (0.16) |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 66,184 | 98.96 |
| Other net assets | 693 | 1.04 |
| Total net assets | 66,877 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 4,121 | | (7,914) |
| Revenue | 843 | | 586 | |
| Expenses | (29) | | (27) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | - | | (1) | |
| | <u>814</u> | | <u>558</u> | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 814 | | 558 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| | <u>814</u> | | <u>558</u> | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 814 | | 558 |
| Total return before distributions | | 4,935 | | (7,356) |
| Distributions | | (814) | | (558) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>4,121</u> | | <u>(7,914)</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 66,877 | | 65,480 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 2,606 | | 13,676 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | <u>(3,694)</u> | | <u>(4,327)</u> | |
| | | (1,088) | | 9,349 |
| Dilution adjustment | | - | | 3 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 4,121 | | (7,914) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 804 | | 565 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>70,714</u> | | <u>67,483</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Assets: | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Investments | 71,072 | 66,298 |
| Debtors | 445 | 368 |
| Cash and bank balances | 285 | 365 |
| Total assets | 71,802 | 67,031 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 2 | 114 |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 333 | 24 |
| Distributions payable | 7 | 7 |
| Other creditors | 746 | 9 |
| Total liabilities | 1,088 | 154 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 70,714 | 66,877 |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.7157 | - | 0.7157 | 0.3624 |
| Group 2 | 0.2602 | 0.4555 | 0.7157 | 0.3624 |
| Class D accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.7054 | - | 0.7054 | 0.4466 |
| Group 2 | 0.2877 | 0.4177 | 0.7054 | 0.4466 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8131 | - | 0.8131 | 0.4748 |
| Group 2 | 0.0918 | 0.7213 | 0.8131 | 0.4748 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.4713 | - | 1.4713 | 0.8982 |
| Group 2 | 0.8619 | 0.6094 | 1.4713 | 0.8982 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8602 | - | 0.8602 | 0.5343 |
| Group 2 | 0.4480 | 0.4122 | 0.8602 | 0.5343 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0994 | - | 1.0994 | 0.7292 |
| Group 2 | 0.5852 | 0.5142 | 1.0994 | 0.7292 |

Distribution tables (continued)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.7331 | - | 0.7331 | 0.5578 |
| Group 2 | 0.2692 | 0.4639 | 0.7331 | 0.5578 |
| Class D accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.7248 | - | 0.7248 | 0.5836 |
| Group 2 | 0.3784 | 0.3464 | 0.7248 | 0.5836 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8308 | - | 0.8308 | 0.6607 |
| Group 2 | 0.3361 | 0.4947 | 0.8308 | 0.6607 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.5123 | - | 1.5123 | 1.2035 |
| Group 2 | 0.7812 | 0.7311 | 1.5123 | 1.2035 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8789 | - | 0.8789 | 0.7127 |
| Group 2 | 0.4377 | 0.4412 | 0.8789 | 0.7127 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1294 | - | 1.1294 | 0.9236 |
| Group 2 | 0.6140 | 0.5154 | 1.1294 | 0.9236 |

Janus Henderson Strategic Bond Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Managers

Jenna Barnard and John Pattullo

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide a return, from a combination of income and capital growth over the long term.

Performance target: To outperform the IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector average, after the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

The fund invests in a global portfolio of bonds of any quality, including high yield (non-investment grade) bonds, issued by governments or companies. Where investments are made in assets in currencies other than the base currency of the fund, the fund will seek to hedge those assets back to the base currency to remove the risk of currency exchange rate movements. The fund may also hold other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, preference shares, cash and money market instruments.

In certain market conditions, the fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in government bonds issued by any one body.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, with the aim of making investment gains in line with the fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector average, which is based on a peer group of broadly similar funds, as this forms the basis of the fund's performance target. The Investment Manager has complete freedom to choose individual investments for the fund and to vary allocations between different types of bonds.

Strategy

The Investment Manager follows a flexible strategy that seeks to deliver total returns (capital appreciation and income) from investments across the entire spectrum of fixed income assets. Using careful macroeconomic research and credit analysis, the portfolio managers actively vary the allocation to different types of bonds to suit the prevailing economic environment.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years | Since inception |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | 30 Jun 23 - | 31 Dec 22 - | 31 Dec 20 - | 31 Dec 18 - | 31 Jan 95 - |
| | 31 Dec 23 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 5.8 | 4.4 | (13.9) | 4.1 | 140.3 |
| IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector | 7.3 | 8.0 | (3.7) | 11.5 | 107.4 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - | 31 Dec 21 - | 31 Dec 20 - | 31 Dec 19 - | 31 Dec 18 - |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 19 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 4.4 | (17.5) | 0.1 | 10.3 | 9.6 |
| IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector | 8.0 | (11.7) | 0.9 | 6.1 | 9.2 |

Please note that the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the investment objective and policy above.

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Benchmark usage:

Peer group: IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector

Peer group usage: Target

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) group funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) forms the basis for the fund's performance target.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|--|------------------|--|------------------|
| UK Treasury 3.50% 22/10/2025 | 168,785 | US Treasury 2.875% 15/05/2032 | 74,584 |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) 4.50% 21/04/2033 | 134,103 | UK Treasury 1.25% 22/07/2027 | 70,109 |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) 2.30% 15/02/2033 | 91,891 | UK Treasury 0.00% 15/01/2024 | 62,718 |
| UK Treasury 2.75% 07/09/2024 | 89,289 | Australia (Commonwealth of) 1.25% 21/05/2032 | 58,267 |
| UK Treasury 3.25% 31/01/2033 | 83,088 | Alphabet 1.998% 15/08/2026 | 51,458 |
| UK Treasury 0.00% 15/01/2024 | 61,277 | Switzerland (Government of) 0.50% 27/06/2032 | 50,702 |
| Fannie Mae Pool 2.50% 01/03/2052 | 45,365 | Canada (Government of) 1.25% 01/03/2027 | 47,134 |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) 2.60% 15/08/2033 | 43,993 | Australia (Commonwealth of) 4.50% 21/04/2033 | 46,437 |
| US Treasury 3.375% 15/05/2033 | 27,979 | Canada (Government of) 1.00% 01/09/2026 | 46,363 |
| Freddie Mac Pool 4.50% 01/05/2053 | 26,877 | Canada (Government of) 1.25% 01/06/2030 | 45,073 |
| Total purchases | 1,045,605 | Total sales | 1,142,642 |

Investment review

The fund returned 5.8% based on Class I accumulation (Net) over the period under review, compared with a return of 7.3% in the IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector peer group benchmark.

The reporting period was significant for financial markets. The 10-year US Treasury yield rose slightly, from 3.84% to 3.88%, although it soared to more than 5% in late October then rallied all the way back into the period end. This broadly mirrored economic activity and, indeed, the oil price, while equities did the mirror image. Perhaps fading US fiscal stimulus and diminishing savings built up during the pandemic explain why growth was strong for a while but not sustained. In addition, perhaps much of the slowdown in inflation was due to the freeing up and normalisation of supply chains post-COVID-19, rather than excess demand.

The first four months of the period saw a continued nasty 'bear' market for global government bonds, which was part of a broader three-year bear market that had been in train since yields bottomed in August 2020. The driver was primarily US bonds, which served to drag government yields higher (prices were lower, reflecting their inverse relationship) across the globe. In addition, the BoJ continued to loosen/exit its yield curve control framework. Markets became concerned about excess bond supply and a 'higher-for-longer' interest rate narrative.

This impacted risk assets, which sold off in sympathy. In addition, the move was not driven by higher interest rate expectations but higher risk premiums (known as 'term premiums'). The shape of the sell-off, which was driven by longer-dated maturity bonds as two-year bond yields rose only modestly, is a rare one historically. The scale of this 'bear steepening' (a widening of the yield curve caused by long-term interest rates increasing at a faster rate than short-term rates) from a deeply inverted yield curve has only one historical comparison – and that was in 1969.

In late autumn, easing global inflationary pressures, moderating wage and employment growth, and a shorter-dated and lower-than-expected quarterly US Treasury refunding announcement all contributed to the market rapidly turning around. Bond yields fell as the market became increasingly confident that the Fed and other major central banks around the world had reached a peak in interest rates, and that the only way from there was down. Further corroboration was gained from most central banks acknowledging that significant progress on inflation had been made and the rate peak was in view. Of course, the faster that inflation comes down, the faster rates will need to be cut in tandem to keep real rates level. To loosen monetary policy from the current restrictive state, rates would need to be cut faster than inflation falls.

Many investors were cautiously positioned, which exaggerated the not uncommon 'Santa-Claus rally' in November and December. It seems that interest rates could be cut materially coming into the spring and summer of 2024. Equities rallied significantly and investment-grade and high-yield bond spreads (the difference in yield between equivalent government bonds) moved to very tight levels of 106bps and 360bps, respectively, marking the tightest levels they had been during the period.

The fund underperformed the peer group, principally because we held fewer investment-grade and high-yield bonds than the average competitor. Corporate bonds outperformed sovereign bonds during the period. The fund's investment-grade bond holding performed well, even though most of this was positioned towards the front and middle of the yield curve (and hence the duration contribution was lower than at other times in the cycle). We added extra interest rate sensitivity (duration) during the October sell-off. Further, we added to UK sovereign and corporate bonds during the period, as it appeared the UK inflation picture was not an anomaly, rather it just lagged other international markets. We marginally reduced the fund's duration sensitivity during December, taking profit on the favourable additional purchases made in the autumn. However, duration positioning remained very high.

We used interest rate futures across a number of jurisdictions that enabled us to achieve greater exposure to the middle and front of the yield curve, which was preferable. They were also more inexpensive and more liquid to trade than physical bonds.

Markets seemed to be euphoric at the end of 2023, given the rally premised on a forthcoming monetary policy 'pivot'. Certainly, they seem to have priced in an immaculate disinflationary outlook. Credit markets appear priced for perfection and have entirely discounted an economic 'soft landing'. We are closely monitoring the lagged effects of monetary policy, which, having positively slowed inflation, is due to hit the employment markets. The effect that tighter financial conditions have on unemployment typically lags by around two years, and we think the spring of 2024 will be a crucial time. The question is whether central banks can cut rates fast enough to glide into this elusive soft landing. Equities typically correlate closely with employment growth and rarely fall until the onset of a recession. The fund remains positioned in quality sovereign bonds and investment-grade bonds, with a high underlying interest rate sensitivity.

References made to individual securities do not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, investment strategy or market sector, and should not be assumed to be profitable. Janus Henderson Investors, its affiliated advisor, or its employees, may have a position in the securities mentioned.

Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class A income | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 98.90 | 109.33 | 129.79 | 128.28 |
| Return before operating charges* | 5.67 | (5.81) | (14.99) | 7.75 |
| Operating charges | (0.69) | (1.50) | (1.79) | (1.88) |
| Return after operating charges* | 4.98 | (7.31) | (16.78) | 5.87 |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.74) | (3.12) | (3.68) | (4.36) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 102.14 | 98.90 | 109.33 | 129.79 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.01 | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 5.04% | (6.69%) | (12.93%) | 4.58% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 64,363 | 70,528 | 92,707 | 120,167 |
| Closing number of shares | 63,015,460 | 71,313,899 | 84,792,692 | 92,584,481 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.42% | 1.43% | 1.43% | 1.43% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.01% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 103.60 | 114.30 | 132.30 | 134.40 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 91.86 | 98.53 | 107.70 | 128.20 |
| | | | | |
| | Class E income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 100.90 | 110.99 | 131.10 | 128.93 |
| Return before operating charges* | 5.81 | (5.93) | (15.20) | 7.80 |
| Operating charges | (0.46) | (0.99) | (1.18) | (1.23) |
| Return after operating charges* | 5.35 | (6.92) | (16.38) | 6.57 |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.78) | (3.17) | (3.73) | (4.40) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 104.47 | 100.90 | 110.99 | 131.10 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.01 | 0.01 | - |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 5.30% | (6.23%) | (12.49%) | 5.10% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 6,123 | 5,861 | 6,467 | 8,045 |
| Closing number of shares | 5,861,289 | 5,809,087 | 5,826,202 | 6,136,298 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.92% | 0.93% | 0.93% | 0.93% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.01% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 106.00 | 116.10 | 133.80 | 135.50 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 93.87 | 100.20 | 109.30 | 129.20 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class F accumulation 14/12/23 - 31/12/23 (pence per share) |
|---|---|
| Change in net assets per share | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 100.00 ¹ |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.44 |
| Operating charges | (0.02) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.42 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.22) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.22 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 103.42 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - |

Performance

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Return after charges | 3.42% ² |
|----------------------|--------------------|

Other information

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 2 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,000 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.44% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% |

Prices

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 104.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 101.60 |

¹ Class F accumulation launched on 14 December 2023 and this is the first published price.

² Return after charges relates to the period 14 December 2023 to 31 December 2023. This performance will differ from the other share classes as it does not include returns generated prior to class launch, whilst the other classes returns cover the entire period under review.

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class F income 14/12/23 - 31/12/23 (pence per share) |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Change in net assets per share | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 100.00 ³ |
| Return before operating charges* | 3.44 |
| Operating charges | (0.02) |
| Return after operating charges* | 3.42 |
| Distributions on income shares | (0.22) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 103.20 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - |
| Performance | |
| Return after charges | 3.42% ⁴ |
| Other information | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 2 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,000 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.44% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% |
| Prices | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 104.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 101.60 |

³ Class F income launched on 14 December 2023 and this is the first published price.

⁴ Return after charges relates to the period 14 December 2023 to 31 December 2023. This performance will differ from the other share classes as it does not include returns generated prior to class launch, whilst the other classes returns cover the entire period under review.

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class G accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 307.06 | 326.35 | 372.52 | 353.00 |
| Return before operating charges* | 17.97 | (17.58) | (44.23) | 21.50 |
| Operating charges | (0.82) | (1.71) | (1.94) | (1.98) |
| Return after operating charges* | 17.15 | (19.29) | (46.17) | 19.52 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (5.67) | (9.90) | (11.28) | (13.01) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 5.67 | 9.90 | 11.28 | 13.01 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 324.21 | 307.06 | 326.35 | 372.52 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | - |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Return after charges | 5.59% | (5.91%) | (12.39%) | 5.53% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 54,316 | 39,742 | 35,743 | 18,354 |
| Closing number of shares | 16,753,408 | 12,942,509 | 10,952,403 | 4,926,902 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.54% | 0.54% | 0.54% | 0.54% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.01% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 326.00 | 341.60 | 380.50 | 375.10 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 288.50 | 296.90 | 318.60 | 353.80 |

| | Class G income | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 105.55 | 115.83 | 136.48 | 133.91 |
| Return before operating charges* | 6.09 | (6.21) | (15.86) | 8.24 |
| Operating charges | (0.28) | (0.60) | (0.71) | (0.74) |
| Return after operating charges* | 5.81 | (6.81) | (16.57) | 7.50 |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.94) | (3.47) | (4.08) | (4.93) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 109.42 | 105.55 | 115.83 | 136.48 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.01 | 0.01 | - |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Return after charges | 5.50% | (5.88%) | (12.14%) | 5.60% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 467,299 | 417,520 | 277,127 | 270,166 |
| Closing number of shares | 427,073,983 | 395,561,204 | 239,257,803 | 197,954,588 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.54% | 0.54% | 0.54% | 0.54% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.01% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 111.10 | 121.20 | 139.40 | 140.80 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 98.28 | 104.60 | 114.10 | 134.20 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 323.42 | 344.28 | 393.64 | 373.59 |
| Return before operating charges* | 18.90 | (18.52) | (46.68) | 22.77 |
| Operating charges | (1.12) | (2.34) | (2.68) | (2.72) |
| Return after operating charges* | 17.78 | (20.86) | (49.36) | 20.05 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (5.87) | (10.23) | (11.68) | (13.24) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 5.87 | 10.23 | 11.68 | 13.24 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 341.20 | 323.42 | 344.28 | 393.64 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | - |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Return after charges | 5.50% | (6.06%) | (12.54%) | 5.37% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 1,443,463 | 1,329,553 | 1,457,079 | 1,501,864 |
| Closing number of shares | 423,050,700 | 411,094,675 | 423,219,163 | 381,533,676 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.70% | 0.70% | 0.70% | 0.70% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.01% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 343.10 | 360.30 | 401.90 | 396.70 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 303.70 | 313.10 | 336.10 | 374.40 |

| | Class I income | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 111.15 | 122.08 | 143.99 | 141.39 |
| Return before operating charges* | 6.41 | (6.52) | (16.73) | 8.56 |
| Operating charges | (0.38) | (0.82) | (0.97) | (1.02) |
| Return after operating charges* | 6.03 | (7.34) | (17.70) | 7.54 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.01) | (3.59) | (4.21) | (4.94) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 115.17 | 111.15 | 122.08 | 143.99 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.01 | 0.01 | - |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Return after charges | 5.43% | (6.01%) | (12.29%) | 5.33% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 619,831 | 792,398 | 1,067,779 | 1,353,436 |
| Closing number of shares | 538,203,534 | 712,886,017 | 874,620,842 | 939,939,538 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.70% | 0.70% | 0.70% | 0.70% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.01% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 116.90 | 127.80 | 147.00 | 148.70 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 103.50 | 110.20 | 120.20 | 141.70 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 363.16 | 384.05 | 436.22 | 411.27 |
| Return before operating charges* | 21.32 | (20.74) | (52.00) | 25.12 |
| Operating charges | (0.07) | (0.15) | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Return after operating charges* | 21.25 | (20.89) | (52.17) | 24.95 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (6.71) | (11.68) | (13.22) | (14.89) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 6.71 | 11.68 | 13.22 | 14.89 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 384.41 | 363.16 | 384.05 | 436.22 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | - |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Return after charges | 5.85% | (5.44%) | (11.96%) | 6.07% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 6,674 | 6,661 | 8,120 | 10,206 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,736,172 | 1,834,197 | 2,114,345 | 2,339,605 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.04% | 0.04% | 0.04% | 0.04% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.01% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 386.60 | 402.10 | 446.00 | 438.20 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 341.70 | 350.00 | 374.80 | 412.20 |

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

The following share classes launched during the period:

| Share classes | Launch date |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Class F accumulation | 14 December 2023 |
| Class F income | 14 December 2023 |

There were no share classes closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly.

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 | Estimated OCF from 13 December 2023 ¹ |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------|---|
| | % | % | % |
| Class A income | 1.42 ² | 1.43 | 1.33 |
| Class E income | 0.92 ² | 0.93 | 0.83 |
| Class F accumulation | 0.44 ³ | n/a | n/a |
| Class F Income | 0.44 ³ | n/a | n/a |
| Class G accumulation | 0.54 | 0.54 | n/a |
| Class G income | 0.54 | 0.54 | n/a |
| Class I accumulation | 0.70 | 0.70 | n/a |
| Class I income | 0.70 | 0.70 | n/a |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.04 | 0.04 | n/a |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

¹ The estimated ongoing charge based on the annual fee rates from 13 December 2023.

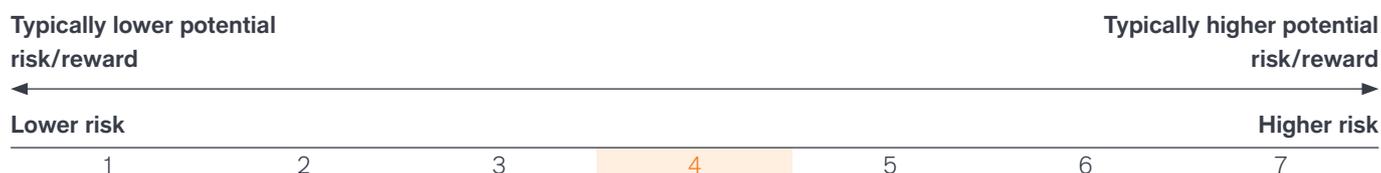
² The AMC on Class A income decreased from 1.25% to 1.15% and Class E income decreased from 0.75% to 0.65% on 13 December 2023 and therefore the rate applied is not consistent throughout the year.

³ Class F accumulation and Class F income launched on 14 December 2023 therefore there are no prior year comparatives.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 9 types of share class in issue: A income, E income, F income, F accumulation, G accumulation, G income, I accumulation, I income and Z accumulation.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 4 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up and down. When you sell your shares, they may be worth less than what you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Charges to Capital Some or all of the ongoing charges may be taken from capital, which may erode capital or reduce potential for capital growth.

Contingent Convertible Bonds (CoCos)

CoCos can fall sharply in value if the financial strength of an issuer weakens and a predetermined trigger event causes the bonds to be converted into shares of the issuer or to be partly or wholly written off.

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Credit Risk An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.

Currency Hedging When the fund, or a share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency (hedge), the hedging strategy itself may positively or negatively impact the value of the fund due to differences in short-term interest rates between the currencies.

Derivatives and Leverage The fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

High Yield Bonds The fund invests in high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and while these generally offer higher rates of interest than investment grade bonds, they are more speculative and more sensitive to adverse changes in market conditions.

Interest Rates When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise (or are expected to rise). This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class E income launched on 8 July 2019, Class F accumulation and Class F income launched on 14 December 2023, Class G accumulation and Class G income launched on 5 May 2020. As these share classes do not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created for Class E income using the A income share class and for Class F accumulation, Class F income, Class G accumulation and Class G income using the fund's sector average.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Equities 0.63% (30/06/2023: 0.56%) | | |
| | United Kingdom 0.63% (30/06/2023: 0.56%) | | |
| | Financials 0.63% (30/06/2023: 0.56%) | | |
| 130,350 | Nationwide Building Society CCDS | 16,750 | 0.63 |
| | Bonds 94.24% (30/06/2023: 95.60%) | | |
| | Australia 6.33% (30/06/2023: 10.03%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 6.33% (30/06/2023: 10.03%) | | |
| AUD 76,710,000 | Australia (Commonwealth of) 1.75% 21/06/2051 | 24,224 | 0.91 |
| AUD 128,122,000 | Australia (Commonwealth of) 2.75% 21/05/2041 | 55,975 | 2.10 |
| AUD 158,253,000 | Australia (Commonwealth of) 4.50% 21/04/2033 | 88,297 | 3.32 |
| | | 168,496 | 6.33 |
| | Belgium 0.91% (30/06/2023: 0.88%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.91% (30/06/2023: 0.88%) | | |
| EUR 10,260,000 | Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.70% 31/03/2026 | 8,803 | 0.33 |
| USD 8,220,000 | Anheuser-Busch InBev 3.50% 01/06/2030 | 6,148 | 0.23 |
| AUD 7,000,000 | Anheuser-Busch InBev 4.10% 06/09/2027 | 3,682 | 0.14 |
| USD 7,090,000 | Anheuser-Busch InBev 4.70% 01/02/2036 | 5,565 | 0.21 |
| | | 24,198 | 0.91 |
| | Canada 0.29% (30/06/2023: 6.54%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.29% (30/06/2023: 6.54%) | | |
| USD 10,587,000 | 1011778 BC 3.50% 15/02/2029 | 7,624 | 0.29 |
| | France 0.54% (30/06/2023: 0.64%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.54% (30/06/2023: 0.64%) | | |
| GBP 9,500,000 | BNP Paribas 5.75% 13/06/2032 | 9,991 | 0.37 |
| GBP 4,400,000 | Électricité de France 5.50% 25/01/2035 | 4,433 | 0.17 |
| | | 14,424 | 0.54 |
| | Germany 7.23% (30/06/2023: 2.29%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 7.23% (30/06/2023: 2.29%) | | |
| EUR 58,931,751 | Germany (Federal Republic of) 0.00% 15/08/2050 | 28,517 | 1.07 |
| EUR 131,451,989 | Germany (Federal Republic of) 2.30% 15/02/2033 | 116,879 | 4.39 |
| EUR 51,809,491 | Germany (Federal Republic of) 2.60% 15/08/2033 | 47,191 | 1.77 |
| | | 192,587 | 7.23 |
| | Netherlands 0.55% (30/06/2023: 0.54%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.55% (30/06/2023: 0.54%) | | |
| USD 7,180,000 | Coöperatieve Rabobank 3.75% 21/07/2026 | 5,395 | 0.20 |
| USD 12,220,000 | Heineken 3.50% 29/01/2028 | 9,296 | 0.35 |
| | | 14,691 | 0.55 |
| | New Zealand 2.36% (30/06/2023: 1.62%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 2.36% (30/06/2023: 1.62%) | | |
| NZD 75,000,000 | New Zealand (Government of) 1.50% 15/05/2031 | 30,783 | 1.16 |
| NZD 36,489,000 | New Zealand (Government of) 3.50% 14/04/2033 | 16,982 | 0.64 |
| NZD 30,000,000 | New Zealand (Government of) 4.50% 15/04/2027 | 15,002 | 0.56 |
| | | 62,767 | 2.36 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Spain 0.46% (30/06/2023: 0.42%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.46% (30/06/2023: 0.42%) | | |
| EUR 14,470,000 | Lorca Telecom 4.00% 18/09/2027 | 12,197 | 0.46 |
| | Sweden 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.79%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.79%) | | |
| | Switzerland 1.10% (30/06/2023: 2.89%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 0.00% (30/06/2023: 1.90%) | | |
| | Variable Rate Bond 1.10% (30/06/2023: 0.99%) | | |
| USD 26,950,000 | UBS 4.49% 05/08/2025 | 20,983 | 0.79 |
| USD 7,090,000 | UBS 5.959% 12/01/2034 | 5,761 | 0.22 |
| USD 2,985,000 | UBS 9.25% 13/05/2172 | 2,526 | 0.09 |
| | | 29,270 | 1.10 |
| | United Kingdom 37.81% (30/06/2023: 22.95%) | | |
| | Fixed Rate Bond 33.45% (30/06/2023: 18.55%) | | |
| USD 14,973,000 | Bacardi 4.45% 15/05/2025 | 11,571 | 0.43 |
| USD 18,991,000 | Bacardi 4.70% 15/05/2028 | 14,616 | 0.55 |
| GBP 23,605,000 | BUPA Finance 4.125% 14/06/2035 | 19,106 | 0.72 |
| GBP 2,950,000 | BUPA Finance 5.00% 08/12/2026 | 2,900 | 0.11 |
| GBP 12,090,000 | Diageo Finance 2.875% 27/03/2029 | 11,476 | 0.43 |
| AUD 12,090,000 | Lloyds Bank 4.25% 22/11/2027 | 6,195 | 0.23 |
| USD 19,380,000 | Nationwide Building Society 1.00% 28/08/2025 | 14,057 | 0.53 |
| GBP 4,720,000 | NatWest 6.375% 08/11/2027 | 4,972 | 0.19 |
| GBP 10,570,000 | NatWest 6.625% 22/06/2026 | 10,947 | 0.41 |
| GBP 2,515,000 | Scottish Widows 7.00% 16/06/2043 | 2,731 | 0.10 |
| EUR 5,600,000 | Sky 2.50% 15/09/2026 | 4,775 | 0.18 |
| USD 1,008,000 | Tesco 6.15% 15/11/2037 | 823 | 0.03 |
| GBP 9,076,590 | Tesco Property Finance 5.744% 13/04/2040 | 9,186 | 0.34 |
| GBP 7,280,000 | Tesco Treasury Services 2.75% 27/04/2030 | 6,423 | 0.24 |
| GBP 28,170,486 | UK Treasury 0.25% 31/01/2025 | 26,963 | 1.01 |
| GBP 137,334,811 | UK Treasury 0.625% 22/10/2050 | 60,633 | 2.28 |
| GBP 28,960,000 | UK Treasury 1.50% 22/07/2026 | 27,540 | 1.03 |
| GBP 77,551,324 | UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2028 | 71,817 | 2.70 |
| GBP 91,879,068 | UK Treasury 2.75% 07/09/2024 | 90,700 | 3.41 |
| GBP 90,568,347 | UK Treasury 3.25% 31/01/2033 | 88,606 | 3.33 |
| GBP 175,397,534 | UK Treasury 3.50% 22/10/2025 | 174,015 | 6.54 |
| GBP 192,231,722 | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/06/2032 | 203,560 | 7.65 |
| GBP 6,530,000 | Unilever 1.50% 22/07/2026 | 6,148 | 0.23 |
| GBP 8,230,000 | Virgin Media 4.125% 15/08/2030 | 7,044 | 0.26 |
| GBP 14,824,000 | Virgin Media 5.25% 15/05/2029 | 13,754 | 0.52 |
| | | 890,558 | 33.45 |
| | Variable Rate Bond 4.36% (30/06/2023: 4.40%) | | |
| GBP 5,330,000 | Aviva 4.00% 03/06/2055 | 4,375 | 0.16 |
| GBP 15,302,000 | BUPA Finance 4.00% Perpetual | 10,197 | 0.38 |
| GBP 14,113,000 | Lloyds Bank 2.707% 03/12/2035 | 11,346 | 0.43 |
| USD 14,080,000 | Lloyds Bank 3.369% 14/12/2046 | 7,699 | 0.29 |
| USD 14,800,000 | Lloyds Bank 4.716% 11/08/2026 | 11,458 | 0.43 |
| GBP 7,950,000 | Lloyds Bank 6.625% 02/06/2033 | 8,117 | 0.31 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|---|----------------------|---|
| Variable Rate Bond (continued) | | | |
| GBP 12,800,000 | Nationwide Building Society 6.178% 07/12/2027 | 13,140 | 0.49 |
| USD 5,783,000 | NatWest 5.847% 02/03/2027 | 4,576 | 0.17 |
| USD 24,148,000 | NatWest 7.472% 10/11/2026 | 19,605 | 0.74 |
| USD 21,275,000 | Santander 6.833% 21/11/2026 | 16,999 | 0.64 |
| GBP 8,170,000 | Santander 7.098% 16/11/2027 | 8,488 | 0.32 |
| | | 116,000 | 4.36 |
| United States 36.66% (30/06/2023: 46.01%) | | | |
| Asset Backed 9.78% (30/06/2023: 5.49%) | | | |
| USD 66,560,855 | Fannie Mae Pool 2.50% 01/03/2052 | 44,499 | 1.67 |
| USD 4,131,050 | Fannie Mae Pool 3.00% 01/01/2052 | 2,889 | 0.11 |
| USD 44,936,249 | Fannie Mae Pool 3.00% 01/04/2052 | 31,370 | 1.18 |
| USD 21,648,291 | Fannie Mae Pool 3.00% 01/06/2052 | 15,022 | 0.56 |
| USD 28,479,659 | Fannie Mae Pool 3.00% 01/07/2052 | 19,749 | 0.74 |
| USD 15,133,892 | Fannie Mae Pool 3.00% 01/09/2050 | 10,491 | 0.39 |
| USD 3,427,545 | Fannie Mae Pool 3.50% 01/02/2051 | 2,489 | 0.09 |
| USD 13,305,915 | Fannie Mae Pool 3.50% 01/05/2049 | 9,677 | 0.36 |
| USD 7,734,078 | Fannie Mae Pool 3.50% 01/08/2052 | 5,607 | 0.21 |
| USD 34,567,900 | Fannie Mae Pool 4.00% 01/06/2052 | 25,934 | 0.97 |
| USD 4,096,957 | Fannie Mae Pool 4.50% 01/09/2052 | 3,148 | 0.12 |
| USD 15,356,886 | Fannie Mae Pool A 3.50% 01/09/2052 | 11,148 | 0.42 |
| USD 4,327,602 | Fannie Mae Pool B 3.50% 01/09/2052 | 3,134 | 0.12 |
| USD 21,624,151 | Freddie Mac Pool 3.00% 01/11/2051 | 15,030 | 0.57 |
| USD 5,418,116 | Freddie Mac Pool 3.00% 01/06/2052 | 3,757 | 0.14 |
| USD 7,608,469 | Freddie Mac Pool 3.50% 01/04/2052 | 5,516 | 0.21 |
| USD 3,714,698 | Freddie Mac Pool 4.00% 01/08/2052 | 2,791 | 0.11 |
| USD 34,334,300 | Freddie Mac Pool 4.50% 01/05/2053 | 26,396 | 0.99 |
| USD 8,255,520 | Freddie Mac Pool A 3.00% 01/05/2052 | 5,799 | 0.22 |
| USD 22,915,266 | Freddie Mac Pool B 3.00% 01/05/2052 | 16,048 | 0.60 |
| | | 260,494 | 9.78 |
| Fixed Rate Bond 26.34% (30/06/2023: 39.91%) | | | |
| EUR 5,140,000 | Abbott Ireland Financing 1.50% 27/09/2026 | 4,295 | 0.16 |
| USD 10,640,000 | AbbVie 4.50% 14/05/2035 | 8,182 | 0.31 |
| USD 14,240,000 | American Tower 3.60% 15/01/2028 | 10,650 | 0.40 |
| USD 3,687,000 | Amgen 5.25% 02/03/2030 | 2,977 | 0.11 |
| USD 10,602,000 | Amgen 5.25% 02/03/2033 | 8,539 | 0.32 |
| USD 3,545,000 | Apple 3.35% 09/02/2027 | 2,710 | 0.10 |
| EUR 9,300,000 | Avantor Funding 3.875% 15/07/2028 | 7,872 | 0.30 |
| USD 15,293,000 | Avantor Funding 4.625% 15/07/2028 | 11,591 | 0.44 |
| USD 7,849,000 | Ball 4.875% 15/03/2026 | 6,135 | 0.23 |
| EUR 8,250,000 | Berkshire Hathaway 0.00% 12/03/2025 | 6,875 | 0.26 |
| USD 2,045,000 | Booking 3.55% 15/03/2028 | 1,551 | 0.06 |
| EUR 18,437,000 | Booking 4.00% 15/11/2026 | 16,405 | 0.62 |
| USD 13,614,000 | Centene 2.625% 01/08/2031 | 8,890 | 0.33 |
| USD 8,467,000 | Centene 3.00% 15/10/2030 | 5,755 | 0.22 |
| EUR 4,800,000 | Coca-Cola 1.625% 09/03/2035 | 3,593 | 0.12 |
| EUR 2,650,000 | Comcast 0.00% 14/09/2026 | 2,118 | 0.08 |
| USD 11,934,000 | CrowdStrike 3.00% 15/02/2029 | 8,464 | 0.32 |
| USD 2,788,000 | Crown Americas 4.25% 30/09/2026 | 2,121 | 0.08 |
| USD 1,810,000 | Crown Americas 4.75% 01/02/2026 | 1,406 | 0.05 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Fixed Rate Bond (continued) | | | |
| USD 9,644,000 | Crown Castle 3.65% 01/09/2027 | 7,196 | 0.27 |
| USD 8,590,000 | Crown Castle 3.80% 15/02/2028 | 6,403 | 0.24 |
| USD 15,993,000 | Dell International 5.85% 15/07/2025 | 12,664 | 0.48 |
| USD 11,234,000 | Dell International 6.02% 15/06/2026 | 9,021 | 0.34 |
| USD 8,900,000 | Elanco Animal Health 4.90% 28/08/2028 | 7,234 | 0.27 |
| USD 21,741,000 | Experian Finance 2.75% 08/03/2030 | 14,939 | 0.56 |
| GBP 1,900,000 | Experian Finance 3.25% 07/04/2032 | 1,758 | 0.07 |
| USD 20,169,000 | Experian Finance 4.25% 01/02/2029 | 15,674 | 0.59 |
| EUR 4,740,000 | Fiserv 1.625% 01/07/2030 | 3,708 | 0.14 |
| USD 3,840,000 | Fiserv 2.65% 01/06/2030 | 2,652 | 0.10 |
| USD 6,103,000 | Fiserv 3.50% 01/07/2029 | 4,508 | 0.17 |
| USD 5,572,000 | Fiserv 5.45% 02/03/2028 | 4,505 | 0.17 |
| USD 18,445,000 | Gartner 3.75% 01/10/2030 | 12,790 | 0.48 |
| USD 34,075,000 | GE Healthcare Technologies 5.55% 15/11/2024 | 26,739 | 1.00 |
| USD 12,247,000 | GTCR W-2 Merger Sub 7.50% 15/01/2031 | 10,152 | 0.38 |
| USD 8,803,000 | HCA 3.625% 15/03/2032 | 6,183 | 0.23 |
| USD 11,563,000 | HCA 4.125% 15/06/2029 | 8,672 | 0.33 |
| USD 7,834,000 | HCA 5.25% 15/06/2026 | 6,168 | 0.23 |
| USD 17,190,000 | HCA 5.375% 01/02/2025 | 13,466 | 0.51 |
| USD 2,467,000 | HCA 5.875% 01/02/2029 | 1,999 | 0.07 |
| EUR 3,200,000 | IQVIA 2.25% 15/01/2028 | 2,599 | 0.10 |
| USD 10,393,000 | IQVIA 5.00% 15/05/2027 | 8,002 | 0.30 |
| USD 3,498,000 | Iron Mountain 4.875% 15/09/2027 | 2,678 | 0.10 |
| USD 5,247,000 | Iron Mountain 5.25% 15/03/2028 | 4,002 | 0.15 |
| USD 4,591,000 | Iron Mountain 7.00% 15/02/2029 | 3,702 | 0.14 |
| USD 2,044,000 | Keurig Dr Pepper 3.20% 01/05/2030 | 1,476 | 0.06 |
| USD 8,410,000 | Keurig Dr Pepper 3.40% 15/11/2025 | 6,411 | 0.24 |
| USD 3,524,000 | Kimberly-Clark 3.10% 26/03/2030 | 2,584 | 0.10 |
| GBP 844,821 | Lehman Brothers 7.875% 08/05/2018 ¹ | 1 | - |
| USD 14,806,000 | Levi Strauss 3.50% 01/03/2020 | 10,051 | 0.38 |
| USD 20,643,000 | Mars 3.20% 01/04/2030 | 14,974 | 0.56 |
| USD 11,171,000 | Match 4.125% 01/08/2030 | 7,952 | 0.30 |
| USD 30,000,000 | Microsoft 2.525% 01/06/2050 | 16,148 | 0.61 |
| USD 20,000,000 | Microsoft 3.45% 08/08/2036 | 14,466 | 0.54 |
| USD 5,038,000 | MSCI 3.625% 01/09/2030 | 3,568 | 0.13 |
| USD 6,592,000 | MSCI 4.00% 15/11/2029 | 4,860 | 0.18 |
| EUR 2,450,000 | NASDAQ 4.50% 15/02/2032 | 2,270 | 0.09 |
| USD 2,740,000 | NASDAQ 5.35% 28/06/2028 | 2,213 | 0.08 |
| USD 1,861,000 | NASDAQ 5.55% 15/02/2034 | 1,520 | 0.06 |
| EUR 15,450,000 | Netflix 3.625% 15/06/2030 | 13,616 | 0.51 |
| EUR 2,890,000 | Netflix 3.875% 15/11/2029 | 2,587 | 0.10 |
| USD 3,257,000 | Netflix 4.875% 15/04/2028 | 2,590 | 0.10 |
| USD 2,225,000 | Netflix 4.875% 15/06/2030 | 1,767 | 0.07 |
| USD 15,000,000 | Nike 3.375% 27/03/2050 | 9,655 | 0.36 |
| USD 2,790,000 | Nvidia 3.20% 16/09/2026 | 2,130 | 0.08 |
| USD 6,476,000 | Oracle 2.65% 15/07/2026 | 4,819 | 0.18 |
| USD 11,325,000 | Oracle 2.95% 01/04/2030 | 8,025 | 0.30 |
| USD 6,908,000 | Oracle 3.60% 01/04/2050 | 4,031 | 0.15 |
| USD 5,264,000 | Oracle 4.90% 06/02/2033 | 4,117 | 0.15 |
| USD 6,960,000 | Oracle 5.55% 06/02/2053 | 5,483 | 0.21 |
| USD 22,174,000 | Oracle 5.80% 10/11/2025 | 17,669 | 0.66 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|---|----------------------|---|
| Fixed Rate Bond (continued) | | | |
| USD 13,831,000 | Organon 4.125% 30/04/2028 | 9,989 | 0.38 |
| USD 6,914,000 | PepsiCo 2.625% 29/07/2029 | 5,002 | 0.19 |
| USD 15,521,000 | Salesforce 3.70% 11/04/2028 | 11,937 | 0.45 |
| USD 19,160,000 | Service International 3.375% 15/08/2030 | 13,099 | 0.49 |
| USD 12,700,000 | Service International 4.00% 15/05/2031 | 8,921 | 0.34 |
| USD 16,068,000 | Service International 4.625% 15/12/2027 | 12,195 | 0.46 |
| USD 5,936,000 | Service International 5.125% 01/06/2029 | 4,563 | 0.17 |
| USD 12,750,000 | T-Mobile USA 2.25% 15/02/2026 | 9,477 | 0.36 |
| USD 3,902,000 | T-Mobile USA 2.625% 15/02/2029 | 2,756 | 0.10 |
| USD 16,800,000 | T-Mobile USA 3.50% 15/04/2025 | 12,902 | 0.48 |
| USD 20,500,000 | T-Mobile USA 3.875% 15/04/2030 | 15,262 | 0.57 |
| USD 3,997,000 | T-Mobile USA 4.75% 01/02/2028 | 3,124 | 0.12 |
| USD 16,942,900 | US Treasury 1.25% 31/03/2028 | 11,929 | 0.45 |
| USD 29,072,800 | US Treasury 2.875% 15/05/2052 | 18,248 | 0.69 |
| AUD 6,830,000 | Verizon Communications 2.35% 23/03/2028 | 3,277 | 0.12 |
| AUD 7,730,000 | Verizon Communications 4.50% 17/08/2027 | 4,087 | 0.15 |
| USD 10,472,000 | VMware 1.00% 15/08/2024 | 7,978 | 0.30 |
| USD 14,369,000 | VMware 3.90% 21/08/2027 | 10,916 | 0.41 |
| USD 9,743,000 | VMware 4.50% 15/05/2025 | 7,567 | 0.28 |
| USD 16,675,000 | VMware 4.70% 15/05/2030 | 12,921 | 0.49 |
| USD 7,531,000 | Workday 3.80% 01/04/2032 | 5,507 | 0.21 |
| USD 6,018,000 | Zoetis 3.90% 20/08/2028 | 4,622 | 0.17 |
| USD 28,068,000 | Zoetis 5.40% 14/11/2025 | 22,200 | 0.83 |
| | | <u>701,005</u> | <u>26.34</u> |
| Variable Rate Bond 0.54% (30/06/2023: 0.61%) | | | |
| USD 7,150,000 | JPMorgan Chase 4.08% 26/04/2026 | 5,518 | 0.20 |
| GBP 8,600,000 | Morgan Stanley 5.789% 18/11/2033 | 9,143 | 0.34 |
| | | <u>14,661</u> | <u>0.54</u> |
| Certificates of Deposit 0.50% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | | |
| Canada 0.50% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | | |
| GBP 13,200,000 | Toronto-Dominion Bank 6.47% 12/04/2024 | 13,239 | 0.50 |
| Derivatives 2.86% (30/06/2023: 0.09%) | | | |
| Futures 2.14% (30/06/2023: (0.82%)) | | | |
| 6,445 | CBT US 10 Year Note March 2024 | 14,843 | 0.56 |
| 500 | CBT US 10 Year Ultra March 2024 | 189 | 0.01 |
| 7,763 | CBT US 5 Year Note March 2024 | 16,223 | 0.61 |
| 393 | EUX Euro Bund March 2024 | 1,189 | 0.04 |
| 2,805 | ICF Long Gilt March 2024 | 20,195 | 0.76 |
| 2,290 | SFE Australia 10 Year Bond March 2024 | 4,200 | 0.16 |
| | | <u>56,839</u> | <u>2.14</u> |
| Swaps 0.01% (30/06/2023: (0.18%))² | | | |
| Credit Default Index Swaps 0.00% (30/06/2023: (0.04%))² | | | |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|---|----------------------|---|
| Credit Default Swaps 0.01% (30/06/2023: 0.14%)² | | | |
| 9,270,000 | CDS 1.00% 20/06/2028 Alstom - Receive - EUR | 252 | 0.01 |
| 20,000,000 | CDS 1.00% 20/06/2028 JP CQ1L - Pay - EUR | 348 | 0.01 |
| 20,000,000 | CDS 1.00% 20/06/2028 JP CQ1N - Pay - EUR | (391) | (0.01) |
| | | 209 | 0.01 |
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 0.71% (30/06/2023: 1.09%)² | | | |
| | Buy AUD 534,200 : Sell GBP 286,272 March 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy AUD 671,213 : Sell GBP 360,129 March 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy AUD 2,142,700 : Sell GBP 1,150,321 March 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy AUD 1,128,069 : Sell GBP 590,682 February 2024 | 14 | - |
| | Buy AUD 129,081,948 : Sell GBP 67,664,503 February 2024 | 1,531 | 0.06 |
| | Buy AUD 256,913 : Sell GBP 134,726 February 2024 | 3 | - |
| | Buy AUD 1,307,500 : Sell GBP 685,656 February 2024 | 15 | - |
| | Buy AUD 4,376,500 : Sell GBP 2,296,750 February 2024 | 49 | - |
| | Buy AUD 2,810,100 : Sell GBP 1,478,282 February 2024 | 28 | - |
| | Buy AUD 208,400 : Sell GBP 109,760 February 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy AUD 3,974,200 : Sell GBP 2,107,208 February 2024 | 23 | - |
| | Buy AUD 29,399,622 : Sell GBP 15,318,893 January 2024 | 431 | 0.02 |
| | Buy AUD 3,549,600 : Sell GBP 1,851,576 January 2024 | 50 | - |
| | Buy AUD 3,441,400 : Sell GBP 1,796,774 January 2024 | 47 | - |
| | Buy AUD 26,513,250 : Sell GBP 13,847,686 January 2024 | 356 | 0.02 |
| | Buy AUD 1,923,200 : Sell GBP 1,005,771 January 2024 | 25 | - |
| | Buy AUD 4,227,120 : Sell GBP 2,210,646 January 2024 | 54 | - |
| | Buy AUD 657,900 : Sell GBP 344,200 January 2024 | 8 | - |
| | Buy AUD 31,688,963 : Sell GBP 16,600,780 January 2024 | 376 | 0.02 |
| | Buy AUD 880,300 : Sell GBP 461,459 January 2024 | 10 | - |
| | Buy AUD 1,761,678 : Sell GBP 925,245 January 2024 | 19 | - |
| | Buy AUD 4,748,580 : Sell GBP 2,497,558 January 2024 | 46 | - |
| | Buy EUR 316,519 : Sell GBP 276,106 March 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy EUR 162,200 : Sell GBP 141,339 March 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 254,500 : Sell GBP 221,243 March 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 763,825 : Sell GBP 661,809 March 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy EUR 726,500 : Sell GBP 631,111 February 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 1,092,200 : Sell GBP 947,161 February 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy EUR 1,396,700 : Sell GBP 1,207,532 February 2024 | 5 | - |
| | Buy EUR 736,600 : Sell GBP 636,536 February 2024 | 3 | - |
| | Buy EUR 923,900 : Sell GBP 798,043 February 2024 | 4 | - |
| | Buy EUR 3,922,700 : Sell GBP 3,380,387 February 2024 | 25 | - |
| | Buy EUR 155,800 : Sell GBP 134,115 February 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy EUR 1,665,200 : Sell GBP 1,432,372 February 2024 | 13 | - |
| | Buy EUR 605,800 : Sell GBP 521,016 February 2024 | 5 | - |
| | Buy EUR 2,248,799 : Sell GBP 1,932,638 February 2024 | 20 | - |
| | Buy EUR 405,265 : Sell GBP 348,250 February 2024 | 4 | - |
| | Buy EUR 838,300 : Sell GBP 736,074 January 2024 | (9) | - |
| | Buy EUR 296,000 : Sell GBP 259,519 January 2024 | (3) | - |
| | Buy EUR 378,080 : Sell GBP 331,473 January 2024 | (4) | - |
| | Buy EUR 1,856,100 : Sell GBP 1,625,426 January 2024 | (15) | - |
| | Buy EUR 5,010,067 : Sell GBP 4,384,154 January 2024 | (38) | - |
| | Buy EUR 667,222 : Sell GBP 583,865 January 2024 | (5) | - |
| | Buy EUR 33,180,230 : Sell GBP 29,033,000 January 2024 | (251) | (0.01) |
| | Buy EUR 598,800 : Sell GBP 523,828 January 2024 | (5) | - |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|---|----------------------|---|
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts <small>(continued)</small> | | | |
| | Buy EUR 867,900 : Sell GBP 758,877 January 2024 | (6) | - |
| | Buy EUR 495,637 : Sell GBP 433,329 January 2024 | (3) | - |
| | Buy EUR 133,900 : Sell GBP 117,051 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy EUR 915,300 : Sell GBP 800,087 January 2024 | (6) | - |
| | Buy EUR 154,448 : Sell GBP 134,997 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy EUR 119,994 : Sell GBP 104,832 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy EUR 196,341 : Sell GBP 171,532 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy EUR 396,500 : Sell GBP 345,855 January 2024 | (2) | - |
| | Buy EUR 1,361,997 : Sell GBP 1,185,556 January 2024 | (4) | - |
| | Buy EUR 955,777 : Sell GBP 831,506 January 2024 | (3) | - |
| | Buy GBP 46,142 : Sell AUD 86,942 March 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 60,993,533 : Sell AUD 114,771,281 March 2024 | (571) | (0.02) |
| | Buy GBP 14,362,534 : Sell AUD 26,771,102 March 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy GBP 349,553 : Sell AUD 668,167 February 2024 | (9) | - |
| | Buy GBP 13,953,834 : Sell AUD 26,644,176 February 2024 | (329) | (0.01) |
| | Buy GBP 740,252 : Sell AUD 1,411,411 February 2024 | (16) | - |
| | Buy GBP 226,944 : Sell AUD 432,557 February 2024 | (5) | - |
| | Buy GBP 115,096,063 : Sell AUD 219,015,652 February 2024 | (2,309) | (0.09) |
| | Buy GBP 918,375 : Sell AUD 1,747,347 February 2024 | (18) | - |
| | Buy GBP 527,793 : Sell AUD 1,002,901 February 2024 | (10) | - |
| | Buy GBP 558,719 : Sell AUD 1,072,322 January 2024 | (16) | - |
| | Buy GBP 109,406,997 : Sell AUD 209,878,586 January 2024 | (3,029) | (0.11) |
| | Buy GBP 963,137 : Sell AUD 1,847,239 January 2024 | (27) | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,129,161 : Sell AUD 2,165,119 January 2024 | (31) | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,499,407 : Sell AUD 2,874,364 January 2024 | (40) | - |
| | Buy GBP 284,048 : Sell AUD 543,767 January 2024 | (7) | - |
| | Buy GBP 176,956 : Sell AUD 337,847 January 2024 | (4) | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,716,747 : Sell AUD 3,275,629 January 2024 | (38) | - |
| | Buy GBP 655,712 : Sell AUD 1,246,800 January 2024 | (12) | - |
| | Buy GBP 169,793 : Sell AUD 321,220 January 2024 | (2) | - |
| | Buy GBP 14,190,818 : Sell EUR 16,328,402 March 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy GBP 110,360 : Sell EUR 127,000 March 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 196,534 : Sell EUR 227,100 March 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy GBP 176,180,383 : Sell EUR 204,021,738 March 2024 | (1,149) | (0.04) |
| | Buy GBP 55,881,068 : Sell EUR 63,870,571 February 2024 | 426 | 0.02 |
| | Buy GBP 52,466 : Sell EUR 60,100 February 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 834,248 : Sell EUR 958,600 February 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy GBP 339,065 : Sell EUR 389,700 February 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy GBP 107,321 : Sell EUR 124,544 February 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy GBP 647,744 : Sell EUR 752,800 February 2024 | (6) | - |
| | Buy GBP 13,764,514 : Sell EUR 16,008,637 February 2024 | (135) | (0.01) |
| | Buy GBP 997,405 : Sell EUR 1,161,861 February 2024 | (11) | - |
| | Buy GBP 210,483 : Sell EUR 239,800 January 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy GBP 152,541 : Sell EUR 173,822 January 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy GBP 381,216 : Sell EUR 434,400 January 2024 | 5 | - |
| | Buy GBP 80,200 : Sell EUR 91,586 January 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy GBP 812,196 : Sell EUR 928,300 January 2024 | 7 | - |
| | Buy GBP 471,434 : Sell EUR 539,200 January 2024 | 4 | - |
| | Buy GBP 501,873 : Sell EUR 574,412 January 2024 | 4 | - |
| | Buy GBP 77,998,863 : Sell EUR 89,340,446 January 2024 | 501 | 0.02 |
| | Buy GBP 235,411 : Sell EUR 269,800 January 2024 | 1 | - |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|--|----------------------|---|
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (continued) | | | |
| | Buy GBP 374,757 : Sell EUR 429,576 January 2024 | 2 | - |
| | Buy GBP 547,249 : Sell EUR 627,300 January 2024 | 3 | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,062,521 : Sell EUR 1,219,186 January 2024 | 5 | - |
| | Buy GBP 15,387,764 : Sell NZD 31,280,313 March 2024 | (145) | (0.01) |
| | Buy GBP 15,174,487 : Sell NZD 31,392,813 February 2024 | (415) | (0.02) |
| | Buy GBP 15,443,357 : Sell NZD 32,217,730 January 2024 | (558) | (0.02) |
| | Buy GBP 14,742,511 : Sell NZD 30,717,813 January 2024 | (513) | (0.02) |
| | Buy GBP 15,076,393 : Sell USD 19,318,181 March 2024 | (71) | - |
| | Buy GBP 3,686,511 : Sell USD 4,702,090 March 2024 ³ | - | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,494,379 : Sell USD 1,904,894 March 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy GBP 655,660 : Sell USD 834,411 March 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy GBP 331,772,010 : Sell USD 421,141,085 March 2024 | 1,552 | 0.06 |
| | Buy GBP 163,726 : Sell USD 207,113 March 2024 | 1 | - |
| | Buy GBP 13,884,267 : Sell USD 17,711,452 February 2024 | (5) | - |
| | Buy GBP 15,398,224 : Sell USD 19,570,711 February 2024 | 51 | - |
| | Buy GBP 68,461,530 : Sell USD 86,988,932 February 2024 | 245 | 0.01 |
| | Buy GBP 16,543,458 : Sell USD 20,980,100 February 2024 | 91 | - |
| | Buy GBP 19,624,076 : Sell USD 24,820,865 February 2024 | 160 | 0.01 |
| | Buy GBP 4,075,503 : Sell USD 5,151,537 February 2024 | 36 | - |
| | Buy GBP 4,537,754 : Sell USD 5,727,294 February 2024 | 46 | - |
| | Buy GBP 3,582,062 : Sell USD 4,519,495 February 2024 | 38 | - |
| | Buy GBP 4,571,234 : Sell USD 5,758,219 February 2024 | 56 | - |
| | Buy GBP 7,470,210 : Sell USD 9,381,292 February 2024 | 113 | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,284,482 : Sell USD 1,611,690 February 2024 | 21 | - |
| | Buy GBP 326,030,676 : Sell USD 408,482,062 February 2024 | 5,699 | 0.22 |
| | Buy GBP 1,563,833 : Sell USD 1,955,223 January 2024 | 30 | - |
| | Buy GBP 25,514,270 : Sell USD 31,826,807 January 2024 | 553 | 0.02 |
| | Buy GBP 2,267,517 : Sell USD 2,826,528 January 2024 | 51 | - |
| | Buy GBP 3,275,137 : Sell USD 4,076,983 January 2024 | 78 | - |
| | Buy GBP 25,623,311 : Sell USD 31,830,020 January 2024 | 659 | 0.03 |
| | Buy GBP 7,119,871 : Sell USD 8,762,582 January 2024 | 247 | 0.01 |
| | Buy GBP 2,877,884 : Sell USD 3,538,226 January 2024 | 103 | - |
| | Buy GBP 13,233,538 : Sell USD 16,244,326 January 2024 | 493 | 0.02 |
| | Buy GBP 217,212 : Sell USD 266,328 January 2024 | 8 | - |
| | Buy GBP 6,963,849 : Sell USD 8,498,835 January 2024 | 298 | 0.01 |
| | Buy GBP 12,540,290 : Sell USD 15,266,800 January 2024 | 567 | 0.02 |
| | Buy GBP 714,674 : Sell USD 869,436 January 2024 | 33 | - |
| | Buy GBP 3,133,972 : Sell USD 3,812,630 January 2024 | 144 | 0.01 |
| | Buy GBP 398,920 : Sell USD 485,306 January 2024 | 18 | - |
| | Buy GBP 2,632,866 : Sell USD 3,201,483 January 2024 | 122 | - |
| | Buy GBP 557,015 : Sell USD 677,013 January 2024 | 26 | - |
| | Buy GBP 4,822,059 : Sell USD 5,860,875 January 2024 | 225 | 0.01 |
| | Buy GBP 2,718,379 : Sell USD 3,303,986 January 2024 | 127 | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,427,780 : Sell USD 1,735,154 January 2024 | 67 | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,465,959 : Sell USD 1,780,277 January 2024 | 70 | - |
| | Buy GBP 3,336,344 : Sell USD 4,049,014 January 2024 | 161 | 0.01 |
| | Buy GBP 707,689 : Sell USD 858,621 January 2024 | 34 | - |
| | Buy GBP 1,795,316 : Sell USD 2,178,210 January 2024 | 87 | - |
| | Buy GBP 363,991,545 : Sell USD 441,443,359 January 2024 | 17,767 | 0.67 |
| | Buy NZD 562,500 : Sell GBP 271,026 January 2024 | 8 | - |
| | Buy USD 2,921,441 : Sell GBP 2,283,782 March 2024 | 7 | - |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|---|----------------------|---|
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts <small>(continued)</small> | | | |
| | Buy USD 6,980,314 : Sell GBP 5,464,299 March 2024 | 9 | - |
| | Buy USD 1,893,100 : Sell GBP 1,493,729 March 2024 | (9) | - |
| | Buy USD 4,359,700 : Sell GBP 3,443,588 March 2024 | (25) | - |
| | Buy USD 14,226,190 : Sell GBP 11,143,724 February 2024 | 13 | - |
| | Buy USD 1,671,510 : Sell GBP 1,315,554 February 2024 | (5) | - |
| | Buy USD 8,911,118 : Sell GBP 7,013,978 February 2024 | (26) | - |
| | Buy USD 7,034,265 : Sell GBP 5,543,239 February 2024 | (27) | - |
| | Buy USD 4,655,608 : Sell GBP 3,675,389 February 2024 | (25) | - |
| | Buy USD 3,346,717 : Sell GBP 2,642,080 February 2024 | (18) | - |
| | Buy USD 5,994,697 : Sell GBP 4,742,734 February 2024 | (42) | - |
| | Buy USD 638,224 : Sell GBP 505,710 February 2024 | (5) | - |
| | Buy USD 10,803,766 : Sell GBP 8,562,763 February 2024 | (91) | - |
| | Buy USD 9,275,627 : Sell GBP 7,361,159 February 2024 | (87) | - |
| | Buy USD 1,442,524 : Sell GBP 1,146,468 February 2024 | (15) | - |
| | Buy USD 289,790 : Sell GBP 230,552 February 2024 | (3) | - |
| | Buy USD 440,981 : Sell GBP 351,338 February 2024 | (6) | - |
| | Buy USD 726,228 : Sell GBP 579,516 February 2024 | (10) | - |
| | Buy USD 18,417,242 : Sell GBP 14,623,846 January 2024 | (179) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 870,018 : Sell GBP 693,624 January 2024 | (11) | - |
| | Buy USD 2,024,414 : Sell GBP 1,623,885 January 2024 | (36) | - |
| | Buy USD 621,616 : Sell GBP 498,697 January 2024 | (11) | - |
| | Buy USD 1,795,822 : Sell GBP 1,442,456 January 2024 | (34) | - |
| | Buy USD 18,306,754 : Sell GBP 14,704,515 January 2024 | (347) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 941,981 : Sell GBP 757,285 January 2024 | (19) | - |
| | Buy USD 7,072,699 : Sell GBP 5,685,943 January 2024 | (139) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 10,098,399 : Sell GBP 8,145,394 January 2024 | (225) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 3,207,480 : Sell GBP 2,591,214 January 2024 | (76) | - |
| | Buy USD 5,404,490 : Sell GBP 4,396,024 January 2024 | (157) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 4,740,823 : Sell GBP 3,856,582 January 2024 | (138) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 1,324,845 : Sell GBP 1,077,740 January 2024 | (39) | - |
| | Buy USD 633,705 : Sell GBP 516,859 January 2024 | (20) | - |
| | Buy USD 15,734,974 : Sell GBP 12,848,296 January 2024 | (507) | (0.02) |
| | Buy USD 5,055,846 : Sell GBP 4,138,373 January 2024 | (173) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 633,424 : Sell GBP 519,041 January 2024 | (22) | - |
| | Buy USD 4,695,789 : Sell GBP 3,853,164 January 2024 | (170) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 7,397,452 : Sell GBP 6,073,541 January 2024 | (272) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 639,759 : Sell GBP 526,385 January 2024 | (25) | - |
| | Buy USD 31,206,513 : Sell GBP 25,677,631 January 2024 | (1,202) | (0.05) |
| | Buy USD 7,283,419 : Sell GBP 5,993,434 January 2024 | (281) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 1,045,743 : Sell GBP 861,145 January 2024 | (41) | - |
| | Buy USD 9,817,959 : Sell GBP 8,090,213 January 2024 | (390) | (0.01) |
| | Buy USD 15,235,769 : Sell GBP 12,581,999 January 2024 | (633) | (0.02) |
| | | <u>18,869</u> | <u>0.71</u> |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 2,614,878 | 98.23 |
| | Other net assets | 47,195 | 1.77 |
| | Total net assets | 2,662,073 | 100.00 |

¹ Defaulted

² Not listed on an official stock exchange

³ Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

Portfolio statement (continued)

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

Credit ratings

| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 31/12/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 2,304,924 | 86.58 |
| Below investment grade (BB and below) | 217,286 | 8.16 |
| Unrated | 1 | - |
| Total debt securities | 2,522,211 | 94.74 |
| Derivatives | 75,917 | 2.86 |
| Equities | 16,750 | 0.63 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 2,614,878 | 98.23 |
| Other net assets | 47,195 | 1.77 |
| Total net assets | 2,662,073 | 100.00 |
| | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
| 30/06/23 | | |
| Investments | | |
| Investment grade (AAA - BBB) | 2,354,472 | 88.44 |
| Below investment grade (BB and below) | 190,645 | 7.16 |
| Unrated | 1 | - |
| Total debt securities | 2,545,118 | 95.60 |
| Derivatives | 2,445 | 0.09 |
| Equities | 14,909 | 0.56 |
| Investment assets including investment liabilities | 2,562,472 | 96.25 |
| Other net assets | 99,791 | 3.75 |
| Total net assets | 2,662,263 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|----------|----------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 98,727 | | (193,973) |
| Revenue | 48,962 | | 46,569 | |
| Expenses | (8,970) | | (10,342) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | (4) | | (12) | |
| | | <u>39,988</u> | | <u>36,215</u> |
| Net revenue before taxation | | 39,988 | | 36,215 |
| Taxation | | - | | - |
| | | <u>39,988</u> | | <u>36,215</u> |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 39,988 | | 36,215 |
| Total return before distributions | | 138,715 | | (157,758) |
| Distributions | | (47,805) | | (45,180) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>90,910</u> | | <u>(202,938)</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 2,662,263 | | 2,945,022 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 230,427 | | 228,157 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (347,500) | | (152,084) | |
| | | <u>(117,073)</u> | | <u>76,073</u> |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 90,910 | | (202,938) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 25,965 | | 23,805 |
| Unclaimed distributions | | 8 | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>2,662,073</u> | | <u>2,841,963</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 2,630,654 | 2,597,744 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 22,341 | 21,027 |
| Cash and bank balances | 101,268 | 100,601 |
| Total assets | <u>2,754,263</u> | <u>2,719,372</u> |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 15,776 | 35,272 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers | 59,149 | 1,908 |
| Bank overdrafts | 5 | 5 |
| Distributions payable | 10,681 | 9,295 |
| Other creditors | 6,579 | 10,629 |
| Total liabilities | <u>92,190</u> | <u>57,109</u> |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | <u>2,662,073</u> | <u>2,662,263</u> |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8260 | - | 0.8260 | 0.6960 |
| Group 2 | 0.4066 | 0.4194 | 0.8260 | 0.6960 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.8434 | - | 0.8434 | 0.7071 |
| Group 2 | 0.3882 | 0.4552 | 0.8434 | 0.7071 |
| Class G accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.6740 | - | 2.6740 | 2.1950 |
| Group 2 | 1.5868 | 1.0872 | 2.6740 | 2.1950 |
| Class G income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9194 | - | 0.9194 | 0.7792 |
| Group 2 | 0.4463 | 0.4731 | 0.9194 | 0.7792 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.7677 | - | 2.7677 | 2.2631 |
| Group 2 | 1.3034 | 1.4643 | 2.7677 | 2.2631 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9514 | - | 0.9514 | 0.8026 |
| Group 2 | 0.6474 | 0.3040 | 0.9514 | 0.8026 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.1647 | - | 3.1647 | 2.5847 |
| Group 2 | 1.8998 | 1.2649 | 3.1647 | 2.5847 |

Distribution tables (continued)

Interim interest distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9188 | - | 0.9188 | 0.8953 |
| Group 2 | 0.3416 | 0.5772 | 0.9188 | 0.8953 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9392 | - | 0.9392 | 0.9105 |
| Group 2 | 0.6036 | 0.3356 | 0.9392 | 0.9105 |
| Class F accumulation¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.2225 | - | 0.2225 | n/a |
| Group 2 | 0.2225 | - | 0.2225 | n/a |
| Class F income¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.2225 | - | 0.2225 | n/a |
| Group 2 | 0.2225 | - | 0.2225 | n/a |
| Class G accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.9942 | - | 2.9942 | 2.8089 |
| Group 2 | 1.5355 | 1.4587 | 2.9942 | 2.8089 |
| Class G income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0201 | - | 1.0201 | 0.9899 |
| Group 2 | 0.5846 | 0.4355 | 1.0201 | 0.9899 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.1033 | - | 3.1033 | 2.9120 |
| Group 2 | 2.0440 | 1.0593 | 3.1033 | 2.9120 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0572 | - | 1.0572 | 1.0255 |
| Group 2 | 0.6267 | 0.4305 | 1.0572 | 1.0255 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.5478 | - | 3.5478 | 3.3177 |
| Group 2 | 3.1607 | 0.3871 | 3.5478 | 3.3177 |

¹ Class F accumulation and Class F income launched on 14 December 2023.

Janus Henderson UK Equity Income & Growth Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Managers

James Henderson and Laura Foll

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide a dividend income, with prospects for both income and capital growth over the long term (5 years or more).

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in shares (also known as equities) of companies, in any industry, in the UK. Companies will be incorporated, headquartered, or deriving significant revenue from, the UK. The fund will typically have a bias towards small and medium sized companies.

The fund may also invest in other assets including other shares, bonds of any quality from any issuer, cash and money market instruments.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the FTSE All Share Index, which is broadly representative of the companies in which it may invest, as this can provide a useful comparator for assessing the fund's performance. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index.

Strategy

The Investment Manager seeks to benefit from investment opportunities created by market inefficiencies and aims to add value by investigating under-analysed areas of the market in order to identify out-of-favour, quality companies. The investment process is driven by fundamental company research and focuses on companies with above-average yield and growing dividends.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years | Since inception |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | 30 Jun 23 - | 31 Dec 22 - | 31 Dec 20 - | 31 Dec 18 - | 4 Oct 74 - |
| | 31 Dec 23 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I income (Net) | 7.2 | 2.7 | 23.5 | 20.7 | 21,456.8 |
| FTSE All Share Index | 5.2 | 7.9 | 28.1 | 37.7 | -* |
| IA UK Equity Income Sector | 6.9 | 7.1 | 24.0 | 32.7 | 21,644.3 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - | 31 Dec 21 - | 31 Dec 20 - | 31 Dec 19 - | 31 Dec 18 - |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 19 |
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I income (Net) | 2.7 | 1.9 | 18.0 | (12.8) | 12.1 |
| FTSE All Share Index | 7.9 | 0.3 | 18.3 | (9.8) | 19.2 |
| IA UK Equity Income Sector | 7.1 | (2.2) | 18.3 | (10.9) | 20.1 |

* Benchmark return is not quoted as the fund inception date is earlier than the benchmark inception date.

Source: Morningstar

Class I income (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I income is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Benchmark usage:

Index: FTSE All Share Index

Index usage: Comparator

Index description: The FTSE All Share Index is a measure of the combined performance of a large number of companies listed on the London Stock Exchange and includes large, medium and smaller companies. It provides a useful comparison against which the fund's performance can be assessed over time.

Peer group: IA UK Equity Income Sector

Peer group usage: Comparator

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Inchcape | 1,323 | BAE Systems | 2,895 |
| Babcock International | 1,273 | Shell | 2,492 |
| Serica Energy | 1,134 | Hill & Smith | 2,289 |
| Wincanton | 1,086 | Tesco | 1,887 |
| Victoria | 956 | Reckitt Benckiser | 1,513 |
| Next Fifteen Communications | 951 | Sanofi | 1,163 |
| Midwich | 935 | NatWest | 1,133 |
| DS Smith | 664 | Bayer | 1,117 |
| TP ICAP | 651 | Numis | 998 |
| Barclays | 545 | Brooks Macdonald | 901 |
| Total purchases | 11,596 | Total sales | 18,408 |

Investment review

The fund returned 7.2% based on Class I accumulation (Net) over the period under review, compared with a return of 5.2% in the FTSE All Share Index and a return of 6.9% in the IA UK Equity Income Sector peer group benchmark.

The reporting period was a good one for the UK equity market. Small and medium-sized companies outperformed the broader market, including large caps. This better share price performance from smaller UK companies came about within a context of slowing UK inflation, which reached below 4% at period end. In addition, there was an increasingly firm market view that we have reached peak UK interest rates, with the BoE forecast to ease borrowing conditions in 2024. This improved perception of the UK economic backdrop was more favourable for smaller UK companies, which, on average, have a higher exposure to the domestic economy, while larger companies in the FTSE 100 Index are more focused on international markets.

From a sector perspective, the change in 2024 interest rate expectations and associated fall in bond yields meant that the real estate sector was a particularly strong performer. More broadly, pro-cyclical sectors such as industrials and materials tended to perform well on the expectation of a better demand backdrop should financial conditions ease.

The best performers at the stock level included distributor DCC, Direct Line Insurance (which recovered from low levels), property investor Land Securities (helped by falling bond yields), textile rental firm Johnson Service and retailer Marks & Spencer. In the case of Johnson Service and Marks & Spencer, the shares rose following good commercial execution that led to earnings upgrades. DCC, which generates the majority of its profits from distributing energy products, re-rated as investors grew increasingly confident in its energy business amid the ongoing energy transition. The largest detractor from returns was Vanquis Banking, a UK consumer lender. The company reported a disappointing overrun on costs, which resulted in lower earnings than expected and a rebasing of its dividend. Under a new management team, the company has begun a significant cost reduction programme. We expect to hear more detail at its capital markets day in March.

During the period, a new position was added in defence contractor Babcock International, which specialises in areas such as submarine maintenance. The company's new management has reduced debt, removed costs and moved the business further towards cost-plus contracts (where some costs are automatically passed through to the end customer). Within the same sector, the position in BAE Systems was sold following good performance. Other new additions included third-party logistics provider Wincanton, which has agreed lower future cash contributions to its pension (freeing up cash for potential shareholder distributions and internal investment), and inter-dealer broker TP ICAP, which has built a substantial data analytics business that we felt was undervalued by the market.

While the UK equity market performed well during the period, particularly small and medium-sized companies, the portfolio valuation at the end of December still looked low on an historical basis. We, therefore, continue to see attractive valuation opportunities across much of the UK equity market.

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Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class A accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 707.21 | 713.22 | 707.24 | 536.17 |
| Return before operating charges* | 53.70 | 6.72 | 18.62 | 181.68 |
| Operating charges | (6.17) | (12.73) | (12.64) | (10.61) |
| Return after operating charges* | 47.53 | (6.01) | 5.98 | 171.07 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (15.29) | (34.11) | (32.13) | (26.85) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 15.29 | 34.11 | 32.13 | 26.85 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 754.74 | 707.21 | 713.22 | 707.24 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.20 | 0.40 | 0.49 | 0.99 |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| Return after charges | 6.72% | (0.84%) | 0.85% | 31.91% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 122 | 149 | 149 | 129 |
| Closing number of shares | 16,092 | 21,029 | 20,913 | 18,270 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 757.40 | 799.90 | 770.00 | 720.20 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 688.10 | 657.40 | 669.80 | 504.10 |

| | Class A income | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 474.52 | 502.23 | 520.79 | 412.11 |
| Return before operating charges* | 35.88 | 4.69 | 13.90 | 137.00 |
| Operating charges | (4.12) | (8.81) | (9.17) | (8.01) |
| Return after operating charges* | 31.76 | (4.12) | 4.73 | 128.99 |
| Distributions on income shares | (10.23) | (23.59) | (23.29) | (20.31) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 496.05 | 474.52 | 502.23 | 520.79 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.13 | 0.28 | 0.36 | 0.75 |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| Return after charges | 6.69% | (0.82%) | 0.91% | 31.30% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 7,197 | 7,520 | 10,061 | 11,529 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,450,883 | 1,584,845 | 2,003,259 | 2,213,828 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 501.70 | 550.30 | 556.50 | 536.30 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 455.80 | 456.10 | 484.10 | 382.30 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class C income | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 134.28 | 142.12 | 147.37 | 116.62 |
| Return before operating charges* | 10.15 | 1.32 | 3.93 | 38.76 |
| Operating charges | (1.17) | (2.49) | (2.59) | (2.27) |
| Return after operating charges* | 8.98 | (1.17) | 1.34 | 36.49 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.89) | (6.67) | (6.59) | (5.74) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 140.37 | 134.28 | 142.12 | 147.37 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.21 |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| Return after charges | 6.69% | (0.82%) | 0.91% | 31.29% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 3,834 | 3,794 | 4,303 | 4,760 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,731,540 | 2,825,753 | 3,027,912 | 3,229,895 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 142.00 | 155.70 | 157.50 | 151.80 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 129.00 | 129.10 | 137.00 | 108.20 |

| | Class E accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 721.44 | 723.97 | 714.32 | 538.83 |
| Return before operating charges* | 54.93 | 6.68 | 18.74 | 183.15 |
| Operating charges | (4.48) | (9.21) | (9.09) | (7.66) |
| Return after operating charges* | 50.45 | (2.53) | 9.65 | 175.49 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (15.63) | (34.70) | (32.54) | (27.06) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 15.63 | 34.70 | 32.54 | 27.06 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 771.89 | 721.44 | 723.97 | 714.32 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.20 | 0.40 | 0.50 | 1.00 |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| Return after charges | 6.99% | (0.35%) | 1.35% | 32.57% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 347 | 320 | 378 | 337 |
| Closing number of shares | 44,999 | 44,359 | 52,287 | 47,179 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.23% | 1.23% | 1.23% | 1.23% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 774.60 | 814.40 | 779.90 | 727.30 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 703.20 | 668.20 | 678.80 | 507.50 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class E income | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 136.99 | 144.26 | 148.84 | 117.19 |
| Return before operating charges* | 10.37 | 1.32 | 3.96 | 39.07 |
| Operating charges | (0.84) | (1.80) | (1.87) | (1.63) |
| Return after operating charges* | 9.53 | (0.48) | 2.09 | 37.44 |
| Distributions on income shares | (2.95) | (6.79) | (6.67) | (5.79) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 143.57 | 136.99 | 144.26 | 148.84 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.21 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 6.96% | (0.33%) | 1.40% | 31.95% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 107,827 | 104,266 | 113,562 | 121,186 |
| Closing number of shares | 75,104,053 | 76,111,245 | 78,719,661 | 81,420,219 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.23% | 1.23% | 1.23% | 1.23% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 145.20 | 158.60 | 159.50 | 153.20 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 131.80 | 131.20 | 138.80 | 108.90 |
| | | Class G accumulation | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 106.82 | 106.68 | 104.75 | 78.63 |
| Return before operating charges* | 8.13 | 0.96 | 2.74 | 26.80 |
| Operating charges | (0.40) | (0.82) | (0.81) | (0.68) |
| Return after operating charges* | 7.73 | 0.14 | 1.93 | 26.12 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (2.39) | (5.31) | (4.97) | (4.10) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.39 | 5.31 | 4.97 | 4.10 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 114.55 | 106.82 | 106.68 | 104.75 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.15 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.24% | 0.13% | 1.84% | 33.22% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 1 | 4 | 8 | 141 |
| Closing number of shares | 486 | 3,494 | 7,560 | 134,906 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.75% | 0.75% | 0.75% | 0.75% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 114.90 | 120.40 | 114.70 | 106.60 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 104.20 | 98.61 | 99.87 | 74.17 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class I accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 1,369.48 | 1,369.07 | 1,345.71 | 1,011.28 |
| Return before operating charges* | 104.41 | 12.47 | 35.21 | 344.28 |
| Operating charges | (5.85) | (12.06) | (11.85) | (9.85) |
| Return after operating charges* | 98.56 | 0.41 | 23.36 | 334.43 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (30.60) | (67.60) | (63.24) | (52.39) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 30.60 | 67.60 | 63.24 | 52.39 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 1,468.04 | 1,369.48 | 1,369.07 | 1,345.71 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.39 | 0.77 | 0.94 | 1.87 |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Return after charges | 7.20% | 0.03% | 1.74% | 33.07% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 12,863 | 12,555 | 13,745 | 16,735 |
| Closing number of shares | 876,229 | 916,799 | 1,003,953 | 1,243,588 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 1,473.00 | 1,544.00 | 1,472.00 | 1,370.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 1,336.00 | 1,265.00 | 1,282.00 | 953.70 |

| | Class I income | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 557.86 | 586.01 | 603.08 | 473.64 |
| Return before operating charges* | 42.30 | 5.32 | 16.05 | 158.11 |
| Operating charges | (2.37) | (5.07) | (5.23) | (4.55) |
| Return after operating charges* | 39.93 | 0.25 | 10.82 | 153.56 |
| Distributions on income shares | (12.40) | (28.40) | (27.89) | (24.12) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 585.39 | 557.86 | 586.01 | 603.08 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.16 | 0.32 | 0.42 | 0.86 |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Return after charges | 7.16% | 0.04% | 1.79% | 32.42% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 23,982 | 24,272 | 25,758 | 39,788 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,096,755 | 4,350,892 | 4,395,495 | 6,597,396 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 592.20 | 645.20 | 647.30 | 621.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 537.30 | 533.30 | 563.70 | 440.60 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 231.32 | 229.48 | 223.82 | 166.92 |
| Return before operating charges* | 17.66 | 2.01 | 5.82 | 57.03 |
| Operating charges | (0.07) | (0.17) | (0.16) | (0.13) |
| Return after operating charges* | 17.59 | 1.84 | 5.66 | 56.90 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (5.18) | (11.42) | (10.62) | (8.71) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 5.18 | 11.42 | 10.62 | 8.71 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 248.91 | 231.32 | 229.48 | 223.82 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.31 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.60% | 0.80% | 2.53% | 34.09% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 10,297 | 10,376 | 10,914 | 11,478 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,136,746 | 4,485,490 | 4,755,750 | 5,128,099 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.07% | 0.07% | 0.07% | 0.07% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 249.80 | 260.00 | 245.90 | 227.80 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 225.60 | 212.50 | 214.40 | 157.80 |
| | Class Z income | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 180.69 | 188.38 | 192.42 | 149.98 |
| Return before operating charges* | 13.72 | 1.65 | 5.09 | 50.28 |
| Operating charges | (0.05) | (0.13) | (0.14) | (0.12) |
| Return after operating charges* | 13.67 | 1.52 | 4.95 | 50.16 |
| Distributions on income shares | (4.03) | (9.21) | (8.99) | (7.72) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 190.33 | 180.69 | 188.38 | 192.42 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.27 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.57% | 0.81% | 2.57% | 33.44% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 1,247 | 1,142 | 1,414 | 1,653 |
| Closing number of shares | 655,179 | 631,851 | 750,444 | 858,840 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.07% | 0.07% | 0.07% | 0.07% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 192.50 | 208.40 | 207.40 | 198.10 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 174.50 | 171.80 | 180.80 | 139.90 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class A accumulation (EUR hedged) | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 920.58 | 946.93 | 944.57 | 762.73 |
| Return before operating charges* | 71.52 | (9.42) | 18.96 | 196.55 |
| Operating charges | (8.05) | (16.93) | (16.60) | (14.71) |
| Return after operating charges* | 63.47 | (26.35) | 2.36 | 181.84 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (19.97) | (45.53) | (42.39) | (36.75) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 19.97 | 45.53 | 42.39 | 36.75 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 984.05 | 920.58 | 946.93 | 944.57 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.26 | 0.53 | 0.65 | 1.37 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges (Share class base currency) | 6.89% | (2.78%) | 0.25% | 23.84% |
| Return after charges (Share class currency hedged) | 5.86% | (2.48%) | (0.03%) | 31.14% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Closing number of shares | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (Euro cents) | 1,140.00 | 1,221.00 | 1,195.00 | 1,121.00 |
| Lowest share price (Euro cents) | 1,038.00 | 1,009.00 | 1,038.00 | 786.70 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class A accumulation (USD hedged) | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 986.69 | 1,028.58 | 892.25 | 752.01 |
| Return before operating charges* | 72.86 | (23.09) | 152.92 | 153.97 |
| Operating charges | (8.82) | (18.80) | (16.59) | (13.73) |
| Return after operating charges* | 64.04 | (41.89) | 136.33 | 140.24 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (21.84) | (50.30) | (44.07) | (35.03) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 21.84 | 50.30 | 44.07 | 35.03 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 1,050.73 | 986.69 | 1,028.58 | 892.25 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.28 | 0.59 | 0.65 | 1.28 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges (Share class base currency) | 6.49% | (4.07%) | 15.28% | 18.65% |
| Return after charges (Share class currency hedged) | 6.78% | 0.42% | 1.34% | 32.65% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 142 | 130 | 3 | 2 |
| Closing number of shares | 13,550 | 13,143 | 250 | 250 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.05% | 0.07% | 0.16% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (USD cents) | 1,344.00 | 1,415.00 | 1,345.00 | 1,255.00 |
| Lowest share price (USD cents) | 1,221.00 | 1,157.00 | 1,172.00 | 875.00 |

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions (including derivatives) are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Hedged share classes

Class A accumulation (EUR hedged) and Class A accumulation (USD hedged) are hedged share classes. Hedged share classes allow the ACD to use currency hedging transactions to reduce the effect of fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency of shares in those classes and sterling which is the base currency of the fund.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

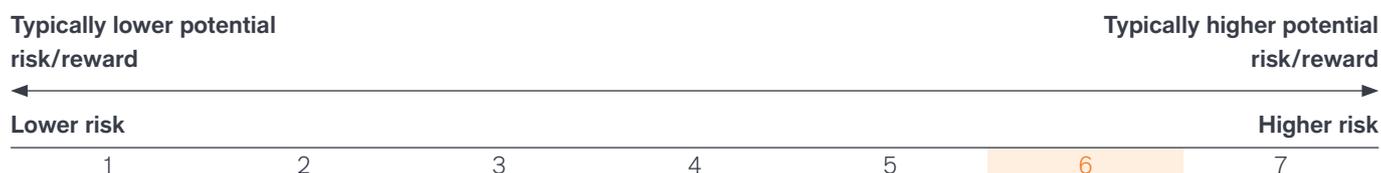
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | % | % |
| Class A accumulation | 1.73 | 1.73 |
| Class A income | 1.73 | 1.73 |
| Class C income | 1.73 | 1.73 |
| Class E accumulation | 1.23 | 1.23 |
| Class E income | 1.23 | 1.23 |
| Class G accumulation | 0.75 | 0.75 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| Class I income | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Class Z income | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Class A accumulation (EUR hedged) | 1.73 | 1.73 |
| Class A accumulation (USD hedged) | 1.73 | 1.73 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 12 types of share class in issue: A accumulation, A income, C income, E accumulation, E income, G accumulation, I accumulation, I income, Z accumulation, Z income, A accumulation (EUR hedged) and A accumulation (USD hedged).

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 6 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Charges to Capital Some or all of the ongoing charges may be taken from capital, which may erode capital or reduce potential for capital growth.

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Currency Hedging When the fund, or a share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency (hedge), the hedging strategy itself may positively or negatively impact the value of the fund due to differences in short-term interest rates between the currencies.

Derivatives The fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the portfolio more efficiently. However this introduces other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Equities Shares/Units can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

Smaller Companies Shares of small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than shares of larger companies, and at times it may be difficult to value or to sell shares at desired times and prices, increasing the risk of losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class G accumulation launched on 14 February 2019, Class E accumulation and Class E income launched on 8 July 2019. As these share classes do not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created for Class G accumulation using the fund's relevant sector average and for Class E accumulation and Class E income using the A accumulation and C income share classes, respectively.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------|---|----------------------|---|
| | Equities 99.24% (30/06/2023: 100.30%) | | |
| | France 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.75%) | | |
| | Health Care 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.75%) | | |
| | Germany 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.68%) | | |
| | Health Care 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.68%) | | |
| | India 0.54% (30/06/2023: 0.55%) | | |
| | Industrials 0.54% (30/06/2023: 0.55%) | | |
| 1,597,894 | iEnergizer | 911 | 0.54 |
| | Ireland 0.89% (30/06/2023: 0.97%) | | |
| | Industrials 0.89% (30/06/2023: 0.97%) | | |
| 400,000 | Irish Continental | 1,494 | 0.89 |
| | South Africa 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| | Consumer Discretionary 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| 8,535 | Fastjet ¹ | - | - |
| | United Kingdom 97.00% (30/06/2023: 96.73%) | | |
| | Basic Materials 5.22% (30/06/2023: 6.14%) | | |
| 150,000 | Anglo American | 2,956 | 1.76 |
| 1,000,000 | Elementis | 1,276 | 0.76 |
| 77,500 | Rio Tinto | 4,527 | 2.70 |
| | | <u>8,759</u> | <u>5.22</u> |
| | Consumer Discretionary 9.60% (30/06/2023: 7.98%) | | |
| 30,000 | Bellway | 768 | 0.46 |
| 1,175,000 | DFS Furniture | 1,431 | 0.85 |
| 892,440 | Halfords | 1,779 | 1.06 |
| 680,264 | Headlam | 1,469 | 0.88 |
| 2,950,000 | ITV | 1,866 | 1.11 |
| 1,086,030 | Kingfisher | 2,642 | 1.57 |
| 800,000 | Marks & Spencer | 2,179 | 1.30 |
| 150,000 | Next Fifteen Communications | 1,238 | 0.74 |
| 1,071,850 | Reach | 803 | 0.48 |
| 800,694 | Studio Retail ² | - | - |
| 1,000,000 | Taylor Wimpey | 1,471 | 0.88 |
| 150,000 | Victoria | 453 | 0.27 |
| | | <u>16,099</u> | <u>9.60</u> |
| | Consumer Staples 6.03% (30/06/2023: 7.88%) | | |
| 58,069 | Cranswick | 2,211 | 1.32 |
| 1,221,052 | Tesco | 3,546 | 2.11 |
| 115,000 | Unilever | 4,370 | 2.60 |
| | | <u>10,127</u> | <u>6.03</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Energy 8.75% (30/06/2023: 9.24%) | | | |
| 1,514,254 | BP | 7,058 | 4.20 |
| 500,000 | Serica Energy | 1,148 | 0.68 |
| 252,808 | Shell | 6,496 | 3.87 |
| | | <u>14,702</u> | <u>8.75</u> |
| Financials 26.39% (30/06/2023: 27.97%) | | | |
| 3,591,500 | ACHP ¹ | - | - |
| 893,000 | Aviva | 3,874 | 2.31 |
| 2,050,000 | Barclays | 3,153 | 1.88 |
| 936,947 | Chesnara | 2,450 | 1.46 |
| 425,000 | Conduit | 1,991 | 1.19 |
| 1,063,199 | Direct Line Insurance | 1,935 | 1.15 |
| 1,600,000 | Hipgnosis Songs Fund | 1,152 | 0.69 |
| 260,000 | Hiscox | 2,740 | 1.63 |
| 856,683 | HSBC | 5,443 | 3.24 |
| 203,500,000 | Hume Capital Securities ² | - | - |
| 200,000 | Legal & General | 502 | 0.30 |
| 7,500,000 | Lloyds Bank | 3,578 | 2.13 |
| 1,461,949 | M&G | 3,251 | 1.94 |
| 1,178,170 | NatWest | 2,584 | 1.54 |
| 766,415 | Phoenix | 4,093 | 2.44 |
| 140,000 | Prudential | 1,242 | 0.74 |
| 650,000 | Standard Chartered | 4,330 | 2.58 |
| 350,000 | TP ICAP | 681 | 0.40 |
| 1,000,000 | Vanquis Banking | 1,292 | 0.77 |
| | | <u>44,291</u> | <u>26.39</u> |
| Health Care 6.28% (30/06/2023: 6.45%) | | | |
| 47,000 | AstraZeneca | 4,981 | 2.97 |
| 383,000 | GSK | 5,554 | 3.31 |
| | | <u>10,535</u> | <u>6.28</u> |
| Industrials 24.56% (30/06/2023: 21.28%) | | | |
| 300,000 | Alpha Financial Markets Consulting | 1,170 | 0.70 |
| 300,000 | Babcock International | 1,184 | 0.70 |
| 800,000 | Balfour Beatty | 2,649 | 1.58 |
| 252,805 | Castings | 890 | 0.53 |
| 58,000 | DCC | 3,351 | 2.00 |
| 725,000 | DS Smith | 2,228 | 1.33 |
| 1,872,275 | Epwin | 1,498 | 0.89 |
| 1,258,347 | Ibstock | 1,906 | 1.13 |
| 184,266 | IMI | 3,103 | 1.85 |
| 180,000 | Inchcape | 1,288 | 0.77 |
| 385,000 | International Distributions Services | 1,047 | 0.62 |
| 324,701 | Interserve ² | - | - |
| 1,444,000 | Johnson Service | 2,045 | 1.22 |
| 750,000 | Marshalls | 2,096 | 1.25 |
| 250,000 | Midwich | 1,068 | 0.64 |
| 150,000 | Mondi | 2,305 | 1.37 |
| 1,550,000 | Morgan Advanced Materials | 4,387 | 2.61 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|---|
| | Industrials (continued) | | |
| 802,655 | Redde Northgate | 2,914 | 1.74 |
| 228,271 | Ricardo | 1,118 | 0.67 |
| 948,061 | Senior | 1,680 | 1.00 |
| 500,000 | Tyman | 1,563 | 0.93 |
| 116,175 | Videndum | 404 | 0.24 |
| 429,872 | Wincanton | 1,332 | 0.79 |
| | | <u>41,226</u> | <u>24.56</u> |
| | Real Estate 2.48% (30/06/2023: 1.87%) | | |
| 3,500,000 | Hammerson REIT | 993 | 0.59 |
| 450,000 | Land Securities | 3,172 | 1.89 |
| | | <u>4,165</u> | <u>2.48</u> |
| | Technology 1.27% (30/06/2023: 1.31%) | | |
| 1,368,750 | TT Electronics | 2,138 | 1.27 |
| | Telecommunications 2.86% (30/06/2023: 3.02%) | | |
| 2,000,000 | BT | 2,467 | 1.47 |
| 3,413,235 | Vodafone | 2,340 | 1.39 |
| | | <u>4,807</u> | <u>2.86</u> |
| | Utilities 3.56% (30/06/2023: 3.59%) | | |
| 370,000 | National Grid | 3,914 | 2.33 |
| 80,000 | Severn Trent | 2,061 | 1.23 |
| | | <u>5,975</u> | <u>3.56</u> |
| | United States 0.81% (30/06/2023: 0.62%) | | |
| | Industrials 0.81% (30/06/2023: 0.62%) | | |
| 366,980 | Somero Enterprises | 1,358 | 0.81 |
| | Derivatives 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%) | | |
| | Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (Hedged share classes) 0.00% (30/06/2023: 0.00%)³ | | |
| | Buy EUR 7,293 : Sell GBP 6,302 January 2024 ⁴ | - | - |
| | Buy EUR 78 : Sell GBP 68 January 2024 ⁴ | - | - |
| | Buy USD 179,217 : Sell GBP 141,717 January 2024 | (1) | - |
| | Buy USD 2,013 : Sell GBP 1,583 January 2024 ⁴ | - | - |
| | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | Investment assets including investment liabilities | 166,586 | 99.24 |
| | Other net assets | 1,279 | 0.76 |
| | Total net assets | <u>167,865</u> | <u>100.00</u> |

¹ Manually priced securities

² Suspended or delisted securities

³ Not listed on an official stock exchange

⁴ Due to rounding to nearest £1,000

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The classification is based on the country of risk and a relevant industry classification standard.

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 8,502 | | 3,946 |
| Revenue | 3,665 | | 4,184 | |
| Expenses | <u>(905)</u> | | <u>(994)</u> | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 2,760 | | 3,190 | |
| Taxation | <u>2</u> | | <u>6</u> | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | <u>2,762</u> | | <u>3,196</u> |
| Total return before distributions | | 11,264 | | 7,142 |
| Distributions | | (3,509) | | (4,017) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | <u>7,755</u> | | <u>3,125</u> |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 164,534 | | 180,301 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 3,503 | | 4,038 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | <u>(8,442)</u> | | <u>(7,514)</u> | |
| | | (4,939) | | (3,476) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 7,755 | | 3,125 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 495 | | 573 |
| Unclaimed distributions | | 20 | | 19 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | <u>167,865</u> | | <u>180,542</u> |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 £000 | 30/06/23 £000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 166,587 | 165,033 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 647 | 991 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,151 | 985 |
| Total assets | 169,385 | 167,009 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 1 | 1 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Distributions payable | 1,134 | 2,097 |
| Other creditors | 385 | 377 |
| Total liabilities | 1,520 | 2,475 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 167,865 | 164,534 |

Distribution tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution (accounting date 30 September 2023, paid on 30 November 2023)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 30/11/23 | Total distribution per share 30/11/22 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 9.4444 | - | 9.4444 | 9.7964 |
| Group 2 | 9.3579 | 0.0865 | 9.4444 | 9.7964 |
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 6.3454 | - | 6.3454 | 6.8981 |
| Group 2 | 2.7510 | 3.5944 | 6.3454 | 6.8981 |
| Class C income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.7948 | - | 1.7948 | 1.9519 |
| Group 2 | 0.5513 | 1.2435 | 1.7948 | 1.9519 |
| Class E accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 9.6459 | - | 9.6459 | 9.9456 |
| Group 2 | 3.9609 | 5.6850 | 9.6459 | 9.9456 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.8323 | - | 1.8323 | 1.9828 |
| Group 2 | 0.5624 | 1.2699 | 1.8323 | 1.9828 |
| Class G accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.4652 | - | 1.4652 | 1.5183 |
| Group 2 | 1.4652 | - | 1.4652 | 1.5183 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 18.7753 | - | 18.7753 | 19.2778 |
| Group 2 | 13.7115 | 5.0638 | 18.7753 | 19.2778 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 7.6493 | - | 7.6493 | 8.2523 |
| Group 2 | 3.3014 | 4.3479 | 7.6493 | 8.2523 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.1789 | - | 3.1789 | 3.2512 |
| Group 2 | 3.1789 | - | 3.1789 | 3.2512 |
| Class Z income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.4835 | - | 2.4835 | 2.6699 |
| Group 2 | 1.9679 | 0.5156 | 2.4835 | 2.6699 |
| Class A accumulation (EUR hedged)¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | 14.2669 | - | 14.2669 | 15.1265 |
| Group 2 | 14.2669 | - | 14.2669 | 15.1265 |
| Class A accumulation (USD hedged)² | | | | |
| Group 1 | 16.6775 | - | 16.6775 | 17.2490 |
| Group 2 | 16.6775 | - | 16.6775 | 17.2490 |

¹ in Euro cents per share

² in USD cents per share

Distribution tables (continued)

Interim dividend distribution (accounting date 31 December 2023, paid on 29 February 2024)

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 October 2023

| | Distribution per share | Equalisation | Total distribution per share 29/02/24 | Total distribution per share 28/02/23 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Class A accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.8499 | - | 5.8499 | 6.2102 |
| Group 2 | 5.8499 | - | 5.8499 | 6.2102 |
| Class A income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.8815 | - | 3.8815 | 4.3094 |
| Group 2 | 0.6799 | 3.2016 | 3.8815 | 4.3094 |
| Class C income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0971 | - | 1.0971 | 1.2191 |
| Group 2 | 0.1454 | 0.9517 | 1.0971 | 1.2191 |
| Class E accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.9791 | - | 5.9791 | 6.3126 |
| Group 2 | 4.5074 | 1.4717 | 5.9791 | 6.3126 |
| Class E income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1214 | - | 1.1214 | 1.2396 |
| Group 2 | 0.1643 | 0.9571 | 1.1214 | 1.2396 |
| Class G accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9288 | - | 0.9288 | 0.9820 |
| Group 2 | 0.9288 | - | 0.9288 | 0.9820 |
| Class I accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 11.8279 | - | 11.8279 | 12.4030 |
| Group 2 | 3.4339 | 8.3940 | 11.8279 | 12.4030 |
| Class I income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.7548 | - | 4.7548 | 5.2288 |
| Group 2 | 1.2471 | 3.5077 | 4.7548 | 5.2288 |
| Class Z accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.0059 | - | 2.0059 | 2.0945 |
| Group 2 | 2.0059 | - | 2.0059 | 2.0945 |
| Class Z income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.5461 | - | 1.5461 | 1.6990 |
| Group 2 | 1.5461 | - | 1.5461 | 1.6990 |
| Class A accumulation (EUR hedged)¹ | | | | |
| Group 1 | 8.7690 | - | 8.7690 | 9.4906 |
| Group 2 | 8.7690 | - | 8.7690 | 9.4906 |
| Class A accumulation (USD hedged)² | | | | |
| Group 1 | 10.4277 | - | 10.4277 | 11.1094 |
| Group 2 | 5.5823 | 4.8454 | 10.4277 | 11.1094 |

¹ in Euro cents per share

² in USD cents per share

Janus Henderson UK Smaller Companies Fund

Authorised Corporate Director's report

Investment Fund Manager

Neil Hermon

Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term (5 years or more).

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in shares (also known as equities) of smaller companies, in any industry, in the UK. Companies will be incorporated, headquartered, or deriving significant revenue from, the UK.

The fund may also invest in other assets including cash and other shares.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk or to manage the fund more efficiently.

The fund is actively managed with reference to the Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index, which is broadly representative of the companies in which it may invest, as this can provide a useful comparator for assessing the fund's performance. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index.

Strategy

The Investment Manager believes that investing in companies is about the future and taking a long term view. The investment process is grounded both in fundamental analysis, which aims to gain a clear understanding of individual companies and their markets, and in a strong valuation discipline. The universe of potential investments is reduced in stages using broad-based screening and ranking of companies, detailed profiling, meetings with management and the detailed analysis of financial data. The fund has a well-diversified portfolio and normally avoids very small 'micro cap' companies due to the more difficult nature of buying and selling shares in these companies.

Performance summary

Cumulative performance

| | Six months 30 Jun 23 - 31 Dec 23 | One year 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | Three years 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 23 | Five years 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 23 | Since inception 31 Jan 83 - 31 Dec 23 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 8.2 | 3.2 | (10.3) | 23.1 | 4,902.1 |
| Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index | 8.6 | 10.1 | 10.3 | 32.1 | -* |
| IA UK Smaller Companies Sector | 4.9 | 0.4 | (9.9) | 20.9 | 5,213.2 |

Discrete performance

| | 31 Dec 22 - 31 Dec 23 | 31 Dec 21 - 31 Dec 22 | 31 Dec 20 - 31 Dec 21 | 31 Dec 19 - 31 Dec 20 | 31 Dec 18 - 31 Dec 19 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| Class I accumulation (Net) | 3.2 | (29.2) | 22.8 | 4.0 | 31.9 |
| Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index | 10.1 | (17.9) | 21.9 | (4.3) | 25.2 |
| IA UK Smaller Companies Sector | 0.4 | (25.6) | 20.6 | 7.0 | 25.4 |

* Benchmark return is not quoted as the fund inception date is earlier than the benchmark inception date.

Source: Morningstar

Class I accumulation (Net), NAV to NAV, net of fees and net income reinvested as at 12 noon valuation point.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the representative share class.

Authorised Corporate Director's report (continued)

Performance summary (continued)

Benchmark usage:

Index: Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index

Index usage: Comparator

Index description: The Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index is a measure of the combined performance of smaller companies (the bottom 10%) listed on the London Stock Exchange excluding investment companies. It provides a useful comparison against which the fund's performance can be assessed over time.

Peer group: IA UK Smaller Companies Sector

Peer group usage: Comparator

Peer group description: The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

Significant portfolio changes for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| Largest purchases | £000 | Largest sales | £000 |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Synthomer | 975 | Gresham House | 1,905 |
| PageGroup | 913 | Restaurant | 1,198 |
| Clarkson | 723 | Ergomed | 953 |
| Videndum | 592 | Bridgepoint | 796 |
| OSB | 587 | Smart Metering Systems | 779 |
| Genuit | 572 | Liontrust Asset Management | 605 |
| Bloomsbury Publishing | 510 | Tribal | 592 |
| Hunting | 423 | Oxford Instruments | 576 |
| XP Power | 422 | Softcat | 539 |
| Hill & Smith | 313 | Howden Joinery | 533 |
| Total purchases | 9,121 | Total sales | 14,480 |

Investment review

The fund rose 8.2% based on Class I accumulation (Net) over the period under review, compared with a return of 8.6% in the Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index and a return of 4.9% in the IA UK Smaller Companies Sector peer group benchmark.

UK equity markets rose during the reporting period after UK headline inflation reached a two-year low, which allowed the BoE to pause its interest rate increases. Markets were initially subdued as investors held a 'risk off' sentiment due to concerns about high inflation and the possibility that interest rates would remain higher for longer. However, from late October, there was a significant rally in equities and risk assets. This was driven by a further slowdown in inflation, which boosted investor optimism about a potential soft landing for the global economy. At the same time, investors began to speculate about interest rate cuts in 2024. As a result, the retail and house building sectors, which had been heavily impacted during the rate hiking cycle, saw strong returns. Despite heightened geopolitical risks due to conflict in the Middle East, oil prices remained broadly flat after a notable increase at the end of the summer. Smaller companies outperformed their larger counterparts.

In terms of activity, the fund initiated a position in Bloomsbury Publishing, a specialist consumer and educational publishing business. The business has performed well, helped by the success of authors such as JK Rowling and Sarah J Maas and strong trading in consumer publishing. We also liked the level of new investment and the company's strong balance sheet. We added to the fund's position in Genuit, a building materials group, as new management materially improved the business.

We exited the positions in Ergomed, a clinical trials provider, and Restaurant, a pub and restaurant operator, after both companies received agreed bids from private equity. We also sold the position in Gresham House, an alternative asset manager, after the company received an agreed bid from Searchlight Capital Partners.

Shares of Paragon Banking, a specialist buy-to-let lender, rose following the announcement of a new share buyback alongside a strong set of results that beat both earnings and returns expectations. Shares of Bellway, a UK house builder, staged a relief rally as UK inflation slowed by more than the market expected and thus softened investors' view on the trajectory of UK mortgage rates.

Shares of Team17, a video game publisher and developer, fell following material earnings downgrades caused by poor cost control and non-cash write-downs of underperforming games. Profit taking and weakening purchasing managers' indices globally put pressure on shares of Oxford Instruments, an advanced instrumentation equipment supplier.

While inflation cooled significantly over the past period, it has remained elevated against official targets. Hence central banks, led by the Fed, have retained their hawkish stance. However, in our view, it is clear that we are at the end of the monetary policy tightening cycle and even the Fed chairman has conceded that rate cuts have been debated by the central bank's rate-setting committee. What is not clear is the timing of when rates will start to fall and the speed of their decrease.

Geopolitics remain challenging, with the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza and heightened tensions between China and the US. The longer-term economic implications of this are expected to be material. There is an urgent need to reduce European dependence on Russian oil and gas supplies and a requirement to decrease China's influence on the global supply chain through investment in nearshoring capability.

In the corporate sector, we are encouraged by the fact that conditions are intrinsically stronger than they were during the global financial crisis of 2008-09. Balance sheets are more robust. Dividends have recovered strongly and we have seen an increased number of companies buying back their own stock.

After an active 2021, the initial public offering market has become considerably quieter as equity market confidence has diminished. There have been no signs that this is likely to change in the short term. Merger and acquisition activity has remained robust as buyers, particularly private equity, have looked to exploit opportunities thrown up by the recent equity market falls.

In terms of valuations, the equity market has been trading below long-term averages. Smaller companies have been trading at a historically high discount to their larger counterparts. At the time of writing, the view that the UK economy was entering a moderate recession was consensual and the debate was focused whether the trough would be deeper than expected.

Although uncertainty remains around short-term economic conditions, we think that the fund is well positioned to withstand an economic downturn and exploit any opportunities it presents. The movements in equity markets have thrown up some fantastic buying opportunities. However, it is important to be selective as the strength of franchise, market positioning and balance sheets will likely determine the winners from the losers.

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Comparative tables for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | Class A accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 752.06 | 811.31 | 1,084.04 | 718.75 |
| Return before operating charges* | 63.51 | (45.30) | (254.75) | 382.11 |
| Operating charges | (6.37) | (13.95) | (17.98) | (16.82) |
| Return after operating charges* | 57.14 | (59.25) | (272.73) | 365.29 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (11.30) | (3.84) | (0.50) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 11.30 | 3.84 | 0.50 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 809.20 | 752.06 | 811.31 | 1,084.04 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.01 | 0.46 | 0.31 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.60% | (7.30%) | (25.16%) | 50.82% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 30,303 | 30,616 | 40,918 | 60,083 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,744,867 | 4,070,913 | 5,043,462 | 5,542,479 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% | 1.73% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.04% | 0.03% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 813.10 | 886.80 | 1,194.00 | 1,107.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 668.80 | 699.40 | 811.50 | 714.10 |
| | Class C accumulation | | | |
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | 18/03/21 - 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 633.01 | 674.99 | 891.44 | 802.05 ¹ |
| Return before operating charges* | 53.91 | (38.13) | (211.57) | 90.78 |
| Operating charges | (1.75) | (3.85) | (4.88) | (1.39) |
| Return after operating charges* | 52.16 | (41.98) | (216.45) | 89.39 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (21.70) | (13.23) | (3.93) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 21.70 | 13.23 | 3.93 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 685.17 | 633.01 | 674.99 | 891.44 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.01 | 0.38 | 0.28 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 8.24% | (6.22%) | (24.28%) | 11.15% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 15 | 14 | 22 | 30 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,217 | 2,217 | 3,317 | 3,317 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.57% | 0.57% | 0.57% | 0.57% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.04% | 0.03% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 688.40 | 738.90 | 983.80 | 909.70 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 565.10 | 583.90 | 675.10 | 801.50 |

¹ Class C accumulation launched on 18 March 2021 and this is the first published price.

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Class E accumulation | | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 767.11 | 823.39 | 1,094.68 | 722.28 |
| Return before operating charges* | 64.97 | (46.19) | (258.37) | 384.01 |
| Operating charges | (4.61) | (10.09) | (12.92) | (11.61) |
| Return after operating charges* | 60.36 | (56.28) | (271.29) | 372.40 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (15.16) | (9.36) | (2.29) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 15.16 | 9.36 | 2.29 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 827.47 | 767.11 | 823.39 | 1,094.68 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.01 | 0.47 | 0.30 |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|--------|
| Return after charges | 7.87% | (6.84%) | (24.78%) | 51.56% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|--------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 66,814 | 64,246 | 73,015 | 101,563 |
| Closing number of shares | 8,074,469 | 8,375,042 | 8,867,576 | 9,277,910 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 1.23% | 1.23% | 1.23% | 1.24% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.04% | 0.03% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 831.40 | 900.60 | 1,207.00 | 1,118.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 683.30 | 710.90 | 823.50 | 717.60 |

| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Class I accumulation | | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 920.54 | 984.34 | 1,303.62 | 856.89 |
| Return before operating charges* | 78.15 | (55.44) | (308.59) | 456.06 |
| Operating charges | (3.82) | (8.36) | (10.69) | (9.33) |
| Return after operating charges* | 74.33 | (63.80) | (319.28) | 446.73 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (24.44) | (17.32) | (6.28) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 24.44 | 17.32 | 6.28 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 994.87 | 920.54 | 984.34 | 1,303.62 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.02 | 0.56 | 0.35 |

Performance

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|--------|
| Return after charges | 8.07% | (6.48%) | (24.49%) | 52.13% |
|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|--------|

Other information

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 85,317 | 80,325 | 126,123 | 191,287 |
| Closing number of shares | 8,575,605 | 8,725,869 | 12,813,001 | 14,673,459 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.86% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.04% | 0.03% |

Prices

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 999.60 | 1,077.00 | 1,438.00 | 1,331.00 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 821.00 | 850.70 | 984.50 | 851.30 |

Comparative tables (continued)

| | Class Z accumulation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Six months to 31/12/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/23 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/22 (pence per share) | Year to 30/06/21 (pence per share) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 660.83 | 701.13 | 921.36 | 600.93 |
| Return before operating charges* | 56.37 | (39.81) | (219.61) | 320.97 |
| Operating charges | (0.20) | (0.49) | (0.62) | (0.54) |
| Return after operating charges* | 56.17 | (40.30) | (220.23) | 320.43 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (22.19) | (18.39) | (9.90) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 22.19 | 18.39 | 9.90 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 717.00 | 660.83 | 701.13 | 921.36 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | 0.01 | 0.40 | 0.25 |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | 8.50% | (5.75%) | (23.90%) | 53.32% |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£000s) | 41,964 | 43,827 | 55,040 | 76,390 |
| Closing number of shares | 5,852,672 | 6,632,107 | 7,850,232 | 8,291,027 |
| Operating charges (annualised) | 0.07% | 0.07% | 0.07% | 0.07% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.04% | 0.03% |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price (pence) | 720.40 | 768.00 | 1,018.00 | 939.90 |
| Lowest share price (pence) | 590.80 | 607.30 | 701.30 | 597.00 |

Direct transaction costs incurred on securities transactions are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments that relate to direct transaction costs.

Performance values are at close of business on a bid basis, which will differ from those in the Performance summary.

Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed during the period.

Ongoing charge figure

The annualised OCF of the fund is calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months. Ongoing charges are all expenses deducted from the assets of the fund during the period, except for expenses that are explicitly excluded by regulation.

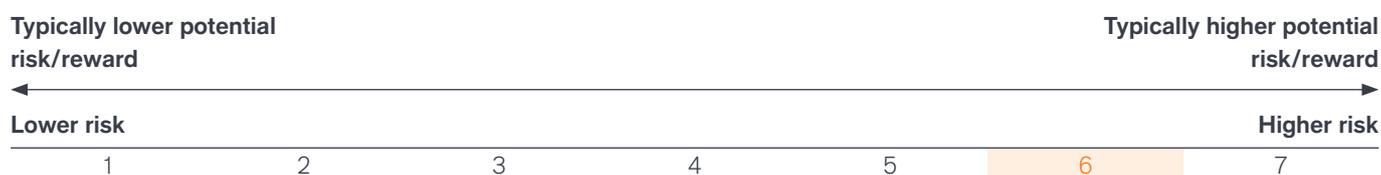
| | 31/12/23 | 30/06/23 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | % | % |
| Class A accumulation | 1.73 | 1.73 |
| Class C accumulation | 0.57 | 0.57 |
| Class E accumulation | 1.23 | 1.23 |
| Class I accumulation | 0.85 | 0.85 |
| Class Z accumulation | 0.07 | 0.07 |

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by ESMA.

Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 5 types of share class in issue: A accumulation, C accumulation, E accumulation, I accumulation and Z accumulation.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The share classes appear at 6 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in Net Asset Value in the past five years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The SRRRI is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling five* year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment and any income from it can go up or down. When you sell your shares they may be worth less than you paid for them.

The rating above is based on the historic volatility of the share classes. Historic data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The rating is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Other material risks not captured by the rating:

Counterparty Risk and Operational Risk The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

Country or Region If a fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a fund which is more broadly diversified.

Derivatives The fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the portfolio more efficiently. However this introduces other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

Equities Shares/Units can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.

Liquidity Securities within the fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

Smaller Companies Shares of small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than shares of larger companies, and at times it may be difficult to value or to sell shares at desired times and prices, increasing the risk of losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the 'Risk Factors' section of the fund's prospectus.

There has been no change to the risk rating during the period.

The SRRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRRI.

* Class E accumulation launched on 8 July 2019 and Class C accumulation launched on 18 March 2021. As these share classes do not have a five year history, a synthetic history has been created using the A accumulation share class and the fund's relevant sector average, respectively.

Portfolio statement as at 31 December 2023

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Equities 99.66% (30/06/2023: 98.60%) | | | |
| United Kingdom 99.66% (30/06/2023: 98.60%) | | | |
| Basic Materials 2.12% (30/06/2023: 1.91%) | | | |
| 23,225 | Hill & Smith | 443 | 0.20 |
| 616,836 | Synthomer | 1,170 | 0.52 |
| 205,800 | Victrax | 3,132 | 1.40 |
| | | <u>4,745</u> | <u>2.12</u> |
| Consumer Discretionary 21.42% (30/06/2023: 20.51%) | | | |
| 276,798 | Bellway | 7,086 | 3.16 |
| 116,100 | Bloomsbury Publishing | 543 | 0.24 |
| 1,118 | Caplay ¹ | - | - |
| 1,233,528 | Crest Nicholson | 2,667 | 1.19 |
| 1,199,135 | DFS Furniture | 1,461 | 0.65 |
| 108,035 | Focusrite | 627 | 0.28 |
| 539,447 | Future | 4,291 | 1.91 |
| 566,579 | GlobalData | 1,105 | 0.49 |
| 351,393 | Halfords | 700 | 0.31 |
| 215,565 | Headlam | 466 | 0.21 |
| 861,276 | Hollywood Bowl | 2,636 | 1.17 |
| 133,295 | Howden Joinery | 1,084 | 0.48 |
| 2,440,252 | Mitchells & Butlers | 6,286 | 2.80 |
| 909,933 | Moonpig | 1,423 | 0.63 |
| 304,539 | Next Fifteen Communications | 2,512 | 1.12 |
| 1,232,896 | Pebble | 727 | 0.32 |
| 997,155 | RM | 620 | 0.28 |
| 1,208,297 | Team17 | 2,175 | 0.97 |
| 696,922 | Trainline | 2,236 | 1.00 |
| 614,420 | Watches of Switzerland | 4,353 | 1.94 |
| 1,385,591 | Wickes | 1,969 | 0.88 |
| 405,014 | Wilmington | 1,345 | 0.60 |
| 78,259 | Young & Co's Brewery 'A' | 853 | 0.38 |
| 114,340 | Young & Co's Brewery Non-Voting | 908 | 0.41 |
| | | <u>48,073</u> | <u>21.42</u> |
| Energy 3.28% (30/06/2023: 2.89%) | | | |
| 399,621 | Capricorn Energy | 678 | 0.30 |
| 574,297 | Harbour Energy | 1,772 | 0.79 |
| 677,465 | Hunting | 1,998 | 0.89 |
| 1,273,017 | Serica Energy | 2,923 | 1.30 |
| | | <u>7,371</u> | <u>3.28</u> |
| Financials 16.61% (30/06/2023: 16.59%) | | | |
| 530,971 | Bridgepoint | 1,483 | 0.66 |
| 190,761 | Burford Capital | 2,314 | 1.03 |
| 716,424 | Foresight | 3,088 | 1.38 |
| 936,775 | Impax Asset Management | 5,152 | 2.30 |
| 1,332,609 | IntegraFin | 4,027 | 1.79 |
| 178,262 | JTC | 1,444 | 0.64 |
| 3,816,044 | Just | 3,274 | 1.46 |
| 175,142 | Liontrust Asset Management | 1,103 | 0.49 |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Financials (continued) | | | |
| 1,241,965 | OSB | 5,760 | 2.57 |
| 1,029,257 | Paragon Banking | 7,179 | 3.20 |
| 141,551 | Rathbones | 2,449 | 1.09 |
| | | <u>37,273</u> | <u>16.61</u> |
| Health Care 0.91% (30/06/2023: 1.42%) | | | |
| 387,829 | Advanced Medical Solutions | 805 | 0.36 |
| 1,508,028 | Alliance Pharma | 573 | 0.26 |
| 1,951,569 | Benchmark | 646 | 0.29 |
| | | <u>2,024</u> | <u>0.91</u> |
| Industrials 35.59% (30/06/2023: 35.13%) | | | |
| 64,153 | AB Dynamics | 1,123 | 0.50 |
| 716,470 | Alpha Financial Markets Consulting | 2,794 | 1.24 |
| 132,114 | Avon Protection | 1,119 | 0.50 |
| 1,664,202 | Balfour Beatty | 5,512 | 2.46 |
| 467,570 | Bodycote | 2,780 | 1.24 |
| 1,059,416 | Chemring | 3,713 | 1.65 |
| 51,982 | Clarkson | 1,643 | 0.73 |
| 516,758 | Essentra | 867 | 0.39 |
| 505,151 | Eurocell | 636 | 0.28 |
| 766,230 | Genuit | 3,092 | 1.38 |
| 1,391,064 | Luceco | 1,722 | 0.77 |
| 609,702 | Midwich | 2,603 | 1.16 |
| 706,000 | Morgan Advanced Materials | 1,998 | 0.89 |
| 276,506 | Oxford Instruments | 6,346 | 2.83 |
| 655,209 | PageGroup | 3,191 | 1.42 |
| 671,868 | QinetiQ | 2,075 | 0.92 |
| 651,655 | Redde Northgate | 2,365 | 1.05 |
| 88,625 | Renishaw | 3,166 | 1.41 |
| 571,969 | Restore | 1,247 | 0.56 |
| 992,074 | RWS | 2,488 | 1.11 |
| 2,045,722 | Serco | 3,316 | 1.48 |
| 1,169,648 | Severfield | 744 | 0.33 |
| 3,999,479 | SigmaRoc | 2,136 | 0.95 |
| 97,046 | Smart Metering Systems | 912 | 0.41 |
| 84,832 | Spectris | 3,198 | 1.43 |
| 1,088,943 | Stelrad | 1,372 | 0.61 |
| 394,006 | SThree | 1,647 | 0.73 |
| 2,405,214 | Thruvision | 433 | 0.19 |
| 984,203 | Tyman | 3,076 | 1.37 |
| 1,217,799 | Vesuvius | 5,860 | 2.61 |
| 514,966 | Videndum | 1,792 | 0.80 |
| 797,802 | Volution | 3,459 | 1.54 |
| 106,846 | XP Power | 1,449 | 0.65 |
| | | <u>79,874</u> | <u>35.59</u> |

Portfolio statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market value £000 | Percentage of total net assets % |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Real Estate 5.21% (30/06/2023: 5.22%) | | | |
| 1,022,643 | CLS | 1,039 | 0.46 |
| 1,211,046 | Empiric Student Property | 1,146 | 0.51 |
| 303,984 | Grainger | 804 | 0.36 |
| 1,398,732 | Harworth | 1,699 | 0.76 |
| 423,321 | Helical | 938 | 0.42 |
| 290,677 | Savills | 2,815 | 1.25 |
| 576,825 | Workspace REIT | 3,262 | 1.45 |
| | | <u>11,703</u> | <u>5.21</u> |
| Technology 12.57% (30/06/2023: 12.82%) | | | |
| 916,292 | Access Intelligence | 485 | 0.22 |
| 155,624 | Aptitude Software | 436 | 0.19 |
| 1,850,000 | Ascential | 5,421 | 2.42 |
| 238,712 | Auction Technology | 1,246 | 0.56 |
| 634,288 | Bytes Technology | 3,878 | 1.73 |
| 154,339 | Computacenter | 4,297 | 1.91 |
| 1,027,680 | GBG | 2,816 | 1.25 |
| 3,742,994 | Learning Technologies | 3,032 | 1.35 |
| 1,159,956 | Moneysupermarket.com | 3,250 | 1.45 |
| 206,717 | Softcat | 2,811 | 1.25 |
| 1,008,784 | Tribal | 545 | 0.24 |
| | | <u>28,217</u> | <u>12.57</u> |
| Telecommunications 1.95% (30/06/2023: 2.11%) | | | |
| 316,586 | Gamma Communications | 3,559 | 1.59 |
| 658,079 | Spirent Communications | 811 | 0.36 |
| | | <u>4,370</u> | <u>1.95</u> |
| Investment assets | | 223,650 | 99.66 |
| | Other net assets | 763 | 0.34 |
| Total net assets | | 224,413 | 100.00 |

¹ Suspended or delisted securities

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are 'approved securities' within the meaning of FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

Statement of total return (unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|---|----------|---------------|----------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 14,509 | | (6,769) |
| Revenue | 3,071 | | 3,173 | |
| Expenses | (982) | | (1,244) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 2,089 | | 1,929 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 2,089 | | 1,929 |
| Total return before distributions | | 16,598 | | (4,840) |
| Distributions | | - | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 16,598 | | (4,840) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 | | 31/12/22 | |
|--|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders* | | 219,028 | | 295,118 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 4,598 | | 3,725 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (15,858) | | (40,016) | |
| | | (11,260) | | (36,291) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 47 | | 110 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 16,598 | | (4,840) |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 224,413 | | 254,097 |

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

Balance sheet (unaudited) as at 31 December 2023

| | 31/12/23 £000 | 30/06/23 £000 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Investments | 223,650 | 215,953 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 620 | 1,198 |
| Cash and bank balances | 677 | 2,457 |
| Total assets | <u>224,947</u> | <u>219,608</u> |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 534 | 580 |
| Total liabilities | <u>534</u> | <u>580</u> |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | <u>224,413</u> | <u>219,028</u> |

Appendix - additional information

Securities financing transactions

The funds engage in securities financing transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, as amended by the Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and Reuse (Amendment) (EUR Exit) Regulations 2019, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, as amended by the Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and Reuse (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the funds' involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the six months ended 31 December 2023 are detailed below.

Global data

The table lists the amount of securities on loan as a proportion of total lendable assets and the fund's AUM as at 31 December 2023:

| Fund | Market value of securities on loan £000 | % of lendable assets | % of AUM |
|--|--|----------------------|----------|
| Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Credit Fund | 686 | 0.64 | 0.62 |
| Janus Henderson Strategic Bond Fund | 71,120 | 2.80 | 2.67 |
| Janus Henderson UK Equity Income & Growth Fund | 7,243 | 4.35 | 4.31 |

Concentration data

The following table lists the ten largest collateral issuers by value of collateral received (across all SFTs) for each fund as at 31 December 2023:

| Issuer | Market value of collateral received £000 | Issuer | Market value of collateral received £000 |
|--|---|---|---|
| Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Credit Fund* | | Janus Henderson Strategic Bond Fund* | |
| Government of France | 325 | Government of France | 48,498 |
| Government of Austria | 123 | UK Treasury | 16,687 |
| Government of Germany | 102 | Government of Germany | 5,550 |
| Republic of Finland | 91 | Kingdom of Netherlands | 1,974 |
| US Treasury | 51 | US Treasury | 1,874 |
| Government of Belgium | 34 | Government of Belgium | 239 |
| Kingdom of Netherlands | 14 | Government of Austria | 38 |
| | | Republic of Finland | 3 |
| Janus Henderson UK Equity Income & Growth Fund | | | |
| UK Treasury | 591 | | |
| US Treasury | 442 | | |
| HSBC | 336 | | |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals | 336 | | |
| Sage Group | 334 | | |
| Rolls-Royce | 334 | | |
| BP | 334 | | |
| Melrose Industries | 334 | | |
| Tesco | 334 | | |
| Entain | 334 | | |

* All collateral issuers have been included.

Appendix - additional information (continued)

Securities financing transactions (continued)

Concentration data (continued)

The following table details the top ten counterparties of each type of SFTs (based on gross volume of outstanding transactions), for each fund as at 31 December 2023:

| Counterparty | Market value of securities on loan £000 | Settlement basis | Counterparty | Market value of securities on loan £000 | Settlement basis |
|---|--|------------------|--|--|------------------|
| Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Credit Fund | | | Janus Henderson Strategic Bond Fund | | |
| JPMorgan Chase | 582 | Triparty | Bank of Nova Scotia | 69,688 | Triparty |
| BNP Paribas | 104 | Triparty | Morgan Stanley | 955 | Triparty |
| | 686 | | HSBC | 477 | Triparty |
| | | | | 71,120 | |
| Janus Henderson UK Equity Income & Growth Fund | | | | | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | 6,004 | Triparty | | | |
| Morgan Stanley | 802 | Triparty | | | |
| Bank of America | 371 | Triparty | | | |
| JPMorgan Chase | 64 | Triparty | | | |
| UBS | 2 | Triparty | | | |
| | 7,243 | | | | |

All counterparties have been included.

Aggregate transaction data

The following table provides an analysis of the collateral received by each fund in respect of each type of SFTs as at 31 December 2023:

| Counterparty | Counterparty country of origin | Type | Quality | Collateral currency | Settlement basis | Custodian | Market value of collateral received £000 |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---|
| Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Credit Fund | | | | | | | |
| BNP Paribas | France | Government Bond | Investment grade | EUR | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 109 |
| JPMorgan Chase | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | EUR | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 580 |
| JPMorgan Chase | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | USD | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 51 |
| | | | | | | | 740 |
| Janus Henderson Strategic Bond Fund | | | | | | | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Canada | Government Bond | Investment grade | EUR | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 55,277 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Canada | Government Bond | Investment grade | GBP | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 16,206 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Canada | Government Bond | Investment grade | USD | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 1,874 |
| HSBC | United Kingdom | Government Bond | Investment grade | EUR | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 502 |
| Morgan Stanley | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | EUR | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 1,004 |
| | | | | | | | 74,863 |
| Janus Henderson UK Equity Income and Growth Fund | | | | | | | |
| Bank of America | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | GBP | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 391 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Canada | Equity | Main market listing | AUD | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 92 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Canada | Equity | Main market listing | CAD | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 283 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Canada | Equity | Main market listing | EUR | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 539 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Canada | Equity | Main market listing | GBP | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 5,756 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Canada | Government Bond | Investment grade | USD | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 57 |
| JPMorgan Chase | United States | Equity | Main market listing | AUD | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 4 |
| JPMorgan Chase | United States | Equity | Main market listing | GBP | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 3 |
| JPMorgan Chase | United States | Equity | Main market listing | JPY | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 4 |
| JPMorgan Chase | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | USD | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 57 |
| Morgan Stanley | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | EUR | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 2 |

Appendix - additional information (continued)

Securities financing transactions (continued) Aggregate transaction data (continued)

| Counterparty | Counterparty country of origin | Type | Quality | Collateral currency | Settlement basis | Custodian | Market value of collateral received £000 |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---|
| Janus Henderson UK Equity Income and Growth Fund <small>(continued)</small> | | | | | | | |
| Morgan Stanley | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | GBP | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 198 |
| Morgan Stanley | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | JPY | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 318 |
| Morgan Stanley | United States | Government Bond | Investment grade | USD | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 328 |
| UBS | Switzerland | Government Bond | Investment grade | GBP | Triparty | JPMorgan Chase | 2 |
| | | | | | | | 8,034 |

All collateral is held in segregated accounts.

The lending and collateral transactions are on an open basis and can be recalled on demand.

Re-use of collateral

Cash collateral may be reinvested during the loan transaction to generate additional returns for the benefit of the fund, however there was no collateral reinvested during the period.

Return and cost on securities lending activities

The following table details the funds' return and costs for each type of SFTs for the six months ended 31 December 2023:

| Fund | Total gross amount of stock lending revenue £000 | Direct and indirect costs and fees deducted by securities lending agent £000 | Net stock lending revenue retained by the fund £000 | % return retained by the securities lending agent | % return retained by the fund |
|--|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Janus Henderson All Stocks Credit Fund | 1 | -* | 1 | 8 | 92 |
| Janus Henderson Institutional Long Dated Credit Fund | 1 | -* | 1 | 8 | 92 |
| Janus Henderson Strategic Bond Fund | 16 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 92 |
| Janus Henderson UK Equity Income & Growth Fund | 18 | 1 | 17 | 8 | 92 |

* Due to rounding to the nearest thousand, stock lending commission is below the minimum reporting threshold.

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