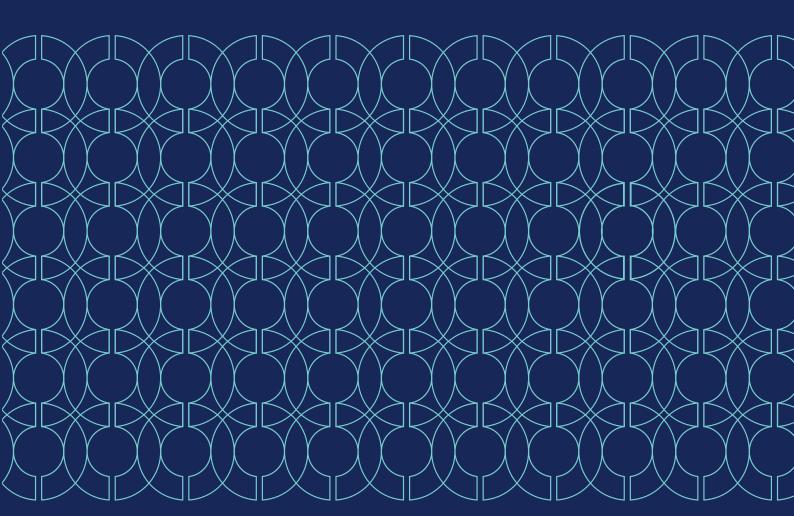
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# Schroder MM Diversity Fund Annual Report and Accounts 28 February 2025



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# **Fund Information**

# **Investment objective and policy**

Schroder MM Diversity Fund (the 'Fund') aims to provide capital growth in excess of the UK Consumer Price Index (after fees have been deducted) over a five to seven year period by investing in a diversified range of assets worldwide. There is no guarantee that this objective will be met and your capital is at risk.

The Fund is actively managed and invests its assets indirectly through collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds, real estate investment trusts and closed ended funds in equity and equity related securities, fixed and floating rate securities and alternative assets worldwide. Alternative assets may include hedge funds, real estate, private equity and commodities.

The Fund may also invest directly in equity and equity related securities and fixed and floating rate securities. The Fund may directly or indirectly invest in money market instruments, and may hold cash.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in collective investment schemes (including other Schroder funds).

The Fund invests (directly or indirectly) one third of its assets in equity and equity related securities, one third in fixed and floating rate securities, money market instruments and cash, and one third in alternative assets. The Fund may deviate from this by up to 5% of assets (+/-) for equity and equity related securities and alternative assets, and by up to 10% of assets (+/-) for fixed and floating rate securities, money market instruments and cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently (for more information please refer to Section 10. "Derivatives and Forward Transactions" of Appendix 1 of the Prospectus).

# **Fund characteristics**

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the UK Consumer Price Index, and compared against the Investment Association Mixed Investment 20% to 60% Shares sector average return. The target benchmark has been selected because the target return of the Fund is to deliver or exceed the return of that benchmark as stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager and the Manager believe that this benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

# **Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive**

The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive, as implemented in the UK by the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013, establishes an EU wide harmonised framework for monitoring and supervising risks posed by Alternative Investment Fund Managers and the alternative investment Funds they manage.

The Fund is an Alternative Investment Fund and Schroder Unit Trusts Limited (the Manager) was authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority to act as an Alternative Investment Fund Manager on 2 July 2014.

The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive requires certain information to be disclosed to unitholders. It is intended that any such information will be provided in the report and accounts, unless such information is required to be disclosed without delay, in which case it will be made via the Schroders website at:

www.schroders.com/en-gb/uk/institutional/Funds-and-strategies/sc-real-estate-uk/changes-to-Funds/

# **Review of Investment Activities**

# From 29 February 2024 to 28 February 2025, the price of Z Accumulation units on a dealing price basis rose by 10.63%. In the same period, the UK Consumer Price Index increased by 2.84%<sup>1</sup>.

The Fund returned +10.6% over the year under review, performing well in a strong period for investment markets. Returns were comfortably ahead of the Fund's benchmark, the UK Consumer Price Index, whilst also beating the peer group average, represented by the IA Investment 20-60% Shares sector, which returned +8.3%.

Fund performance was buoyed by strength across equities and select alternatives holdings, capitalising on fertile conditions for risk assets. Within equities, Schroder ISF Global Gold was the standout performer, advancing +67.7% as gold prices rallied to a succession of record highs and the mining segment reported bumper earnings results. Redwheel UK Equity Income also generated impressive performance, returning +30.3%, as the manager's exposure to financials proved highly rewarding, as did selection among consumer names and within industrials. Returns elsewhere were less eye-catching, although all equity holdings contributed positively and all but one manager finished with double-digits gains.

The Fund's alternatives holdings provided a more mixed performance picture. On the positive side, iShares Physical Gold and Man Asia ex Japan Alternative were leading performers, the former (+38.9%) delivering returns in line with gold prices, the latter (+14.4%) driven in part by exposure to China and stock selection therein. On the negative side, holdings in GMO Equity Dislocation (-1.5%) and QSM Global Equity Long/Short (-3.4%) detracted, with exposure on the short side of their portfolios weighing amid strength in US Growth stocks, which represent key short positions.

Finally, returns across fixed interest were positive, albeit performance was modest. In the sovereign space, rising UK government bond yields meant that falling capital values eroded some of the return coming from income, resulting in low single-digit returns for the position in iShares Core UK Gilts ETF (+1.5%). US Treasuries performed moderately better, with the position in iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yr ETF GBP Hedged returning +4.8%. Performance was better still from other key holdings in this section of the portfolio, Schroder SSF Sterling Liquidity (+5.2%) and Invesco Tactical Bond (+5.4%), where allocations were more heavily weighted.

In terms of activity, four new holdings were added to the portfolio over the year, including Amundi Global Equity Quality Income, Brickwood UK Value, Man Asia ex Japan Equity and QSM Global Equity Long/Short. Positions in Jupiter UK Special Situations and JOHCM Global Opportunities were exited. In addition, we removed the short US dollar leg of the Fund's long Japanese yen position, retaining a long yen exposure but versus sterling. Across the portfolio, positioning was adjusted throughout the period to capitalise on evolving macroeconomic dynamics and market pricing. This included an increase in Asian and Emerging Markets equities for Japanese equities, as well as an increase in short-term money market instruments for government bonds.

As we survey the investment landscape, we have seldom seen greater disparity between the risk/reward on display across asset markets. US equity valuations are about as high as they have ever been, pricing in an idyllic outlook for Corporate America that we consider hard to meet. Meanwhile, stock market valuations outside of the US are comparably cheap and, in a number of areas such as the UK, on the underside of their own historical averages. This leaves much more room for upside surprises, leading us to allocate accordingly. The UK, Emerging Markets and Japan remain preferred equity allocations, with Europe an area of increased interest most recently. For different reasons, we find Gold equities attractive too

Within alternatives, one of the benefits of the uneven skew of risk/reward we see across stock markets is that it presents a rich set of opportunities to be long or short. We are therefore enthused about the return potential from our managers in this space. Our allocation to hedge fund strategies is globally diversified, with a style bias in favour of Value, against Growth and Momentum.

Turning to fixed interest, government bonds look reasonable, as although we remain bearish from a structural perspective, we see near to intermediate-term prospects as more two-side. On the other hand, we find the risk/reward across much of credit to be unappealing, given the historically low level of spread on offer. We continue to believe that short-dated money market instruments provide utility in the portfolio and retain a meaningful allocation here

Concluding, the past 12 months has been rewarding for investors. However, we are seeing an increased level of volatility across markets this year, which we expect to be a more persistent feature than in the recent past. We believe that maintaining a diversified portfolio of assets, selected through a disciplined process and strict valuation framework, will stand us in good stead to navigate the road.

#### Source: LSEG Workspace.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amounts originally invested. Exchange rate changes may cause the value of any overseas investments to rise or fall.

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## Head of Multi-Manager: Robin McDonald



Robin is Head of the Multi Manager team

Joined Schroders in July 2013 following the acquisition of Cazenove Capital

Previous to the acquisition he was a Fund Manager at Cazenove Capital, which he joined in October 2007, responsible for co-managing the multi manager fund range as well as a few segregated mandates Prior to this Robin was a Multi Manager Analyst at Gartmore, a position he held from September 2003

Up to this time he worked as a Multi Manager Analyst for Insight Investment Management, following its acquisition of Rothschild Asset Management in 2003, which he joined in 2001

Robin began his career in September 1999 when he joined Bank of New York (Europe) Limited as a Client Relationship Executive Robin is a CFA charter holder

# Co-Fund Manager:

#### Joe Le Jéhan



Joined Schroders in July 2013 following the acquisition of Cazenove Capital

Previous to the acquisition he was a Fund Manager in the Multi Manager team at Cazenove Capital from January 2013, a firm he joined in March 2008 as an Analyst

Prior to this, Joe was a Fund Analyst at Brewin Dolphin, a position he held from January 2005

Joe began his career in September 2000, as an Associate on Retail Funds in the Assurance and Business Advisory Division at PricewaterhouseCoopers

Joe is a CFA charter holder

## Co-Fund Manager: Geoff Challinor



Joined Schroders in September 2019 as a Fund Manager within the Multi-Manager team

Prior to this, Geoff was a Senior Investment Analyst at Saunderson House, which he joined in September 2007

His role focused on fund selection and asset allocation with specific responsibility for US and Japanese equities  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \int$ 

Geoff is a CFA charterholder

# **Risk Profile**

# **Risk and reward indicator**



The risk category was calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. The Fund's risk category is not guaranteed to remain fixed and may change over time. A Fund in the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

For specific risks, including the risk and reward profile, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on the following website www.schroders.com/en-gb/uk/individual/fund-centre/#/fund/search/filter.

# Statement of the Manager's Responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the FCA, ("the COLL Rules") require the Manager to prepare financial statements for each annual and interim accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the year.

In preparing the accounts the Manager is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Fund in accordance with its Trust Deed, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules.

The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on its website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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5 June 2025

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# Report of the Trustee

# Statement of the Trustee's responsibilities in respect of the Scheme and report of the Trustee to the unitholders of the Schroder MM Diversity Fund ('the Fund') for the year ended 28 February 2025.

The Trustee of Schroder MM Diversity Fund must ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, and the Investment Funds Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together 'the regulations'), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together 'the Scheme documents') as detailed below.

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

The Trustee is responsible for the safe keeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the fund in accordance with the regulations.

The Trustee must ensure that:

- the Fund's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Fund is booked in cash accounts in accordance with the regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the regulations;
- the value of units of the Fund are calculated in accordance with the regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Fund's assets is remitted to the Fund within the usual time limits;
- the Fund's income is applied in accordance with the regulations; and
- the instructions of the Alternative Investment Fund Manager ('the Manager') are carried out (unless they conflict with the regulations).

The Trustee also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Fund.

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

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Fund's units and the application of the Fund's income in accordance with the regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund; and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Fund in accordance with the regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund.

## J.P. Morgan Europe Limited

Trustee Bournemouth 21 March 2025

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Schroder MM Diversity Fund

# **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Schroder MM Diversity Fund (the 'Fund') for the year ended 28 February 2025 which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders, the Balance Sheet, the Related Notes and Distribution Table for the Fund and the accounting policies set out on page 17.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, of the financial position of the Fund as at 28 February 2025 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Trust Deed, the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, and the COLL Rules

# **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Fund in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard.

We have received all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit and we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

# Going concern

The Manager has prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the Fund's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the Manager's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Fund's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Fund's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate and;
- we have not identified, and concur with the Manager's assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually
  or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Fund will continue in operation.

# Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

#### Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of Directors as to the Fund's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Assessing the segregation of duties in place between the Manager, the Trustee, the Administrator and the Investment Adviser; and
- Reading board minutes.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the revenue is principally non-judgemental and based on publicly available information, with limited opportunity for manipulation. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We evaluated the design and implementation of the controls over journal entries and other adjustments and made inquiries of the Administrator about inappropriate or unusual activity relating to the processing of journal entries and other adjustments. We identified and selected a sample of journal entries made at the end of the reporting period and tested those substantively including all material post-closing entries. Based on the results of our risk assessment procedures and understanding of the process, including the segregation of duties between the Directors and the Administrator, no further high-risk journal entries or other adjustments were identified.

# Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the Manager and the Administrator (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the Directors the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Fund is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related authorised fund legislation maintained by the Financial Conduct Authority) and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the Fund is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: money laundering, data protection and bribery and corruption legislation recognising the Fund's activities. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Directors and the Administrator and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Schroder MM Diversity Fund (continued)

## Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

## Other information

The Manager is responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the other information; and
- in our opinion the information given in the Manager's Report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where under the COLL Rules we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the Fund have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

# Manager's responsibilities

As explained more fully in its statement set out on page 6, the Manager is responsible for: the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# **Auditor's responsibilities**

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

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

# The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Fund's unitholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('the COLL Rules') issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under section 247 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Grant Archer
For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
319 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
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5 June 2025

# **Comparative Table**

	A Accumulation units				A Income units		
Financial year to 28 February	2025 pence per unit	2024 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2025 pence per unit	2024 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	
Change in net asset value							
Opening net asset value	132.06	129.43	124.22	118.38	116.56	111.94	
Return before operating charges*	15.38	4.91	7.42	13.47	4.35	6.67	
Operating charges	(2.37)	(2.28)	(2.21)	(2.11)	(2.04)	(1.99)	
Return after operating charges*	13.01	2.63	5.21	11.36	2.31	4.68	
Distributions**	(2.73)	(0.55)	(0.07)	(3.31)	(0.49)	(0.06)	
Retained distributions**	2.73	0.55	0.07	-	-	-	
Closing net asset value	145.07	132.06	129.43	126.43	118.38	116.56	
*after direct transaction costs of	-	(0.03)	(0.01)	_	(0.02)	(0.01)	
Performance							
Return after charges (%)	9.85	2.03	4.19	9.60	1.98	4.18	
Other information							
Closing net asset value (£000's)	38,841	35,863	32,503	1,433	1,491	2,835	
Closing number of units	26,774,905	27,156,186	25,112,681	1,133,168	1,259,360	2,432,489	
Operating charges (%)	1.68	1.74	1.76	1.68	1.74	1.76	
Direct transaction costs (%)***	-	0.02	0.01	-	0.02	0.01	
Prices							
Highest dealing price	145.90p	134.90p	131.50p	128.60p	121.20p	118.50p	
Lowest dealing price	132.20p	127.10p	120.60p	118.50p	114.50p	108.60p	

# **Comparative Table** (continued)

	Q Accumulation units		S Accumulation units			
Financial year to 28 February	2025 pence per unit	2024 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2025 pence per unit	2024 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	141.35	137.52	131.06	137.99	134.27	127.97
Return before operating charges*	16.69	5.27	7.86	16.33	5.14	7.66
Operating charges	(1.44)	(1.44)	(1.40)	(1.45)	(1.42)	(1.36)
Return after operating charges*	15.25	3.83	6.46	14.88	3.72	6.30
Distributions**	(3.11)	(1.45)	(1.02)	(3.02)	(1.40)	(0.99)
Retained distributions**	3.11	1.45	1.02	3.02	1.40	0.99
Closing net asset value	156.60	141.35	137.52	152.87	137.99	134.27
*after direct transaction costs of	-	(0.03)	(0.01)	-	(0.03)	(0.01)
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	10.79	2.79	4.93	10.78	2.77	4.92
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	744	29,639	32,055	348	327	332
Closing number of units	474,839	20,968,726	23,309,609	227,828	236,898	247,648
Operating charges (%)	0.97	1.03	1.05	0.98	1.04	1.06
Direct transaction costs (%)***	-	0.02	0.01	-	0.02	0.01
Prices						
Highest dealing price	157.50p	144.10p	139.70p	153.70p	140.70p	136.40
Lowest dealing price	141.40p	135.40p	127.70p	138.10p	132.20p	124.70p

# Comparative Table (continued)

		S Income units		T A	ccumulation uni	ts
Financial year to 28 February	2025 pence per unit	2024 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2025 pence per unit	2024 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	66.50	65.38	62.78	131.90	128.41	122.50
Return before operating charges*	7.84	2.50	3.75	15.58	4.96	7.34
Operating charges	(0.69)	(0.69)	(0.67)	(1.38)	(1.47)	(1.43)
Return after operating charges*	7.15	1.81	3.08	14.20	3.49	5.91
Distributions**	(1.45)	(0.69)	(0.48)	(2.87)	(1.29)	(0.83)
Retained distributions**	-	-	-	2.87	1.29	0.83
Closing net asset value	72.20	66.50	65.38	146.10	131.90	128.41
*after direct transaction costs of	-	(0.01)	(0.01)	-	(0.03)	(0.01)
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	10.75	2.77	4.91	10.77	2.72	4.82
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	1,063	1,798	2,920	104,609	65,791	55,624
Closing number of units	1,472,541	2,703,273	4,466,569	71,600,291	49,878,064	43,317,711
Operating charges (%)	0.98	1.04	1.06	0.97	1.13	1.15
Direct transaction costs (%)***	-	0.02	0.01	_	0.02	0.01
Prices						
Highest dealing price	73.31p	68.14p	66.66p	146.90p	134.50p	130.40բ
Lowest dealing price	66.54p	64.36p	60.95p	132.00p	126.40p	119.30p

# Comparative Table (continued)

	Z	Accumulation un	its		Z Income units	
Financial year to 28 February	2025 pence per unit	2024 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2025 pence per unit	2024 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	130.92	127.63	121.89	119.61	117.64	112.97
Return before operating charges*	15.42	4.90	7.30	14.05	4.50	6.74
Operating charges	(1.66)	(1.61)	(1.56)	(1.50)	(1.48)	(1.44)
Return after operating charges*	13.76	3.29	5.74	12.55	3.02	5.30
Distributions**	(2.86)	(1.14)	(0.69)	(2.59)	(1.05)	(0.63)
Retained distributions**	2.86	1.14	0.69	-	-	-
Closing net asset value	144.68	130.92	127.63	129.57	119.61	117.64
*after direct transaction costs of	-	(0.03)	(0.01)	-	(0.02)	(0.01
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	10.51	2.58	4.71	10.49	2.57	4.69
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	293,377	289,038	227,501	26,098	34,245	21,957
Closing number of units	202,772,581	220,776,509	178,251,651	20,142,486	28,630,366	18,663,849
Operating charges (%)	1.18	1.24	1.26	1.18	1.24	1.26
Direct transaction costs (%)***	-	0.02	0.01	-	0.02	0.01
Prices						
Highest dealing price	145.50p	133.60p	129.70p	131.50p	122.50p	119.90
Lowest dealing price	131.00p	125.60p	118.60p	119.70p	115.70p	109.70բ

The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is the European standard method of disclosing the charges of a unit class of a Fund based on the financial year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It includes charges such as the Fund's Annual Management Charge, Registrar fees, Safe custody fees, Trustee's fees and Audit fee but ordinarily excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are units of another Fund). Where published, the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) contains the current OCF. For a more detailed breakdown please visit www.schroders.com.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amounts originally invested. Exchange rate changes may cause the value of any overseas investments to rise or fall.

<sup>\*\*</sup> These figures have been rounded to 2 decimal places.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Direct transaction costs have been stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments.

# **Portfolio Statement**

	Holding at 28.2.25	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Collective Investment Sch	nemes 98.74% (9	9.61%)	
Absolute Return Funds 11	.70% (7.25%)		
Man GLG Asia (ex Japan) Equity Fund Institutional Accumulation Shares (Class F)	3,750,000	4,849	1.04
Man GLG Asia Pacific ex-Japan Equity Alternative Fund Class INF H GBP Shares	152,500	17,727	3.80
Man GLG UK Absolute Value Fund - Professional Accumulation (Class			
CX)^	19,100,000	32,011	6.86
		54,587	11.70
Asia Pacific ex Japan Equi		4.19%)	
Cash Funds 11.43% (14.899 Schroder SSF Sterling Liquidity Plus Class I	%)		
Accumulation GBP <sup>1</sup>	390,000	53,336	11.43
		53,336	11.43
Commodity Funds 1.18% (	1.14%)		
iShares Physical Gold ETC	125,000	5,495	1.18
		5,495	1.18
Global Emerging Markets Artemis SmartGARP Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund - Class I accumulation	Equity Funds 3.4	42% (1.68%)	
shares GBP <sup>^</sup>	7,500,000	15,943	3.42
		15,943	3.42
Global Equity Funds 14.02	% (11.92%)		
Amundi Global Equity Quality Income Fund GBP Hedged Acc	75,000	14,414	3.09
Kopernik Global All-Cap Equity Fund - Class Z (USD)			
	212,000	23,727	5.08
Schroder ISF Global Gold Class C Accumulation USD	212,000	27,260	5.85
Global Gold Class C			
Global Gold Class C Accumulation USD  Global Fixed Interest Fundamental Invesco Tactical Bond Fund (UK)	200,000	27,260 <b>65,401</b>	5.85
Global Gold Class C Accumulation USD  Global Fixed Interest Fundamental Invesco Tactical	200,000	27,260 <b>65,401</b>	5.85

	Holding at 28.2.25	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Hedge Funds 22.49% (17	.45%)		
GMO Equity Dislocation Investment Fund Class A USD Accumulation	210,000	4,689	1.00
Iguana Investments Long/Short Equity Fund Class B GBP	22,200,000	27,616	5.92
Man GLG Alpha Select Alternative Fund Class IN GBP Shares	75,000	9,470	2.03
MontLake Platform Invenomic US Equity Long/ Short Fund GBP Institutional Pooled Class Shares	202 500	24.020	5.15
QSM Global Equity	202,500	24,020	
Long/short Fund	40,350,000	39,127 <b>104,922</b>	22.49
Japanese Equity Funds 2	999% (5.74%)	104,922	22.49
Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Fund - Professional Income Shares			
(Class D) <sup>^</sup>	4,300,000	13,945	2.99
		13,945	2.99
UK Equity Funds 11.16%	(13.83%)		
Jupiter UK Multi Cap Income Fund Class W GBP Income	3,035,000	31,530	6.76
TM Brickwood UK Value Fund	6,432,408	6,347	1.36
TM Redwheel UK Equity Income Fund - Class L (Income)^	10,800,000	14,202	3.04
UK Fixed Interest Funds	5 340/ (5 030/)	52,079	11.16
Invesco Fixed Interest Corporate Bond Fund Income (No Trail) Share Class	1,700,000	1,848	0.40
iShares Core UK Gilts Fund GBP (Dist) Share Class	2,300,000	23,052	4.94
He Fived Total Co.	4.050/ (5.535)	24,900	5.34
US Fixed Interest Funds iShares USD Treasury Bond 7-10yr Fund GBP Hedged (Dist) Share	4.95% (5.53%)		
Class	5,300,000	23,079	4.95
		23,079	4.95
Collective Investment Se	chemes total	460,638	98.74

# Portfolio Statement (continued)

Holding at 28.2.25	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts 0.06%	% ((0.01)%)	
Buy JPY 7,139,966,250 Sell GBP 37,500,000 27/03/2025	295	0.06

	ding at 28.2.25	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Forward Foreign Currency Contratotal	acts	295	0.06
Portfolio of investments		460,933	98.80
Net other assets		5,580	1.20
Net assets attributable to unitho	lders	466,513	100.00

The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 29 February 2024.

Unless otherwise stated, all securities are admitted to official stock exchange listings or are permitted collective investment schemes.

1 Cash equivalents.

# **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 28 February 2025

		2025		2024	l .
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital gains	2		37,127		7,174
Revenue	3	12,733		6,874	
Expenses	4	(3,218)		(3,137)	
Net revenue before taxation		9,515		3,737	
Taxation	5	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation			9,515		3,737
Total return before distributions			46,642		10,911
Distributions	6		(9,515)		(3,744)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders	from investment activities	es	37,127		7,167

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

For the year ended 28 February 2025

	2025		2024	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		458,192		375,727
Amounts receivable on issue of units	62,988		103,823	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(100,576)		(32,027)	
		(37,588)		71,796
Dilution adjustment		(8)		3
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		37,127		7,167
Retained distribution on Accumulation units		8,790		3,499
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		466,513		458,192

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 28 February 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	£000's	£000's
Assets			
Investments		407,597	388,176
Current assets			
Debtors	8	8,209	3,473
Cash and bank balances		1,139	1,340
Cash equivalents		53,336	68,250
Total assets		470,281	461,239
Liabilities			
Investment liabilities		-	(53)
Creditors			
Distributions payable		(269)	(151)
Other creditors	9	(3,499)	(2,843)
Total liabilities		(3,768)	(3,047)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		466,513	458,192

# Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 28 February 2025

# 1 Accounting policies

## **Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

The Manager has undertaken a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, fluctuations in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the Manager is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months after the financial statements are signed and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### Revenue

Distributions receivable from authorised unit trusts and other collective investment schemes are recognised net of attributable tax credits and are credited to revenue when they are first quoted ex-dividend.

Interest receivable from bank balances is accounted for on an accruals basis.

The Annual management charge in respect of the Schroder Funds in which the Fund invests are rebated to the Fund so that no double charging occurs.

The rebates received from other investment managers are also receipted to the Fund on an accruals basis.

All rebates are treated as revenue or capital based on the underlying Fund's treatment.

### **Special dividends**

Special dividends are treated as revenue or capital depending on the facts of each particular case.

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation on distributions received by the Fund is deducted from the cost of investments. As such the equalisation on distributions received by the Fund does not form part of the Fund's distribution.

#### **Expenses**

Expenses of the Fund are charged against revenue except for costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments which are allocated to the capital of the Fund. All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### **Taxation**

Corporation tax is provided for on the revenue liable to corporation tax less deductible expenses. The tax effect of different items of revenue or expenses is allocated between revenue and capital using the marginal basis.

Deferred taxation is provided for on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, other than those differences regarded as permanent. Any liability to deferred taxation is provided for at the average rate of taxation expected to apply. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money.

## **Distributions**

The revenue available for distribution is the total revenue earned by the Fund, less deductible expenses and taxation charged to revenue.

For Accumulation units this revenue is not distributed but automatically reinvested in the Fund and is reflected in the value of these units.

### **Dilution Adjustment**

In certain circumstances the Manager may apply a dilution adjustment on subscriptions and redemptions of units. See Prospectus for further details.

### **Cash equivalents**

In accordance with the AIFMD requirements, the Fund has treated some investments in the Portfolio Statement as Cash equivalents for the purposes of the Balance Sheet disclosure. Investments are regarded as Cash equivalents if they meet all of the following criteria:

- highly liquid investments held in sterling that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash;
- are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value; and
- provide a return no greater than the rate of a three month high quality government bond.

#### **Valuation**

All investments held by the Fund have been valued at market value at 18:00 on the last working day of the accounting period. Market value is defined by the Statement of Recommended Practice as fair value which generally is the bid value of each security and the offer value for short positions. Non-exchange traded derivatives, including swaps and contracts for difference, are priced at fair value using valuation models and data sourced from market data providers and/or information provided by the relevant third party brokers.

Dual priced authorised unit trusts have been valued at bid price.

Single priced authorised unit trusts have been valued at the dealing price.

### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities valued in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date.

## **Derivative revenue**

Where derivative contracts are used to protect or enhance revenue, the revenue and expenses derived there from are included in "Revenue" in the Statement of Total Return. Where derivative contracts are used to protect or enhance capital, the returns derived there from are included in "Net capital gains/(losses) on investments" in the Statement of Total Return. Where derivative contracts generate total returns, such returns are apportioned between capital and revenue to properly reflect the nature of the transaction.

# 2 Net capital gains

The net capital gains during the year comprise:

	2025	2024
	£000's	£000's
Non-derivative securities	37,598	7,603
Forward foreign currency contracts	(676)	(1,407)
Foreign currency gains	205	978
Net capital gains	37,127	7,174

	2025	2024
	£000's	£000's
Realised gains	28,678	24,602
Unrealised gains/(losses)	8,449	(17,428)
Total gains	37,127	7,174

Included in realised gains for the year were unrealised gains/(losses) recognised in previous years.

## 3 Revenue

	2025	2024
	£000's	£000's
Franked distributions	5,905	3,646
Interest distributions	5,933	2,510
Bank interest	284	146
Annual management charge rebates	611	572
Total revenue	12,733	6,874

# 4 Expenses

	2025 £000's	2024 £000's
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Schroders Annual Charge <sup>1</sup>	3,218	3,137
Total expenses	3,218	3,137

1 Audit fees including VAT for the year were £9,447 (2024 – £9,447).

## 5 Taxation

Corporation tax has not been provided for as expenses payable by the Fund exceed the revenue liable to corporation tax.

## (a) Factors affecting the total tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is different from that calculated when the standard rate of corporation tax for authorised unit trusts of 20% (2024 – 20%) is applied to the net revenue before taxation. The differences are explained below.

	2025	2024
	£000's	£000's
Net revenue before taxation	9,515	3,737
Net revenue for the year before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	1,903	747
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to corporation tax	(1,181)	(729)
Movement in excess management expenses	(722)	(18)
Total tax charge for the year	-	-

## (b) Factors that may affect future tax charges

At the balance sheet date, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £3,281,196 (2024 – £4,003,193) in respect of £16,405,979 (2024 – £20,015,964) of unutilised management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or prior year.

#### 6 Distributions

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

	2025	2024
	£000's	£000's
Interim Dividend distribution	5,083	1,999
Final Dividend distribution	4,308	1,827
	9,391	3,826
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of units	557	66
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of units	(433)	(148)
Distributions	9,515	3,744
Net revenue after taxation	9,515	3,737
Equalisation on conversions	-	7
Distributions	9,515	3,744

Details of the distributions per unit are set out in the Distribution Tables on pages 25 to 26.

# 7 Fair value hierarchy

Instruments held at the year end are presented in line with FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland's Fair value hierarchy disclosures.

		2025		2024		
Basis of valuation	Assets £000's	Liabilities £000's	Assets £000's	Liabilities £000's		
Level 1: Quoted prices	66,040	-	55,873	-		
Level 2: Observable market data <sup>^</sup>	394,893	-	400,553	(53)		
Level 3: Unobservable data	-	-	-	-		
Total	460,933	-	456,426	(53)		

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

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

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

^ The balance includes £53,336,400 (2024 - £68,250,000) of liquidity funds that have been classified as cash equivalents in the balance sheet.

#### Unobservable data

Unobservable data has been used only where relevant observable market data is not available. Where there was no reputable price source for an investment, the Manager has assessed information available from internal and external sources in order to arrive at an estimated fair value. The fair value is established by using measures of value such as the price of recent transactions, earnings multiple and net assets. The Manager of the Fund also makes judgements and estimates based on their knowledge of recent investment performance, historical experience and other assumptions that are considered reasonable under the circumstances. The estimates and the assumptions used are under continuous review by the Manager with particular attention paid to the carrying value of the investments.

### 8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£000's	£000's
Amounts receivable for issue of units	467	150
Sales awaiting settlement	6,797	3,250
Accrued revenue	945	73
Total debtors	8,209	3,473

# 9 Other creditors

	2025	2024
	£000's	£000's
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	873	2,549
Purchases awaiting settlement	2,000	-
Accrued expenses	626	294
Total other creditors	3,499	2,843

# 10 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2024 - Nil).

## 11 Related party transactions

The Manager provides key management personnel services for the Fund and is therefore considered a related party.

Amounts paid during the year or due to the Manager at the balance sheet date are disclosed under Expenses and Other creditors in the Notes to the Accounts.

Annual management charge rebates received or receivable from the Manager of £334,970 (2024 – £265,611) are disclosed under Net capital gains and Revenue in the Notes to the Accounts. Amounts due from the Manager at the balance sheet date of £43,835 (2024 – £42,498) are included under Debtors in the Notes to the Accounts.

The Manager acts as principal on all transactions of units in the Fund. The aggregate monies received through the issue and cancellation of units are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders and Distributions in the Notes to the Accounts. Amounts due from or to the Manager in respect of unit transactions at the balance sheet date are included under Debtors and Other creditors in the Notes to the Accounts.

Units held or managed by the Manager as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value at the balance sheet date were 0.00% (2024 - 0.00%).



### 12 Unit classes

At the reporting date the Fund had eight unit classes. The costs and expenses due to the Manager are referred to as the Schroders Annual Charge. Details of the charges applied to each unit class can be found in the prospectus.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its net asset value in shares of collective investment schemes. The maximum level of Management fee that may be charged to the Fund for these underlying Funds is 3% of its net asset value.

The closing net asset value of each unit class, the closing net asset value per unit and the closing number of units in issue are given in the Comparative Table on page 10 to 13.

The distributions per unit class are given in the Distribution Table on pages 25 to 26.

All classes have the same rights on winding up.

## 13 Derivative and other financial instruments

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, derivative, foreign currency, liquidity and interest rate risks. The Manager's policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied throughout the year and the prior year.

## Market price risk

The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, the Prospectus and in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer. At the year end date, if the prices of investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then net assets attributable to the unitholders would increase or decrease by approximately £46,093,300 (2024 - £45,637,300).

### Foreign currency risk

Where a portion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements. Therefore the Manager may decide that a proportion of the investments that are not priced in sterling, may be covered by forward currency contracts, so that the Fund's exposure to currency risk is reduced.

### **Currency risk profile**

The currency risk profile of the Fund's net assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date was as follows:

	2025	2024
Currency	£000's	£000's
Euro	<del>-</del>	1
Japanese yen	38,717	25,239
Sterling	376,809	403,987
US dollar	50,987	28,965

At the year end date, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 10% against all other currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to the unitholders will increase or decrease by approximately £8,970,400 (2024 - £5,420,500).

#### **Liquidity risk**

The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the liability to unitholders for any cancellation of units. This risk is minimised by holding cash, readily realisable securities and access to overdraft facilities up to the amount prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates.

The Fund may invest in fixed and floating rate securities. The revenue of the Fund may be affected by changes to interest rates relevant to particular securities or as a result of the Manager being unable to secure similar returns on the expiry of contracts or sale of securities.

The value of interest bearing securities may be affected by interest rate movements or the expectation of such movements in the future.

Interest receivable on bank deposits positions will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

## Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and financial liabilities

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and financial liabilities at the balance sheet date was as follows:

	2025					2	024	
Currency	Floating rate financial assets £000's	Fixed rate financial assets £000's	Financial assets not carrying interest £000's	Total £000's	Floating rate financial assets £000's	Fixed rate financial assets £000's	Financial assets not carrying interest £000's	Total £000's
Euro	-	-	_	_	1	-	_	1
Japanese yen	922	-	37,795	38,717	-	-	25,239	25,239
Sterling	53,554	-	364,523	418,077	70,577	-	337,392	407,969
US dollar	-	-	50,987	50,987	-	-	54,256	54,256

		2025				20	)24	
Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities £000's	Fixed rate financial liabilities £000's	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £000's	Total £000's	Floating rate financial liabilities £000's	Fixed rate financial liabilities £000's	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £000's	Total £000's
Sterling	=	-	41,268	41,268	719	-	3,263	3,982
US dollar	-	-	_	-	_	_	25,291	25,291

At the year end, if changes in interest rates resulted in a 10% increase or decrease in the net assets of the fund, then the net assets would increase or decrease by approximately £5,447,600 (2024 - £6,985,900).

## Floating rate financial assets and financial liabilities

Sterling denominated bank balances and bank overdrafts bear interest at rates based on the Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate. Foreign currency bank balances bear interest at rates based on the Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate or its international equivalent.

# Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

### Global risk exposure

Leverage

#### Information on the limit usage and level of leverage

The Fund uses a risk management process that allows the Manager to monitor the risks ensure they are being managed in line with their investment policy and risk profile.

Leverage ratios are important risk metrics to represent the current risk profile of the Fund and are monitored on a daily basis. Leverage is a way for the Fund to increase its exposure through the use of financial derivative instruments and/or borrowing of cash or securities where applicable. It is expressed as a ratio between the exposure of the Fund and its Net Asset Value. The leverage ratio is calculated in accordance with two methodologies for calculating the exposure of the Fund, the Gross method and the Commitment method.

There were no new arrangements for managing the liquidity and no changes to the maximum permitted level of leverage occurred during the year.

In accordance with Alternative Investment Fund Manager rules, the leverage details as at the balance sheet date was as follows:

#### Leverage

		2025			2024	
As at 28 February	Commitment ratio limit	Commitment ratio level	Commitment utilised	Commitment ratio limit	Commitment ratio level	Commitment utilised
	1.80	1.08	59.93%	1.20	1.06	87.92%
		2025			2024	
As at 28 February	Gross ratio limit	Gross ratio level	Gross utilised	Gross ratio limit	Gross ratio level	Gross utilised
	1.80	1.06	59.02%	1.20	1.11	92.14%

## **14 Direct transaction costs**

In the case of shares, broker commissions and transfer taxes/stamp duty are paid by the Fund on each transaction. In addition, there is a dealing spread between buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Unlike shares, other types of investments (such as bonds, money market instruments, derivatives) have no separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment.

2025	Principal £000's	Commissions £000's	Taxes £000's	Total cost £000's	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Funds	127,729	-	-	127,729	-	-
Sales						
Funds	149,401	-	-	149,401	-	-
Total cost as a percentage of the Fund's a	everage net asset value (%)	-	-			

2024	Principal £000's	Commissions £000's	Taxes £000's	Total cost £000's	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Funds	218,234	-	-	218,234	-	-
Sales						
Funds	142,670	-	(90)	142,580	-	(0.06)
Total cost as a percentage of the Fund's av	verage net asset value (%)	-	0.02			

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.04% (2024 – Nil).

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

# 15 Units in issue reconciliation

	Number of units in issue 29.2.24	Number of units issued	Number of units cancelled	Number of units converted	Number of units in issue 28.2.25
A Accumulation units	27,156,186	3,988,417	(4,341,425)	(28,273)	26,774,905
A Income units	1,259,360	50,564	(167,797)	(8,959)	1,133,168
Q Accumulation units	20,968,726	66,507	(20,560,394)	-	474,839
S Accumulation units	236,898	80	(9,150)	-	227,828
S Income units	2,703,273	-	(1,230,732)	-	1,472,541
T Accumulation units	49,878,064	29,933,422	(8,211,195)	-	71,600,291
Z Accumulation units	220,776,509	9,982,139	(27,978,689)	(7,378)	202,772,581
Z Income units	28,630,366	1,163,733	(9,699,893)	48,280	20,142,486

# **16 Counterparty exposure**

Counterparty BNP Paribas	Forward foreign currency contracts £000's	Credit default swaps £000's	Commodity index swaps £000's	Contract for difference £000's	Interest rate swaps £000's	Total return swaps £000's	Inflation linked swaps £000's	Options contracts £000's	Swaption contracts £000's	Total £000's
2025	295	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	295
2024	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBC										
2025	_	-	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	_
2024	(53)	_	_	_			_	_	_	(53)

At the balance sheet date no collateral was held or pledged by the Fund or on behalf of the counterparties in respect of the above (2024: Nil).

# **Distribution Tables**

# Interim distribution for the six months ended 31 August 2024

**Group 1** Units purchased prior to 1 March 2024

**Group 2** Units purchased on or after 1 March 2024

	Net revenue 2024 per unit	Equalisation 2024 per unit	Distribution paid 31.10.24 per unit	Distribution paid 31.10.23 per unit
A Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.5388p	-	1.5388p	0.3103p
Group 2	0.4996p	1.0392p	1.5388p	0.3103p
A Income units				
Group 1	1.9212p	-	1.9212p	0.2849p
Group 2	1.3940p	0.5272p	1.9212p	0.2849p
Q Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.6038p	-	1.6038p	0.7736p
Group 2	1.4259p	0.1779p	1.6038p	0.7736p
S Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.5597p	-	1.5597p	0.7451p
Group 2	1.5597p	=	1.5597p	0.7451p
S Income units				
Group 1	0.7507p	-	0.7507p	0.3669p
Group 2	0.7507p	-	0.7507p	0.3669p
T Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.4688p	-	1.4688p	0.6867p
Group 2	0.3266p	1.1422p	1.4688p	0.6867p
Z Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.5226p	-	1.5226p	0.6107p
Group 2	0.9739p	0.5487p	1.5226p	0.6107p
Z Income units				
Group 1	1.3844p	-	1.3844p	0.5662p
Group 2	0.8698p	0.5146p	1.3844p	0.5662p

# Final distribution for the six months ended 28 February 2025

**Group 1** Units purchased prior to 1 September 2024

Group 2 Units purchased on or after 1 September 2024

	Net revenue 2025 per unit	Equalisation 2025 per unit	Distribution payable 30.4.25 per unit	Distribution paid 30.4.24 per unit
A Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.1901p	-	1.1901p	0.2381p
Group 2	0.6734p	0.5167p	1.1901p	0.2381p
A Income units				
Group 1	1.3870p	-	1.3870p	0.2094p
Group 2	1.0082p	0.3788p	1.3870p	0.2094p
Q Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.5047p	-	1.5047p	0.6799p
Group 2	1.5047p	-	1.5047p	0.6799p

# Distribution Tables (continued)

	Net revenue 2025 per unit	Equalisation 2025 per unit	Distribution payable 30.4.25 per unit	Distribution paid 30.4.24 per unit
S Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.4629p	-	1.4629p	0.6587p
Group 2	0.9276p	0.5353p	1.4629p	0.6587p
S Income units				
Group 1	0.6976p	-	0.6976p	0.3185p
Group 2	0.6976p	-	0.6976p	0.3185p
T Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.4037p	-	1.4037p	0.6025p
Group 2	0.3095p	1.0942p	1.4037p	0.6025p
Z Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.3340p	-	1.3340p	0.5285p
Group 2	0.7138p	0.6202p	1.3340p	0.5285p
Z Income units				
Group 1	1.2074p	-	1.2074p	0.4867p
Group 2	0.6180p	0.5894p	1.2074p	0.4867p

# **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of Group 2 units and is refunded to the holders of these units as a return of capital.

Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes.

# Remuneration

#### AIFMD remuneration disclosures for Schroder Unit Trusts Limited ('SUTL') for the year to 31 December 2024

These disclosures form part of the non-audited section of this annual report and accounts and should be read in conjunction with the Schroders plc Remuneration Report on pages 62 to 83 of the 2024 Annual Report & Accounts (available on the Group's website – www.schroders.com/ir) which provides more information on the activities of our Remuneration Committee and our remuneration principles and policies.

The AIF Material Risk Takers ('AIF MRTs') of SUTL are individuals whose roles within the Schroders Group can materially affect the risk of SUTL or any AIF fund that it manages. These roles are identified in line with the requirements of the AIFM Directive and guidance issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

The Remuneration Committee of Schroders plc has established a remuneration policy to ensure the requirements of the AIFM Directive are met for all AIF MRTs. The Remuneration Committee and the Board of Schroders plc review remuneration strategy at least annually. The directors of SUTL are responsible for the adoption of the remuneration policy and periodically reviewing its implementation in relation to SUTL. During 2024 the Remuneration Policy was reviewed to ensure compliance with the UCITS/AIFMD remuneration requirements and no significant changes were made.

The implementation of the remuneration policy is, at least annually, subject to independent internal review for compliance with the policies and procedures for remuneration adopted by the Board of SUTL and the Remuneration Committee. The most recent review found no fundamental issues but resulted in minor recommendations relating to policy documentation.

Our ratio of operating compensation costs to net operating income guides the total spend on remuneration each year. This is recommended by the Remuneration Committee to the Board of Schroders plc. This approach aligns remuneration with Schroders financial performance. In determining the remuneration spend each year, the underlying strength and sustainability of the business is taken into account, along with reports on risk & compliance, legal and internal audit matters from the heads of those areas.

The remuneration data that follows reflects amounts paid in respect of performance during 2024.

- The total amount of remuneration paid by SUTL to its staff was nil as SUTL has no employees. SUTL has two independent Non Executive Directors who receive fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL¹. Employees of other Schroders Group entities who serve as Directors of SUTL receive no additional fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL.
- The following disclosures relate to AIF MRTs of SUTL. Most of those AIF MRTs were employed by and provided services to other Schroders group companies and clients. In the interests of transparency, the aggregate remuneration figures that follow reflect the full remuneration for each SUTL AIF MRT. The aggregate total remuneration paid to the 160 AIF MRTs of SUTL in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2024 is £83.12 million, of which £42.39 million was paid to senior management, £37.50 million was paid to MRTs deemed to be taking risk on behalf of SUTL or the AIF funds that it manages and £3.22 million was paid to Control Function MRTs.

For additional qualitative information on remuneration policies and practices see www.schroders.com/rem-disclosures.

The fees are not disclosed due to confidentiality and data protection considerations. The amount is not material to SUTL.

# **General Information**

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#### **Trustee**

J.P. Morgan Europe Limited Chaseside Bournemouth BH7 7DA Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority

#### Registrar

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by

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The Manager is responsible for maintaining the register for each Fund. It has delegated certain registrar functions to HSBC Bank Plc, 8 Canada Square, London, E14 8HQ.

#### **Administration Details**

Schroders Investor Services PO BOX 1402 Sunderland SR43 4AF

#### **Independent Auditor**

KPMG LLP 319 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5AS

### **Authorisation**

The Fund is an authorised unit trust and is constituted pursuant to the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and is structured as a Trust. The Fund is a non-UCITS retail scheme for the purpose of the categorisation of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

#### **Value Assessment**

A statement on the Assessment of Value is published on the group website at

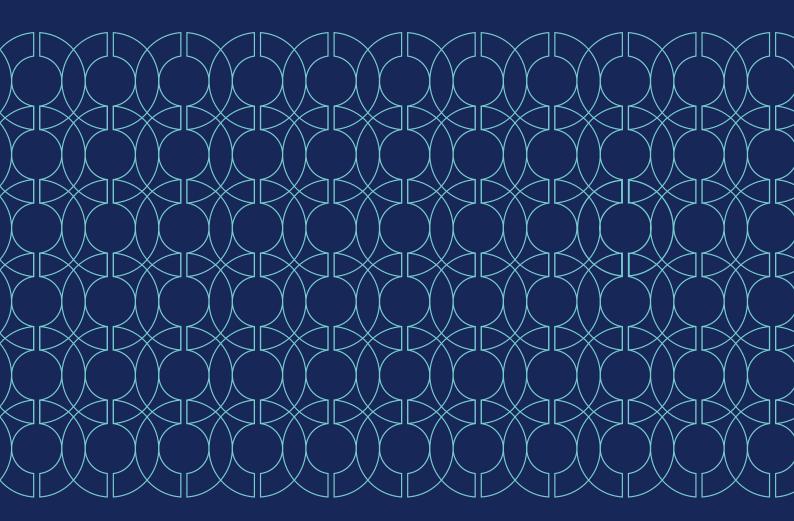
https://www.schroders.com/en-gb/uk/intermediary/funds-and-strategies/charges/schroders-assessment-of-value-reports/ within 4 months of the annual reference date' 31 December.

## **Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures**

A statement on the climate related financial disclosures is published at www.schroders.com/en/global/individual/corporate-transparency/tcfd-entity-and-product-reports/.

## Other information

The Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document and details of investment charges and costs are available on request or can be downloaded from our website www.schroders.com.





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