

Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements For the year ended:

30.04.2023

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<sup>\*</sup>The Authorised Corporate Director's Report in accordance with the Investment Management Association (IMA) SORP (2014) and the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook comprises those items denoted above along with the Fund Objective, Manager's Review, Activity, Outlook, Performance Summary, Portfolio Statement and Material Portfolio Changes of each sub-fund.

### Directory

#### **Company Information**

Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I

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#### **Authorised Corporate Director**

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The ACD is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

and is a member of the IA.

#### Investment Manager

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#### **Independent Auditors**

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#### Depositary

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Registered Office

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#### **Fund Accounting and Unit Pricing**

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#### Administrator and Registrar

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### **Company Information**

#### Company Information

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) of the Open-Ended Investment Company (OEIC), is the sole director. The ACD has appointed Columbia Threadneedle Management Limited as the Investment Manager to the individual sub-funds of the OEIC.

Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I (the 'Company') is an investment company with variable capital under the Open-Ended Investment Company Regulations 2001 (SI2001/1228). The Company is an umbrella company with 10 individual sub-funds, and each of the sub-funds is a UCITS scheme.

#### **Financial Statements**

These financial statements are for the year 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023.

#### Shareholders

Shares of the Company have no par value and the share capital of the Company will at all times equal the sum of the net asset value of each of the sub-funds. Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. The assets of each sub-fund are treated as separate from those of every other sub-fund and are invested in accordance with the investment objectives and policy of that sub-fund.

Each sub-fund is a segregated portfolio of assets and, accordingly, the assets of a sub-fund belong exclusively to that sub-fund and shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company or any other sub-fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.

The Company adopted segregated liability status for sub-funds on 8 June 2012. From that date the assets of one sub-fund may not be used to satisfy the obligations of another sub-fund.

While the provisions of the OEIC Regulations provide for segregated liability between sub-funds, the concept of segregated liability is relatively new. Accordingly, where claims are brought by local creditors in foreign courts or under foreign law contracts, it is not yet known how those foreign courts will react to regulations 11A and 11B of the OEIC Regulations.

#### Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus

The Company was incorporated and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority on 29 June 1999 under registered number IC36.

As at 30 April 2023 the OEIC comprised the following sub-funds:

CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund

CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund

CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund

CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund

CT North American Equity Fund

CT Select European Equity Fund

CT Select UK Equity Fund

CT Select UK Equity Income Fund

CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund

CT Sustainable Opportunities Global Equity Fund

Additional sub-funds may be added at the ACD's discretion.

The investment objectives, investment policies and investment activity reports, for each sub-fund are included in the financial statements for that sub-fund.

Copies of the current prospectus, the latest annual report and any subsequent reports are available from the Administrator.

#### Other Information

The CT Sustainable Opportunities Global Equity Fund offers only accumulation shares. The CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund and CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund offer only income shares. The CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund, CT North American Equity Fund, CT Select European Equity Fund, CT Select UK Equity Income Fund and CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund offer both accumulation and income shares. The CT Select UK Equity Fund offered only accumulation shares. The CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund offered only income shares.

The Operating charges figure for each share class can be found in the sub-fund's Comparative Tables.

There were no cross holdings between sub-funds in Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I as at 30 April 2023.

Following the FCA approval, termination of the CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund commenced at 12 noon on 22 September 2022 and termination of CT Select UK Equity Fund commenced at 12 noon on 27 January 2023.

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#### Value Assessment

statement on the Assessment Value is published on the 'Documents' section of our website https://www.columbiathreadneedle.co.uk/en/intm/our-products/document-centre/. The document is published annually on the 30 June with an annual 'reference date' 31 March.

#### Taskforce for Climate-related Disclosures (TCFD)

TCFD information for the funds covered by this Report (except CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund, CT Sustainable Global Equity income Fund and CT Select UK Equity Fund) has been made available on the relevant Fund Details or Document Library pages of our website and can be found at www.columbiathreadneedle.com.

#### Report on Remuneration

This section of the annual report has been prepared in accordance with Article 14a(4) of Directive 2009/65/EC, as amended by Directive 2014/91/EU ("UCITS V Directive") and the Financial Conduct Authority's Handbook (SYSC 19E: UCITS Remuneration Code).

In accordance with the UCITS V Directive, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited (formerly BMO Fund Management Limited), the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) for Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I has adopted a remuneration policy which is consistent with the remuneration principles applicable to UCITS management companies and aligned with the Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management (EMEA) Remuneration Policy. The size of the ACD and the size of the funds it manages, the internal organisation and the nature, the scope and the complexity of their activities have been taken into consideration in this disclosure.

#### Remuneration policy

The purpose of the ACD's remuneration policy is to describe the remuneration principles and practices within the ACD and for such principles and practices:

- a) to be consistent with, and promote, sound and effective risk management;
- b) to be in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the ACD;
- c) not to encourage excessive risk-taking as compared to the investment policy of the relevant sub-funds of the ACD;
- d) to provide a framework for remuneration to attract, motivate and retain staff (including directors) to which the policy applies in order to achieve the objectives of the ACD; and
- e) to ensure that any relevant conflicts of interest can be managed appropriately at all times.

#### Decision making and governance

The board of directors (the "Board") of the ACD is responsible for the remuneration policy of the ACD and for determining the remuneration of the directors of the ACD and other staff who undertake professional activities for the ACD. The Board has delegated to the Risk and Remuneration Committee (the "Committee") of Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management (Holdings) plc responsibility for maintaining a compliant remuneration policy. The Committee solely comprises non-executive directors of Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management (Holdings) plc. The Board has adopted the remuneration policy applicable to all members of the Group ("Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management (EMEA)") for this financial year as reviewed and approved by the Committee periodically (at least annually). The Committee is responsible for, and oversees, the implementation of the remuneration policy in line with the UCITS Regulations. The Board considers that the members of the Committee have appropriate expertise in risk management and remuneration to perform this review.

#### **Applicability**

The remuneration policy, which incorporates compliance with UCITS V requirements, applies to staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the ACD or of the funds it manages ("Identified Staff") and so covers:

- a) senior management;
- b) risk takers;
- c) control functions; and
- d) employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers, whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the ACD.

The Identified Staff list and the selection criteria above are subject to regular review (at least annually) by the Committee as well as formally reviewed in the event of significant organisation changes and changes in remuneration regulations the ACD is subject to.

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#### Linking remuneration with performance

The ACD's remuneration policy is part of the Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management (EMEA) framework for promoting sound remuneration management, with the objective of providing total compensation to its employees that is warranted by corporate, business unit/function and individual performance and is comparable to market competitors, whilst being consistent with and promoting sound and effective risk management and the achievement of fair outcomes for all customers. Its purpose is to facilitate achievement of the business objectives and corporate values of the ACD, with the primary focus on clients, whilst ensuring that Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management (EMEA) is able to attract, retain and motivate the key talent required to achieve these business objectives and corporate values without incentivising excessive or inappropriate risk.

When setting remuneration levels, the following components and principles form part of the remuneration management framework:

- Fixed remuneration is determined taking into account factors including the requirements of the particular role and the staff member's
  experience, expertise, contribution level and the fixed pay for comparable roles. Fixed remuneration is set, with reference to market data, at a
  level that is sufficient to attract high calibre staff as well as to permit the operation of a fully-flexible remuneration policy (including the
  possibility of a staff member receiving reduced or no variable remuneration in a particular year). The Committee keeps the balance between
  fixed and variable remuneration under review.
- Variable remuneration is determined annually by reference to both financial and non-financial ACD performance considerations. External competitor practices are included in the funding review to ensure compensation opportunities in the markets within which the ACD operates are given due consideration and retention risks are effectively managed. Incentive funding is developed in view of current and projected economics and risks, supported by Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management (EMEA) Audit and Compliance Committee inputs, ensuring risk-adjustments and qualitative and quantitative considerations, such as the cost and quantity of capital and liquidity are actively considered as funding adjustments. The Committee ensures that all incentive awards are not paid through vehicles or methods that facilitate the avoidance of the requirements with regard to remuneration imposed by applicable law and/or regulations.
- Variable remuneration is allocated to respective business functions by reference to:
  - contribution of the respective business function or unit to corporate performance;
  - business function performance relative to pre-determined targets and objectives, including adherence to risk management obligations; and
  - competitive market pay data.

Individual award allocations are referenced to the individual achievement during the performance year relative to pre-agreed objectives and assessment of market comparability. Performance is assessed in relation to pre-agreed objectives, which include financial and non-financial goals (including the achievement of fair customer outcomes), compliance with the Group's policies and procedures, adherence to risk management and compliance requirements and the Group's Code of Conduct. The assessment of performance for Identified Staff reflects multi-year performance in a manner appropriate to the life-cycle of the funds that are managed by ACD.

 Application of Financial Conduct Authority's Handbook (SYSC 19E: UCITS Remuneration Code) pay-out process rules, save for disapplication at individual or ACD level, which is determined by an annual proportionality assessment.

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#### Quantitative remuneration disclosure

The total remuneration paid by Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited to its staff is zero, as all UCITS staff are employed by other companies in Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management (EMEA).

The table below provides an overview of aggregate total remuneration paid to UCITS Identified Staff in respect of the proportion of their pay aligned to their UCITS responsibilities. It is not possible to apportion remuneration by individual Identified Staff working a specific UCITS fund, therefore figures are provided in aggregate on a UCITS management company basis.

As at 31 December 2022	Headcount number	Fixed Remuneration £m	Variable Remuneration £m	Total Remuneration £m
Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited Remuneration of UCITS Identified Staff of which:	35	0.49	1.15	1.64
Senior Management	12	0.17	0.37	0.54
Other Code Staff	23	0.32	0.78	1.10

Notes on the quantitative remuneration disclosure

Total remuneration reported is the sum of salary, cash bonus, any deferred annual bonus, value of any long-term incentive awards granted in respect of performance in the reportable financial year, plus the value of any applicable cash allowances.

"Senior Management" are defined in this table as the UCITS Directors, Executive and Non-Executive Directors and Group Management Team members of Columbia Threadneedle Asset Management. "Other Code Staff" includes all other identified Code staff in business areas, internal control functions and corporate functions.

The Identified Staff disclosure represents total compensation of those staff who are fully or partly involved in the activities of the UCITS funds, apportioned to the estimated time relevant to the UCITS or to the amount attributable to the UCITS allocated on an AUM basis.

Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs)			
CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund  1) Global Data			
Proportion of securities and commodities on loan a	s at 30 Δnril 2023	£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash and cash equi		321,201	
Securities and commodities on loan	vareins.	3,863	
	at 20 April 2022	£000	
Assets engaged in SFTs and total return swaps as a Fund assets under management (AUM)	it 30 April 2023	346,726	
~		540,720	
Absolute value of assets engaged in:		2.063	1 110/
Securities lending		3,863	1.11%
2) Concentration Data			
Top 10 Collateral Issuers			
Name and value of collateral and commodities rece	nived as at 30 April 2022		£000
United States Treasury Bond	aved as at 50 April 2025		937
French Republic Government Bond			790
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe			447
Netherlands Government Bond			444
Kingdom of Belgium Government Bond			332
United Kingdom Inflation-Linked Gilt			320
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds			213
Canadian Government			134
Kingdom of Belgium Treasury Bill			88
Deutsche Bundesrepublik Principal Strips			81
Top 10 Counterparties			
Name and value of outstanding transactions as at	30 April 2023		£000
Securities lending			1 174
Morgan Stanley International			1,174
JP Morgan Securities Barclays Capital Securities			588 432
Goldman Sachs			368
Bank of Nova Scotia			328
Merrill Lynch			316
HSBC Bank			236
BNP Paribas Arbitrage			216
Citigroup Global Markets (UK)			105
Societe Generale			100
3) Aggregate Transaction Data			
Type, Quality and Currency of Collateral as at 30 A	pril 2023		
Туре	Quality	Currency	£000
Securities lending	-	•	
Bonds	Investment Grade	Sterling	429
Bonds	Investment Grade	Canadian dollar	3
Bonds	Investment Grade	Euro	2,366
Bonds	Investment Grade	Swedish krona	2
Bonds	Investment Grade	US dollar	1,283
Total collateral held			4,083

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Maturity Tenor of Collateral (remaining	g period to ma	turity) as at 30	O April 2023					
	Less than	One day to	One week to one	One to three	Three months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one vear	vear	maturity	Total
Туре	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending	-	-	83	40	202	3,758	-	4,083
	-	-	83	40	202	3,758	-	4,083

#### Counterparty details as at 30 April 2023

от потране, потано на отгот фин до до	Country of counterparty					
Type	establishment	Settlement and clearing	£000			
Securities lending	Canada	Bi-lateral	325			
Securities lending	France	Bi-lateral	228			
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Bi-lateral	1,019			
Securities lending	Canada	Tri-party	24			
Securities lending	France	Tri-party	105			
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Tri-party	2,382			
Total collateral held			4,083			

#### Maturity Tenor of SFTs and Total Return Swaps (remaining period to maturity) as at 30 April 2023

			One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Type	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending		-	-	-	-	-	3,863	3,863
	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,863	3,863

#### 4) Re-use of Collateral

The Fund does not engage in re-use of collateral.

#### 5) Safekeeping of Collateral Received

Names and value of custodians safekeeping collateral as at 30 April 2023	£000
Bank of New York	2,039
State Street	1,572
JP Morgan	472

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### Number of custodians safekeeping collateral

6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted

The Fund does not borrow stock from counterparties; therefore, no collateral has been granted.

#### 7) Return and Cost

for the year ended 30 April 2023

	Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Manager of Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) £000	Total £000
Securities lending				
Gross return	39	5	8	52
% of total gross return	75%	10%	15%	

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Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs)								
CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund 1) Global Data								
Proportion of securities and commoditie	s on loan ac	at 20 April 20	າວ				£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash and Securities and commodities on loan			<u> </u>				16,676	0.00%
		20 4!! 2022					C000	
Assets engaged in SFTs and total return Fund assets under management (AUM)	swaps as at	30 April 2023					<b>£000</b> 31,880	<u>%</u>
Absolute value of assets engaged in:								
Securities lending							-	0.00%
2) Concentration Data								
Top 10 Collateral Issuers  Name and value of collateral and comm	odities receiv	upd as at 30 Au	nril 2023					£000
Ivame and value of conateral and comm	iodities recei	ved as at 50 A	JIII 2023					1000
Top 10 Counterparties  Name and value of outstanding transac	tions as at 3	0 Anril 2023						£000
Securities lending		5 7 tpm 2025						
3) Aggregate Transaction Data								
Type, Quality and Currency of Collateral	as at 30 Ap	ril 2023						
Type	•	Quality				Currency		£000
Securities lending		-				_		
Maturity Tenor of Collateral (remaining	noriod to ma	turitul ac at 20	) April 2022					
Maturity renor or Conateral (remaining	penou to ma	iturity) as at 50	One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Туре	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Counterparty details as at 30 April 2023		_						
<b>T</b>		Country of cou			·	d decide		5000
Туре		establishment			Settlement an	d clearing		£000
4) Re-use of Collateral								
The Fund does not engage in re-use of o	collateral.							
5) Safekeeping of Collateral Received								
Names and value of custodians safekee	ning collator	al ac at 20 Apri	:1 2022					£000
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6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted								
The Fund does not borrow stock from co	ounterparties	; therefore, no	collateral ha	s been granted	d.			
7) Return and Cost								
for the year ended 30 April 2023								
		Collective	Investment	Manager o	of Collective	Т	hird Parties	
			Jndertaking	Investment l			ding agent)	Total
			£000		£000		£000	£000
Securities lending								
Gross return % of total gross return			- 75%		10%		- 15%	-
70 OI total gloss letuill			1370		1070		1 3 70	

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Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs)								
CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fu 1) Global Data	nd							
Proportion of securities and commodities	s on loan as	at 30 April 20	23				£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash an			23				8,781	
Securities and commodities on loan	·						-	0.00%
Assets engaged in SFTs and total return	swaps as at	30 April 2023					£000	%
Fund assets under management (AUM)							21,860	
Absolute value of assets engaged in:								0.000/
Securities lending							-	0.00%
2) Concentration Data								
Top 10 Collateral Issuers								
Name and value of collateral and comm	odities recei	ved as at 30 A	pril 2023					£000
Top 10 Counterparties								
Name and value of outstanding transac	tions as at 3	0 April 2023						£000
Securities lending								
2) Aggregate Transaction Data								
3) Aggregate Transaction Data  Time Quality and Courses of Callatore	l aa at 20 Am	-:I 2022						
Type, Quality and Currency of Collateral Type	•	Quality				Currency		£000
Securities lending		quanty				currency		
M								
Maturity Tenor of Collateral (remaining	period to ma	iturity) as at 30	One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	One to three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Туре	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Counterparty details as at 30 April 2023	3							
		Country of cou						
Туре		establishment			Settlement an	nd clearing		£000
4) Re-use of Collateral								
The Fund does not engage in re-use of	collateral							
The Fund does not engage in the use of	conateral.							
5) Safekeeping of Collateral Received								
Names and value of custodians safekee	ping collater	al as at 30 Apr	il 2023					£000
6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted								
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The Fund does not borrow stock from co	buriterparties	s, therefore, no	Collateral fla	s been grantet	J.			
7) Return and Cost								
for the year ended 30 April 2023								
		Collective	Investment	Manager (	of Collective	Т	hird Parties	
			Undertaking	Investment (			ding agent)	Total
			£000		£000	,g3.i	£000	£000
Securities lending								
Gross return % of total gross return			- 75%		10%		- 15%	-
70 OF LOCAL GLOSS TELUTIF			7370		1070		1370	

Securities Financing Transactions	s (SFTs)							
CT North American Equity Fund								
1) Global Data								
Proportion of securities and com			23				£000	<u>%</u>
Total lendable assets excluding c Securities and commodities on lo		alents:					75,262	0.070/
							730	0.97%
Assets engaged in SFTs and total Fund assets under management		30 April 2023					<b>£000</b> 76,401	<u>%</u>
Absolute value of assets engaged							,	
Securities lending	u III.						730	0.96%
2) Concentration Data								
Top 10 Collateral Issuers								
Name and value of collateral and	d commodities receiv	ed as at 30 A	pril 2023					£000
United Kingdom Inflation-Linked								223
United States Treasury Bond								183
French Republic Government Bor								181
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bun	ndesanleihe							123
Netherlands Government Bond								15
United Kingdom Gilt	+ Danal							14
Kingdom of Belgium Governmen United States Treasury Inflation I								14 7
Top 10 Counterparties  Name and value of outstanding to Securities lending  Goldman Sachs  HSBC Bank  Citigroup Global Markets (UK)	transactions as at 30	) April 2023						<b>£000</b> 460 227 43
3) Aggregate Transaction Data								
Type, Quality and Currency of Co	ollateral as at 30 An	ril 2023						
Туре	·	Quality				Currency		£000
Securities lending						c. !!		227
Bonds		Investment Gra				Sterling		237
Bonds Bonds		Investment Gra Investment Gra				Euro US dollar		343 190
		ilivestillelli Gid	aue			U3 UUIIAI		
Total collateral held							_	770
Maturity Tenor of Collateral (rem	aining period to ma	turity) as at 30	•					
			One week	One to	Three		•	
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	Tatal
Typo	one day £000	one week £000	month £000	months £000	one year £000	year £000	maturity £000	Total £000
Type Securities lending	1000	£000	±000	±000	±000 7	763	EUUU -	770
securities remainly			<u> </u>		7	763		770
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	Country of counterparty						
Туре	establishment	Settlement and clearing	£000				
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Bi-lateral	45				
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Tri-party	725				
Total collateral held			770				

#### Maturity Tenor of SFTs and Total Return Swaps (remaining period to maturity) as at 30 April 2023

			One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Туре	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending		-	-	-	-	-	730	730
	-	-	-	-	-	-	730	730

#### 4) Re-use of Collateral

The Fund does not engage in re-use of collateral.

#### 5) Safekeeping of Collateral Received

Names and value of custodians safekeeping collateral as at 30 April 2023	£000
Bank of New York	487
JP Morgan	238
State Street	45
Niverbourge averagions and alcoming and lateral	2
Number of custodians safekeeping collateral	3

#### 6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted

The Fund does not borrow stock from counterparties; therefore, no collateral has been granted.

#### 7) Return and Cost

for the year ended 30 April 2023

	Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Manager of Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) £000	Total £000
Securities lending				
Gross return	2	-	-	2
% of total gross return	75%	10%	15%	

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Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs	5)							
CT Select European Equity Fund  1) Global Data								
Proportion of securities and commodit	ies on loan as	at 30 April 20	23				£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash a Securities and commodities on loan							187,129 6,045	3.23%
Assets engaged in SFTs and total retur	n cwanc ac at	30 April 2023					£000	%
Fund assets under management (AUM		30 April 2023					218,883	
Absolute value of assets engaged in:							6.045	2.760/
Securities lending							6,045	2.76%
2) Concentration Data								
Top 10 Collateral Issuers								
Name and value of collateral and com	modities receiv	ved as at 30 A	pril 2023					£000
United States Treasury Bond								1,737
French Republic Government Bond Kingdom of Belgium Government Bond	Ч							1,610 1,093
Bundesobligation	u							804
United Kingdom Inflation-Linked Gilt								471
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesar	nleihe							385
Canadian Government								178
United States Treasury Inflation Indexe	ed Bonds							60
Netherlands Government Bond								56
United Kingdom Gilt								23
Top 10 Counterparties								
Name and value of outstanding transa	ctions as at 30	) April 2023						£000
Securities lending	idions do de s	5 7 tp.111 2 0 2 5						
BNP Paribas Arbitrage								2,515
JP Morgan Securities								1,630
Goldman Sachs								1,416
Citigroup Global Markets (UK)								484
3) Aggregate Transaction Data								
Type, Quality and Currency of Collater	al as at 30 Ap	ril 2023						
Type	•	Quality				Currency		£000
Securities lending								
Bonds		Investment Gr				Sterling		495
Bonds		Investment Gr				Euro		3,951
Bonds		Investment Gr	ade			US dollar		1,975
Total collateral held							_	6,421
Maturity Tenor of Collateral (remaining	g period to ma	turity) as at 30	) April 2023					
			One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Туре	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending	-	-	-	-	96	6,325	-	6,421
	-	-	-	-	96	6,325	-	6,421

Company Information (continued)

Counterparty detail	s as at 3	30 April	2023
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	Country of counterparty		
Туре	establishment	Settlement and clearing	£000
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Bi-lateral	1,264
Securities lending	France	Tri-party	2,642
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Tri-party	2,515
Total collateral held			6,421

#### Maturity Tenor of SFTs and Total Return Swaps (remaining period to maturity) as at 30 April 2023

	Less than	One day to	One week to one	One to three	Three months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Type	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,045	6,045
	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,045	6,045

#### 4) Re-use of Collateral

The Fund does not engage in re-use of collateral.

#### 5) Safekeeping of Collateral Received

Names and value of custodians safekeeping collateral as at 30 April 2023	£000
JP Morgan	3,659
Bank of New York	1,498
State Street	1,264
Number of custodians safekeeping collateral	3

#### 6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted

The Fund does not borrow stock from counterparties; therefore, no collateral has been granted.

#### 7) Return and Cost

for the year ended 30 April 2023

	Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Manager of Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) £000	Total £000
Securities lending				
Gross return	3	-	1	4
% of total gross return	75%	10%	15%	

Securities Financing Transactions (SFT:	s)							
CT Select UK Equity Income Fund  1) Global Data								
Proportion of securities and commodit	ties on loan as	at 30 April 20	23				£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash a							43,822	
Securities and commodities on loan							1,181	2.69%
Assets engaged in SFTs and total retu	rn swaps as at	30 April 2023					£000	%
Fund assets under management (AUN		•					48,355	
Absolute value of assets engaged in: Securities lending							1,181	2.44%
2) Concentration Data								
Top 10 Collateral Issuers								
Name and value of collateral and com	modities receiv	ved as at 30 Ap	oril 2023					£000
French Republic Government Bond								216
United Kingdom Inflation-Linked Gilt Netherlands Government Bond								209 192
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesa	nleihe							155
United Kingdom Gilt	illelile							104
United Kingdom Treasury Bill								95
United States Treasury Bond								94
Kingdom of Belgium Government Bon	d							91
France Treasury Bill BTF								28
Ton 10 Countamenties								
Top 10 Counterparties  Name and value of outstanding transa	actions as at 30	1 Anril 2023						£000
Securities lending	actions as at 5	7 April 2023						1000
Merrill Lynch								852
HSBC Bank								196
Societe Generale								133
2) 4								
3) Aggregate Transaction Data								
Type, Quality and Currency of Collater						C		C000
Type		Quality				Currency		£000
Securities lending Bonds		Investment Gra	ada			Sterling		408
Bonds		Investment Gra				Euro		737
Bonds		Investment Gra				US dollar		101
Total collateral held								1,246
							_	.,,
Maturity Tenor of Collateral (remaining	g period to ma	turity) as at 30	•	0	<b>T</b> h			
	l oca 45 a	One devite	One week	One to	Three	Above	0	
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	Total
Туре	one day £000	one week £000	month £000	months £000	one year £000	year £000	maturity £000	Total £000
Securities lending	1000	-	-	-	164	1,082	-	1,246
Securities remaining		_		_	164	1,082	_	1,246
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Company Information (continued)

	Country of counterparty		
Туре	establishment	Settlement and clearing	£000
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Bi-lateral	47
Securities lending	France	Tri-party	140
Securities lending	United Kingdom	Tri-party	1,059
Total collateral held			1,246

### Maturity Tenor of SFTs and Total Return Swaps (remaining period to maturity) as at 30 April 2023

	Less than	One day to	One week to one	One to three	Three months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
_Type	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Securities lending		-	-	-	-	-	1,181	1,181
		-	-	-	-	-	1,181	1,181

#### 4) Re-use of Collateral

The Fund does not engage in re-use of collateral.

#### 5) Safekeeping of Collateral Received

Names and value of custodians safekeeping collateral as at 30 April 2023	£000
Bank of New York	989
Crest	210
State Street	47
Number of custodians safekeeping collateral	3
Number of custodians surekeeping condition	3

#### 6) Safekeeping of Collateral Granted

The Fund does not borrow stock from counterparties; therefore, no collateral has been granted.

#### 7) Return and Cost

for the year ended 30 April 2023

	Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Manager of Collective Investment Undertaking £000	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) £000	Total £000
Securities lending				
Gross return	7	1	1	9
% of total gross return	75%	10%	15%	

% of total gross return

Company Information (continued)

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Securities Financing Transactions (S	FTs)							
CT Sustainable Opportunities Globa  1) Global Data	l Equity Fund							
Proportion of securities and commo	dities on loan as	at 30 April 20	23				£000	%
Total lendable assets excluding cash	n and cash equiva						67,233	
Securities and commodities on loan							-	0.00%
Assets engaged in SFTs and total re Fund assets under management (Al		30 April 2023	<u> </u>				<b>£000</b> 72,161	<u>%</u>
Absolute value of assets engaged in	-						•	
Securities lending							-	0.00%
2) Concentration Data								
Top 10 Collateral Issuers								
Name and value of collateral and co	ommodities receiv	ved as at 30 A	pril 2023					£000
Top 10 Counterparties								
Name and value of outstanding tran	nsactions as at 30	O April 2023						£000
Securities lending								
3) Aggregate Transaction Data								
Type, Quality and Currency of Colla	teral as at 30 Ap	ril 2023						
Туре		Quality				Currency		£000
Securities lending								
Maturity Tenor of Collateral (remain	ning period to ma	turitv) as at 30	) April 2023					
, and a control of the control of th	9 panaa ta	,,	One week	One to	Three			
	Less than	One day to	to one	three	months to	Above one	Open	
	one day	one week	month	months	one year	year	maturity	Total
Type Securities lending	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
securities lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Counterparty details as at 30 April 2		Country of cou	ınternarty					
Туре		establishment		9	Settlement an	d clearing		£000
						-		
4) Re-use of Collateral								
The Fund does not engage in re-use	e of collateral.							
5) Safekeeping of Collateral Receive	ed							
Names and value of custodians safe		al as at 30 Apr	il 2023					£000
		•						
6) Safekeeping of Collateral Grante The Fund does not borrow stock fro		therefore no	collateral ha	s heen arantea	4			
	in counterparties	, therefore, no	condicion na	s been grantet				
7) Return and Cost								
for the year ended 30 April 2023								
		Collective	Investment	Manager o	of Collective	Т	hird Parties	
		1	Undertaking	Investment (	Undertaking	(e.g. len	ding agent)	Total
Commission los dieses			£000		£000		£000	£000
Securities lending Gross return			1		_		_	1
% of total gross return			75%		10%		15%	ı

75%

10%

15%

# Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities in relation to the Regulations of the Company

The Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook (the 'Regulations') as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority, require the ACD to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Company and of its net revenue and the net capital gains/(losses) on the property of the Company for the year. In preparing the financial statements the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- comply with the requirements of the UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (IMA) in May 2014;
- follow generally accepted accounting principles and applicable United Kingdom accounting standards;
- keep proper accounting records, which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and non-compliance with laws or regulations;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable; and
- prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with its Prospectus and the Regulations.

### Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the Authorised Corporate Director

This report contains the information required by the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued in May 2014, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, in the case of annual financial statements and was approved for publication on 31 August 2023.

Director

On behalf of Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited Authorised Corporate Director

Additionised Corporate Directo

31 August 2023

### Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I

for the year ended 30 April 2023

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

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Company and its investors. The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Company's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares of the Company are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Company's assets is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- the Company's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM") which is the UCITS Management Company, are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that Company is managed in accordance with the Regulations and Scheme documents in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

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

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

State Street Trustees Limited 31 August 2023

State Street Trustees 31/08/23

Sara Johnson

### Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I (the "Company"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and each of the sub-funds as at 30 April 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains/losses on the scheme property of the Company and each of the sub-funds for the respective periods then ended ("respective periods" is defined as 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023 for all sub-funds except CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund with a period of 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023); and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law), the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I is an Open Ended Investment Company ('OEIC') with 10 sub-funds. The financial statements of the Company comprise the financial statements of each of the sub-funds. We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the balance sheets as at 30 April 2023; the statements of total return, the statements of change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the respective periods then ended; the distribution tables; the accounting policies (in the Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds section) and the notes to the financial statements.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We remained independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Emphasis of matter – financial statements of a sub-fund prepared on a basis other than Going concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we draw attention to note 1(a) in the Accounting and distribution policies which describes the Authorised Corporate Director's reason why the financial statements of CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund and CT Select UK Equity Fund (the "terminating sub-funds"), sub-funds of Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I, have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. The financial statements of the remaining sub-funds of the Company (the "continuing sub-funds") have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In respect of the Company as a whole and the continuing sub-funds, based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's or any sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

With the exception of the terminating sub-funds, in auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Corporate Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the Company's or any sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern.

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

#### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook requires us also to report certain opinions as described below.

### Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I

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Authorised Corporate Director's Report

In our opinion, the information given in the Authorised Corporate Director's Report for the **respective periods** for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities in relation to the Regulations of the Company, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The Authorised Corporate Director is also responsible for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for assessing the Company's and each of the sub-funds ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Corporate Director either intends to wind up or terminate the Company or individual sub-fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Based on our understanding of the Company/industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements, in particular those parts of the sourcebook which may directly impact on the determination of amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or to increase the net asset value of the Company or the sub-funds. Audit procedures performed included:

- Discussions with the Authorised Corporate Director, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes, including those of the Authorised Corporate Director's board of directors;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, specifically any journals posted as part of the financial year end close process; and
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's shareholders as a body in accordance with paragraph 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook as required by paragraph 67(2) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

### Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC I

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### Other required reporting

#### Opinion on matter required by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook

In our opinion, we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of the audit.

#### Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook exception reporting

Under the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook we are also required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Edinburgh 31 August 2023

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### 1. Accounting and distribution policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (IMA) in May 2014.

The financial statements of the sub-funds have been prepared on a going concern basis with the exception of the CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund and CT Select UK Equity Fund sub-funds which the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') intends to terminate within one year of the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore the financial statements of these sub-funds have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. In applying this basis of preparation, the assets and liabilities of these sub-funds continue to be stated at their fair values which materially equate to their residual values. No adjustments were necessary in the financial statements to reduce assets to their realisable values and to reclassify long term liabilities as current liabilities except for reclassifying fixed assets as current assets. However, liabilities arising from the future terminations have been provided for by the sub-funds, post year end.

The ACD has undertaken a detailed assessment of each of the remaining sub-fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, declines in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the sub-funds continue to be open for trading and the ACD is satisfied the sub-funds have adequate financial resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### (b) Revenue recognition

Dividends on equities are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Revenue from unquoted equity investments is recognised when the dividend is declared. Dividends received include any withholding taxes but exclude attributable tax credits. Dividends from UK Real Estate Investment Trusts ('REITs') are recognised as distributable income when the securities are quoted ex-dividend.

Dividends received from UK REITs are split into PID (Property Income Distributions) and Non-PID components for tax purposes. Revenue arising from UK REITs tax-exempt rental business is colloquially known as PID revenue and is taxable in the hands of the Fund. A UK REIT may also carry out activities that give rise to taxable profits and gains. It is from these that the REIT will make a Non-PID distribution. These are treated for tax purposes in the same way as dividends from UK companies.

Dividends received from US REITs are recognised as revenue when the security is quoted ex-dividend. An assessment of capital/income split is performed, based on prior year dividend announcement for each security. The capital element of the dividend is reallocated to the capital of the fund. Subsequently, when the capital/income split is announced for the dividend a final assessment is performed to determine the correct distribution to shareholders.

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Equalisation on distributions received is deducted from the cost of the investment. Distributions on investments in accumulation shares are recognised gross in the Statement of Total Return, with a transfer being made from the capital property to the revenue property of the sub-fund.

Dividend revenue from offshore reporting funds is recognised when the securities are quoted ex-dividend. Non-dividend revenue from offshore reporting funds is recognised when declared, and treated as revenue for taxation and distribution purposes.

Interest on debt securities comprises the coupon interest and the difference between the purchase price and the expected maturity price spread over its expected remaining life. This is treated as revenue with the difference adjusting the cost of the shares and treated as capital.

Other revenue, including interest on bank balances, is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Gains and losses, including exchange differences in the valuation of investments held at the balance sheet date, including unrealised exchange differences, are treated as capital.

The treatment of the income on derivative contracts depends upon the nature of the transaction. Both motive and circumstances are used to determine whether the returns should be treated as capital or revenue. Where positions are undertaken to protect or enhance capital, and the circumstances support this, the returns are recognised in net capital gains; similarly where the motives and circumstances are to generate or protect revenue, and the circumstances support this, the returns are included within net revenue before taxation.

Option premium revenue is accrued onto the sub-fund on a daily basis over the life time of the option contract unless it is exercised early in which case the remainder will also be taken to revenue.

Credit Default Swaps income is recognised as revenue and included in distributable income.

#### (c) Interest on debt securities bought or sold

Interest on debt securities bought or sold is excluded from the capital cost of securities, and is dealt with as part of the revenue of the subfund.

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

(continued)

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### (d) Treatment of stock dividends

The ordinary element of stock dividends is treated as revenue and therefore forms part of the distribution. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated as capital, and taken to net capital gains/(losses).

#### (e) Treatment of special dividends

Special dividends may be treated as repayments of capital or as revenue dependent on the facts of the particular case.

#### (f) Basis of valuation of investments

Listed investments of the sub-funds, other than CT managed funds, have been valued at Market Value at close of business on 28 April 2023. Market value is defined by the IMA SORP 2014 as fair value which generally is bid value of each security, excluding any accrued interest in the case of fixed and floating rate securities.

Suspended securities of companies currently in administration or receivership have been valued at nil market value. All other suspended or unlisted securities have been valued at their suspended price, a broker supplied price or such other price deemed appropriate by the Authorised Corporate Director. Any such prices are based on the Authorised Corporate Director's opinion of fair value with the intention of estimating market value and are disclosed within the notes to the financial statements of the relevant sub-fund.

For exchange traded Futures the fair value is the cost of closing out the contract at the balance sheet date. All unquoted securities and Over-The-Counter (OTC) derivative contracts are valued at the Broker's valuation, calculated by applying current market information to pricing or valuation models.

#### (g) Stock lending revenue

Revenue from stock lending is accounted for net of bank and agent fees and is recognised on an accruals basis.

#### (h) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided 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 tax is provided at the average rate of tax expected to apply. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money.

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

#### (i) Current taxation

The charge for taxation is based at the current rate on taxable revenue for the period less allowable expenses. UK dividend income is disclosed net of any related tax credit. Overseas dividends are disclosed gross of any foreign tax suffered, with the tax element being separately disclosed in the taxation note.

#### (j) Distribution policy

The net revenue on income shares is distributed to shareholders annually on the last business day of June. The CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund and CT Select UK Equity Income Fund also distribute on 31 December. The CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund, CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund, CT Select European Equity Fund and CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund also distribute on 31 March, 30 September and 31 December. The revenue on accumulation shares is retained and reinvested and is reflected in the value of the shares.

The CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund and the CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund satisfied the qualifying investments test of Section 19 The Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006 (S2006/964) throughout the year. All distributions made are therefore made as interest distributions. All other sub-funds make dividend distributions.

#### (k) Authorised Corporate Director's charge

The ACD's periodic charge is charged to the revenue property of the individual sub-funds subject to the following exceptions: For the purposes of determining the distribution of CT Select UK Equity Income Fund the ACD's periodic charge is borne by the capital property of that sub-fund. The ACD's periodic charge for CT Select European Equity Fund, share class 1 and 2 income is also borne by the capital property of that sub-fund.

#### (I) Expenses

All expenses are recognised on an accruals basis and are charged to the revenue property of the individual sub-funds with the exception of the expenses, such as handling charges, which relate to the purchases and sales of investments. These are charged to capital.

An ACD expense rebate is applied at the ACD's discretion to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate. The ACD expense rebate also has the effect of increasing the distribution payable to shareholders.

Credit Default Swaps' expenses are recognised as an expense and included in the calculation of distributable income.

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

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#### (m) Exchange rates

Transactions in overseas currencies are translated to Sterling at the rates of exchange ruling on the day of any such transaction. Foreign currency balances are converted to Sterling at the exchange rates applicable at the end of the accounting period.

#### (n) Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple share classes

The allocation of revenue and expenses to each share class is based upon the proportion of the individual sub-fund's assets attributable to each share class on the day the revenue is earned or the expense is suffered. The Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge, Registrar's fee and Accounting & Administration fees are specific expenses to each share class.

#### (o) Derivative contracts

The sub-funds may enter into permitted transactions such as derivative contracts or forward foreign currency transactions. Where these transactions are used to protect or enhance revenue, the revenue and expenses are included within net revenue in the Statement of Total Return.

Derivative contracts are shown in the portfolio statement at market value. The exposure to the open position on these contracts is shown in the balance sheet as open derivatives commitment and the resulting profit or loss is reflected in the net capital gains/(losses). The margins paid on these contracts are included in the amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers.

Open OTC derivative contracts are shown in the Portfolio Statement at fair value as determined by the ACD and the gains and losses derived therefrom are included in 'Net capital gains/ (losses)' in the Statement of Total Return. Depending on the motive and circumstances of the swaps held, the revenue and expenses derived therefrom maybe included in 'Revenue' or 'Expenses' in the Statement of total return or they may be included in 'Net capital gains/(losses)' in the Statement of Total Return.

#### (p) Dilution adjustment

All client transactions into and out of a sub-fund may result in the Investment Adviser buying or selling the underlying investments of the subfund, thereby attracting dealing costs which would otherwise be borne by the sub-fund's current investors.

As a result, long-term investors could be adversely affected by other investors trading in and out of the sub-fund. This effect is known as dilution.

However, an adjustment to the NAV can be made if the sub-fund experiences net subscriptions or redemptions on a particular dealing day, to reduce the impact of dilution costs. This adjustment is called swing pricing. This is a technique which reduces the impact of dilution and helps to protect existing investors. It aims to ensure that investors subscribing or redeeming from a sub-fund bear the trading costs, i.e. the underlying bid/offer spreads and transaction costs.

The extent to which prices are swung is based on an estimated dealing cost made up of a number of elements, including bid-offer spreads, commissions and other transaction costs. Commissions and other costs (e.g. transaction tax) will be based on an historic analysis of actual trades. The estimated rates are reviewed and updated periodically.

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

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#### 2. Equalisation

The quoted price of shares includes the value of securities and the revenue accrued up to that time, in respect of those securities.

When buyers purchase shares, the price they pay includes a sum not only to equate with the value of the securities comprised within that share, but also an amount to equate with the revenue included.

All shareholders in the same share class receive the same pence per share distribution, but those with Group 2 shares have their distribution partially made up of a return of the sum equating to the revenue content in the purchase price of their shares. This sum represents the average amount of revenue included in all Group 2 shares. It is deemed to be a return of capital, and as such is not liable to income tax. It must, however, be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

#### 3. Financial Instruments

In pursuing the investment objectives of the individual sub-funds' the Company may hold a number of financial instruments which comprise:

- Equity shares, collective investment schemes, equity related instruments, floating rate securities, fixed income securities and money market instruments which are held in accordance with the individual sub-funds' investment objectives and policies;
- Cash, liquid resources and short-term debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations;
- Shareholders' funds which represent investors' monies, which are invested on their behalf;
- Short-term borrowings used to finance investment activity; and
- Derivative transactions which the individual sub-funds may also enter into, principally forward foreign currency contracts, futures and options, the purpose of which is to manage the currency and market risks arising from the individual sub-funds' investment activities and related financing.

It is, and has been throughout the year under review, the Company's policy that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken to make short-term speculative gains.

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, liquidity, interest rate, credit and default risks. The ACD reviews policies for managing each of these risks and these are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the year to which these financial statements relate.

#### Market price risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the Company might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The ACD monitors on a daily basis the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries and industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the investment objective. An individual sub-fund manager has responsibility for monitoring the existing portfolio selected in accordance with the overall asset allocation parameter and seeks to ensure that individual stocks also meet the risk reward profile that is acceptable.

#### Foreign currency risk

The revenue and capital value of the Company's investments can be significantly affected by currency translation movements as some of the Company's assets and revenue are denominated in currencies other than Sterling which is the Company's functional currency.

The ACD has identified three principal areas where foreign currency risk could impact the Company:

- Movements in rates affect the value of investments;
- Movements in rates affect short term timing differences; and
- Movements in rates affect the revenue received.

Currency exposure is monitored closely and is considered to be part of the overall investment process. Currency hedges via forward exchange contracts or futures will only be used in the event of a specific currency risk being identified.

The Company may be subject to short-term exposure to exchange rate movements, for instance, where there is a difference between the date an investment purchase or sale is entered into and the date when settlement of the proceeds occurs. The ACD may elect to hedge against this risk.

The Company receives revenue in currencies other than Sterling and the Sterling values of this revenue can be affected by movements in exchange rates. The ACD may elect to hedge against this risk.

Where a sub-fund enters into a forward foreign exchange contract to hedge against interest rate movements the difference between the spot and forward contract rate, when the contract is first acquired, is recognised as revenue over the duration of the contract.

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

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#### Liquidity risk

The primary source of this risk to the Company is the liability to shareholders for any cancellation of shares. The Company's assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. If insufficient cash is available to finance shareholder redemptions then securities held by the Company may need to be sold.

The risk of low market liquidity, through reduced trading volumes, may affect the ability of the sub-fund to trade financial instruments at values indicated by market data vendors. From time to time, liquidity may also be affected by stock specific or economic events.

To manage these risks the Investment Manager undertakes detailed research to select appropriate investment opportunities in line with the Company's and individual sub-fund's objectives. All stocks are valued daily but those stocks identified as being less liquid are reviewed on a regular basis for pricing accuracy.

#### Interest rate risk

The individual sub-funds, excluding CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund and CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund, invest predominately in equity shares and investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. The individual sub-funds may also invest in fixed rate securities. CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund and CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund invest primarily in interest-bearing securities. Any change to the interest rates relevant for particular securities may result in either revenue increasing or decreasing or the ACD being unable to secure similar returns on the expiry of contracts or the sale of securities. In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held.

In general, if interest rates rise, the revenue potential of the individual sub-funds also rises, but the value of fixed rate securities will decline. A decline in interest rates will generally have the opposite effect.

#### Credit risk

CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund and CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund invest in bonds issued by a number of companies.

If any individual company fails to perform well, the credit rating of the company may well fall and the bonds would fall in price. All investments are monitored internally and externally by a number of different agencies and assigned ratings, which often change over time. The Company closely monitors the ratings of the bonds within the portfolio.

#### Default risk

CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund and CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund invest in bonds that are at risk of default at any time.

Bond defaults may be characterised by any missed or delayed payment of interest or principal, bankruptcy or breach of certain financial covenants that may render them financially distressed. This risk is minimised by regularly monitoring the bonds internally and externally through the ratings agencies.

#### Derivatives risk

The ACD may use certain types of derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. Some individual sub-funds, however, can use derivatives for investment purposes. The ACD may invest in financial futures and currency forwards for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, in which case they will normally be traded on a recognised derivative market and must be fully covered (see below: Derivatives and forward transactions).

The Company is exposed to a number of different risks and the management of those risks is part of the ACD's responsibilities. To assist in this, the ACD has established a Derivative Support Team which provides a day-to-day independent check on the exposures of the Company and monitors the likely individual sub-fund movement which might be expected for changes in stock market prices and volatility. The risk profile and these market and other sensitivities are reviewed on a formal basis at least monthly by CT's Counterparty Credit Committee which comprises senior officials not involved in the day-to-day management of the Company to ensure that they remain within acceptable limits.

#### Other risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Company enters into expose it to the risk that the counter-party will not deliver the investment (purchase) or cash (sale) after the Company has fulfilled its responsibilities.

The Company mainly deals, however, on a 'delivery versus payment' basis which reduces counter-party risk. The Company only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the ACD as an acceptable counter-party. In addition, limits are set as to the maximum exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time; these limits are reviewed quarterly.

The Company may use derivatives for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and/or meeting its investment objective. Such use is not expected to have a detrimental effect on the risk profile of the Company.

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

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Sensitivity analysis

	CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund	CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund	CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund	CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund
Market Price Risk				
If market prices move by:	+/- 10%	+/- 10%	+/- 10%	+/- 10%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	+/- 0.00%	+/- 10.08%	+/- 0.00%	+/- 0.00%
Foreign Currency Risk				
If EUR exchange rates move by:	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	n/a	n/a	-0.04% / +0.05%	-/+0.03%
If GBP exchange rates move by:	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	n/a	n/a	+0.05% / -0.04%	+/-0.03%
Interest Rate Risk				
If interest rates move by:	+/- 100bps	+/- 100bps	+/- 100bps	+/- 100bps
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	0.00%	-0.09% / +0.12%	-3.72% / +3.91%	-3.51% / +3.55%

	CT North American Equity Fund	CT Select European Equity Fund	CT Select UK Equity Fund	CT Select UK Equity Income Fund
Market Price Risk				
If market prices move by:	+/- 10%	+/- 10%	+/- 10%	+/- 10%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	+/- 9.97%	+/- 9.69%	+/- 0.00%	+/- 9.78%
Foreign Currency Risk				
If EUR exchange rates move by:	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	n/a	-3.99% / +4.41%	n/a	n/a
If GBP exchange rates move by:	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%	+/- 5%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	+0.27% / -0.25%	+4.41% / -3.99%	n/a	n/a
Interest Rate Risk				
If interest rates move by:	+/- 100bps	+/- 100bps	+/- 100bps	+/- 100bps
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	-0.06% / +0.07%	-0.31% / +0.41%	0.00%	-0.16% / +0.21%

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

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	CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund	CT Sustainable Opportunities Global Equity Fund
Market Price Risk		
If market prices move by:	+/- 10%	+/- 10%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	+/-9.87%	+/-9.95%
Foreign Currency Risk		
If EUR exchange rates move by:	+/- 5%	+/- 5%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	-0.98% / +1.08%	-0.78% / +0.86%
If GBP exchange rates move by:	+/- 5%	+/- 5%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	+1.74% / -1.57%	+1.69% / -1.53%
If USD exchange rates move by:	+/- 5%	+/- 5%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	0.00%	0%
If JPY exchange rates move by:	+/- 5%	+/- 5%
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	-0.52% / +0.57%	-0.43% / +0.48%
Interest Rate Risk		
If interest rates move by:	+/- 100bps	+/- 100bps
then the impact on the portfolio will be:	0.00%	-0.08% / +0.10%

- Stress tests are performed by truView State Street's risk management platform.
- The method of calculation is full revaluation of assets given the shocks in underlying factors (inflation/rates etc).
- The shock levels used are standardised levels for reporting purposes.

#### Derivatives and forward transactions

The Company's derivatives overlay includes the following derivative instruments:

Futures - CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund uses futures to match the performance of the index and compliment returns from the stock portfolio. All sub-funds may use financial derivative instruments for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. The CT Select European Equity Fund may also use derivative instruments for investment purposes.

The following sub-funds entered into exchange traded derivatives during the year. The market value of the exchange traded derivatives (deemed to be futures contracts) and global exposure that exists through the open future contracts at 30 April 2023 were:

CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund  FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2022	Market Value 30/04/2023 £000	Exposure 30/04/2023 £000	Market Value 30/04/2022 £000 11	Exposure 30/04/2022 £000 225
Total	-	-	11	225
CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund	Market Value 30/04/2023 £000	Exposure 30/04/2023 £000	Market Value 30/04/2022 £000	Exposure 30/04/2022 £000
FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2023	296	5,332	-	-
FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2022	-	-	339	7,780
Total	296	5,332	339	7,780

### Notes to the Financial Statements applicable to all sub-funds

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CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund	Market Value 30/04/2023 £000	Exposure 30/04/2023 £000	Market Value 30/04/2022 £000	Exposure 30/04/2022 £000
Euro-BUND Futures June 2023	(53)	(1,562)	-	-
US Treasury 5 Year Note Futures June 2023	(5)	(1,677)	-	-
Euro-BUND Futures June 2022	-	-	92	(1,154)
US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures June 2022	-	-	207	(3,403)
Total	(58)	(3,239)	299	(4,557)
CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund	Market Value 30/04/2023 £000	Exposure 30/04/2023 £000	Market Value 30/04/2022 £000	Exposure 30/04/2022 £000
US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures June 2023	(39)	(1,298)	-	-
Euro-BUND Futures June 2022	-	-	51	(641)
US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures June 2022	-	-	144	(2,363)
Total	(39)	(1,298)	195	(3,004)

Goldman Sachs International was the counterparty for these transactions (30/04/22: Goldman Sachs International).

Margin is paid or received on futures contracts to cover any exposure by the counterparty to the sub-fund or by the sub-fund to the counterparty. Cash and bank balances include cash and margin receivable from the sub-funds' clearing brokers and Goldman Sachs International. These amounts are included within "Amounts held at futures clearing and brokers" shown in note 9.

The numerical disclosures required by FRS 102 are shown within each individual sub-fund's Financial Statements and can be found on the pages indicated below.

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CT North American Equity Fund	144
CT Select European Equity Fund	166
CT Select UK Equity Fund	184
CT Select UK Equity Income Fund	205
CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund	227
CT Sustainable Opportunities Global Equity Fund	244

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aimed to provide an enhanced income return (being at least a 2% additional income yield against the FTSE 100 Index in normal market conditions, net of fees) together with some capital growth, on an annualised basis.

Capital in the Fund was at risk. There was no guarantee that the income target would be achieved over this or any time period.

The Fund combined a passive exposure to the FTSE 100 Index together with an actively managed derivatives strategy which was intended to provide extra income for the Fund.

The Fund implemented the equity element of the strategy by investing at least 95% of the Fund's assets in shares that were included in the FTSE 100 Index.

The Investment Manager aimed to replicate the performance of the Index by holding shares of all companies included in the Index in a similar proportion to their weighting in the Index.

Substantially all of the shares held were UK equities (being shares of companies that are domiciled, incorporated or exercise a significant part of their business in the UK). The Fund may have also held a small proportion of non-UK equities in order to replicate the composition of the FTSE 100.

Where full replication of the Index was not reasonably possible (for example as a result of the number of securities or the illiquidity of certain securities within the Index), the Fund would held an optimised portfolio to track the returns of the Index. This means that the Investment Manager would purchase the components of the Index that the Investment Manager believed provide a representative sample in order to replicate the overall performance of the Index. Consequently, the Fund may have over certain periods only held a certain sub-set of the Index.

At the same time, the Investment Manager operated an active derivatives strategy by selectively writing short dated call options over the Index or over individual securities with the aim of generating additional income for the Fund through the receipt of option premiums.

An index call option was a derivative instrument which gave the holder the right to receive the value of the underlying index (in this case, the Index) from the option writer (in this case, the Fund) in exchange for an agreed price on or by an agreed date in the future.

The call option strategy would be subject to the following parameters under normal market circumstances: (i) the Fund would write call options in respect of up to 60% of the value of the equity securities which it held; (ii) the call options would be valid for up to three months; and (iii) the strike price of the call options would always be above the current market price at the inception of trade for the Index. Applying those parameters, the Investment Manager would select call option investments based on its estimate of the levels of volatility in UK equity markets, the value of the underlying equity securities and market risks.

The Fund may have invested any cash that it received as a result of its call option strategy in index futures in respect of the Index, to seek to replicate the performance of the Index and to minimise the adverse impact which holding cash may have had on the Fund's performance.

The Fund may have also held deposits, commercial paper and short term commercial paper and invest in other regulated, open-ended collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes operated by the ACD). The Fund may have also used derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 6 July 2022. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Christopher Childs
Fund size £0.0 million
Launch date 17 December 2020

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

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for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### Manager's Review

The UK equity market fell over the period. The negative trend was often concealed by the high short-term volatility of the index during this period. August witnessed a reversal of the third equity market rally of the period, with the index losing 4.7% over the month. Cyclical and growth sectors were generally hard hit, and only healthcare providers posted positive sector returns over the six months. The UK economy unexpectedly expanded by 0.2% in the second quarter of 2022, above the estimated 0.1% contraction, led by increased household consumption and a narrowing trade deficit. The Bank of England hiked interest rates four times between May and September, citing the threat of accelerating inflation, which lifted the UK base rate to 2.25% by the end of the period. UK inflation edged unexpectedly lower to 9.9% in August after a 40-year high of 10.1 % in July. The most significant downward contribution was seen in motor fuel prices. As in most developed countries, consumer confidence has plunged in the face of soaring inflation, falling real incomes and the war in Ukraine, with September witnessing a record low of -49 in the GfK index.

The Fund pursues a call overwriting strategy using exchange-traded FTSE 100 index calls. Each month the Fund "writes" call options that are above the prevailing market level and which have a maturity of between one and three months. The premium received for writing the calls is then able to be distributed to Fund holders as part of the Fund's distribution policy. The Fund seeks to make distributions through the year that in aggregate equate to the natural dividend yield of the FTSE 100 plus 2-4%.

We see some of the negative factors of 2022 abating for the UK equity market as we move into the new year. Supply issues are easing, while rates and inflation are likely to peak shortly, which means we should be able to have a more certain outlook and that the market can move forward. The economic outlook does remain cloudy but that does not mean the market cannot make progress and it will anticipate the recovery in advance of firm evidence in earnings.

#### **Performance Summary**

The CT Enhanced Income UK Equity Fund returned -2.4% over the period to 22 September 2022, when the Fund commenced termination. By comparison, the FTSE 100 Index returned -3.6%. All figures are net of fees, in sterling terms and on a total return basis.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 21 December 2022

### Portfolio Statement

as at 30 April 2023

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
BASIC MATERIALS (9.35%*)		-	-
Industrial Metals and Mining Evraz **	1,556	-	-
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (9.59%*)		-	-
CONSUMER STAPLES (17.39%*)		-	-
ENERGY (11.73%*)		-	-
FINANCIALS (16.59%*)		-	-
HEALTH CARE (13.28%*)		-	-
INDUSTRIALS (10.72%*)		-	-
REAL ESTATE (1.50%*)		-	-
TECHNOLOGY (0.93%*)		1	12.50
Software and Computer Services Gen Digital	46	1	12.50
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (2.27%*)		-	-
UTILITIES (3.84%*)		-	-
DERIVATIVES (0.09%*)		-	
Portfolio of investments		1	12.50
Net other assets		7	87.50
Total net assets		8	100.00
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All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.

\*\* Manually priced securities. See note 17.

### **Material Portfolio Changes**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Major sales	£000
FTSE 100 Index Futures December 2022	219	Shell	503
FTSE 100 Index Futures September 2022	214	AstraZeneca	449
AstraZeneca	17	HSBC	314
Shell	16	Unilever	291
FTSE 100 Index Option 7475 Call 19/08/2022	15	BP	250
Centrica	13	Diageo	250
HSBC	11	British American Tobacco	229
GSK	11	FTSE 100 Index Futures September 2022	219
Unite	10	FTSE 100 Index Futures December 2022	217
Unilever	9	FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2022	216

Purchases and sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

### **Comparative Tables**

30/04/23 (p) 60.90 (1.62)	30/04/22 (p) 53.34	30/04/21 (p)
60.90		(ρ)
	53 34	
	53 34	
(1.62)	JJ.J-	50.00†
	7.70	3.39
(0.06)	(0.14)	(0.05)
(1.68)	7.56	3.34
-	-	-
(59.22)	-	-
-	60.90	53.34
0.02	0.07	0.28
(2.76)%	14.17%	6.68%
-	-	-
-	200	200
0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
0.04%	0.12%	0.52%
61.55	61.64	53.70
	0.02 (2.76)% - - 0.25% 0.04%	- 60.90 0.02 0.07 (2.76)% 14.17% 200 0.25% 0.25%

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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 2 Income was launched on 17 December 2020.

Share Class 2 Income was closed on 22 September 2022.

Net asset value of share class 2 Income as at 30 April 2022 and 30 April 2021 was less than £500.

**Comparative Tables** (continued) as at 30 April 2023 30/04/23 30/04/22 30/04/21 (p) (p) (p) Share Class 3 - Income Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share 55.79 51.89 50.00† 7.34 Return before operating charges\* (1.45)3.34 (0.04)Operating charges# (0.11)(0.04)7.23 Return after operating charges\* (1.49)3.30 Distributions on income shares (0.60)(3.33)(1.41)Return to shareholder as a result of class closure (53.70)55.79 Closing net asset value per share 51.89 \*after direct transaction costs of: 0.02 0.07 0.28 Performance Return after charges (2.67)%13.93% 6.60% Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) 5,671 6,679 Closing number of shares 10,163,135 12,870,292 Operating charges# 0.20% 0.20% 0.20% Direct transaction costs \*\* 0.04% 0.12% 0.52% **Prices** Highest share price 56.23 57.58 53.35 Lowest share price 52.27 51.40 48.43

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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 3 Income was launched on 17 December 2020.

Share Class 3 Income was closed on 22 September 2022.

**Comparative Tables** (continued) as at 30 April 2023 30/04/23 30/04/22 30/04/21 (p) (p) (p) Share Class 4 - Income Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share 61.06 53.36 50.00† Return before operating charges\* (1.65)7.70 3.36 Operating charges# (1.65)Return after operating charges\* 7.70 3.36 Distributions on income shares Return to shareholder as a result of class closure (59.41)Closing net asset value per share 61.06 53.36 \*after direct transaction costs of: 0.02 0.07 0.28 Performance Return after charges (2.70)%14.43% 6.72% Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares 200 200 Operating charges# 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% Direct transaction costs \*\* 0.12% 0.52% 0.04% **Prices** Highest share price 61.73 61.81 53.73 Lowest share price 57.21 52.88 48.43

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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 4 Income was launched on 17 December 2020.

Share Class 4 Income was closed on 22 September 2022.

Net asset value of share class 4 Income as at 30 April 2022 and 30 April 2021 was less than £500.

# Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 30	/04/22	
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Income						
Net capital (losses)/gains	2		(262)		469	
Revenue	3	158		433		
Expenses	4	(31)		(3)		
Interest payable and similar charges	6		_			
Net revenue before taxation		127		430		
Taxation	5 _	(13)		(41)		
Net revenue after taxation			114		389	
Total return before distributions			(148)		858	
Distributions	6		(144)		(392)	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment	activities		(292)		466	

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023				
	01/05/22 to 30	)/04/23	01/05/21 to 3	30/04/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		5,671		6,679
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	35		1,192	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(5,411)	_	(2,672)	
		(5,376)		(1,480)
Dilution adjustment		5		6
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(292)		466
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		8		5,671

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 39 to 44.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			
	Notes	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Assets			
Investments		1	5,523
Current assets			
Debtors	8	15	68
Cash and bank balances	9	44	272
Total assets		60	5,863
Liabilities			
Investment liabilities		-	(6)
Provisions for liabilities	10	(31)	-
Creditors			
Distribution payable		-	(111)
Other creditors	11	(21)	(75)
Total liabilities		(52)	(192)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		8	5,671

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 39 to 44.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### 1. Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

### 2. Net capital (losses)/gains

The net capital (losses)/gains during the year comprise:

	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Non-derivative securities	(232)	484
Derivative contracts	(29)	(6)
Handling charges	(1)	(9)
Net capital (losses)/gains	(262)	469
Revenue		
	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23	30/04/22

01/05/22 to

01/05/21 to

	01/05/22 (0	01/05/21 (0
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
UK dividends	84	215
Overseas non-taxable revenue	10	20
Property revenue from UK REITs - PID	1	2
Bank interest	1	-
Interest on amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers*	1	-
Option premium	61	196
Total revenue	158	433

<sup>\*</sup>Interest on amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers shown are the net position of amount paid and received during the year.

#### 4. Expenses

3.

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	4	13
ACD's expense rebate*	(24)	(50)
	(20)	(37)
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them: Depositary's fee	3	1
Other expenses:		
Accounting & administration fees	5	14
Administration costs	3	10
Audit fee	9	14
KIID publication costs	-	1
Provision for costs associated with proposed fund closure	31	-
	48	39
Total expenses	31	3

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £10,115 (30/04/22: £11,600).

<sup>\*</sup>This relates to a rebate paid by the ACD in order to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate by the ACD.

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#### 5. Taxation

<b>J.</b>		01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
(a)	Analysis of charge in year:		
	Corporation tax	13	39
	Irrecoverable overseas tax		2
	Total tax charge for the year (note 5b)	13	41

### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2022: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	127	430
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	25	86
Effects of:		
UK dividends*	(16)	(43)
Overseas non-taxable revenue*	(2)	(4)
Irrecoverable overseas tax	-	2
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	6	-
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	13	41

<sup>\*</sup>As an authorised OEIC these items are not subject to corporation tax.

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

### (c) Deferred taxation:

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

#### 6. Finance costs

#### Distributions and interest

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Interim dividend distributions	62	249
Final dividend distributions		111
	62	360
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	83	49
Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	(1)	(17)
Net distributions for the year	144	392
Interest	<del>-</del>	
Total finance costs	144	392

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables on page 45.

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7.	Movement between net revenue and net distributions		
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22
	Net revenue after taxation	<b>£000</b> 114	<b>£000</b> 389
	Undistributed revenue	(1)	369
	ACD's periodic charge taken to capital	4	13
	ACD's expense rebate taken to capital	(24)	(50)
	Expenses taken to capital	51	41
	Tax relief on expenses taken to capital		(1)
	Net distributions for the year	144	392
8.	Debtors	20/04/02	20/04/22
		30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
	Accrued revenue	-	31
	Accrued ACD expense rebate	15	37
	Total debtors	15	68
9.	Cash and bank balances		
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Cash and bank balances	44	187
	Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	, <u> </u>	85
	Total cash and bank balances	44	272
10.	Provisions for liabilities		
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Provision for costs associated with proposed fund closure	31	
	Total provisions for liabilities	31	-
11.	Other creditors		
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Accrued expenses Accrued ACD's periodic charge	8	35 1
	Corporation tax payable	13	39
	Total other creditors	21	75

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### 12. Portfolio transaction costs

	Purchases		Sales	
Equities Collective Investment Schemes	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000 200	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000 1,429 14	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000 5,425 46	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000 2,736 33
Trades in the year before transaction costs	201	1,443	5,471	2,769
Commissions Equities Collective Investment Schemes Total commissions	- -	1 - 1	(1) - (1)	- -
Taxes		ı	(1)	
Equities Collective Investment Schemes	1 -	7	-	- -
Total taxes	1	7	-	
Total costs	1	8	(1)	
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	202	1,451	5,470	2,769

Derivatives have incurred broker commissions of £nil (30/04/22: £nil) and taxes of £nil (30/04/22: £nil).

Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.

	Purch	ases	Sales	
	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
	%	%	%	%
Commissions				
Equities	-	0.07	0.02	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	-	-	-
Taxes				
Equities	0.50	0.49	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	-	-	-
Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.				
	01/05/2	22 to 30/04/23	01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22
		%		%
Commissions		0.02		0.02
Taxes		0.02		0.10
Total costs		0.04		0.12

Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.06% (30/04/22: 0.05%).

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#### 13. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 11 and 8 respectively.

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Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management and receivable from Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of expense rebates are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 11.

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

Shares held by associates of the ACD

The shares held as a percentage of the Fund's value were:

30/04/23 30/04/22 ACD and associates of the ACD 0.00% 46.09%

#### 14. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has three share classes in issue: Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4.

The ACD's periodic charge on the share class is as follows:

	%
Share Class 2 - Income:	0.25
Share Class 3 - Income:	0.20
Share Class 4 - Income	<u>-</u>

The net asset value of this share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in this share class is given in the Comparative Tables on page 34.

The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Tables on page 45.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

	01/05/22				30/04/23
	Opening			Shares Clo	osing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 2 - Income:	200	-	(200)	-	-
Share Class 3 - Income:	10,163,135	70,249	(10,233,384)	-	-
Share Class 4 - Income:	200	-	(200)	-	-

#### 15. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

### 16. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

#### Currency exposure

A proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements.

The Fund holds an insignificant Euro and US dollar currency exposure at 30 April 2023 therefore a currency table has not been disclosed.

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

The Fund's net cash holding of £0.044m (30/04/22: holding £0.272m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

#### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

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#### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

#### 17. Manually priced securities

The following security prices were not readily available through published sources, and as such required to be manually calculated or had to be sourced from a third party.

		Price	
Security name	Price	Source	Method of valuation
Evraz	£nil	ACD	Stock valued at zero due to international
			sanctions over Russia

#### 18. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		22
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000
Level 1	1	-	5,523	(6)
Level 3*		-	-	
Total fair value	1	-	5,523	(6)

<sup>\*</sup>The level 3 holding is Evraz (30/04/22: Evraz).

## **Distribution Tables**

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### Distribution in pence per share

### Share Class 3 - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	0.6038	-	0.6038	0.8451
31/10/22	-	-	-	0.8541
31/01/23	-	-	-	0.5358
Final	-	-	-	1.0952
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	0.2242	0.3796	0.6038	0.8451
31/10/22	-	-	-	0.8541
31/01/23	-	-	-	0.5358
Final	-	-	-	1.0952

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to tracks the performance of the FTSE All-Share Index.

The Fund will invest at least 90% in shares that are included in the FTSE All-Share Index. The Fund is constrained by the Index and will hold an optimised portfolio to track the returns of the Index. This means that the investment manager will purchase the components of the Index that the investment manager believes provide a representative sample in order to replicate the overall performance of the Index.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares which are included in the Index, the Fund may be invested in shares of companies which in the investment manager's opinion are reasonably expected to become part of the Index.

The Fund may also obtain an indirect exposure to these shares by investing in other transferable securities or collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments) as well as investing in cash and near cash, deposits and money market instruments.

The Fund may use derivatives only for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 10 February 2023. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Christopher Childs
Fund size £347.6 million
Launch date 15 September 1988

#### Manager's Review

The UK equity market delivered good returns over the period. While underperforming some of the larger European markets such as Italy and France, the UK outperformed other global markets such as the US and Japan. Double-digit returns from the personal goods and consumer services sectors boosted the index. However, large negative returns from sectors such as automobiles and parts and industrial materials weighed over the period. The second half of the 12 months was strong, with UK shares rebounding and producing one of the strongest global performances towards the end of the period. Investors were optimistic after a U-turn in government policy, following a self-inflicted crisis, and on expectations that the Federal Reserve (Fed) would begin to temper its rate hikes. Moreover, despite high inflation, the index experienced its longest winning streak in over two years, led by rallying commodity stocks and boosted by signs of resilience in the UK economy. The Bank of England hiked interest rates on eight occasions from 0.75% at the beginning of May 2022 to 4.25% in March 2023, citing a tight labour market and the threat of accelerating inflation. UK inflation eased to 10.1% in March, though by less than the market forecast decline to 9.8%.

The strategy remained focused on offering investors access to the fortunes of the UK stock market through a portfolio of investments designed to replicate the movements of the FTSE All-Share Index in a low cost and reliable manner.

The market rebounded strongly at the start of the year, with a lot of the underperformers from 2022 rebounding from lows, driven by the optimism over peak interest rates. Some of these gains were given back, as inflation remained resilient, and stresses appeared in the banking sector. Key economic indicators continue to flag forthcoming economic weakness, with growth appearing to slow. The squeeze of dealing with inflationary pressures, tighter monetary policy and ongoing geopolitical tensions persist. Confidence in earnings estimates remains low given the numerous uncertainties that are present. Therefore, a cautious yet opportunistic investment approach seems appropriate, with continued emphasis on operationally and fundamentally robust, high-quality businesses.

### **Performance Summary**

Over the twelve-month period the CT FTSE All-Share Tracker Fund returned 5.7%. By comparison, the FTSE All-Share TR returned 6.0%. All figures are in sterling, net of fees and on a total return basis.

#### Index Tracking

The tracking difference over the past year to April 2023 using returns for Share class 1 (Inc), gross of management fees, is -0.24% There will always be a small tracking difference between fund and index due to sampling and the use of index futures to manage small cash flows.

The anticipated (ex ante) tracking error at the end of April 2023 is 0.16%. The realised (ex post) tracking error over 1 year is 0.16%.

# Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 26 May 2023

# Portfolio Statement

BASIC MATERIALS (8.27%*)	Holdings	Market Value £000 25,080	Total Net Assets % 7.21
Chemicals			
Croda International	19,332	1,349	0.39
Elementis	84,877	107	0.03
Johnson Matthey	26,195	514	0.15
RHI Magnesita	4,286	97	0.03
Synthomer	51,742	62	0.02
Treatt	8,866	59	0.02
Victrex	11,600	194	0.05
Industrial Materials	5 500	24	0.04
Zotefoams	5,500	21	0.01
Industrial Metals and Mining			
Anglo American	173,126	4,233	1.22
Antofagasta	49,613	725	0.21
Bodycote	26,297	182	0.05
Evraz **	81,491	-	-
Ferrexpo	42,966	46	0.01
Glencore	1,809,226	8,484	2.44
Hill & Smith	11,218	154 55	0.04
Kenmare Resources Rio Tinto	11,970		0.01 2.26
	155,978	7,874	2.20
Precious Metals and Mining	450 444	465	0.05
Centamin	160,141	165	0.05
Endeavour Mining	26,010	535	0.15
Fresnillo Hochschild Mining	27,122 42,899	193 31	0.06 0.01
-	42,099		
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (10.38%*)		40,135	11.55
Automobiles and Parts			
Aston Martin Lagonda Global	36,942	89	0.03
TI Fluid Systems	45,381	48	0.01
Consumer Services			
Compass	251,040	5,262	1.51
Dignity	7,477	41	0.01
Household Goods and Home Construction			
Barratt Developments	145,094	725	0.21
Bellway	17,340	418	0.12
Berkeley	14,918	663	0.19
Crest Nicholson	36,278	97	0.03
Headlam	12,424	36	0.01
MJ Gleeson	6,872	29	0.01
Persimmon	45,511	598	0.17
Redrow To do Misson as	33,162	172	0.05
Taylor Wimpey	508,160	651	0.19
Vistry	49,452	387	0.11
Leisure Goods			
Games Workshop	4,611	457	0.13
Me Group International	39,636	50	0.02

Madia	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Media 4imprint	4,026	182	0.05
Bloomsbury Publishing	12,855	57	0.03
Future	15,987	180	0.02
Hyve	37,764	45	0.03
Informa	201,476	1,455	0.42
ITV	525,282	424	0.12
Pearson	104,497	927	0.27
Reach	41,470	35	0.01
RELX	274,893	7,271	2.09
WPP	149,927	1,390	0.40
Personal Goods	·	•	
Burberry	53,846	1,395	0.40
Dr Martens	79,197	132	0.04
Superdry	9,865	8	-
Watches of Switzerland	33,635	280	0.08
Retailers	•		
AO World	41,747	32	0.01
ASOS	10,145	75	0.02
B&M European Value Retail	127,427	611	0.18
Card Factory	49,807	55	0.02
Currys	146,656	84	0.03
DFS Furniture	36,380	46	0.01
Dunelm	16,433	188	0.05
Frasers	18,608	143	0.04
Halfords	29,288	62	0.02
Howden Joinery	79,430	544	0.16
JD Sports Fashion	352,548	568	0.16
Kingfisher	284,067	731	0.21
Marks & Spencer	280,843	462	0.13
Moonpig	36,890	50	0.01
Motorpoint	10,876	14	-
Next	17,755	1,196	0.34
Pendragon	198,454	35	0.01
Pets at Home	66,963	258	0.07
Topps Tiles	23,658	11	-
WH Smith	18,197	286	0.08
Wickes	41,594	56	0.02
Travel and Leisure			
888	39,665	32	0.01
Carnival	22,240	146	0.04
Domino's Pizza	61,493	180	0.05
easyJet	90,160	449	0.13
Entain	83,626	1,208	0.35
Firstgroup	99,298	112	0.03
Flutter Entertainment	25,127	3,999	1.15
Fuller Smith & Turner 'A'	5,055	23	0.01
Gym	22,806	24	0.01
Hollywood Bowl	22,327 18.012	54 22	0.02
Hostelworld InterContinental Hotels	18,912	23 1 270	0.01
InterContinental Hotels International Consolidated Airlines	25,099 524.255	1,370 813	0.39 0.23
international Consolidated Allillies	534,355	013	0.23

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
J D Wetherspoon	12,435	89	0.03
Marston's	91,965	32	0.01
Mitchells & Butlers	35,949	63	0.02
National Express	76,518	93	0.03
On the Beach	20,849 43,631	27 252	0.01 0.07
Playtech PPHE Hotel	3,236	36	0.07
Rank	28,454	27	0.01
Restaurant	105,599	43	0.01
Saga	15,231	20	0.01
SSP	114,161	294	0.08
Trainline	64,501	161	0.05
TUI	55,747	283	0.08
Whitbread Wizz Air	28,926 10,992	939 332	0.27 0.10
	10,992		
CONSUMER STAPLES (14.97%*)		53,656	15.43
Beverages	12.624	C 4	0.00
AG Barr Britvic	12,624 37,599	64 344	0.02 0.10
C&C	55,324	344 86	0.10
Coca-Cola HBC	28,001	678	0.19
Diageo	318,140	11,523	3.31
Food Producers			
Associated British Foods	49,689	972	0.28
Bakkavor	23,571	22	0.01
Cranswick	7,621	245	0.07
Greencore	74,557	64	0.02
Hilton Food Premier Foods	9,641 106,054	65 133	0.02 0.04
Tate & Lyle	56,591	461	0.04
•	30,331	701	0.15
Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores Greggs	14,114	397	0.11
J Sainsbury	246,561	681	0.19
Ocado	83,178	420	0.12
PZ Cussons	29,020	58	0.02
Reckitt Benckiser	102,612	6,598	1.90
Tesco	1,045,195	2,938	0.85
Unilever	358,966	15,920	4.58
Tobacco	220.450	0.200	2.70
British American Tobacco	320,458 122,524	9,380	2.70
Imperial Brands	132,524	2,607	0.75
ENERGY (10.10%*)		39,063	11.24
Oil, Gas and Coal			
BP Caprison Eparau	2,530,120	13,521 97	3.89 0.03
Capricorn Energy Diversified Gas & Oil	44,461 118,084	112	0.03
Energean	19,496	241	0.03
EnQuest	243,113	41	0.01
Harbour Energy	106,800	264	0.08
Hunting	21,474	50	0.02
John Wood	97,502	219	0.06

		Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Holdings	£000	%
Petrofac	47,285	34	0.01
Pharos Energy	51,788	12	-
Shell	996,126	24,425	7.03
Tullow Oil	167,195	47	0.01
FINANCIALS (21.31%*)		76,558	22.02
Banks	F 244	455	0.05
Bank of Georgia	5,241	155	0.05
Barclays	2,277,904	3,641	1.05
Close Brothers HSBC	20,921 2,879,389	190 16,519	0.05 4.75
Investec	2,679,369 91,543	405	0.12
Lloyds Banking	9,628,358	4,641	1.33
Metro Bank	25,791	26	0.01
NatWest	773,851	2,027	0.58
Standard Chartered	339,022	2,130	0.61
TBC Bank	5,296	124	0.04
Virgin Money	174,911	273	0.08
Closed End Investments	•		
3i Infrastructure	84,081	267	0.08
Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust	17,758	46	0.01
Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust	13,168	167	0.05
abrdn Asia Focus	25,970	63	0.02
abrdn Asian Income	28,857	58	0.02
abrdn China Investment	6,580	32	0.01
abrdn Diversified Income and Growth	51,672	45	0.01
abrdn Equity Income Trust	8,108	27	0.01
abrdn European Logistics Income	46,611	33	0.01
abrdn New India Investment Trust	9,743	51	0.01
abrdn Private Equity Opportunities Trust	12,179	53	0.02
abrdn UK Smaller Companies Growth Trust	14,949	64	0.02
Alcentra European Floating Rate Income Fund ** Alliance Trust	1,228 44,464	438	- 0.12
Allianz Technology Trust	60,962	137	0.13 0.04
Apax Global Alpha	60,600	102	0.04
Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust	15,294	27	0.03
Asia Dragon Trust	19,663	75	0.02
Augmentum Fintech	24,870	25	0.01
Avi Global Trust	74,730	140	0.04
Baillie Gifford China Growth Trust	8,180	19	0.01
Baillie Gifford European Growth Trust	55,472	51	0.01
Baillie Gifford Japan Trust	13,952	103	0.03
Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon	46,973	68	0.02
Baillie Gifford UK Growth Trust	24,289	41	0.01
Baillie Gifford US Growth Trust	46,312	63	0.02
Bankers Investment Trust	191,000	192	0.06
BBGI Global Infrastructure	101,281	153	0.04
Bellevue Healthcare Trust	76,796	117	0.03
BH Macro	53,524	223	0.06
Biotech Growth Trust	6,391	50	0.01
BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust	41,117	55 72	0.02
BlackRock Greater Europe Investment Trust	13,616	73 10	0.02
BlackRock Latin American Investment Trust	5,069	18	0.01

		Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Holdings	£000	%
BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust	7,125	95	0.03
BlackRock Throgmorton Trust	13,131	78	0.02
BlackRock World Mining Trust	25,350	165	0.05
Bluefield Solar Income Fund	75,091	102	0.03
Brunner Investment Trust	4,909	52	0.01
Caledonia Investments	4,840	173	0.05
Capital Gearing Trust	3,300	155	0.04
Chrysalis Investments	77,514	46	0.01
City of London Investment Trust	62,770	265	0.08
CQS New City High Yield Fund	71,135	35	0.01
CT Private Equity Trust †	10,449	50	0.01
CT UK Capital & Income Investment Trust †	16,619	51	0.01
Digital 9 Infrastructure	124,756	82	0.02
Diverse Income Trust	51,341	45	0.01
Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust	23,934	73	0.02
Ecofin Global Utilities and Infrastructure Trust	17,595	38	0.01
Edinburgh Investment Trust	25,896	176	0.05
Edinburgh Worldwide Investment Trust	57,358	85	0.02
European Assets Trust Fund	55,793	51	0.01
European Opportunities Trust	15,609	121	0.03
European Smaller Companies	60,312	96	0.03
F&C Investment Trust	74,758	668	0.19
Fidelity Asian Values	11,924	60 120	0.02
Fidelity China Special Situations	51,439 12,437	120	0.03
Fidelity Emerging Markets	13,437	78 206	0.02 0.06
Fidelity European Trust	58,189 22,125	206 37	0.06
Fidelity Japan Trust	29,753	37 85	
Fidelity Special Values Finsbury Growth & Income Trust	31,561	290	0.02 0.08
Foresight Solar Fund	95,977	106	0.08
Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust **	4,417	-	0.03
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	70,780	- 52	0.01
GCP Infrastructure Investments	133,053	122	0.01
Global Opportunities Trust	4,777	15	0.04
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	54,339	55	0.02
Greencoat UK Wind	329,753	519	0.02
HarbourVest Global Private Equity	11,397	235	0.13
Henderson Alternative Strategies Trust **	7,486	1	-
Henderson European Focus Trust	35,910	56	0.02
Henderson EuroTrust	35,480	49	0.01
Henderson Far East Income	22,918	57	0.02
Henderson High Income Trust	21,838	38	0.01
Henderson International Income Trust	31,875	56	0.02
Henderson Smaller Companies Investment Trust	10,995	90	0.03
Herald Investment Trust	9,140	157	0.05
HgCapital Trust	57,584	198	0.06
HICL Infrastructure	272,846	419	0.12
Hipgnosis Songs Fund	168,504	146	0.04
ICG Enterprise Trust	10,145	107	0.03
Impax Environmental Markets	40,837	167	0.05
International Biotechnology Trust	6,696	44	0.01
International Public Partnerships	256,317	376	0.11
Invesco Asia Trust	11,580	37	0.01
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		Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Holdings	£000	Wet Assets %
Invesco Bond Income Plus	24,502	39	0.01
Invesco Select Trust	10,949	18	0.01
Invesco UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust	5,476	23	0.01
JLEN Environmental Assets	72,186	87	0.01
JPMorgan American Investment Trust	27,695	196	0.05
JPMorgan Asia Growth & Income	15,010	53	0.02
JPMorgan China Growth & Income	12,170	35	0.01
JPMorgan Claverhouse Investment Trust	9,433	64	0.02
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust	168,589	174	0.05
JPMorgan European Discovery Trust	23,770	99	0.03
JPMorgan European Growth & Income	48,452	46	0.01
JPMorgan Global Core Real Assets	34,460	31	0.01
JPMorgan Global Emerging Markets Income Trust	46,069	59	0.02
JPMorgan Global Growth & Income Fund	42,279	191	0.05
JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust	12,409	97	0.03
JPMorgan Japan Small Cap Growth & Income	9,098	28	0.01
JPMorgan Japanese Investment Trust	22,684	103	0.03
JPMorgan Mid Cap Investment Trust Fund	3,591	32	0.01
JPMorgan UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust	12,258	33	0.01
JPMorgan US Smaller Companies Investment Trust	9,180	34	0.01
Keystone Positive Change Investment Trust	10,425	21	0.01
Law Debenture	17,640	145	0.04
Lowland Investment	42,810	53	0.02
Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust	13,201	46	0.01
Mercantile Investment Trust	111,292	224	0.06
Merchants Trust	18,475	107	0.03
Mid Wynd International Investment Trust	8,816	61	0.02
Monks Investment Trust	33,053	321	0.09
Montanaro European Smaller Companies Trust	27,810	39	0.01
Montanaro UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust	25,508	27	0.01
Murray Income Trust	16,595	145	0.04
Murray International Trust	87,085	232	0.07
NB Global Monthly Income	25,034	18	0.01
NB Private Equity Partners Fund	, 6,577	102	0.03
NextEnergy Solar Fund	88,615	96	0.03
North American Income Trust	23,155	65	0.02
North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust	1,543	53	0.02
Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust	63,487	64	0.02
Pacific Assets Trust	20,312	71	0.02
Pacific Horizon Investment Trust	11,849	66	0.02
Pantheon Infrastructure	57,379	48	0.01
Pantheon International The	78,740	196	0.06
Pershing Square	23,079	637	0.18
Personal Assets Trust	45,200	217	0.06
Polar Capital Global Financials Trust	38,140	53	0.02
Polar Capital Global Healthcare Trust	20,307	68	0.02
Polar Capital Technology Trust	19,217	372	0.11
Pollen Street	4,340	27	0.01
Renewables Infrastructure	357,894	455	0.13
RIT Capital Partners	18,010	360	0.10
Riverstone Energy	5,341	30	0.01
Ruffer Investment	47,981	144	0.04
Schroder Asian Total Return Investment	16,241	66	0.02

		Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Holdings	£000	%
Schroder AsiaPacific Fund	23,670	116	0.03
Schroder Income Growth Fund	11,200	34	0.01
Schroder Japan Trust	20,908	43	0.01
Schroder Oriental Income Fund Schroder UK Mid Cap Fund	40,104 5,628	103 32	0.03 0.01
Schroders Capital Global Innovation Trust	139,044	20	0.01
Scottish American Investment	25,809	137	0.04
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	203,708	1,281	0.37
Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust	4,677	56	0.02
Sdcl Energy Efficiency Income Trust	122,186	114	0.03
Securities Trust of Scotland	17,555	39	0.01
Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income Fund	244,633	200	0.06
Smithson Investment Trust	22,950	329	0.09
Starwood European Real Estate Finance	69,315	62	0.02
Syncona Limited	68,779	106	0.03
Taylor Maritime Investments	38,616	35	0.01
Temple Bar Investment Trust	48,340	115	0.03
Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust	166,765	241	0.07
The Global Smaller Companies Trust	85,700 46,341	124	0.04
TR Property Investment Trust Troy Income & Growth Trust	46,341 56,838	140 41	0.04 0.01
TwentyFour Income Fund	80,291	80	0.01
Utilico Emerging Markets Trust	26,243	58	0.02
Value and Indexed Property Income Trust	5,882	12	-
VH Global Sustainable Energy Opportunities	60,352	60	0.02
Vietnam Enterprise Investments	28,645	152	0.04
VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund	25,551	107	0.03
Witan Investment Trust	108,733	247	0.07
Worldwide Healthcare Trust	9,311	300	0.09
Finance and Credit Services	22.520	1.2	
Funding Circle	22,530	12	- 0.01
International Personal Finance	32,385	32 4.656	0.01
London Stock Exchange OSB	55,843 54,937	4,656 273	1.34 0.08
Paragon Banking	37,201	187	0.05
Vanquis Banking	37,277	84	0.02
VPC Specialty Lending Investments	39,214	31	0.01
Investment Banking and Brokerage Services	46		_
3i	136,570	2,413	0.69
abrdn	292,255	621	0.18
AJ Bell	42,988	140	0.04
Ashmore	65,396	159	0.05
Bridgepoint CMC Markets	36,430 16,517	88 30	0.03 0.01
Foresight	8,670	35	0.01
Hargreaves Lansdown	54,164	435	0.01
IG	57,355	421	0.13
IntegraFin	38,777	105	0.03
Intermediate Capital	39,887	519	0.15
Investec Asset Management	62,590	113	0.03
IP S	148,269	83	0.02
JTC	18,134	144	0.04
Jupiter Fund Management	64,019	83	0.02

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Liontrust Asset Management	8,618	74	0.02
M&G	311,885	639	0.18
Man	176,328	400	0.12
Molten Ventures	21,380	60	0.02
Petershill Partners	40,850	68	0.02
Plus500	13,527	225	0.06
PureTech Health	22,772	48	0.01
Quilter	204,300	173	0.05
Rathbones	8,336	163	0.05
Real Estate Credit Investments	36,998	47	0.01
Schroders St James's Place	114,774 76,232	557 920	0.16 0.26
TP ICAP	115,309	196	0.26
XPS Pensions	28,735	45	0.00
	20,733	73	0.01
<b>Life Insurance</b> Aviva	403,020	1 70/	0.40
Chesnara	23,268	1,704 65	0.49 0.02
Just	151,671	134	0.02
Legal & General	849,706	1,989	0.57
Phoenix	105,264	623	0.18
Prudential	393,847	4,771	1.37
Non-life Insurance	·	,	
Admiral	41,093	950	0.27
Beazley	94,804	564	0.16
Direct Line Insurance	190,173	326	0.09
Hiscox	47,253	557	0.16
Lancashire	34,103	209	0.06
Sabre Insurance	35,233	45	0.01
Open End and Miscellaneous Investment Vehicles Beta Global Emerging Markets Investment Trust **	11,600	-	-
HEALTH CARE (11.38%*)		39,700	11.42
Health Care Providers		•	
Medica	14,939	32	0.01
Mediclinic International	56,811	283	0.08
NMC Health **	19,766	-	-
Spire Healthcare	41,296	94	0.03
Medical Equipment and Services			
ConvaTec	225,892	496	0.14
Smith & Nephew	125,755	1,651	0.48
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	•	,	
AstraZeneca	211,356	24,822	7.14
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	15,081	562	0.16
Genus	9,219	248	0.07
GSK	572,850	8,254	2.37
Haleon	716,063	2,513	0.72
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	23,821	438	0.13
Indivior	17,497	267	0.08
Oxford Biomedica	9,165	40	0.01

INDUSTRIALS (11.57%*)	Holdings	Market Value £000 38,997	Total Net Assets % 11.22
		30,337	11122
Aerospace and Defense Avon Protection	4,238	42	0.01
Babcock International	4,236 74,034	235	0.01
BAE Systems	437,469	4,436	1.28
Chemring	41,226	117	0.03
QinetiQ	78,963	293	0.08
Rolls-Royce	1,201,815	1,828	0.53
Senior	61,597	101	0.03
Construction and Materials			
Balfour Beatty	83,342	319	0.09
CRH	107,021	4,128	1.19
Forterra	34,390	67	0.02
Galliford Try	18,013	32	0.01
Genuit	31,655	95	0.03
Ibstock	57,430	97	0.03
Keller	10,703	72	0.02
Kier	61,778	47	0.01
Marshalls Margan Sindall	30,097 5,953	91 101	0.03 0.03
Morgan Sindall Ricardo	8,900	53	0.03
Severfield	49,874	30	0.02
Tyman	29,064	72	0.02
Volution	28,109	122	0.04
Electronic and Electrical Equipment	·		
Halma	54,292	1,253	0.36
IMI	37,775	602	0.17
Morgan Advanced Materials	42,295	129	0.04
Oxford Instruments	7,814	216	0.06
Porvair	6,180	38	0.01
Renishaw	4,804	173	0.05
Rotork	122,471	400	0.12
Spectris	15,253	573	0.16
XP Power	2,245	49	0.01
General Industrials			
Bunzl	48,262	1,527	0.44
Coats	209,794	164	0.05
Dowlais Do Contide	191,973	254	0.07
DS Smith	179,932	558 705	0.16
Melrose Industries Mondi	191,973 69,267	785 876	0.23 0.25
Smiths	51,374	864	0.25
Smurfit Kappa	37,157	1,092	0.23
Industrial Engineering	2.,.5,	.,052	3.3 1
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	10,528	1,167	0.34
Vesuvius	31,673	1,107	0.04
VIDENDUM	6,815	54	0.04
Weir	36,543	672	0.19
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	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Industrial Support Services			
Capita	243,393	85	0.02
Costain	41,839	25	0.01
DCC	14,133	698	0.20
De La Rue	28,811	12	-
Diploma	17,183	462	0.13
Essentra	44,845	92	0.03
Experian	131,330	3,689	1.06
FDM	12,374	83	0.02
Finablr **	24,544	-	-
Grafton	30,851	267	0.08
Hays	217,638	247	0.07
Inchcape	54,995	445	0.13
Intertek IWG	23,083 101,704	959 172	0.28 0.05
Mears	18,196	40	0.03
Mitie	204,032	188	0.01
Network International	68,162	264	0.03
Pagegroup	44,095	200	0.06
PayPoint	9,499	42	0.01
Rentokil Initial	359,988	2,272	0.65
Robert Walters	10,289	44	0.01
RS	67,327	620	0.18
Serco	168,634	256	0.07
SIG	101,494	45	0.01
Speedy Hire	79,001	25	0.01
SThree	19,249	81	0.02
Travis Perkins	31,733	304	0.09
Trifast	22,690	16	-
Industrial Transportation			
Ashtead	62,513	2,861	0.82
Clarkson	3,611	112	0.03
Esken	82,194	4	-
International Distributions Services	99,051	251	0.07
James Fisher & Sons	6,217	20	0.01
Redde Northgate	35,772	134	0.04
Wincanton	13,842	30	0.01
REAL ESTATE (3.13%*)		8,707	2.50
Real Estate Investment and Services Development			
CLS	23,869	32	0.01
Foxtons	48,992	19	0.01
Grainger	103,856	268	0.08
Harworth	27,210	32	0.01
Henry Boot	14,763	35	0.01
LSL Property Services	12,791	35	0.01
Phoenix Spree Deutschland	13,378	27	0.01
Raven Property **	88,913	-	-
Rightmove	121,047	695	0.20
Savills	19,601	188	0.05
Tritax EuroBox	110,028	72	0.02

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Real Estate Investment Trusts			
abrdn Property Income Trust	68,504	38	0.01
Assura	380,342	193	0.05
Balanced Commercial Property Trust	72,314	60	0.02
Big Yellow	24,327	298	0.09
British Land	130,704	523	0.15
Capital & Regional	6,766	4	0.01
Civitas Social Housing	90,476 69.267	48 64	0.01 0.02
Custodian Property Income REIT Derwent London	68,367 14,300	343	0.02
Empiric Student Property	95,546	343 88	0.10
Great Portland Estates	36,238	193	0.02
Hammerson	595,419	167	0.05
Helical	16,107	48	0.03
Home REIT	126,048	48	0.01
Impact Healthcare REIT	42,774	42	0.01
Industrials REIT	39,402	66	0.02
Land Securities	102,147	688	0.20
LondonMetric Property	125,418	241	0.07
LXI REIT	217,704	229	0.07
NewRiver REIT	46,571	38	0.01
Picton Property Income	88,584	68	0.02
Primary Health Properties	193,580	206	0.06
PRS REIT	67,640	58	0.02
Regional REIT	59,746	33	0.01
Safestore	29,296	290	0.08
Schroder Real Estate Investment Trust	84,330	39	0.01
Segro	171,936	1,435	0.41
Shaftesbury Capital	194,866	230	0.07
Sirius Real Estate	139,808	112	0.03
Supermarket Income REIT	177,596	155	0.04
Target Healthcare REIT	88,029	68	0.02
Triple Point Social Housing REIT	61,200	29	0.01
Tritax Big Box REIT	268,553	416	0.12
UK Commercial Property REIT	119,722	64	0.02
UNITE	45,023	432	0.12
Urban Logistics REIT	66,082	93	0.03
Warehouse Reit	57,184	62	0.02
Workspace	19,980	95	0.03
TECHNOLOGY (1.31%*)		3,819	1.10
Software and Computer Services			
Alfa Financial Software	14,778	21	0.01
Aptitude Software	8,771	30	0.01
Ascential	61,526	157	0.05
Auction Technology	11,390	80	0.02
Auto Trader	133,246	847	0.24
Baltic Classifieds	32,490	51	0.01
Bytes Technology	33,430	139	0.04
Computacenter	10,915	250	0.07
Darktrace	48,689	136	0.04
Gen Digital	2,364	33	0.01
Kainos	13,360	166	0.05

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		Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Holdings	£000	%
Kin & Carta	25,725	21	0.01
Moneysupermarket.com	75,352	207	0.06
NCC Some	38,916	42	0.01
Sage Softcat	146,699 18,082	1,200 241	0.35 0.07
Trustpilot	46,710	41	0.07
Technology Hardware and Equipment			
DiscoverIE	13,278	112	0.03
TT Electronics	26,530	45	0.01
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (2.02%*)		5,439	1.56
Telecommunications Equipment			
Spirent Communications	88,721	160	0.05
Telecommunications Service Providers			
Airtel Africa	150,044	180	0.05
BT The state of th	995,822	1,581	0.45
Helios Towers	109,591	114	0.03
Telecom Plus Vodafone	9,269 3,374,926	167 3,237	0.05 0.93
	3,374,920		
UTILITIES (3.69%*)		12,692	3.65
Electricity	50.055	267	0.44
Drax	58,355	367	0.11
SSE	155,346	2,854	0.82
Gas, Water and Multi-utilities	0.4.4.00.0	0.57	
Centrica	844,228	967	0.28
National Grid Pennon	524,106	5,998 341	1.72 0.10
Severn Trent	39,689 35,910	1,052	0.10
United Utilities	97,777	1,052	0.30
Waste and Disposal Services	31,111	1,030	0.50
Renewi	9,218	55	0.02
DERIVATIVES (0.10%*)		296	0.09
Futures			
FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2023	68	296	0.09
Portfolio of investments		344,142	98.99
Net other assets		3,506	1.01
Total net assets	<u> </u>	347,648	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.

<sup>†</sup> This investment is a related party.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Manually priced securities. See note 17.

# **Material Portfolio Changes**

Cost		Proceeds
£000	Major sales	£000
12,274	FTSE 100 Index Futures December 2022	12,357
11,922	FTSE 100 Index Futures September 2022	12,207
8,887	FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2022	12,005
7,769	FTSE 100 Index Futures March 2023	8,947
4,410	Ferguson	2,987
769	FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2023	2,694
455	Shell	2,205
291	AstraZeneca	1,207
282	BP	1,017
262	Meggitt	895
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Purchases and sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

# **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 1 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	780.38	719.57	573.79
Return before operating charges*	48.89	63.58	147.99
Operating charges#	(2.87)	(2.77)	(2.21)
Return after operating charges*	46.02	60.81	145.78
Distributions	(25.50)	(24.26)	(17.53)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	25.50	24.26	17.53
Closing net asset value per share	826.40	780.38	719.57
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.21	0.35
Performance			
Return after charges	5.90%	8.45%	25.41%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19,954	30,964	30,995
Closing number of shares	2,414,524	3,967,828	4,307,412
Operating charges#	0.37%	0.37%	0.36%
Direct transaction costs**	0.01%	0.03%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	835.90	792.00	724.90
Lowest share price	705.50	708.20	557.70

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

#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.

**Comparative Tables** (continued) as at 30 April 2023 30/04/23 30/04/22 30/04/21 (p) (p) (p) Share Class 1 - Income Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share 424.61 404.19 331.23 26.56 35.48 84.46 Return before operating charges\* Operating charges# (2.57)(2.37)(1.93)23.99 82.53 Return after operating charges\* 33.11 (12.69)Distributions on income shares (12.77)(9.57)Closing net asset value per share 435.83 424.61 404.19 \*after direct transaction costs of: 0.03 0.12 0.20 Performance Return after charges 5.65% 8.19% 24.92% Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) 3,617 4,882 4,897 Closing number of shares 830,008 1,149,808 1,211,502 Operating charges# 0.62% 0.57% 0.54% Direct transaction costs\*\* 0.01% 0.03% 0.06% **Prices** Highest share price 446.80 437.50 412.20 Lowest share price 383.40 391.30 322.00

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	782.67	721.30	574.80
Return before operating charges*	48.82	63.72	148.51
Operating charges#	(2.38)	(2.35)	(2.01)
Return after operating charges*	46.44	61.37	146.50
Distributions	(26.05)	(24.74)	(17.93)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	26.05	24.74	17.93
Closing net asset value per share	829.11	782.67	721.30
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.21	0.36
Performance			
Return after charges	5.93%	8.51%	25.49%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	236,054	227,968	218,739
Closing number of shares	28,470,892	29,127,098	30,325,800
Operating charges#	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%
Direct transaction costs**	0.01%	0.03%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	838.80	794.30	726.60
Lowest share price	707.80	710.20	558.70

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			_
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	422.36	402.05	329.43
Return before operating charges*	25.44	35.28	83.94
Operating charges#	(1.42)	(1.42)	(1.24)
Return after operating charges*	24.02	33.86	82.70
Distributions on income shares	(13.79)	(13.55)	(10.08)
Closing net asset value per share	432.59	422.36	402.05
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.12	0.20
Performance			
Return after charges	5.69%	8.42%	25.10%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	22,518	23,563	22,586
Closing number of shares	5,205,340	5,578,882	5,617,809
Operating charges#	0.34%	0.34%	0.34%
Direct transaction costs**	0.01%	0.03%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	444.70	435.70	410.70
Lowest share price	381.90	389.50	320.30

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.
#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.

**Comparative Tables** (continued) as at 30 April 2023 30/04/23 30/04/22 30/04/21 (p) (p) (p) Share Class 3 - Income Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share 424.04 403.65 330.73 25.54 35.43 Return before operating charges\* 84.28 Operating charges# (1.15)(1.08)(0.90)24.39 34.35 Return after operating charges\* 83.38 Distributions on income shares (14.12)(13.96)(10.46)Closing net asset value per share 434.31 424.04 403.65 \*after direct transaction costs of: 0.03 0.20 0.12 Performance Return after charges 5.75% 8.51% 25.21% Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) 10,214 10,205 11,251 Closing number of shares 2,351,786 2,406,511 2,787,231 Operating charges# 0.28% 0.26% 0.25% Direct transaction costs\*\* 0.01% 0.03% 0.06% **Prices** Highest share price 446.50 437.60 412.50 Lowest share price 383.50 391.20 321.60

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			_
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 4 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	428.98	408.34	334.57
Return before operating charges*	25.78	35.84	85.25
Operating charges#	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.20)
Return after operating charges*	25.48	35.55	85.05
Distributions on income shares	(15.10)	(14.91)	(11.28)
Closing net asset value per share	439.36	428.98	408.34
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.12	0.21
Performance			
Return after charges	5.94%	8.71%	25.42%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	31,151	34,921	88,004
Closing number of shares	7,090,239	8,140,407	21,551,593
Operating charges#	0.07%	0.07%	0.06%
Direct transaction costs**	0.01%	0.03%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	452.00	443.00	417.60
Lowest share price	388.30	396.00	325.40

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.
#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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			_
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class L - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	64.93	61.81	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	3.89	5.42	12.87
Operating charges#	(0.33)	(0.32)	(0.19)
Return after operating charges*	3.56	5.10	12.68
Distributions on income shares	(2.01)	(1.98)	(0.87)
Closing net asset value per share	66.48	64.93	61.81
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.02	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	5.48%	8.25%	25.36%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,140	23,470	22,958
Closing number of shares	36,313,096	36,149,074	37,146,395
Operating charges#	0.51%	0.50%	0.55%
Direct transaction costs**	0.01%	0.03%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	68.33	66.92	63.08
Lowest share price	58.66	59.85	48.82

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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 L Income was launched on 25 September 2020.

# Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 3	30/04/22
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital gains	2		8,087		18,113
Revenue	3	12,484		12,920	
Expenses	4	(1,056)		(1,088)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6 _		_		
Net revenue before taxation		11,428		11,832	
Taxation	5 _	(42)		(34)	
Net revenue after taxation			11,386		11,798
Total return before distributions			19,473		29,911
Distributions	6		(11,388)		(11,798)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment a	ctivities		8,085	_	18,113

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023				
,	01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 30/04/22	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		355,973		399,430
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	11,845		15,002	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(36,431)		(84,890)	
		(24,586)		(69,888)
Dilution adjustment		-		36
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,085		18,113
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		8,171		8,278
Unclaimed distributions		5		4
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		347,648	_	355,973

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 69 to 76.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			_
		30/04/23	30/04/22
	Notes	£000	£000
Assets			
Investments		344,142	349,680
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,891	2,568
Cash and bank balances	9	4,250	6,408
Total assets		350,283	358,656
Liabilities			
Creditors			
Distribution payable		(1,490)	(1,610)
Other creditors	10	(1,145)	(1,073)
Total liabilities		(2,635)	(2,683)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		347,648	355,973

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 69 to 76.

Franked investment income

Offshore distribution taxable

Interest on amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers\*

Interest distributions

Stock lending revenue

VAT refund revenue

Bank interest

Total revenue

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 1. Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

### 2. Net capital gains

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The net capital gains during the year comprise:

	30/04/23	30/04/22
Mary destruction and the	£000	£000
Non-derivative securities	7,488	17,047
Derivative contracts	554	1,089
Currency gains/(losses)	49	(7)
Handling charges	(4)	(16)
Net capital gains	8,087	18,113
Revenue		
	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
UK dividends	10,932	11,334
UK stock dividends	47	-
Overseas taxable revenue	(25)	-
Overseas non-taxable revenue	989	1,258
Property revenue from UK REITs - PID	247	227
Property revenue from UK REITs - Non PID	77	34
Distributions from Regulated Collective Investment Schemes:		

01/05/22 to

14

19

123

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12,484

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12,920

01/05/21 to

<sup>\*</sup>Interest on amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers shown are the net position of amount paid and received during the year.

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### 4. Expenses

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them: ACD's periodic charge	771	799
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them:  Depositary's fee Safe custody fees Stock lending charges	54 1 13	57 1 11
	68	69
Other expenses:	60	FC
Accounting & administration fees Administration costs	60 61	56 70
Audit fee	12	12
Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for non-audit services*	-	6
KIID publication costs	2	2
Legal fee	5	-
Professional fees	1	
Registrar's fees	76	74
	217	220
Total expenses	1,056	1,088

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £10,682 (30/04/22: £9,800).

<sup>\*</sup>Fees paid during the prior year in relation to submission of German Tax certificates, finalisation of the FII GLO positions, Chilean Registration and review of HMRC closure notices, exclusive of VAT, were £5,321.

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### 5. Taxation

5.	Taxation	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
		£000	£000
(a)	Analysis of charge in year: Irrecoverable overseas tax	42	34
	illecoverable overseas rax	42	24

### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2022: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	11,428	11,832
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	2,286	2,366
Effects of:		
UK dividends*	(2,189)	(2,267)
Non-taxable UK stock dividends*	(9)	-
Overseas non-taxable revenue*	(198)	(251)
Movement in excess management expenses	126	162
Irrecoverable overseas tax	42	34
Property revenue from UK REITs - Non PID	(16)	(7)
Excess management expenses adjustment in respect of prior years	-	(3)
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	42	34

<sup>\*</sup>As an authorised OEIC these items are not subject to corporation tax. UK dividends comprises effects of UK dividends and franked investment income.

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

#### (c) Deferred taxation:

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

### (d) Factors that may affect future tax charges:

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £1,849,964 (30/04/22: £1,724,240) relating to surplus management expenses. No deferred tax asset was recognised in the current or prior year as it was considered unlikely the Fund would generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts.

### 6. Finance costs

### Distributions and interest

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
	£000	£000
Interim dividend distributions	5,610	5,681
Final dividend distributions	5,577	5,798
	11,187	11,479
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	307	415
Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	(106)	(96)
Net distributions for the year	11,388	11,798
Interest		
Total finance costs	11,388	11,798

Details of the distribution per share is set out in the Distribution Tables on pages 77 to 78.

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tor	the year ended 30 April 2023		
7.	Movement between net revenue and net distributions	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
	Net revenue after taxation Net revenue received on share class conversions	11,386 2	11,798
	Net distributions for the year	11,388	11,798
8.	Debtors	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
	Amounts receivable for issue of shares Accrued revenue Overseas tax recoverable	27 1,840 24	578 1,942 48
	Total debtors	1,891	2,568
9.	Cash and bank balances	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
	Cash and bank balances Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	4,228 22	6,206 202
	Total cash and bank balances	4,250	6,408
10.	Other creditors	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
	Amounts payable for cancellation of shares Accrued expenses Accrued ACD's periodic charge	932 87 126	936 73 64
	Total other creditors	1,145	1,073

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 11. Portfolio transaction costs

	Purchases		Sales	
	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Equities Collective Investment Schemes	5,552 336	14,172 645	18,268 30	78,033 3,628
Trades in the year before transaction costs	5,888	14,817	18,298	81,661
Commissions Equities Collective Investment Schemes	1 -	4 -	(2)	(31) (2)
Total commissions	1	4	(2)	(33)
<b>Taxes</b> Equities Collective Investment Schemes	22	60 2	- -	(1)
Total taxes	22	62	-	(1)
Total costs	23	66	(2)	(34)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	5,911	14,883	18,296	81,627

Futures have incurred broker commissions of £nil (30/04/22: £nil) and taxes of £nil (30/04/22: £nil).

Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.

	Purchases		Sales	
	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
	%	%	%	%
Commissions				
Equities	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.04
Collective Investment Schemes	-	-	-	0.06
Taxes				
Equities	0.40	0.42	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	0.31	-	-
Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.				
	01/05/2	22 to 30/04/23	01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22
		%		%
Commissions		-		0.01
Taxes		0.01		0.02
Total costs		0.01		0.03

Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.07% (30/04/22: 0.09%).

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### 12. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 10 and 8 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 10.

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus.

Investments considered to be related parties have been identified in the portfolio statement if held at the year end. The revenue from these investments was £3,379 (30/04/22: £23,266). The value of these investments held was £100,677 (30/04/22: £1,103,805).

### 13. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has five share classes in issue: Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4 and Class L.

The ACD's periodic charge on each share class is as follows:

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Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	0.30
Share Class 1 - Income:	0.30
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	0.25
Share Class 2 - Income:	0.25
Share Class 3 - Income:	0.10
Share Class 4 - Income:	-
Share Class L - Income:	0.25

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 60 to 66.

The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Tables on pages 77 to 78.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

01/05/22	30/04/23

	Opening shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	Shares converted	Closing shares in issue
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	3,967,828	94,380	(445,346)	(1,202,338)	2,414,524
Share Class 1 - Income:	1,149,808	48,113	(91,177)	(276,736)	830,008
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	29,127,098	575,517	(2,431,932)	1,200,209	28,470,892
Share Class 2 - Income:	5,578,882	382,668	(458,025)	(298, 185)	5,205,340
Share Class 3 - Income:	2,406,511	21,570	(420,411)	344,116	2,351,786
Share Class 4 - Income:	8,140,407	1,067,033	(2,117,201)	-	7,090,239
Share Class L - Income:	36,149,074	865,380	(2,179,634)	1,478,276	36,313,096

### 14. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

20/04/22

20/04/22

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#### 15. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 30 April 2023 is £3,863,032 (30/04/22: £5,565,289). Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 30 April 2023 is £4,082,968 (30/04/22: £6,301,938). The identities of the counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. The form of the collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £52,492 (30/04/22: £44,122) and £13,099 (30/04/22: £11,002).

	30/04/23	30/04/22
Counterparties	£000	£000
Bank of Nova Scotia	349	265
Barclays Capital Securities	455	1,001
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	228	58
Citigroup Global Markets (UK)	111	-
Goldman Sachs	400	2,928
HSBC Bank	250	285
JP Morgan Securities	620	1,386
Merrill Lynch	332	82
Morgan Stanley International	1,233	284
Societe Generale	105	13
Total collateral held	4,083	6,302
	30/04/23	30/04/22
Collateral held	£000	£000
Bonds	4,083	6,302
Total collateral held	4,083	6,302

#### 16. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

### Currency exposure

A proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements.

The Fund holds an insignificant Euro and US dollar currency exposure at 30 April 2023 therefore a currency table has not been disclosed.

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

The Fund's net cash holding of £4.250m (30/04/22: holding £6.408m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

The Fund receives revenue from holdings in equities. The cash flow from these investments may fluctuate depending upon the particular decisions made by each company. Given that the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cash flows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

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### 17. Manually priced securities

The following security prices were not readily available through published sources, and as such required to be manually calculated or had to be sourced from a third party.

		Price	
Security name	Price	Source	Method of valuation
Alcentra European Floating Rate Income Fund	£0.3500	ACD	Stock delisted as in liquidation. Stock is valued at latest available price.
Beta Global Emerging Markets Investment Trust	£nil	ACD	Stock delisted as in liquidation. Stock is valued at zero as there is no expectation of future returns.
Evraz	£nil	ACD	Stock valued at zero due to international sanctions over Russia.
Finablr	£nil	ACD	Third party valuation discounted for current market conditions.
Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust	£nil	ACD	Stock delisted as in liquidation. Stock is valued at zero as there is no expectation of future returns.
Henderson Alternative Strategies Trust	£0.1500	ACD	Stock delisted as in liquidation. Stock is valued at latest available price.
NMC Health	£nil	ACD	Stock delisted as in liquidation. Stock is valued at zero as there is no expectation of future returns.
Raven Property	£nil	ACD	Stock valued at zero due to international sanctions over Russia.

### 18. Non Adjusting Post Balance Sheet Event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, below share classes experienced the following redemptions.

Share Class 1 - Income:

-93.75%

No adjustment is required to the amounts recognised at the year end date.

### 19. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		22
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000
Level 1	344,141	-	349,676	-
Level 3*	1	-	4	-
Total fair value	344,142	-	349,680	-

<sup>\*</sup>The level 3 holdings are Alcentra European Floating Rate Income Fund, Beta Global Emerging Markets Investment Trust, Evraz, Finablr, Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust, Henderson Alternative Strategies Trust, NMC Health and Raven Property (30/04/22: Alcentra European Floating Rate Income Fund, Beta Global Emerging Markets Investment Trust, Evraz, Finablr, Henderson Alternative Strategies Trust, Intu Properties, NMC Health and Raven Property).

### **Distribution Tables**

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### Distribution in pence per share

### Share Class 1 - Accumulation

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

		Distributions	Distributions
Net		paid/payable to	paid to
revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
12.5298	-	12.5298	11.8333
12.9676	-	12.9676	12.4289
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
7.3722	5.1576	12.5298	11.8333
9.1026	3.8650	12.9676	12.4289
	revenue (p) 12.5298 12.9676 (p) 7.3722	revenue Equalisation (p) (p) 12.5298 - 12.9676 - (p) (p) 7.3722 5.1576	Net       paid/payable to         revenue       Equalisation       30/06/23         (p)       (p)       (p)         12.5298       -       12.5298         12.9676       -       12.9676         (p)       (p)       (p)         7.3722       5.1576       12.5298

### Share Class 1 - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distributions paid/payable to 30/06/23	Distributions paid to 30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	6.3093	-	6.3093	6.3001
Final	6.4630	-	6.4630	6.3938
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	4.2687	2.0406	6.3093	6.3001
Final	4.7193	1.7437	6.4630	6.3938

### Share Class 2 - Accumulation

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

Group 1 31/10/22 Final	Net revenue (p) 12.7929 13.2550	Equalisation (p) - -	Distributions paid/payable to 30/06/23 (p) 12.7929 13.2550	Distributions paid to 30/06/22 (p) 12.0520 12.6873
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	6.6333	6.1596	12.7929	12.0520
Final	6.9505	6.3045	13.2550	12.6873

### Share Class 2 - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	6.8310	-	6.8310	6.6566
Final	6.9561	-	6.9561	6.8938
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	3.9256	2.9054	6.8310	6.6566
Final	3.6768	3.2793	6.9561	6.8938

Distribution Tables (continued)

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### Share Class 3 - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distributions paid/payable to 30/06/23	Distributions paid to 30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	6.9942	-	6.9942	6.8683
Final	7.1242	-	7.1242	7.0886
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	2.8813	4.1129	6.9942	6.8683
Final	3.2896	3.8346	7.1242	7.0886

### Share Class 4 - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	7.4998	-	7.4998	7.3315
Final	7.6011	-	7.6011	7.5758
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	1.5527	5.9471	7.4998	7.3315
Final	5.1838	2.4173	7.6011	7.5758

### Share Class L - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	0.9961	-	0.9961	0.9742
Final	1.0139	-	1.0139	1.0078
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	0.7049	0.2912	0.9961	0.9742
Final	0.7490	0.2649	1.0139	1.0078

### Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report

for the year ended 30 April 2023

### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve an income return, with some capital growth.

The Fund invests primarily in a diversified multi-sector spread of fixed income investments (securities that pay either a fixed or variable level of income on a periodic basis and generally repay a specified amount at a predetermined date). These may include investment grade and high yield bonds from multiple sectors including developed markets, emerging markets and asset-backed issues.

The bonds may be issued by companies or other entities including supra-nationals, sovereigns and governments. The issuers may be from anywhere in the world and issues may be denominated in any currency. Non-sterling exposure will normally be hedged back to sterling.

The investment manager selects the fixed income securities in which the Fund invests with the intention of achieving a wide degree of diversification across issuers and industries, and potentially across multiple investment sectors, while managing exposure to credit risk.

Investment grade bonds are considered by the investment manager to be those rated by independent ratings agencies such as S&P as BBB- or higher (or their equivalent), while high yield bonds are those with a rating of BB+ or lower (or their equivalent). For bonds which are not rated by an independent ratings agency the investment manager will apply a comparable quality rating to determine whether a corporate bond should be classified as investment grade or high yield.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in bonds as indicated above, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes (including those managed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments), deposits, cash, near cash, money market instruments and warrants.

The Fund may use derivatives (an investment contract between the Fund and a counterparty the value of which is derived from one or more underlying equities) only for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 3, published on 10 February 2023. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Rebecca Seabrook
Fund size £31.6 million
Launch date 17 January 2000

### Manager's Review

Both investment grade and high yield bond markets generated marginally negative returns over the twelve months in review. This encompassed a very difficult period for bond markets, as interest rates rose sharply, led by the Federal Reserve hiking rates at every meeting, to end the period at 5.0%. Global government bond yields rose sharply over 2022, with the 10-year US Treasury yield jumping from 2.8% in May 2022 to 4.2% towards the end of October 2022. Thereafter the yield traded in a range, reflecting investors shifting concerns over inflation and recession, and ended the period at 3.4%. Generally, credit yield spreads widened over the year as market conditions remained fragile and specific concerns over European gas shortages fuelled recessionary fears and heightened risk aversion. While both high yield and investment grade spreads widened, the focus from investors was on quality, which resulted in increased demand for higher-grade issues at the expense of lower-grade debt. However, the new year was more favourable as the economic outlook broadly improved, though investors still had to contend with volatility over concerns about the health of the banking system.

### Activity

New issuance in 2022 was limited in both the investment grade and high yield markets. Activity surged at the beginning of 2023, but suffered a set-back due to the collapse of SVB and Signature Bank in the US and the rescue of Credit Suisse with losses to bondholders. We continued to maintain the portfolio's conservative positioning as bonds yields rose over the period on the back of rising interest rates, though credit yield spreads, having widened for most of 2022 narrowed again in the second half of the period even as defaults rose.

## **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

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for the year ended 30 April 2023

### Outlook

We have a conservative stance on global credit. The first quarter of the year ended with overall positive returns across both government bond and credit markets. Perhaps disappointingly, credit market returns were driven by lower government yields rather than material tightening in credit spreads. Lower yields were supported by banking sector problems, and the ensuing tightening of credit conditions, this resulting in markets pricing in lower peak rates and earlier rate cuts. The risk of a near term hard landing has also increased, supporting our conservative stance on credit. With this in mind, we are conscious that higher overall yields do offer a compelling opportunity to investors seeking income, and attractive valuations represent a good entry level for those looking to allocate to credit.

### **Performance Summary**

The CT Multi-Sector Bond Fund returned -1.8% over the twelve-month period. By comparison, the IA £ Strategic Bond sector returned -4.1% (median). All figures are in sterling terms, net of fees and on a total return basis.

Overall, our relatively conservative positioning boosted our performance relative to peers. We also benefitted from being underweight duration.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 17 August 2023

# Portfolio Statement

	Nominal Values	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
EURO DENOMINATED BONDS (35.58%*)		12,465	39.42
Corporate Bonds			
Abertis Infraestructuras 2.25% 29/03/2029	EUR300,000	238	0.75
Allianz 2.6% Perpetual	EUR200,000	120	0.38
Allwyn International 3.875% 15/02/2027	EUR100,000	82	0.26
Altria 2.2% 15/06/2027	EUR119,000	97	0.31
American Tower 0.45% 15/01/2027	EUR255,000	197	0.62
Anglo American Capital 1.625% 11/03/2026	EUR110,000	92	0.29
Ardagh Metal Packaging Finance USA 3% 01/09/2029	EUR100,000	64	0.20
Ardagh Packaging Finance / Ardagh USA 2.125% 15/08/2026	EUR100,000	78	0.25
Aroundtown 0.625% 09/07/2025	EUR100,000	74	0.23
Asahi 0.541% 23/10/2028	EUR100,000	74	0.23
Ashland Services 2% 30/01/2028	EUR205,000	156	0.49
Autostrade per l'Italia 2% 15/01/2030	EUR210,000	154	0.49
Autostrade per l'Italia 2.25% 25/01/2032	EUR100,000	70	0.22
AXA Logistics Europe Master 0.375% 15/11/2026	EUR171,000	126	0.40
Axalta Coating Systems Dutch 3.75% 15/01/2025	EUR100,000	86	0.27
Banco Santander 3.625% Perpetual	EUR200,000	116	0.37
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 4.125% 13/03/2029	EUR300,000	264	0.83
Barclays 1.125% 22/03/2031	EUR198,000	151	0.48
Bayer Capital 1.5% 26/06/2026	EUR200,000	165	0.52
Blackstone Property Partners Europe 1.75% 12/03/2029	EUR211,000	137	0.43
BNP Paribas 1.625% 02/07/2031	EUR200,000	137	0.43
Booking 0.5% 08/03/2028	EUR200,000	152	0.48
British Telecommunications 0.5% 12/09/2025	EUR153,000	125	0.40
Carnival 7.625% 01/03/2026	EUR115,000	90	0.28
Cellnex Finance 1.5% 08/06/2028	EUR100,000	77	0.24
Cellnex Finance 1.25% 15/01/2029	EUR100,000	74	0.23
Cellnex Finance 2% 15/02/2033	EUR200,000	138	0.44
Cheplapharm Arzneimittel 7.5% 15/05/2030	EUR130,000	114	0.36
Constellium 3.125% 15/07/2029	EUR100,000	72	0.23
Credit Agricole Assurances 1.5% 06/10/2031	EUR300,000	201	0.64
Darling Global Finance 3.625% 15/05/2026	EUR145,000	124	0.39
Deutsche Bank 5% 05/09/2030	EUR100,000	84	0.27
Deutsche Bank 4.5% Perpetual	EUR200,000	117	0.37
Digital Euro Finco 2.5% 16/01/2026	EUR305,000	251	0.79
Digital Intrepid 1.375% 18/07/2032	EUR140,000	88	0.28
DS Smith 1.375% 26/07/2024	EUR337,000	287	0.91
DS Smith 0.875% 12/09/2026	EUR243,000	194	0.61
Dufry One 2% 15/02/2027	EUR100,000	75 	0.24
easyJet FinCo 1.875% 03/03/2028	EUR100,000	77	0.24
eircom Finance 2.625% 15/02/2027	EUR215,000	170	0.54
Emirates Telecommunications 0.375% 17/05/2028	EUR100,000	75 43	0.24
EnBW International Finance 4.049% 22/11/2029	EUR52,000	47	0.15
Eni 2.75% Perpetual	EUR134,000	90	0.29
Faurecia 2.375% 15/06/2027	EUR145,000	110	0.35
FCC Aqualia 2.629% 08/06/2027	EUR407,000	336	1.06
FIS Fabbrica Italiana Sintetici 5.625% 01/08/2027	EUR185,000	147	0.47
General Mills 0.45% 15/01/2026	EUR166,000	134	0.42
General Motors Financial 4.3% 15/02/2029	EUR184,000	160	0.51
Goldman Sachs 3.375% 27/03/2025	EUR62,000	54	0.17
Grifols 1.625% 15/02/2025	EUR155,000	129	0.41
Gruenenthal 6.75% 15/05/2030	EUR100,000	88	0.28

	Naminal	Market	Total
	Nominal	Value	Net Assets
IMAA la disensi a Marashina Assansanisha 2 750/ 45/04/2020	Values	£000	%
IMA Industria Macchine Automatiche 3.75% 15/01/2028	EUR200,000	153	0.48
International Game Technology 2.375% 15/04/2028	EUR215,000	169 140	0.53
IQVIA 2.875% 15/09/2025	EUR175,000	149	0.47
IQVIA 1.75% 15/03/2026	EUR109,000	88	0.28
ISS Global 0.875% 18/06/2026 JAB 1.75% 25/06/2026	EUR100,000	80 82	0.25 0.26
	EUR100,000	80	0.26
JAB 2.5% 25/06/2029 KBC 0.25% 01/03/2027	EUR100,000 EUR200,000	158	0.25
KBC 0.625% 07/12/2031	EUR400,000	301	0.50
Lottomatica 9.75% 30/09/2027	EUR100,000	94	0.30
Mahle 2.375% 14/05/2028	EUR200,000	133	0.30
Merlin Properties Socimi 1.375% 01/06/2030	EUR100,000	67	0.42
Netflix 4.625% 15/05/2029	EUR340,000	305	
Orsted 3.25% 13/09/2031		303 86	0.96 0.27
	EUR101,000	182	0.27
P3 1.625% 26/01/2029	EUR271,000	78	0.36
Paprec 3.5% 01/07/2028	EUR100,000 EUR333,000		
Phoenix 4.375% 24/01/2029 PPF Telecom 3.125% 27/03/2026		264	0.83
Primo Water 3.875% 31/10/2028	EUR235,000	195	0.62
	EUR150,000	115	0.36
Renault 1.25% 24/06/2025	EUR100,000	82	0.26
Ryanair 2.875% 15/09/2025	EUR110,000	94	0.30
Ryanair 0.875% 25/05/2026	EUR100,000	80 70	0.25
Schaeffler 3.375% 12/10/2028	EUR100,000	79 101	0.25
Stellantis 3.875% 05/01/2026	EUR115,000	101	0.32
Stellantis 4.5% 07/07/2028	EUR136,000	123	0.39
Syngenta Finance 3.375% 16/04/2026	EUR133,000	113	0.36
Synthomer 3.875% 01/07/2025	EUR100,000	81 07	0.26
Telecom Italia 6.875% 15/02/2028	EUR110,000 EUR100,000	97 90	0.31 0.28
Telefonica Europe 7.125% 31/12/2099		89 80	0.25
Telenet Finance Luxembourg Notes 3.5% 01/03/2028 Teollisuuden Voima 1.375% 23/06/2028	EUR100,000	76	0.23
	EUR100,000	76 82	0.24
Tereos Finance Groupe I 4.75% 30/04/2027	EUR100,000	99	0.26
United 3.125% 15/02/2026	EUR130,000 EUR100,000		
Upjohn Finance 1.362% 23/06/2027 Valeo 5.375% 28/05/2027	EUR100,000	78 88	0.25 0.28
Vantage Towers 0.375% 31/03/2027	EUR200,000	175	0.28
Verallia 1.875% 10/11/2031	EUR300,000	214	0.53
Verisure 3.25% 15/02/2027	EUR100,000	77	0.08
Vesteda Finance 2% 10/07/2026	EUR100,000	82	0.24
Villa Dutch Bidco 9% 03/11/2029	EUR100,000	83	0.26
Vodafone International Financing 3.25% 02/03/2029	EUR112,000	97	0.20
Volkswagen International Finance 4.375% Perpetual	EUR100,000	72	0.23
Volkswagen Leasing 0.625% 19/07/2029	EUR135,000	95	0.30
Vonovia 0% 01/12/2025	EUR100,000	78	0.25
ZF Europe Finance 2.5% 23/10/2027	EUR200,000	153	0.23
ZF Finance 3% 21/09/2025	EUR100,000	83	0.46
Ziggo 2.875% 15/01/2030	EUR200,000	141	0.45
Government Bonds			
Mexico Government International Bond 2.25% 12/08/2036	EUR220,000	138	0.44
Peruvian Government International Bond 1.25% 11/03/2033	EUR120,000	76	0.44
Romanian Government International Bond 2.625% 02/12/2040	EUR60,000	31	0.10
Romanian Government International Bond 2.75% 14/04/2041	EUR175,000	91	0.10
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	Nominal Values	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND DENOMINATED BONDS (1.00%*)		263	0.83
Government Bonds	7407 400 000	262	0.03
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8.25% 31/03/2032	ZAR7,100,000	263	0.83
STERLING DENOMINATED BONDS (30.05%*)		8,144	25.76
Corporate Bonds	600404.000	444	
Aroundtown 3.625% 10/04/2031	GBP184,000	111	0.35
Australia & New Zealand Banking 1.809% 16/09/2031	GBP143,000	120	0.38 0.25
Aviva 4% 03/06/2055 B&M European Value Retail 4% 15/11/2028	GBP100,000 GBP100,000	78 84	0.25
Banco Santander 2.25% 04/10/2032	GBP100,000	82	0.26
Bank of America 1.667% 02/06/2029	GBP100,000	84	0.27
Bank of Ireland 7.594% 06/12/2032	GBP120,000	120	0.38
BNP Paribas 3.375% 23/01/2026	GBP135,000	128	0.40
BNP Paribas 5.75% 13/06/2032	GBP100,000	101	0.32
BPCE 1% 22/12/2025	GBP300,000	269	0.85
Burberry 1.125% 21/09/2025	GBP100,000	91	0.29
Close Brothers Finance 2.75% 19/10/2026	GBP303,000	273	0.86
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA 1.25% 14/01/2025	GBP100,000	94	0.30
CPI Property 2.75% 22/01/2028	GBP100,000	68	0.22
CPUK Finance 6.5% 28/08/2026	GBP100,000	95	0.30
Deutsche Bank 1.875% 22/12/2028	GBP100,000	80	0.25
Discovery Communications 2.5% 20/09/2024	GBP250,000	240	0.76
DP World 4.25% 25/09/2030	GBP145,000	134	0.42
Eversholt Funding 2.742% 30/06/2040	GBP172,308	139	0.44
First Abu Dhabi Bank 1.125% 07/09/2026	GBP100,000	87	0.28
Ford Motor Credit 4.535% 06/03/2025	GBP166,000	159	0.50
Ford Motor Credit 6.86% 05/06/2026	GBP125,000	124	0.39
Go-Ahead 2.5% 06/07/2024	GBP313,000	299	0.95
Goldman Sachs 4.25% 29/01/2026 HSBC 1.75% 24/07/2027	GBP250,000	244	0.77
Investec 1.875% 16/07/2028	GBP177,000 GBP300,000	156 244	0.49 0.77
Investec 2.625% 04/01/2032	GBP106,000	86	0.77
Iron Mountain UK 3.875% 15/11/2025	GBP295,000	280	0.27
Kane Bidco 6.5% 15/02/2027	GBP105,000	93	0.29
Leeds Building Society 3.75% 25/04/2029	GBP168,000	148	0.47
Legal & General 5.375% 27/10/2045	GBP335,000	327	1.03
Legal & General 4.5% 01/11/2050	GBP100,000	88	0.28
Lloyds Banking 6.625% 02/06/2033	GBP100,000	100	0.32
MPT Operating Partnership / MPT Finance 3.692% 05/06/2028	GBP135,000	92	0.29
Nationwide Building Society 6.178% 07/12/2027	GBP100,000	101	0.32
Nationwide Building Society 5.75% Perpetual	GBP200,000	169	0.53
NatWest 2.105% 28/11/2031	GBP100,000	86	0.27
NatWest Markets 6.375% 08/11/2027	GBP100,000	104	0.33
OP Corporate Bank 1.375% 04/09/2026	GBP302,000	262	0.83
Pension Insurance 5.625% 20/09/2030	GBP270,000	244	0.77
Pinewood Finance 3.25% 30/09/2025	GBP208,000	195	0.62
RAC Bond 4.87% 06/05/2026	GBP125,000	115	0.36
Rolls-Royce 5.75% 15/10/2027	GBP100,000	96 42.4	0.30
Santander UK 2.92% 08/05/2026	GBP465,000	434	1.37
Sherwood Financing 6% 15/11/2026	GBP100,000	82 100	0.26
Telecom Italia 5.875% 19/05/2023 Toyota Motor Finance Netherlands 4.625% 08/06/2026	GBP100,000 GBP123,000	100 122	0.32 0.39
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	Nominal	Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Values	£000	%
Verizon Communications 1.125% 03/11/2028	GBP150,000	122	0.39
Verizon Communications 1.875% 03/11/2038	GBP164,000	104	0.33
Virgin Money 3.125% 22/06/2025	GBP100,000	95	0.30
Virgin Money 3.375% 24/04/2026	GBP149,000	138	0.44
Virgin Money 4% 25/09/2026	GBP102,000	96	0.30
Virgin Money 2.625% 19/08/2031	GBP100,000	84	0.27
Vmed O2 UK Financing I 4.5% 15/07/2031	GBP165,000	128	0.40
Volkswagen Financial Services 1.375% 14/09/2028	GBP200,000	164	0.52
Wessex Water Services Finance 5.125% 31/10/2032	GBP100,000	98	0.31
Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% 13/09/2028	GBP100,000	87	0.28
US DOLLAR DENOMINATED BONDS (33.73%*)		10,404	32.91
Corporate Bonds			
Africa Finance 3.125% 16/06/2025	USD478,000	353	1.12
Alibaba 3.4% 06/12/2027	USD250,000	187	0.59
Ally Financial 3.875% 21/05/2024	USD110,000	85	0.27
American Airlines 11.75% 15/07/2025	USD120,000	105	0.33
Amgen 5.25% 02/03/2033	USD192,000	157	0.50
Apache 5.1% 01/09/2040	USD150,000	102	0.32
Banco Santander Mexico 5.375% 17/04/2025	USD300,000	237	0.75
Barclays 4.836% 09/05/2028	USD302,000	228	0.73
Baytex Energy 8.5% 30/04/2030	USD42,000	33	0.72
Bharti Airtel 3.25% 03/06/2031	USD200,000	138	0.44
Buckeye Partners 4.5% 01/03/2028	USD115,000	83	0.44
Caesars Entertainment 7% 15/02/2030	USD80,000	64	0.20
CCO / CCO Capital 4.5% 15/08/2030	USD118,000	79	0.25
Cemex 7.375% 05/06/2027	USD200,000	165	0.52
Centene 2.5% 01/03/2031	USD115,000	74	0.32
Cheniere Energy Partners 3.25% 31/01/2032	USD130,000	86	0.23
CNX Midstream Partners 4.75% 15/04/2030	USD115,000	77	0.27
Credit Suisse 6.442% 11/08/2028		197	0.24
CrownRock / CrownRock Finance 5% 01/05/2029	USD250,000		
	USD45,000 USD300,000	34 204	0.11 0.65
CSC 5.5% 15/04/2027	USD241,000	191	
Dell International / EMC 4.9% 01/10/2026 DISH Network 11.75% 15/11/2027	USD156,000		0.60
	•	117	0.37
Energizer 6.5% 31/12/2027	USD42,000	32	0.10
EQM Midstream Partners 4.75% 15/01/2031	USD38,000	25	0.08
Fertitta Entertainment 4.625% 15/01/2029	USD200,000	139	0.44
Freeport-McMoRan 5.4% 14/11/2034	USD135,000	106	0.34
Frontier Communications 8.75% 15/05/2030	USD55,000	43	0.14
General Motors Financial 4.35% 09/04/2025	USD250,000	195	0.62
GLP Capital / GLP Financing II 3.35% 01/09/2024	USD199,000	153	0.48
GLP Capital / GLP Financing II 5.3% 15/01/2029	USD80,000	61	0.19
Hanesbrands 9% 15/02/2031	USD78,000	63	0.20
Hidrovias International Finance 4.95% 08/02/2031	USD200,000	120	0.38
Hilcorp Energy I 6% 15/04/2030	USD120,000	89	0.28
Hilcorp Energy I 6% 01/02/2031	USD110,000	81	0.26
Hilcorp Energy I 6.25% 15/04/2032	USD25,000	19	0.06
Hilton Domestic Operating 4% 01/05/2031	USD86,000	61	0.19
HSBC 4.7% Perpetual	USD200,000	119	0.38
Hudbay Minerals 6.125% 01/04/2029	USD135,000	100	0.32
iHeartCommunications 4.75% 15/01/2028	USD140,000	87	0.28
Iliad SASU 7% 15/10/2028	USD200,000	151	0.48
Inversiones CMPC 3% 06/04/2031	USD200,000	133	0.42

	Nominal	Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Values	£000	%
Iron Mountain 5% 15/07/2028	USD25,000	19	0.06
Iron Mountain 4.875% 15/09/2029	USD52,000	38	0.12
Iron Mountain 5.625% 15/07/2032	USD25,000	18	0.06
JBS USA LUX / JBS USA Food / JBS USA Finance 5.5% 15/01/2030	USD200,000	152	0.48
JBS USA LUX / JBS USA Food / JBS USA Finance 3.75% 01/12/2031	USD125,000	83	0.26
Kraft Heinz Foods 6.875% 26/01/2039	USD70,000	64	0.20
Kraft Heinz Foods 5.5% 01/06/2050	USD114,000	91	0.29
Ladder Capital Finance LLLP 4.25% 01/02/2027	USD100,000	68	0.22
Lowe's 3.75% 01/04/2032	USD108,000	80	0.25
Macy's Retail 6.125% 15/03/2032	USD135,000	94	0.30
Mattel 6.2% 01/10/2040	USD49,000	37	0.12
Mattel 5.45% 01/11/2041	USD60,000	42	0.13
Meritage Homes 3.875% 15/04/2029	USD170,000	122	0.39
Mylan 4.55% 15/04/2028	USD151,000	115	0.36
Natwest 4.519% 25/06/2024	USD200,000	159	0.50
NCR 5% 01/10/2028	USD70,000	48	0.15
NCR 5.25% 01/10/2030	USD70,000	47	0.15
Neptune Bidco US 9.29% 15/04/2029	USD45,000	33	0.11
Network i2i 3.975% Perpetual	USD200,000	140	0.44
Newell Brands 6% 01/04/2046	USD145,000	90	0.28
Occidental Petroleum 7.875% 15/09/2031	USD55,000	50	0.16
Occidental Petroleum 6.45% 15/09/2036	USD140,000	118	0.37
Owens & Minor 6.625% 01/04/2030	USD25,000	17	0.05
Oztel 6.625% 24/04/2028	USD200,000	166	0.53
Permian Resources Operating 5.875% 01/07/2029	USD90,000	67	0.21
PetSmart / PetSmart Finance 4.75% 15/02/2028	USD250,000	188	0.59
Playtika 4.25% 15/03/2029	USD100,000	68	0.22
QNB Finance 2.625% 12/05/2025	USD255,000	194	0.61
QNB Finance 1.625% 22/09/2025	USD255,000	188	0.59
Reliance Industries 2.875% 12/01/2032	USD254,000	169	0.53
Reliance Industries 3.625% 12/01/2052	USD250,000	141	0.45
Royal Caribbean Cruises 7.25% 15/01/2030	USD39,000	31	0.10
Smithfield Foods 3% 15/10/2030	USD330,000	210	0.66
Societe Generale 5% 17/01/2024	USD531,000	414	1.31
Spectrum Brands 5% 01/10/2029	USD16,000	11	0.03
Spectrum Brands 3.875% 15/03/2031	USD70,000	46	0.15
Standard Chartered 4.75% Perpetual	USD200,000	112	0.35
T-Mobile USA 3.75% 15/04/2027	USD274,000	210	0.66
T-Mobile USA 2.55% 15/02/2031	USD100,000	67	0.21
Toll Brothers Finance 4.875% 15/03/2027	USD100,000	78	0.25
TransDigm 6.75% 15/08/2028	USD78,000	63	0.20
Transocean Titan Financing 8.375% 01/02/2028	USD100,000	81	0.26
United Airlines 4.375% 15/04/2026	USD15,000	11	0.04
United Airlines 4.625% 15/04/2029	USD16,000	11	0.04
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass 3.875% 01/11/2033	USD110,000	74	0.23
Virgin Media Secured Finance 5.5% 15/05/2029	USD200,000	146	0.46
Warnermedia 3.755% 15/03/2027	USD283,000	212	0.67
WR Grace 4.875% 15/06/2027	USD45,000	34	0.11

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	Holdings or Nominal Values	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Government Bonds  Dominican Republic International Bond 5.5% 22/02/2029  Republic of South Africa Government International Bond 5.875% 20/04/2032  US Treasury Note 1.5% 15/02/2030	USD213,000 USD315,000 USD750,000	161 227 526	0.51 0.72 1.66
DERIVATIVES (0.29%*)		(12)	(0.04)
Credt Default Swaps  CDX: Markit Investment Grade Default Swap Index 1% 20/12/2027  CDX: Markit North American High Yield Credit Default Swap Index 5% 20/06/2027  CDX: Markit North American High Yield Credit Default Swap Index 5% 20/06/2027  ITRAXX: Markit Crossover European Credit Default Swap Index 5% 20/12/2027  ITRAXX: Markit Europe Credit Default Swap Index 1% 20/12/2027  ITRAXX: Markit Europe Credit Default Swap Index 1% 20/12/2027	USD2,000,000 USD1,300,000 USD2,300,000 EUR1,700,000 EUR600,000 EUR1,100,000	(17) (31) (54) (49) (5) (9)	(0.05) (0.10) (0.17) (0.15) (0.01) (0.03)
Forward Currency Contracts			
Euro Sold EUR7,044,847 for GBP6,246,314 Settlement 31/05/2023 Sold EUR7,044,847 for GBP6,246,462 Settlement 31/05/2023 South African Rand		52 52	0.16 0.16
Sold ZAR6,110,881 for GBP267,784 Settlement 31/05/2023		3	0.01
US Dollar Sold USD6,500,664 for GBP5,219,366 Settlement 31/05/2023 Sold USD6,500,664 for GBP5,221,895 Settlement 31/05/2023		51 53	0.16 0.17
Futures Euro-BUND Futures June 2023 US Treasury 5 Year Note Futures June 2023	(13) (19)	(53) (5)	(0.17) (0.02)
Portfolio of investments^	_	31,264	98.88
Net other assets		354	1.12
Total net assets	_	31,618	100.00

All investments are approved securities as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.

<sup>^</sup> Including derivative liabilities.

# **Material Portfolio Changes**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

Major purchases	Cost £000	Major sales	Proceeds £000
US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures September 2022	10,162	US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures September 2022	10,018
US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures December 2022	6,048	US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures December 2022	5,854
US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures June 2022	3,453	US Treasury 5 Year Note Futures June 2023	3,527
US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures March 2023	3,108	US Treasury Note 10 Year Futures March 2023	3,084
Euro-BUND Futures March 2023	2,365	Euro-BUND Futures March 2023	2,408
US Treasury 5 Year Note Futures June 2023	1,777	Euro-BUND Futures June 2023	1,509
UK Long Gilt Futures December 2022	1,187	UK Long Gilt Futures March 2023	1,167
Euro-BUND Futures June 2022	1,150	UK Long Gilt Futures December 2022	1,059
UK Long Gilt Futures March 2023	1,139	Euro-BUND Futures September 2022	1,024
Euro-BUND Futures September 2022	1,019	Euro-BUND Futures December 2022	873

Purchases and sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

# **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21
	(p)	(p)	(p)
Share Class 1 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	45.42	49.75	46.94
Return before operating charges*	(0.43)	(2.84)	4.32
Operating charges#	(0.69)	(0.70)	(0.68)
Return after operating charges*	(1.12)	(3.54)	3.64
Distributions on income shares	(0.80)	(0.79)	(0.83)
Closing net asset value per share	43.50	45.42	49.75
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(2.47)%	(7.12)%	7.75%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,086	8,197	9,843
Closing number of shares	13,990,230	18,048,810	19,784,506
Operating charges#	1.57%	1.43%	1.38%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	45.47	50.37	50.58
Lowest share price	41.68	45.85	46.98

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	45.45	49.79	46.97
Return before operating charges*	(0.41)	(2.84)	4.35
Operating charges#	(0.45)	(0.62)	(0.57)
Return after operating charges*	(0.86)	(3.46)	3.78
Distributions on income shares	(1.04)	(0.88)	(0.96)
Closing net asset value per share	43.55	45.45	49.79
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(1.89)%	(6.95)%	8.05%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,596	1,737	2,174
Closing number of shares	3,664,340	3,820,799	4,366,244
Operating charges#	1.03%	1.25%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	45.50	50.43	50.63
Lowest share price	41.76	45.89	47.02

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 3 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	41.70	45.69	43.10
Return before operating charges*	(0.38)	(2.62)	3.99
Operating charges#	-	-	
Return after operating charges*	(0.38)	(2.62)	3.99
Distributions on income shares	(1.37)	(1.37)	(1.40)
Closing net asset value per share	39.95	41.70	45.69
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(0.91)%	(5.73)%	9.26%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	188	196	215
Closing number of shares	471,240	471,240	471,240
Operating charges#	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	41.75	46.42	46.57
Lowest share price	38.41	42.25	43.17

#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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class C - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	54.36	59.55	56.18
Return before operating charges*	(0.50)	(3.40)	5.19
Operating charges#	(0.32)	(0.36)	(0.36)
Return after operating charges*	(0.82)	(3.76)	4.83
Distributions on income shares	(1.46)	(1.43)	(1.46)
Closing net asset value per share	52.08	54.36	59.55
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(1.51)%	(6.31)%	8.60%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,438	11,165	16,170
Closing number of shares	16,202,192	20,539,793	27,153,426
Operating charges#	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	54.42	60.41	60.61
Lowest share price	49.99	54.99	56.26

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class L - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	46.31	50.73	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	(0.42)	(2.90)	1.66
Operating charges#	(0.39)	(0.48)	(0.31)
Return after operating charges*	(0.81)	(3.38)	1.35
Distributions on income shares	(1.13)	(1.04)	(0.62)
Closing net asset value per share	44.37	46.31	50.73
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(1.75)%	(6.66)%	2.70%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,310	16,266	18,911
Closing number of shares	34,503,647	35,125,547	37,276,809
Operating charges#	0.86%	0.96%	1.00%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	46.36	51.42	51.53
Lowest share price	42.57	46.80	49.97

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 L Income was launched on 25 September 2020.

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to	
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital losses	2		(1,555)		(3,685)
Revenue	3	1,367		1,416	
Expenses	4	(535)		(505)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6 _	(1)	_	-	
Net revenue before taxation		831		911	
Taxation	5 _	-	_		
Net revenue after taxation			831	_	911
Total return before distributions			(724)		(2,774)
Distributions	6		(833)	_	(911)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment a	activities	_	(1,557)	=	(3,685)

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023	01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 30/04/22	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		37,561		47,313
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	603		1,103	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(4,994)	_	(7,174)	
		(4,391)		(6,071)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,557)		(3,685)
Unclaimed distributions		5		4
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		31,618		37,561

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 95 to 100.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			
	Notes	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Assets			
Investments		31,487	38,016
Current assets			
Debtors	8	453	459
Cash and bank balances	9	373	95
Total assets		32,313	38,570
Liabilities			
Investment liabilities		(223)	(211)
Creditors			
Bank overdrafts		-	(338)
Distribution payable		(190)	(219)
Other creditors	10	(282)	(241)
Total liabilities		(695)	(1,009)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		31,618	37,561

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 95 to 100.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 April 2023

### 1. Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

### 2. Net capital losses

The net capital losses during the year comprise:

Non-derivative securities  Derivative contracts	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000 (1,148) 401	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000 (3,630) 668
Forward foreign exchange currency contracts	(1,243)	(911)
Currency gains Handling charges	440 (5)	193 (5)
Net capital losses	(1,555)	(3,685)
Revenue	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Overseas taxable revenue	45	4
Bank interest	20	-
Interest on debt securities	1,296	1,410
Interest on amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers*	2	-

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### 4. Expenses

Swap income VAT refund revenue

Total revenue

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	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	203	263
ACD's expense rebate*	(73)	(30)
	130	233
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee	7	9
Safe custody fees	-	1_
	7	10
Other expenses:		
Accounting & administration fees	82	74
Administration costs	16	16
Audit fee	12	12
KIID publication costs	1	1
Registrar's fees	66	67
Swap interest	221	92
	398	262
Total expenses	535	505

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £10,682 (30/04/22: £9,800).

<sup>\*</sup>Interest on amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers shown are the net position of amount paid and received during the year.

<sup>\*</sup>This relates to a rebate paid by the ACD in order to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate by the ACD.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 5. Taxation

01/05/22 to 01/05/21 to 30/04/23 30/04/22 £000 £000

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01/0E/21 +o

01/05/21 to

### (a) Analysis of charge in year:

There is no corporation tax charge in the current year or prior year.

### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2022: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	831	911
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	166	182
Effects of:		
Tax deductible interest distributions	(166)	(182)
Total tax charge for the year		

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

### (c) Deferred taxation:

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

### Finance costs

### Distributions and interest

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	U 1/U5/22 to	U 1/U5/2 1 TO
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Interim gross interest allocations	629	674
Final gross interest allocations	190	219
	819	893
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	16	21
Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	(2)	(3)
Net distributions for the year	833	911
Bank interest	1	-
Total finance costs	834	911

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables on pages 101 to 102.

### 7. Movement between net revenue and net distributions

Net revenue after taxation	30/04/23 £000 831	<b>30/04/22</b> <b>£000</b> 911
Net revenue received on share class conversions	2	-
Net distributions for the year	833	911

### 8. Debtors

	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	-	16
Accrued revenue	380	414
Accrued ACD expense rebate	73	29
Total debtors	453	459

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0	Cook and bank balances			
9.	Cash and bank balances  Cash and bank balances		<b>30/04/23</b> <b>£000</b> 247	30/04/22 £000
	Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		126	95
	Total cash and bank balances		373	95
10.	Other creditors		30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
	Purchases awaiting settlement Amounts payable for cancellation of shares Accrued expenses Accrued ACD's periodic charge		114 43 94 31	153 69 19
	Total other creditors		282	241
11.	Portfolio transaction costs	Purchases	Sales	

	Purch	Purchases		Sales	
	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000	
Bonds	6,724	13,659	11,989	19,673	
Commissions Bonds	-	-	-	-	
Taxes Bonds		-	-	-	
Total costs	_	-	-	-	
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	6,724	13,659	11,989	19,673	
				_	

Derivatives have incurred broker commissions of £nil (30/04/22: £nil) and taxes of £nil (30/04/22: £nil).

Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.

	Purchases		Sales	
	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/23	30/04/22
	%	%	%	%
Commissions				
Bonds	-	-	-	-
Taxes				
Bonds	-	-	-	-
Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.				
	01/05/2	22 to 30/04/23	01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22
		%		%
Commissions		-		-
Taxes		-		_
Total costs		-		

Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.62% (30/04/22: 0.55%).

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### 12. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 10 and 8 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management and receivable from Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of expense rebates are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 10

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

### 13. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has five share classes in issue: Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class C and Class L.

The ACD's periodic charge on each share class is as follows:

	%
Share Class 1 - Income:	1.00
Share Class 2 - Income:	0.40
Share Class 3 - Income:	0.25
Share Class C - Income:	0.50
Share Class L - Income:	0.50

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 88 to 92.

The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Tables on pages 101 to 102.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

	01/05/22				30/04/23
	Opening			Shares	Closing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 1 - Income:	18,048,810	200,463	(2,352,889)	(1,906,154)	13,990,230
Share Class 2 - Income:	3,820,799	5,259	(161,718)	-	3,664,340
Share Class 3 - Income:	471,240	-	-	-	471,240
Share Class C - Income:	20,539,793	501,925	(4,936,577)	97,051	16,202,192
Share Class L - Income:	35,125,547	580,045	(2,953,743)	1,751,798	34,503,647

### 14. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

### 15. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 30 April 2023 is £nil (30/04/22: £74,025). Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 30 April 2023 is £nil (30/04/22: £76,354). The identities of the counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. The form of the collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £50 (30/04/22: £247) and £12 (30/04/22: £61).

Counterparties	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Merrill Lynch	-	76
Total collateral held	-	76
	30/04/23	30/04/22
Collateral held	£000	£000
Bonds		76
Total collateral held	-	76

### Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 16. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

### Currency exposure

A proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements.

The Fund holds an insignificant Euro, South African rand and US dollar currency exposure at 30 April 2023 therefore a currency table has not been disclosed.

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

The interest rate risk profiles of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities at 30 April were:

Currency	Floating rate financial assets/ (liabilities) £000	Fixed rate financial assets £000	Financial (liabilities)/ assets not carrying interest £000	Total £000
30/04/23				
Sterling	314	8,144	23,037	31,495
Euro	49	12,465	(12,478)	36
South African rand	-	263	(263)	-
US dollar	10	10,404	(10,327)	87
Total	373	31,276	(31)	31,618
30/04/22				
Sterling	257	11,098	26,697	38,052
Euro	(90)	13,359	(13,510)	(241)
South African rand	-	377	(378)	(1)
US dollar	(219)	12,669	(12,699)	(249)
Total	(52)	37,503	110	37,561

The Fund's net cash holding of £0.373m (30/04/22: overdraft £0.243m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

### 17. Non Adjusting Post Balance Sheet Event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, below share classes experienced the following redemptions.

Share Class 1 - Income: -27.11%
Share Class 2 - Income: -30.95%

No adjustment is required to the amounts recognised at the year end date.

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### 18. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		30/04/22	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Level 1	526	(58)	374	-	
Level 2	30,961	(165)	37,642	(211)	
Total fair value	31,487	(223)	38,016	(211)	

### 19. Summary of portfolio by credit ratings

	30/04/23		30/04/22		
	Market Total		Market	Total	
	Value	Net Assets	Value	Net Assets	
Rating block	£000	%	£000	%	
Investment grade (AAA to BBB-)	19,391	61.31	23,150	61.66	
Non-Investment grade (BB+ to CCC+)	11,710	37.06	14,296	38.04	
Unrated	175	0.55	248	0.66	
Total bonds	31,276	98.92	37,694	100.36	
Other	342	1.08	(133)	(0.36)	
Total net assets	31,618	100.00	37,561	100.00	

## **Distribution Tables**

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### Distribution in pence per share

### Share Class 1 - Income

Group 1 31/07/22 31/10/22 31/01/23 Final Group 2 31/07/22 31/10/22 31/01/23 Final

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022
31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022
31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022
30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023

purchased prior to 1 May 2022	
purchased prior to 1 August 2022	
purchased prior to 1 November 20	22
purchased prior to 1 February 202	3

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	Net		Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
	0.2066	-	0.2066	0.2115
	0.2105	-	0.2105	0.1940
	0.1999	-	0.1999	0.1766
	0.1844	-	0.1844	0.2106
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
	0.0810	0.1256	0.2066	0.2115
	0.0763	0.1342	0.2105	0.1940
	0.0693	0.1306	0.1999	0.1766
	0.0978	0.0866	0.1844	0.2106

### Share Class 2 - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022
31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022
31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022
30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023

Group 1		
31/07/22		
31/10/22		
31/01/23		
Final		
Group 2		
31/07/22		
31/10/22		
31/01/23		
Final		

Group 2։ Shares pւ	urchased from 1 F	ebruary 2023 to 30 $\mu$	April 2023
		Distributions	Distributions
Net		paid/payable to	paid to
revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
0.2093	-	0.2093	0.2311
0.2698	-	0.2698	0.2203
0.2872	-	0.2872	0.2031
0.2746	-	0.2746	0.2245
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
0.0685	0.1408	0.2093	0.2311
0.0907	0.1791	0.2698	0.2203
0.0931	0.1941	0.2872	0.2031

0.2746

0.2245

0.1898

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

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Distribution Tables (continued)

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### Share Class 3 - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022
31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022
31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022
30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023

Group 1 31/07/22			
31/10/22 31/01/23			
Final			
Group 2			
31/07/22			
31/10/22			
31/01/23			
Final			

### Share Class C - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023

Group 1			
31/07/22			
31/10/22			
31/01/23			
Final			
Group 2			
31/07/22			
31/10/22			
31/01/23			
Final			

### Share Class L - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023

Group 1
31/07/22
31/10/22
31/01/23
Final
Group 2
31/07/22
31/10/22
31/01/23
Final

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

		Distributions	Distributions
Net		paid/payable to	paid to
revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
0.3485	-	0.3485	0.3511
0.3528	-	0.3528	0.3425
0.3398	-	0.3398	0.3321
0.3249	-	0.3249	0.3486
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
0.3485	-	0.3485	0.3511
0.3528	-	0.3528	0.3425
0.3398	-	0.3398	0.3321
0.3249	-	0.3249	0.3486

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

		Distributions	Distributions
Net		paid/payable to	paid to
revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
0.3729	-	0.3729	0.3657
0.3775	-	0.3775	0.3545
0.3632	-	0.3632	0.3397
0.3473	-	0.3473	0.3711
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
0.1138	0.2591	0.3729	0.3657
0.1169	0.2606	0.3775	0.3545
0.2101	0.1531	0.3632	0.3397
0.1336	0.2137	0.3473	0.3711

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

		Distributions	Distributions
Net		paid/payable to	paid to
revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
0.2673	-	0.2673	0.2674
0.2926	-	0.2926	0.2608
0.2926	-	0.2926	0.2456
0.2799	-	0.2799	0.2703
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
0.0887	0.1786	0.2673	0.2674
0.0893	0.2033	0.2926	0.2608
0.1569	0.1357	0.2926	0.2456
0.0882	0.1917	0.2799	0.2703

### CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund

## **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve an income return, with some capital growth.

The Fund invests primarily in a diversified multi-sector spread of high yield investments (securities that pay either a fixed or variable level of income on a periodic basis and generally repay a specified amount at a predetermined date). These may include high yield bonds from multiple sectors including developed markets, emerging markets and asset-backed issues. The bonds may be issued by companies or other entities including supranationals, sovereigns and governments. The issuers may be from anywhere in the world and issues may be denominated in any currency. Non-sterling exposure will normally be hedged back to sterling.

The investment manager selects the high yield bonds in which the Fund invests with the intention of achieving a wide degree of diversification across issuers and industries, and potentially across multiple investment sectors, while managing exposure to credit risk.

High yield bonds are considered by the investment manager to be either those rated by independent ratings agencies such as S&P as BB+ or lower (or their equivalent) or those which are not rated by an independent ratings agency but which the investment manager believes to be of comparable quality.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in high yield bonds, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities (including investment grade bonds), collective investment schemes (including those managed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments), deposits, cash, near cash, money market instruments and warrants.

The Fund may use derivatives (an investment contract between the Fund and a counterparty the value of which is derived from one or more underlying equities) only for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 4, published on 10 February 2023. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Abigail Mardlin
Fund size £21.6 million
Launch date 20 November 2000

### Manager's Review

Both investment grade and high yield bond markets generated marginally negative returns over the twelve months in review. This encompassed a very difficult period for bond markets, as interest rates rose sharply, led by the Federal Reserve hiking rates at every meeting, to end the period at 5.0%. Global government bond yields rose sharply over 2022, with the 10-year US Treasury yield jumping from 2.8% in May 2022 to 4.2% towards the end of October 2022. Thereafter the yield traded in a range, reflecting investors shifting concerns over inflation and recession, and ended the period at 3.4%. Generally, credit yield spreads widened over the year as market conditions remained fragile and specific concerns over European gas shortages fuelled recessionary fears and heightened risk aversion. While both high yield and investment grade spreads widened, the focus from investors was on quality, which resulted in increased demand for higher-grade issues at the expense of lower-grade debt. However, the new year was more favourable as the economic outlook broadly improved, though investors still had to contend with volatility over concerns about the health of the banking system.

#### Activity

New issuance in 2022 was limited in both the investment grade and high yield markets. Activity surged at the beginning of 2023, but suffered a set-back due to the collapse of SVB and Signature Bank in the US and the rescue of Credit Suisse with losses to bondholders. We continued to maintain the portfolio's conservative positioning as bonds yields rose over the period on the back of rising interest rates, though credit yield spreads, having widened for most of 2022 narrowed again in the second half of the period even as defaults rose.

#### Outlook

We have a conservative stance on global credit. The first quarter of the year ended with overall positive returns across both government bond and credit markets. Perhaps disappointingly, credit market returns were driven by lower government yields rather than material tightening in credit spreads. Lower yields were supported by banking sector problems, and the ensuing tightening of credit conditions, this resulting in markets pricing in lower peak rates and earlier rate cuts. The risk of a near term hard landing has also increased, supporting our conservative stance on credit. With this in mind, we are conscious that higher overall yields do offer a compelling opportunity to investors seeking income, and attractive valuations represent a good entry level for those looking to allocate to credit.

## CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund

## **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

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### **Performance Summary**

The CT Multi-Sector Higher Income Bond Fund returned -0.4% (share class C Inc) over the twelve-month period, versus the IA GBP High Yield Median return of -2.0%. Performance is net of fees and in sterling terms.

The fund's performance was boosted against its peer group by our relatively cautious positioning and we also benefitted from being underweight duration. We were also boosted by our holdings in names which transitioned to investment grade, such as Centene.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 17 August 2023

# Portfolio Statement

EURO DENOMINATED BONDS (36.47%*)	Nominal Values	Market Value £000 8,776	Total Net Assets % 40.67
Corporate Bonds		,	
888 Acquisitions 7.558% 15/07/2027	EUR100,000	79	0.37
Allwyn International 4.125% 20/11/2024	EUR100,000	88	0.37
Allwyn International 3.875% 15/02/2027	EUR100,000	82	0.38
Altice France 5.875% 01/02/2027	EUR110,000	84	0.39
Altice France 3.375% 15/01/2028	EUR100,000	67	0.31
Ardagh Metal Packaging Finance USA 2% 01/09/2028	EUR200,000	146	0.68
Ardagh Metal Packaging Finance USA 3% 01/09/2029	EUR100,000	64	0.30
Ashland Services 2% 30/01/2028	EUR210,000	160	0.74
Axalta Coating Systems Dutch 3.75% 15/01/2025	EUR100,000	86	0.40
Banco Santander 3.625% Perpetual	EUR200,000	116	0.54
Blackstone Property Partners Europe 1.75% 12/03/2029	EUR111,000	72	0.33
Canpack 2.375% 01/11/2027	EUR175,000	122	0.57
Carnival 7.625% 01/03/2026	EUR105,000	82	0.38
Cellnex Finance 2.25% 12/04/2026	EUR100,000	83	0.38
Cellnex Finance 1% 15/09/2027	EUR100,000	77	0.36
Cellnex Finance 1.5% 08/06/2028	EUR100,000	77	0.36
Cellnex Finance 1.25% 15/01/2029	EUR100,000	74	0.34
Cellnex Finance 2% 15/02/2033	EUR100,000	69	0.32
Cellnex Telecom 1.875% 26/06/2029	EUR100,000	75	0.35
Chemours 4% 15/05/2026	EUR110,000	89	0.41
Cheplapharm Arzneimittel 7.5% 15/05/2030	EUR125,000	110	0.51
Cirsa Finance International 10.375% 30/11/2027	EUR100,000	94	0.44
Constellium 3.125% 15/07/2029	EUR120,000	87	0.40
Darling Global Finance 3.625% 15/05/2026	EUR100,000	86	0.40
Deutsche Lufthansa 3% 29/05/2026	EUR200,000	164	0.76
Dufry One 2% 15/02/2027	EUR105,000	79	0.37
easyJet FinCo 1.875% 03/03/2028	EUR200,000	154	0.71
eircom Finance 3.5% 15/05/2026	EUR100,000	83	0.38
Electricite de France 2.875% Perpetual	EUR200,000	145	0.67
Emeria SASU 7.75% 31/03/2028	EUR154,000	126 67	0.58
Eni 2.75% Perpetual Eurobank 7% 26/01/2029	EUR100,000 EUR150,000	130	0.31 0.60
Faurecia 7.25% 15/06/2026	EUR100,000	90	0.60
Faurecia 2.75% 15/00/2027	EUR100,000	78	0.42
Faurecia 2.375% 15/06/2027	EUR130,000	99	0.46
FIS Fabbrica Italiana Sintetici 5.625% 01/08/2027	EUR150,000	119	0.55
Ford Motor Credit 4.867% 03/08/2027	EUR100,000	85	0.39
Glencore Capital Finance 0.75% 01/03/2029	EUR100,000	71	0.33
Grifols 1.625% 15/02/2025	EUR210,000	174	0.81
Grifols 3.2% 01/05/2025	EUR100,000	81	0.38
Gruenenthal 4.125% 15/05/2028	EUR100,000	80	0.37
Gruenenthal 6.75% 15/05/2030	EUR100,000	88	0.41
IHO Verwaltungs 3.625% 15/05/2025	EUR100,000	88	0.41
IHO Verwaltungs 3.875% 15/05/2027	EUR100,000	77	0.36
IHO Verwaltungs 8.75% 15/05/2028	EUR175,000	156	0.72
iliad 5.625% 15/02/2030	EUR100,000	84	0.39
INEOS Finance 6.625% 15/05/2028	EUR100,000	87	0.40
InPost 2.25% 15/07/2027	EUR110,000	83	0.38
International Consolidated Airlines 0.5% 04/07/2023	EUR200,000	174	0.81
International Game Technology 2.375% 15/04/2028	EUR100,000	78	0.36
Intrum 3.125% 15/07/2024	EUR52,111	44	0.20

	Nominal	Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Values	£000	%
Intrum 4.875% 15/08/2025	EUR100,000	79	0.37
IQVIA 2.25% 15/01/2028	EUR100,000	76	0.35
IQVIA 2.25% 15/03/2029	EUR143,000	105	0.49
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 6.875% 15/11/2026	EUR100,000	85	0.39
Lorca Telecom Bondco 4% 18/09/2027	EUR115,000	92	0.43
Lottomatica 9.75% 30/09/2027	EUR100,000	94	0.44
Lottomatica SpA/Roma 5.125% 15/07/2025	EUR100,000	89	0.41
Loxam SAS 4.5% 15/02/2027	EUR130,000	107	0.50
Mahle 2.375% 14/05/2028	EUR200,000	133	0.62
Mundys 1.625% 03/02/2025	EUR185,000	154	0.71
Mundys 1.875% 12/02/2028	EUR100,000	73	0.34
Netflix 4.625% 15/05/2029	EUR150,000	135	0.63
Nexi 1.625% 30/04/2026	EUR100,000	80	0.37
Novelis Sheet Ingot 3.375% 15/04/2029	EUR100,000	75	0.35
Olympus Water US 5.375% 01/10/2029	EUR100,000	64	0.30
Paprec 3.5% 01/07/2028	EUR100,000	78	0.36
PCF 4.75% 15/04/2026	EUR100,000	74	0.34
Playtech 3.75% 12/10/2023	EUR37,736	33	0.15
PPF Telecom 3.125% 27/03/2026	EUR205,000	170	0.79
Primo Water 3.875% 31/10/2028	EUR200,000	153	0.71
Renault 1.25% 24/06/2025	EUR100,000	82	0.38
Synthomer 3.875% 01/07/2025	EUR200,000	162	0.75
Telecom Italia 6.875% 15/02/2028 (Frankfurt listing)	EUR100,000	88	0.41
Telecom Italia 6.875% 15/02/2028 (Luxembourg listing)	EUR105,000	93	0.43
Telenet Finance Luxembourg Notes 3.5% 01/03/2028	EUR100,000	80	0.37
Teollisuuden Voima 1.375% 23/06/2028	EUR100,000	76	0.35
Tereos Finance Groupe I 4.75% 30/04/2027	EUR105,000	86	0.40
United 4.875% 01/07/2024	EUR100,000	87	0.40
United 3.125% 15/02/2026	EUR100,000	76	0.35
United 4% 15/11/2027	EUR110,000	76	0.35
Valeo 5.375% 28/05/2027	EUR100,000	88	0.41
Verallia 1.875% 10/11/2031	EUR200,000	143	0.66
Verisure 3.25% 15/02/2027	EUR100,000	77	0.36
Verisure 7.125% 01/02/2028	EUR100,000	87	0.40
Villa Dutch Bidco 9% 03/11/2029	EUR100,000	84	0.39
ZF Europe Finance 2.5% 23/10/2027 (Frankfurt listing)	EUR100,000	76	0.35
ZF Europe Finance 2.5% 23/10/2027 (Luxembourg listing)	EUR100,000	76	0.35
ZF Finance 3% 21/09/2025	EUR100,000	83	0.38
Ziggo Bond 3.375% 28/02/2030	EUR150,000	100	0.46
Government Bonds			
Mexico Government International Bond 2.25% 12/08/2036	EUR100,000	63	0.29
Romanian Government International Bond 2.625% 02/12/2040	EUR50,000	26	0.12
Romanian Government International Bond 2.75% 14/04/2041	EUR125,000	65	0.30
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND DENOMINATED BONDS (1.02%*)		178	0.82
Government Bonds Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8.25% 31/03/2032	ZAR4,800,000	178	0.82

	Nominal Values	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
STERLING DENOMINATED BONDS (10.63%*)		2,447	11.34
Corporate Bonds B&M European Value Retail 3.625% 15/07/2025 Bellis Acquisition 3.25% 16/02/2026	GBP100,000 GBP100,000	94 82	0.44 0.38
Boparan Finance 7.625% 30/11/2025	GBP100,000	67	0.31
CPUK Finance 6.5% 28/08/2026	GBP100,000	94	0.44
Deuce Finco 5.5% 15/06/2027	GBP100,000	85	0.39
Ford Motor Credit 4.535% 06/03/2025	GBP200,000	191	0.88
Ford Motor Credit 6.86% 05/06/2026 Iron Mountain UK 3.875% 15/11/2025	GBP100,000	99 299	0.46 1.39
Kane Bidco 6.5% 15/02/2027	GBP315,000 GBP110,000	299 97	0.45
Ladbrokes Group Finance 5.125% 08/09/2023	GBP200,000	198	0.43
MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 05/12/2023	GBP100,000	96	0.44
Pinewood Finance 3.25% 30/09/2025	GBP260,000	244	1.13
Pinnacle Bidco 6.375% 15/02/2025	GBP100,000	94	0.44
Premier Foods Finance 3.5% 15/10/2026	GBP100,000	91	0.42
Rolls-Royce 3.375% 18/06/2026	GBP100,000	90	0.42
Rolls-Royce 5.75% 15/10/2027	GBP100,000 GBP130,000	96 106	0.44 0.49
Sherwood Financing 6% 15/11/2026 Telecom Italia 5.875% 19/05/2023	GBP100,000	100	0.49
Virgin Media Vendor Financing Notes III 4.875% 15/07/2028	GBP160,000	131	0.40
Vmed O2 UK Financing I 4.5% 15/07/2031	GBP120,000	93	0.43
US DOLLAR DENOMINATED BONDS (51.14%*)		9,748	45.17
Corporate Bonds			
1011778 BC ULC 3.875% 15/01/2028	USD60,000	45	0.21
Acadia Healthcare 5% 15/04/2029	USD80,000	60	0.28
Alliant Intermediate / Alliant Co-Issuer 4.25% 15/10/2027	USD85,000	62	0.29
Ally Financial 1.45% 02/10/2023 Ally Financial 3.875% 21/05/2024	USD85,000 USD100,000	66 77	0.30 0.36
Altice Financing 5.75% 15/08/2029	USD221,000	140	0.36
Altice France 10.5% 15/05/2027	USD200,000	117	0.54
American Airlines 3.75% 01/03/2025	USD55,000	41	0.19
American Airlines 11.75% 15/07/2025	USD150,000	131	0.61
American Airlines 7.25% 15/02/2028	USD79,000	61	0.28
American Axle & Manufacturing 5% 01/10/2029	USD100,000	66	0.31
Apache 4.875% 15/11/2027	USD100,000	74	0.34
Arches Buyer 6.125% 01/12/2028 ATI 4.875% 01/10/2029	USD115,000 USD90,000	79 66	0.37 0.30
Bath & Body Works 7.5% 15/06/2029	USD85,000	69	0.30
Baytex Energy 8.5% 30/04/2030	USD48,000	38	0.18
Boyd Gaming 4.75% 15/06/2031	USD175,000	127	0.59
Buckeye Partners 3.95% 01/12/2026	USD80,000	58	0.27
Caesars Entertainment 7% 15/02/2030	USD110,000	88	0.41
Caesars Resort Collection 5.75% 01/07/2025	USD75,000	60	0.28
Carlon Petroleum 7.5% 15/06/2030	USD85,000	64	0.30
Carnival Bermuda 10.375% 01/05/2028 CCO / CCO Capital 5.125% 01/05/2027	USD40,000 USD120,000	34 90	0.16 0.42
CCO / CCO Capital 4.75% 01/03/2030	USD148,000	102	0.42
CCO / CCO Capital 4.5% 15/08/2030	USD127,000	85	0.39
CCO / CCO Capital 7.375% 01/03/2031	USD55,000	43	0.20
CCO / CCO Capital 4.5% 01/05/2032	USD73,000	47	0.22
Charles River Laboratories International 3.75% 15/03/2029	USD75,000	52	0.24

		Market	Total
	Nominal	Value	Net Assets
	Values	£000	%
Chart Industries 7.5% 01/01/2030	USD85,000	70	0.32
Chart Industries 9.5% 01/01/2031	USD30,000	25	0.12
Cinemark USA 8.75% 01/05/2025	USD55,000	45	0.21
Clarios Global / Clarios US Finance 8.5% 15/05/2027	USD25,000	20	0.09
Clear Channel International 6.625% 01/08/2025	USD200,000	157	0.73
Cloud Software 9% 30/09/2029	USD35,000	24	0.11
CrownRock / CrownRock Finance 5% 01/05/2029	USD85,000	64	0.30
CSC 5.5% 15/04/2027	USD350,000	238	1.10
Dave & Buster's 7.625% 01/11/2025	USD85,000	69	0.32
Delek Logistics Partners / Delek Logistics Finance 6.75% 15/05/2025	USD80,000	62	0.29
Directy Financing 5.875% 15/08/2027	USD150,000	105	0.49
DISH DBS 7.75% 01/07/2026 DISH Network 11.75% 15/11/2027	USD30,000	14	0.06
Drax Finco 6.625% 01/11/2025	USD153,000	115	0.53
	USD200,000	157 42	0.73 0.19
Entegris Escrow 5.95% 15/06/2030 EQM Midstream Partners 6.5% 01/07/2027	USD55,000	42 77	0.19
EQM Midstream Partners 4.5% 15/01/2029	USD100,000 USD88,000		0.38
EQM Midstream Partners 4.75% 15/01/2031	USD43,000	60 28	0.28
Fertitta Entertainment 4.625% 15/01/2029	USD175,000	122	0.13
FirstEnergy 7.375% 15/11/2031	USD31,000	28	0.37
Ford Motor 4.75% 15/01/2043	USD45,000	26 27	0.13
Ford Motor Credit 7.35% 04/11/2027	USD200,000	163	0.13
Frontier Communications 5.875% 15/10/2027	USD65,000	48	0.70
Frontier Communications 8.75% 15/10/2027 Frontier Communications 8.75% 15/05/2030	USD40,000	31	0.22
GoTo 5.5% 01/09/2027	USD100,000	45	0.14
Hanesbrands 9% 15/02/2031	USD68,000	55	0.21
Hawaiian Brand Intellectual Property / HawaiianMiles Loyalty 5.75% 20/01/2026	USD85,000	63	0.29
Hilcorp Energy I 6% 15/04/2030	USD157,000	116	0.54
Hilcorp Energy I 6% 01/02/2031	USD110,000	81	0.37
Hilcorp Energy I 6.25% 15/04/2032	USD25,000	19	0.09
Holly Energy Partners / Holly Energy Finance 5% 01/02/2028	USD70,000	52	0.24
Holly Energy Partners 6.375% 15/04/2027	USD25,000	20	0.09
Hudbay Minerals 4.5% 01/04/2026	USD75,000	55	0.25
Hudbay Minerals 6.125% 01/04/2029	USD150,000	112	0.52
iHeartCommunications 6.375% 01/05/2026	USD55,000	38	0.18
iHeartCommunications 4.75% 15/01/2028	USD95,000	59	0.27
Iliad SASU 7% 15/10/2028	USD200,000	151	0.70
ION Trading Technologies 5.75% 15/05/2028	USD200,000	133	0.62
Iron Mountain 4.875% 15/09/2029	USD31,000	22	0.10
Kaiser Aluminum 4.5% 01/06/2031	USD115,000	72	0.33
Ladder Capital Finance LLLP 4.25% 01/02/2027	USD120,000	81	0.37
Ladder Capital Finance LLLP 4.75% 15/06/2029	USD60,000	38	0.18
Legacy LifePoint Health 6.75% 15/04/2025	USD95,000	73	0.34
Live Nation Entertainment 3.75% 15/01/2028	USD95,000	68	0.32
Macy's Retail 5.875% 15/03/2030	USD125,000	88	0.41
Marriott Ownership Resorts 4.75% 15/01/2028	USD98,000	70	0.32
Matador Resources 5.875% 15/09/2026	USD105,000	82	0.38
Matador Resources 6.875% 15/04/2028	USD31,000	25	0.11
Match Group II 5.625% 15/02/2029	USD85,000	64	0.30
Mattel 6.2% 01/10/2040	USD128,000	96	0.44
Mattel 5.45% 01/11/2041	USD33,000	23	0.11
Meritage Homes 3.875% 15/04/2029	USD115,000	82	0.38
Nabors Industries 7.375% 15/05/2027	USD75,000	58	0.27

		Market	Total
	Nominal	Market Value	Total Net Assets
	Values	£000	Wet Assets
NCR 5% 01/10/2028	USD115,000	80	0.37
NCR 5.25% 01/10/2030	USD115,000	77	0.37
	·		
Neptune Bidco US 9.29% 15/04/2029 Newell Brands 6% 01/04/2046	USD55,000	41 62	0.19 0.29
NFP 6.875% 15/08/2028	USD100,000 USD145,000	62 101	0.29
Novelis 3.25% 15/11/2026	·	101	0.47
NRG Energy 3.625% 15/02/2031	USD100,000	73 61	0.34
<b>5</b> ,	USD95,000	61 122	
NuStar Logistics 5.625% 28/04/2027	USD160,000	122	0.56
Occidental Petroleum 8.875% 15/07/2030	USD39,000	36	0.17
Occidental Petroleum 7.875% 15/09/2031	USD65,000	59	0.27
Occidental Petroleum 6.45% 15/09/2036	USD300,000	253	1.17
OCI 4.625% 15/10/2025	USD160,000	121	0.56
Olympus Water US 4.25% 01/10/2028	USD200,000	136	0.63
Outfront Media Capital 4.25% 15/01/2029	USD50,000	34	0.16
Owens & Minor 6.625% 01/04/2030	USD40,000	28	0.13
Park Intermediate / PK Domestic Property / PK Finance Co-Issuer 5.875% 01/10/2028	USD45,000	33	0.15
Park Intermediate / PK Domestic Property / PK Finance Co-Issuer 4.875% 15/05/2029	USD45,000	31	0.14
Permian Resources Operating 5.875% 01/07/2029	USD125,000	94	0.43
PetSmart / PetSmart Finance 4.75% 15/02/2028	USD250,000	188	0.87
Playtika 4.25% 15/03/2029	USD130,000	88	0.41
Ritchie Bros 7.75% 15/03/2031	USD56,000	47	0.22
ROBLOX 3.875% 01/05/2030	USD98,000	66	0.31
Rockies Express Pipeline 3.6% 15/05/2025	USD80,000	60	0.28
Rockies Express Pipeline 4.8% 15/05/2030	USD80,000	57	0.26
Royal Caribbean Cruises 4.25% 01/07/2026	USD75,000	53	0.25
Royal Caribbean Cruises 7.25% 15/01/2030	USD47,000	37	0.17
Scientific Games / Scientific Games US FinCo 6.625% 01/03/2030	USD135,000	95	0.44
Service Properties Trust 4.5% 15/03/2025	USD150,000	111	0.51
Southwestern Energy 5.375% 15/03/2030	USD90,000	67	0.31
Southwestern Energy 4.75% 01/02/2032	USD70,000	49	0.23
Spectrum Brands 5% 01/10/2029	USD13,000	9	0.04
Spectrum Brands 3.875% 15/03/2031	USD115,000	75	0.35
Standard Industries 4.375% 15/07/2030	USD30,000	21	0.10
Telecom Italia Capital 6.375% 15/11/2033	USD100,000	70	0.32
Telecom Italia Capital 7.2% 18/07/2036	USD50,000	36	0.17
TransDigm 6.75% 15/08/2028	USD82,000	66	0.30
Transocean Titan Financing 8.375% 01/02/2028	USD135,000	109	0.51
Uber Technologies 6.25% 15/01/2028	USD55,000	44	0.20
United Airlines 4.375% 15/04/2026	USD20,000	15	0.07
United Airlines 4.625% 15/04/2029	USD166,000	120	0.56
USA Compression Partners / USA Compression Finance 6.875% 01/04/2026	USD80,000	63	0.29
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass 3.875% 15/08/2029	USD205,000	146	0.68
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass 6.25% 15/01/2030	USD55,000	44	0.20
VICI Properties 4.5% 01/09/2026	USD115,000	87	0.40
Viking Ocean Cruises Ship VII 5.625% 15/02/2029	USD65,000	44	0.20
Vistra Operations 4.375% 01/05/2029	USD90,000	64	0.30
VOC Escrow 5% 15/02/2028	USD60,000	42	0.19
Wolverine World Wide 4% 15/08/2029	USD30,000	20	0.09
WR Grace 4.875% 15/06/2027	USD60,000	45	0.21
WR Grace 5.625% 15/08/2029	USD130,000	89	0.41

as at 30 April 2023

Holdings or Nominal Values	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Government Bonds		
Dominican Republic International Bond 5.5% 22/02/2029 USD150,000	114	0.53
Republic of South Africa Government International Bond 5.875% 20/04/2032 USD209,000	151	0.70
US Treasury Note 1.5% 15/02/2030 USD200,000	140	0.65
DERIVATIVES (0.11%*)	41	0.19
Credit Default Swap		
CDX: Markit North American High Yield Credit Default Swap Index 5% 20/06/2027 USD900,000	(21)	(0.10)
CDX: Markit North American High Yield Credit Default Swap Index 5% 20/06/2027 USD1,500,000	(35)	(0.16)
CDX: Markit North American High Yield Credit Default Swap Index 5% 20/12/2027 USD800,000	(11)	(0.05)
ITRAXX: Markit Crossover European Credit Default Swap Index 5% 20/12/2027 EUR1,000,000	(29)	(0.14)
Forward Currency Contracts		
Euro		
Sold EUR5,008,571 for GBP4,440,955 Settlement 31/05/2023	37	0.17
Sold EUR5,008,572 for GBP4,440,850 Settlement 31/05/2023	37	0.17
South African Rand		
Sold ZAR4,131,299 for GBP181,037 Settlement 31/05/2023	2	0.01
US Dollar		
Sold USD6,238,038 for GBP5,010,931 Settlement 31/05/2023	51	0.24
Sold USD6,238,038 for GBP5,008,505 Settlement 31/05/2023	49	0.23
Futures		
US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures June 2023 (14)	(39)	(0.18)
Portfolio of investments^	21,190	98.19
Net other assets	390	1.81
Total net assets	21,580	100.00

All investments are approved securities as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.

<sup>^</sup> Including derivative liabilities.

### **Material Portfolio Changes**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Major sales	£000
US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures September 2022	6,434	US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures September 2022	6,327
US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures December 2022	3,828	US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures December 2022	3,869
US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures March 2023	2,784	US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures March 2023	2,798
US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures June 2022	2,392	US Treasury 10 Year Note Futures June 2023	1,300
Euro-BUND Futures June 2022	639	Euro-BUND Futures September 2022	640
Euro-BUND Futures September 2022	634	Euro-BUND Futures December 2022	624
Euro-BUND Futures March 2023	615	Euro-BUND Futures March 2023	611
Euro-BUND Futures December 2022	614	US Treasury 5 Year Note Futures June 2023	543
US Treasury 5 Year Note Futures June 2023	542	Netflix 3.625% 15/05/2027	261
Ladbrokes Group Finance 5.125% 08/09/2023	199	eircom Finance 3.5% 15/05/2026	246

Purchases and sales of Futures have been included at the value of their exposure.

### **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21
Chara Clara 1 January	(p)	(p)	(p)
Share Class 1 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	44.79	49.55	45.84
Return before operating charges*	0.20	(2.80)	5.64
Operating charges#	(0.64)	(0.81)	(0.80)
Return after operating charges*	(0.44)	(3.61)	4.84
Distributions on income shares	(1.57)	(1.15)	(1.13)
Closing net asset value per share	42.78	44.79	49.55
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(0.98)%	(7.29)%	10.56%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,862	6,950	8,526
Closing number of shares	13,702,874	15,516,824	17,204,984
Operating charges#	1.50%	1.64%	1.64%
Direct transaction costs**	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	44.90	50.35	50.08
Lowest share price	41.23	45.40	45.77

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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.

**Comparative Tables** (continued) as at 30 April 2023 30/04/23 30/04/22 30/04/21 (p) (p) (p) Share Class C - Income Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share 49.21 54.46 50.38 6.20 Return before operating charges\* 0.22 (3.10)Operating charges# (0.26)(0.30)(0.30)5.90 Return after operating charges\* (0.04)(3.40)Distributions on income shares (2.16)(1.85)(1.82)Closing net asset value per share 47.01 49.21 54.46 \*after direct transaction costs of: Performance Return after charges (0.08)% (6.24)% 11.71% Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) 10,765 16,035 12,446 22,900,194 25,289,293 29,444,163 Closing number of shares Operating charges# 0.56% 0.56% 0.56% Direct transaction costs \*\* 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% **Prices** Highest share price 49.38 55.41 55.17 Lowest share price 45.39 50.02 50.33

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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.

**Comparative Tables** (continued) as at 30 April 2023 30/04/23 30/04/22 30/04/21 (p) (p) (p) Share Class L - Income Change in net assets per share 51.77 Opening net asset value per share 46.79 50.00† Return before operating charges\* 0.20 (2.93)3.00 Operating charges# (0.63)(0.64)(0.42)Return after operating charges\* (0.43)(3.57)2.58 Distributions on income shares (1.67)(1.41)(0.81)Closing net asset value per share 44.69 46.79 51.77 \*after direct transaction costs of: Performance Return after charges (0.92)% (6.90)% 5.16% Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) 4,953 5,456 6,287 Closing number of shares 11,082,602 11,659,241 12,143,933 Operating charges# 1.41% 1.24% 1.32% Direct transaction costs \*\* 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% **Prices** Highest share price 46.92 52.64 52.70 Lowest share price 43.08 47.47 49.99

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dilution adjustment has not been deducted within direct transaction costs.

<sup>#</sup>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 L Income was launched on 25 September 2020.

### Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 30/04/22	
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital losses	2		(1,095)		(2,794)
Revenue	3	1,294		1,256	
Expenses	4	(359)		(353)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6 _	(1)	_	(1)	
Net revenue before taxation		934		902	
Taxation	5 _		_		
Net revenue after taxation		_	934	-	902
Total return before distributions			(161)		(1,892)
Distributions	6		(934)	<u>-</u>	(902)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment a	activities	=	(1,095)	:	(2,794)

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023				
	01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 30/04/22	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		24,852		30,848
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	1,006		3,181	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,184)		(6,387)	
		(2,178)		(3,206)
Dilution adjustment		-		3
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,095)		(2,794)
Unclaimed distributions		1	_	1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		21,580	_	24,852

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 117 to 122.

### **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			
	Notes	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Assets			
Investments		21,325	24,878
Current assets			
Debtors	7	503	492
Cash and bank balances	8	318	297
Total assets		22,146	25,667
Liabilities			
Investment liabilities		(135)	(183)
Creditors			
Bank overdrafts		(1)	(202)
Distribution payable		(231)	(219)
Other creditors	9	(199)	(211)
Total liabilities		(566)	(815)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	:	21,580	24,852

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 117 to 122.

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#### 1. Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

#### 2. Net capital losses

The net capital losses during the year comprise:

	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Non-derivative securities	(683)	(2,352)
Derivative contracts	306	412
Forward foreign exchange currency contracts	(1,056)	(1,045)
Currency gains	345	196
Handling charges	(7)	(5)
Net capital losses	(1,095)	(2,794)
Revenue		
	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Overseas taxable revenue	38	5
Bank interest	9	-
Interest on debt securities	1,245	1,249
Interest on amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers*	1	-
Swap income	(1)	-
VAT refund revenue	2	2

01/05/22 to

1,294

1,256

01/05/21 to

#### 4. Expenses

Total revenue

3.

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	168	219
ACD's expense rebate*	(47)	(26)
	121	193
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee	5	6
Other expenses:		
Accounting & administration fees	48	44
Administration costs	13	13
Audit fee	12	12
KIID publication costs	1	1
Registrar's fees	22	23
Swap interest	137	61
	233	154
Total expenses	359	353

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £10,682 (30/04/22: £9,800).

<sup>\*</sup>Interest on amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers shown are the net position of amount paid and received during the year.

<sup>\*</sup>This relates to a rebate paid by the ACD in order to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate by the ACD.

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#### 5. Taxation

01/05/22 to 01/05/21 to 30/04/23 30/04/22 £000 £000

01/05/22 +0 01/05/21 +0

#### (a) Analysis of charge in year:

There is no corporation tax charge in the current year or prior year.

#### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2022: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	934	902
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	187	180
Effects of:		
Tax deductible interest distributions	(187)	(180)
Total tax charge for the year		-

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

#### (c) Deferred taxation:

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

#### Finance costs

#### Distributions and interest

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

Interim gross interest allocations Final gross interest allocations	30/04/23 £000 694 231	30/04/22 £000 672 219
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares  Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	925 17	891 25
Net distributions for the year	(8) 934	902
Bank interest	1	1
Total finance costs	935	903

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables on pages 123 to 124.

#### 7. Debtors

	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Sales awaiting settlement	161	169
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	2	-
Accrued revenue	293	297
Accrued ACD expense rebate	47	26
Total debtors	503	492

#### 8. Cash and bank balances

	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Cash and bank balances	257	231
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	61	66
Total cash and bank balances	318	297

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Q	Other	creditors
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	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Purchases awaiting settlement	110	96
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	2	55
Accrued expenses	61	45
Accrued ACD's periodic charge	26	15
Total other creditors	199	211

#### 10. Portfolio transaction costs

	Purchases		Sales	
	01/05/22 to 01/05/21 to		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Bonds	14,000	16,109	16,965	19,672
Commissions Bonds	-	-	-	-
Taxes Bonds		-	-	
Total costs	-	-	-	
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	14,000	16,109	16,965	19,672

Derivatives have incurred broker commissions of £nil (30/04/22: £nil) and taxes of £nil (30/04/22: £nil).

Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.

	Purch	Purcnases		Sales	
	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to	
	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/23	30/04/22	
	%	%	%	%	
Commissions					
Bonds	-	-	-	-	
Taxes					
Bonds	-	-	-	-	
Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.					
	01/05/	22 to 30/04/23	01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22	
		%		%	
Commissions		-		-	
Taxes		-			
Total costs		-		_	

Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.72% (30/04/22: 0.64%).

#### 11. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 9 and 7 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management and receivable from Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of expense rebates are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 9.

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

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#### 12. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has four share classes in issue: Class 1, Class 3, Class C and Class L.

The ACD's periodic charge on each share class is as follows:

	%
Share Class 1 - Income:	1.25
Share Class 3 - Income:	-
Share Class C - Income:	0.50
Share Class L - Income:	0.65

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 112 to 114.

The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Tables on pages 123 to 124.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

	01/05/22				30/04/23
	Opening			Shares	Closing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 1 - Income:	15,516,824	375,279	(2,189,229)	-	13,702,874
Share Class C - Income:	25,289,293	1,581,753	(3,984,235)	13,383	22,900,194
Share Class L - Income:	11,659,241	273,742	(836,277)	(14,104)	11,082,602

#### 13. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

#### 14. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 30 April 2023 is £nil (30/04/22: £195,003). Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 30 April 2023 is £nil (30/04/22: £207,522). The identities of the counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. The form of the collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £221 (30/04/22: £323) and £56 (30/04/22: £81).

Counterparties	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Barclays Bank	-	157
Merrill Lynch		51
Total collateral held		208
	30/04/23	30/04/22
Collateral held	£000	£000
Bonds		208
Total collateral held	-	208

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#### 15. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

#### Currency exposure

A proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements.

The Fund holds an insignificant Euro, South African rand and US dollar currency exposure at 30 April 2022 therefore a currency table has not been disclosed.

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

The interest rate risk profiles of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities at 30 April were:

	Floating rate financial assets	Fixed rate financial assets	Financial assets not carrying interest	Total
Currency	£000	£000	£000	£000
30/04/23				
Sterling	273	2,447	18,846	21,566
Euro	-	8,776	(8,836)	(60)
South African rand	-	178	(178)	-
US dollar	44	9,748	(9,718)	74
Total	317	21,149	114	21,580
30/04/22				
Sterling	297	2,641	21,994	24,932
Euro	(50)	9,062	(9,060)	(48)
South African rand	-	254	(255)	(1)
US dollar	(152)	12,710	(12,589)	(31)
Total	95	24,667	90	24,852

The Fund's net cash holding of £0.317m (30/04/22: holding £0.095m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

#### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

#### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

#### 16. Non Adjusting Post Balance Sheet Event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, below share classes experienced the following redemptions.

Share Class 1 - Income: -39.24%

No adjustment is required to the amounts recognised at the year end date.

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#### 17. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		30/04/22	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Level 1	140	(39)	388	-	
Level 2	21,185	(96)	24,490	(183)	
Total fair value	21,325	(135)	24,878	(183)	

#### 18. Summary of portfolio by credit ratings

	30/04/23		30/04/22	
	Market	Total	Market	Total
	Value	Net Assets	Value	Net Assets
Rating block	£000	%	£000	%
Investment grade (AAA to BBB-)	1,339	6.19	3,362	13.53
Non-Investment grade (BB+ to CCC)	19,722	91.40	21,305	85.73
Unrated	88	0.41	-	
Total bonds	21,149	98.00	24,667	99.26
Other	431	2.00	185	0.74
Total net assets	21,580	100.00	24,852	100.00

#### **Distribution Tables**

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#### Distribution in pence per share

#### Share Class 1 - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

			Distribution	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	0.3428	-	0.3428	0.2869
31/10/22	0.3948	-	0.3948	0.2769
31/01/23	0.4107	-	0.4107	0.2688
Final	0.4214	-	0.4214	0.3214
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	0.0606	0.2822	0.3428	0.2869
31/10/22	0.1154	0.2794	0.3948	0.2769
31/01/23	0.1039	0.3068	0.4107	0.2688
Final	0.1270	0.2944	0.4214	0.3214

#### Share Class C - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

	Net		Distributions paid/payable to	Distributions paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	0.5232	-	0.5232	0.4605
31/10/22	0.5464	-	0.5464	0.4509
31/01/23	0.5429	-	0.5429	0.4472
Final	0.5502	-	0.5502	0.4930
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	0.2571	0.2661	0.5232	0.4605
31/10/22	0.1253	0.4211	0.5464	0.4509
31/01/23	0.2691	0.2738	0.5429	0.4472
Final	0.1975	0.3527	0.5502	0.4930

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#### Share Class L - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	0.3985	-	0.3985	0.3458
31/10/22	0.4234	-	0.4234	0.3476
31/01/23	0.4247	-	0.4247	0.3362
Final	0.4271	-	0.4271	0.3797
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	0.1318	0.2667	0.3985	0.3458
31/10/22	0.1246	0.2988	0.4234	0.3476
31/01/23	0.1474	0.2773	0.4247	0.3362
Final	0.1176	0.3095	0.4271	0.3797

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth, with some income, over the long term (at least 5 years).

The Fund invests at least 80% in shares of North American companies. North American companies are: companies which are listed, quoted or traded in the US or Canada; or companies which have their headquarters in the US or Canada; or companies which have a significant part of their activities in the US or Canada but which are quoted on a regulated market outside of the US or Canada.

The Fund may be invested, at the investment manager's discretion, in any combination of US and/or Canadian shares at any one time and in any industry sector.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares of North American companies, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments), deposits, cash, near cash, money market instruments and warrants.

The Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management only.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 10 February 2023. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Christopher Childs
Fund size £76.1 million
Launch date 15 October 1984

#### Manager's Review

The US stock market delivered a modest positive return over the twelve months. Stocks generally suffered from increased risk aversion due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, rising inflation and the Fed turning off monetary stimulus, and were sold off until the end of September. Moreover, a heavy weighting to hard-hit US-based technology-driven mega-cap growth stocks weighed on indices and meant the overall US equity market underperformed. Despite this, demand for US stocks grew through the autumn as investors became more optimistic that the Federal Reserve (Fed) would temper its aggressive rate hikes. However, firms with high exposure to the Chinese market struggled to make gains amidst Chinese protests, which stemmed from opposition to government Covid-19 restrictions. The New Year also witnessed US stocks struggling against Fed signals that it would continue to lift rates to bring inflation under control, and later, volatility increased after the collapse of two regional US banks and concerns about a wider financial crisis. Towards the end of the period, US stocks generally struggled against a slowing economy and persistent inflation, despite better-than-expected corporate earnings. Consumer price inflation rose from 8.6% in May 2022 to a peak of 9.1% in June before slowing to 4.9% in April 2023, the lowest in two years and below market forecasts of 5.0%. The Fed raised interest rates eight times by the end of April 2023, from 0.50% to 5.00%. It also began quantitative tightening by allowing maturing bonds to run off, shrinking its balance sheet.

The CT North American Equity Fund is managed using a purely systematic approach, seeking exposure to our customised and unique 'True ERP' (Equity Risk Premia) factor. With this model, we aim to identify attractively valued, growing companies with good quality financial statements. We use our 'True Styles' methodology to capture the essence of the style and construct the portfolios through our proprietary construction tool. During the period, the portfolio was rebalanced a number of times in accordance with our disciplined process.

The US equity market demonstrated its resilience at the start of the year. While it was the collapse of SVB in the US that triggered a sharp downturn of confidence in the banking system; it was the US equity market that outperformed as the dominant US mega-cap technology-based growth stocks benefited from the consequence cut in interest rate expectations. US bond markets imply a recession in 2023 which will drive the Federal Reserve to cut rates. As we enter first quarter corporate results season, companies are likely to be cautious, given the tightening of lending standards, stubborn core inflation and waning demand. Consequently, over the short term, we expect increased risks and deterioration in growth fundamentals.

#### **Performance Summary**

Over the twelve-month period the CT North American Equity Fund returned 0.5%. By comparison, the FTSE North America TR GDP returned 1.8%. All figures are in sterling, net of fees and on a total return basis.

# Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 26 May 2023

### Portfolio Statement

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
BASIC MATERIALS (3.08%*)		2,435	3.20
Chemicals Linde	4,018	1 107	1.55
LyondellBasell Industries	3,781	1,182 285	0.38
Nutrien	2,171	120	0.16
Industrial Metals and Mining			
Nucor Steel Dynamics	2,977 931	351 77	0.46 0.10
Teck Resources	3,800	140	0.18
Precious Metals and Mining			
Agnico Eagle Mines	1,600	72	0.10
Barrick Gold	13,812	208	0.27
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (11.67%*)		11,004	14.46
Automobiles and Parts General Motors	1,781	47	0.06
LKQ	1,372	63	0.08
Magna International	7,150	296	0.39
Tesla	3,162	413	0.54
Consumer Services	13,705	506	0.66
eBay MercadoLibre	711	723	0.86
Uber Technologies	27,907	689	0.91
Household Goods and Home Construction			
Lennar	12,524 806	1,124	1.48
Whirlpool  Media	800	89	0.12
Fox	11,134	270	0.35
Liberty Media Corp-Liberty SiriusXM 'A'	3,746	84	0.11
Liberty Media Corp-Liberty SiriusXM 'C'	6,000	133	0.17
Netflix News	1,006 4,100	264 58	0.35 0.08
Retailers	4,100	50	0.00
Amazon.com	8,638	725	0.95
Home Depot	7,262	1,737	2.28
Lowe's Walmart	8,450 1,501	1,397 180	1.84 0.24
Travel and Leisure	1,501	100	0.24
Airbnb	8,272	788	1.04
Booking	122	261	0.34
Expedia Vail Resorts	14,927 213	1,116 41	1.47
	213		0.05 <b>9.96</b>
CONSUMER STAPLES (6.04%*)		7,580	9.90
Beverages Coca-Cola Europacific Partners	1,748	90	0.12
Monster Beverage	25,626	1,141	1.50
PepsiCo	11,220	1,704	2.24
Food Producers	4.000	22.5	2.25
Hershey Tyson Foods	1,039 7,582	226 377	0.30 0.49
1,350,11,0503	1,302	511	0.43

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores			
CVS Health	22,122	1,290	1.70
George Weston Kroger	1,200 14,011	128 542	0.17 0.71
Loblaw	8,490	633	0.83
McKesson	317	92	0.12
Tobacco			
Altria	35,923	1,357	1.78
ENERGY (3.43%*)		3,787	4.98
Oil, Gas and Coal			
Canadian Natural Resources	7,038	341	0.45
Cheniere Energy	4,995	608	0.80
Chevron	5,962	800	1.05
Coterra Energy	18,426	375	0.50
Exxon Mobil Imperial Oil	14,341 7,778	1,349 314	1.77 0.41
·	7,776		
FINANCIALS (12.33%*)		8,184	10.76
Banks Bank of Nova Scotia	8,039	319	0.42
Commerce Bancshares	1,477	66	0.42
Royal Bank of Canada	8,754	691	0.91
Truist Financial	4,519	117	0.15
US Bancorp	20,403	556	0.73
Wells Fargo	27,702	876	1.15
Financial services Capital One Financial	1,138	88	0.12
	1,130	00	0.12
Investment Banking and Brokerage Services Berkshire Hathaway	2,525	660	0.87
BlackRock	624	333	0.44
Brookfield	7,609	196	0.26
Goldman Sachs	4,736	1,294	1.70
Morgan Stanley	17,279	1,237	1.62
SEI Investments	3,079	144	0.19
Life Insurance			
Aflac	7,964	443	0.58
MetLife Principal Financial	6,812 1,554	332 92	0.44 0.12
Non-life Insurance	1,554	32	0.12
American International	2,667	113	0.15
Arch Capital	7,725	461	0.61
Fidelity National Financial	3,094	87	0.11
Markel	72	79	0.10
HEALTH CARE (16.07%*)		10,337	13.58
Health Care Providers			
Centene	6,743	370	0.49
Cigna	6,193	1,248	1.64
Elevance Health	1,918	715	0.94

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Humana	2,653	1,119	1.47
UnitedHealth	893	350	0.46
Veeva Systems	3,082	439	0.58
Medical Equipment and Services Abbott Laboratories	1,755	154	0.20
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology			
AbbVie	5,172	622	0.82
Amgen	2,206	421	0.55
Bristol-Myers Squibb	25,001	1,328	1.74
Gilead Sciences	9,503	622	0.82
Incyte	12,802	758	1.00
Johnson & Johnson	1,181	154	0.20
Merck	9,881	908	1.19
Pfizer	4,857 169	150	0.20
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Vertex Pharmaceuticals	2,755	108 747	0.14 0.98
Viatris	16,735	124	0.36
	10,755		
INDUSTRIALS (9.70%*)		6,654	8.74
Construction and Materials Masco	14,532	619	0.81
General Industrials 3M	4,283	362	0.48
Parker-Hannifin	718	186	0.25
Industrial Engineering			
Cummins	701	131	0.17
Deere	444	133	0.18
Otis Worldwide	1,100	75	0.10
Snap-on	461	95	0.13
Industrial Support Services			
Accenture	3,214	717	0.94
Automatic Data Processing	1,405	246	0.32
Fidelity National Information Services	23,623	1,104	1.45
PayPal	6,824	413	0.54
Industrial Transportation			
Canadian National Railway	1,528	145	0.19
Expeditors International of Washington	8,738	791	1.04
FedEx	3,416	619	0.81
PACCAR	10,773	640	0.84
Union Pacific	1,236	192	0.25
United Parcel Service	1,300	186	0.24
REAL ESTATE (2.67%*)		1,425	1.87
Real Estate Investment and Services Development			
CBRE	6,140	374	0.49
CoStar	3,222	197	0.26

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Real Estate Investment Trusts	40.004	545	
Realty Income Weyerhaeuser	10,291 14,262	515 339	0.68 0.44
TECHNOLOGY (30.47%*)		21,980	28.89
Software and Computer Services			
Adobe	4,195	1,260	1.66
Alphabet 'A'	28,645	2,446	3.22
Alphabet 'C'	26,672	2,297	3.02
Amdocs	6,552	476	0.63
Autodesk	364	56	0.07
Cadence Design Systems	7,250	1,208	1.59
Check Point Software Technologies	812	82	0.11
Cognizant Technology Solutions	2,932	139	0.18
Datadog	1,402	75	0.10
DocuSign	14,795	582	0.77
EPAM Systems	705	159	0.21
Leidos Mate Platfama	1,134	84	0.11
Meta Platforms Microsoft	2,364	452	0.59
ServiceNow	13,914 1,357	3,402 496	4.47 0.65
Snowflake	600	71	0.03
VeriSign	1,411	249	0.33
-	1,711	243	0.55
Technology Hardware and Equipment Advanced Micro Devices	7,296	519	0.68
Apple	7,290 37,431	5,053	6.64
Broadcom	2,826	1,409	1.85
CDW	376	51	0.07
KLA	2,457	756	0.99
Lam Research	739	308	0.40
NVIDIA	883	195	0.26
Qorvo	2,117	155	0.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (0.91%*)		997	1.31
Telecommunications Equipment			
Cisco Systems	9,884	371	0.49
Telecommunications Service Providers	2700 .	57.	51.15
AT&T	12,421	175	0.23
Comcast	8,259	272	0.25
Liberty Global	2,692	44	0.06
T-Mobile US	1,181	135	0.18
UTILITIES (3.72%*)	.,	1,764	2.32
		1,704	2.52
Electricity	5.67	42	0.06
American Electric Power	567	42	0.06
Evergy	4,342	215	0.28
Hydro One	11,900	276 276	0.36
NextEra Energy NRG Energy	6,166 2,183	376 59	0.49 0.08
NNO LITERBY	2,103	29	0.00

Vistra Xcel Energy	<b>Holdings</b> 18,678 1,618	Market Value £000 354 90	Total Net Assets % 0.47 0.12
Gas, Water and Multi-utilities			
Ameren	1,919	136	0.18
Canadian Utilities	4,300	99	0.13
WEC Energy	1,526	117	0.15
Portfolio of investments		76,147	100.07
Net other liabilities		(51)	(0.07)
Total net assets		76,096	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

\* Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.

# Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 30 April 2023

for the year ended 30 April 2023			
	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Major sales	£000
Humana	2,182	Morgan Stanley	2,262
Microsoft	1,834	Accenture	2,009
Amazon.com	1,820	Berkshire Hathaway	1,822
Goldman Sachs	1,782	Gilead Sciences	1,786
PepsiCo	1,692	salesforce.com	1,653
Expedia	1,607	Amazon.com	1,637
Cigna	1,523	Broadcom	1,629
Adobe	1,462	Bristol-Myers Squibb	1,604
Lowe's	1,424	Goldman Sachs	1,409
CVS Health	1,406	PepsiCo	1,402

### **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21
	(p)	(p)	(p)
Share Class 1 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	824.67	730.68	563.08
Return before operating charges*	12.26	108.13	179.11
Operating charges#	(13.79)	(14.14)	(11.51)
Return after operating charges*	(1.53)	93.99	167.60
Distributions	(0.04)	-	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.04	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	823.14	824.67	730.68
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.37	0.28	0.25
Performance			
Return after charges	(0.19)%	12.86%	29.76%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,991	4,895	4,619
Closing number of shares	363,397	593,522	632,209
Operating charges#	1.67%	1.77%	1.82%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	903.50	868.60	736.90
Lowest share price	752.70	703.40	558.10

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,004.97	882.86	674.29
Return before operating charges*	14.33	131.05	215.75
Operating charges#	(9.21)	(8.94)	(7.18)
Return after operating charges*	5.12	122.11	208.57
Distributions	(7.63)	(4.33)	(5.21)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	7.63	4.33	5.21
Closing net asset value per share	1,010.09	1,004.97	882.86
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.45	0.33	0.31
Performance			
Return after charges	0.51%	13.83%	30.93%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	37,655	36,842	33,378
Closing number of shares	3,727,903	3,665,913	3,780,630
Operating charges#	0.91%	0.92%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,104.00	1,058.00	890.00
Lowest share price	918.20	850.10	668.40

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 3 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,081.44	947.96	721.37
Return before operating charges*	15.52	140.76	231.11
Operating charges#	(8.27)	(7.28)	(4.52)
Return after operating charges*	7.25	133.48	226.59
Distributions	(9.86)	(6.98)	(8.56)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	9.86	6.98	8.56
Closing net asset value per share	1,088.69	1,081.44	947.96
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.49	0.36	0.33
Performance			
Return after charges	0.67%	14.08%	31.41%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,542	1,705	1,662
Closing number of shares	141,607	157,661	175,350
Operating charges#	0.76%	0.70%	0.55%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,189.00	1,138.00	955.60
Lowest share price	988.40	912.90	715.10

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 4 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,164.80	1,015.03	769.17
Return before operating charges*	16.69	151.03	247.12
Operating charges#	(1.69)	(1.26)	(1.26)
Return after operating charges*	15.00	149.77	245.86
Distributions	(17.87)	(14.05)	(12.95)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	17.87	14.05	12.95
Closing net asset value per share	1,179.80	1,164.80	1,015.03
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.53	0.39	0.35
Performance			
Return after charges	1.29%	14.76%	31.96%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	13,303	13,378	15,240
Closing number of shares	1,127,563	1,148,549	1,501,465
Operating charges#	0.14%	0.11%	0.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,283.00	1,225.00	1,023.00
Lowest share price	1,065.00	977.70	762.50

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			_
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 4 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	866.67	764.44	586.55
Return before operating charges*	12.76	113.76	188.73
Operating charges#	(1.29)	(0.97)	(1.00)
Return after operating charges*	11.47	112.79	187.73
Distributions on income shares	(13.28)	(10.56)	(9.84)
Closing net asset value per share	864.86	866.67	764.44
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.39	0.29	0.27
Performance			
Return after charges	1.32%	14.75%	32.01%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,605	22,334	22,093
Closing number of shares	2,382,464	2,577,017	2,890,058
Operating charges#	0.15%	0.12%	0.15%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	954.70	922.70	780.30
Lowest share price	793.10	736.40	581.70

Comparative Tables	(continued)
as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/21
	(p)
Share Class T - Accumulation	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	5,276.99
Return before operating charges*	420.10
Operating charges#	(1.09)
Return after operating charges*	419.01
Distributions	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-
Return to shareholder as a result of class closure	(5,696.00)
Closing net asset value per share	<u>-</u>
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.56
Performance	
Return after charges	7.94%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	-
Operating charges#	0.31%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	5,961.00
Lowest share price	5,231.00
#Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund o the share class.  Share Class T Accumulation was closed on 30 July 2020.	n a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by

### Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to	30/04/22
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital (losses)/gains	2		(483)		9,589
Revenue	3	1,576		1,249	
Expenses	4	(485)		(451)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(2)	_	(2)	
Net revenue before taxation		1,089		796	
Taxation	5 _	(230)	_	(177)	
Net revenue after taxation			859	_	619
Total return before distributions			376		10,208
Distributions	6		(874)	_	(639)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment a	activities		(498)	=	9,569

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023					
	01/05/22 to 30	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 01		01/05/21 to 30/04/22	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		79,154		76,992	
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	16,101		9,123		
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(19,161)		(16,861)		
		(3,060)		(7,738)	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(498)		9,569	
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		500		331	
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		76,096		79,154	

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 140 to 145.

### **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			_
		30/04/23	30/04/22
	Notes	£000	£000
Assets			
Investments		76,147	79,229
Current assets			
Debtors	8	79	108
Cash and bank balances		746	421
Total assets		76,972	79,758
Liabilities			
Creditors			
Distribution payable		(316)	(272)
Other creditors	9	(560)	(332)
Total liabilities		(876)	(604)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		76,096	79,154

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 140 to 145.

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#### Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

#### 2. Net capital (losses)/gains

The net capital	(losses)/gains	during the	year comprise:
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	The net capital (losses)/gains during the year comprise:		
		01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
	Non-derivative securities	(371)	9,591
	Currency (losses)/gains	(82)	11
	Handling charges	(30)	(13)
	Net capital (losses)/gains	(483)	9,589
3.	Revenue		
J.	Neveride	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
	UK dividends	-	1
	Overseas non-taxable revenue	1,489	1,210
	Property revenue from taxable overseas REITs	70	28
	Bank interest	11	1
	Stock lending revenue VAT refund revenue	2	4 5
	Total revenue	1,576	1,249
		1,570	1,243
4.	Expenses	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
	Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:	2000	2000
	ACD's periodic charge	384	341
	ACD's expense rebate*	(19)	-
	'	365	341
	Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them:		541
	Depositary's fee	16	15
	Stock lending charges	10	1
	oto an ionaling on angel	17	16
	Other company		10
	Other expenses: Accounting & administration fees	23	23
	Administration costs	31	22
	Audit fee	12	12
	Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for non-audit services**	-	3
	KIID publication costs	1	2
	Legal fee	5	-
	Out of pocket expenses	1	3
	Registrar's fees	30	29
		103	94
	Total expenses	485	451

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £10,682 (30/04/22: £9,800).

<sup>\*</sup>This relates to a rebate paid by the ACD in order to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate by the ACD.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Fees paid during the prior year in relation to finalisation of the FII GLO positions and review of HMRC closure notices, exclusive of VAT, were £2,557.

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5.	Taxation	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
(a)	Analysis of charge in year: Irrecoverable overseas tax	230	177

#### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2022: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	1,089	796
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	218	159
Effects of:		
Overseas non-taxable revenue*	(298)	(242)
Movement in excess management expenses	82	84
Irrecoverable overseas tax	230	177
Overseas tax expensed	(2)	(1)
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	230	177

<sup>\*</sup>As an authorised OEIC these items are not subject to corporation tax.

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

#### Deferred taxation: (c)

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges:

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £1,291,251 (30/04/22: £1,209,005) relating to surplus management expenses. No deferred tax asset was recognised in the current or prior year as it was considered unlikely the Fund would generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts.

#### 6. Finance costs

#### Distribution and interest

The distribution takes account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprises:

	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Final dividend distributions	816	603
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	102	63
Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	(44)	(27)
Net distribution for the year	874	639
Bank interest	2	2
Total finance costs	876	641

Details of the distribution per share is set out in the Distribution Tables on page 146.

#### 7. Movement between net revenue and net distributions

	01/05/22 (0	01/05/21 (0
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Net revenue after taxation	859	619
Revenue deficit payable from capital	-	20
Net revenue received on share class conversions	15	-
Net distribution for the year	874	639

for t	he year ended 30 April 2023				
8.	Debtors				
				30/04/23	30/04/22
				£000	£000
	Amounts receivable for issue of shares Accrued revenue			14 46	34 74
	Accrued ACD expense rebate			19	-
	Total debtors		_		108
9.	Other creditors		=		
٦.	one deditors			30/04/23	30/04/22
				£000	£000
	Amounts payable for cancellation of shares			449	264
	Accrued expenses			55	40
	Accrued ACD's periodic charge		_	56	28
	Total other creditors		=	560	332
10.	Portfolio transaction costs				
		Purch		Sales	
		01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
		£000	£000	50/04/23 £000	£000
	Equities	87,848	63,178	90,588	70,585
	Commissions				
	Equities	17	12	(18)	(14)
	Taxes				
	Equities	-	-	(2)	-
	Total costs	17	12	(20)	(14)
	Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	87,865	63,190	90,568	70,571
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.	Purchases 01/05/22 to 01/05/21 to		Sales 01/05/22 to 01/05/21 to	
		30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/23	30/04/22
		30/0 <del>4</del> /23 %	%	30/0 <del>4</del> /23	30/04/22 %
	Commissions	,-	,-		,.
	Equities	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Taxes				
	Equities	-	-	-	-
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.				
		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22
	Commissions		<b>%</b> 0.04		<b>%</b> 0.03
	Taxes		-		-
	Total costs		0.04		0.03
	. 5 (2)		0.0∃		0.03

Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.03% (30/04/22: 0.06%).

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#### 11. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 9 and 8 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management and receivable from Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of expense rebates are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 9

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

Shares held by associates of the ACD

The shares held as a percentage of the Fund's value were:

	30/04/23	30/04/22
ACD and associates of the ACD	23.56%	24.16%

#### 12. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has four share classes in issue: Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4.

The ACD's periodic charge on each share class is as follows:

	%
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	1.50
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	0.75
Share Class 3 - Accumulation:	0.40
Share Class 4 - Accumulation:	-
Share Class 4 - Income:	-

Share Class T - Accumulation was closed on 30 July 2020 (30/04/21: 0.31).

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 132 to 137.

The distribution per share class is given in the Distribution Tables on page 146.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

	01/05/22				30/04/23
	Opening			Shares	Closing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	593,522	136,384	(81,515)	(284,994)	363,397
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	3,665,913	1,371,410	(1,541,772)	232,352	3,727,903
Share Class 3 - Accumulation:	157,661	-	(16,054)	-	141,607
Share Class 4 - Accumulation:	1,148,549	45,798	(66,784)	-	1,127,563
Share Class 4 - Income:	2,577,017	58,987	(253,540)	-	2,382,464

#### 13. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

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#### 14. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 30 April 2023 is £729,685 (30/04/22: £99,814). Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 30 April 2023 is £770,114 (30/04/22: £109,649). The identities of the counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. The form of the collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £2,120 (30/04/22: £3,577) and £527 (30/04/22: £893).

Countain autica	30/04/23	30/04/22
Counterparties	£000	£000
Citigroup Global Markets (UK)	45	-
Goldman Sachs	487	110
HSBC Bank	238	
Total collateral held	770	110
	30/04/23	30/04/22
Collateral held	£000	£000
Bonds	770	110
Total collateral held	770	110

#### 15. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

#### Currency exposure

A substantial proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

As at 30 April the Fund had the following net currency exposure (excluding Sterling):

	Currency exposure	Currency exposure
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	Total	Total
Currency	£000	£000
Canadian dollar	3,982	3,288
US dollar	72,220	76,015
Total	76,202	79,303

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

The Fund's net cash holding of £0.746m (30/04/22: holding £0.421m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

The Fund receives revenue from holdings in equities. The cash flow from these investments may fluctuate depending upon the particular decisions made by each company. Given that the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cash flows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

#### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

#### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

#### 16. Non Adjusting Post Balance Sheet Event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, below share classes experienced the following redemptions.

Share Class 1 - Accumulation: -47.45%
Share Class 2 - Accumulation: -15.01%

No adjustment is required to the amounts recognised at the year end date.

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#### 17. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		22
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000
Level 1	76,147	-	79,229	
Total fair value	76,147	-	79,229	-

### **Distribution Tables**

Distribution Tubics				
for the year ended 30 April 2023				
Distribution in pence per share				
Share Class 1 - Accumulation	6 3.6	1 15 4	2022 . 20 4	11 2022
30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares p	ourchased from 1	May 2022 to 30 Ap	
Group 1 Final	Net revenue (p) 0.0404	Equalisation (p) -	Distribution payable to 30/06/23 (p) 0.0404	Distributions paid to 30/06/22 (p)
Group 2 Final	(p) 0.0394	(p) 0.0010	(p) 0.0404	(p) -
Share Class 2 - Accumulation 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares p	ourchased from 1	May 2022 to 30 Ap	ril 2023
Group 1 Final	Net revenue (p) 7.6311	Equalisation (p)	Distribution payable to 30/06/23 (p) 7.6311	Distributions paid to 30/06/22 (p) 4.3326
Group 2 Final	(p) 4.4474	(p) 3.1837	(p) 7.6311	(p) 4.3326
Share Class 3 - Accumulation				
Group 1 Final	Net revenue (p) 9.8564	Equalisation (p) -	Distribution payable to 30/06/23 (p) 9.8564	Distributions paid to 30/06/22 (p) 6.9781
Group 2 Final	(p) 9.8564	(p) -	(p) 9.8564	(p) 6.9781
Share Class 4 - Accumulation 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares p Net revenue	ourchased from 1  Equalisation	May 2022 to 30 Ap Distribution payable to 30/06/23	ril 2023  Distributions paid to 30/06/22
Group 1 Final	(p) 17.8700	(p)	(p) 17.8700	(p) 14.0540
Group 2 Final	(p) 14.2499	(p) 3.6201	(p) 17.8700	(p) 14.0540
Share Class 4 - Income 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares p	ourchased from 1	May 2022 to 30 Ap	
Group 1 Final	Net revenue (p) 13.2794	Equalisation (p)	Distribution payable to 30/06/23 (p) 13.2794	Distributions paid to 30/06/22 (p) 10.5637
Group 2 Final	(p) 7.7556	(p) 5.5238	(p) 13.2794	(p) 10.5637

#### Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth, with some income over the medium to long term (at least 3-5 years).

The Fund invests at least 80% in shares of European companies.

These are companies which are listed, quoted or traded in European (which, in the context of the Fund's primary investment excludes the UK) markets or which have their headquarters or a significant part of their activities in European markets but which are quoted on a regulated market outside of Europe.

The Fund invests in companies of any market capitalisation in any European market.

The Fund may be invested in any industry sector and in any European country.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares of European companies, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities (including shares of UK companies), collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments), money markets instruments, deposits, warrants and cash and near cash.

The Fund may use derivatives for investment purposes as well as for efficient portfolio management.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 16 May 2023. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Philip Webster
Fund size £219.5 million
Launch date 9 November 1988

#### Manager's Review

European stock markets delivered a very strong recovery over the latter part of the twelve-month period, with many developed European markets being amongst some of the strongest globally. However, the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war weighed on many markets through the first five months. Energy prices surged amid concerns about the security of the continent's medium-term energy supplies, given its heavy dependence on Russian gas. Despite this, the second half of the period was bullish. A mild winter and an easing pace of interest rate hikes increased investor confidence which allowed European equities to outperform many global markets. However, stock market growth began to slow again through the spring as a resilient US economy raised fears that the Federal Reserve (Fed) would continue with an aggressive monetary policy. Moreover, the banking sector weighed as investors assessed the fallout of the collapse of two US regional banks. Towards the end of the period, encouraging corporate earnings and rising oil sector share prices began to offset negative investor sentiment from a weak Eurozone economic outlook and falling banking stocks. Preliminary estimates showed eurozone inflation had increased slightly to 7.0% in April 2023, as the cost of services rose. The ECB made its first rate hike in 11 years in July, ending the period of negative interest rates. It then followed with two jumbo hikes of 75 basis points in September and October and hikes of 50 bp in December, February and March 2023, taking the deposit rate to 3.5%. In addition, it began quantitative tightening.

Energy prices appear to have peaked in Europe, and now the focus is on the direction of interest rates, weak economic growth and on how the banking sector will withstand these pressures. The bank failures in the first quarter were limited in impact, and although we expect economic growth to slow, we also expect banks to remain resilient. However, first quarter updates will confirm whether this confidence is misplaced. The war in Ukraine, in addition to strike action and demands for higher wages and government spending, will continue to be economically disruptive across Europe. However, inflation is slowly falling, mainly due to lower energy costs, and many European companies remain well-positioned with attractive valuations, while investors are increasing European allocations in recognition of these strengths.

#### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

(continued)

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### **Performance Summary**

The CT Select European Equity Fund returned 13.1% over the twelve months, whilst the benchmark, FTSE All-World Developed Europe ex-UK index, returned 13.1%. Returns are net of fees, in sterling terms and on a total return basis.

The portfolio performed in line with the benchmark during the period, despite the concentrated nature of the product and is the benchmark agnostic stance of the Manager. The portfolio holds no banks, so was a relative beneficiary from the collapse of SVB and rescue of Credit Suisse. The Manager's stance is predicated on the fact he believes banks are commoditised and have minimal structural growth and are always at risk of being hit by the fragility of the wider banking system. The largest individual detractor was Ubisoft, where the shares fell after the management did a deal with Tencent which cut out minority shareholders and strengthen the position of the Chairman/Founder. We engaged with the management team on several occasions to understand their mindset and the path they took to enrich themselves at the expense of shareholders. Given the position they had put us in and their inability to understand their actions our position became untenable leading us to sell the holding. Cairn Homes was hit by rising interest rates and the difficult economic outlook in 2022, though it did recover some ground in 2023 as the Irish economy proved resilient. Ireland is a totally unique market where they are seeing growing in their orderbook, sales, cash flow and dividends which is contrary to the UK market which has slowed significantly. Cairn Homes remains cheap and will return a large portion of the business through dividends and buybacks over the coming two years. On the positive side, Richemont has also been strong on the back of China reopening and positive rhetoric on demand strength for jewellery, particularly at Cartier their most profitable brand. THG, the UK-based -ecommerce retail group, outperformed on the back of its strategy shift to dispose and close non-core areas, enhancing profitability. Our holding of Wolters Kluwer outperformed as investors were attracted by its very high level of recurring revenue which will allow it to be robust in a downturn.

We initiated a new position in Partners Group, the private equity group, post a sharp pullback in the valuation. We will likely see investment flows weaken given current market conditions, but the underlying business is very strong and will deliver solid performance fees once the market reopens. We also introduced a holding of Adyen, the global online payment provider, after a profit warning. The valuation has come back to reasonable levels and is pricing in a much slower growth in the future, These purchases were funded by profit-taking on holdings like Compass, which was a sizeable position and had rerated dramatically versus the market and portfolio.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 12 June 2023

### Portfolio Statement

as at 30 April 2023

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
DENMARK (8.54%*)	•	10,869	4.95
Novo Nordisk	81,650	10,869	4.95
FRANCE (12.78%*)	72.720	29,086	13.25
Air Liquide Schneider Electric	72,729 95,211	10,419 13,198	4.75 6.01
Ubisoft Entertainment	235,670	5,469	2.49
GERMANY (16.29%*)	233,010	33,498	15.26
Delivery Hero	289,854	9,188	4.19
Deutsche Boerse	47,261	7,198	3.28
SAP	42,591	4,596	2.09
Scout24	143,820	7,148	3.26
Zalando	164,712	5,368	2.44
IRELAND (15.89%*)		33,960	15.47
Cairn Homes	13,408,171	12,121	5.52
Kerry 'A'	115,000	9,640	4.39
Ryanair	936,165	12,199	5.56
NETHERLANDS (23.51%*)		49,420	22.51
Adyen	5,716	7,290	3.32
ASML	30,268	15,247	6.94
Ferrari	40,887	9,057	4.13
Heineken Walters Kluster	115,178	8,791	4.00
Wolters Kluwer	85,608	9,035	4.12
SPAIN (4.34%*)	704 406	6,365	2.90
Neinor Homes	791,106	6,365	2.90
SWITZERLAND (3.98%*)		23,536	10.72
Cie Financiere Richemont	80,780	10,611	4.83
Cie Financiere Richemont Warrants 22/11/2023	674,968	682	0.31
Partners SGS	9,529 67,925	7,353	3.35 2.23
	07,925	4,890	
UNITED KINGDOM (11.31%*)	466.070	24,747	11.27
Compass RELX	466,870 324,560	9,786	4.46 3.90
THG	6,387,175	8,578 6,383	2.91
Portfolio of investments	0,367,173	211,481	96.33
Net other assets		8,058	3.67
Total net assets	_	219,539	100.00
All the control of th	=	217,773	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.

# Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 30 April 2023

for the year ended 30 April 2023			
	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Major sales	£000
Adyen 7	7,298	Novo Nordisk	12,155
Partners 6	5,979	Deutsche Boerse	6,296
SGS 5	,637	ASML	6,287
Delivery Hero 5	5,417	Compass	5,107
Zalando 3	3,274	SAP	3,895
THG 2	2,427	Cie Financiere Richemont	3,549
Cie Financiere Richemont	2,094	Heineken	3,373
ASML 1	,321	Wolters Kluwer	3,285
Ubisoft Entertainment 1	,157	RELX	2,689
Compass	914	Neinor Homes	2,631

### **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 April 2023			_
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 1 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,142.93	1,274.56	995.87
Return before operating charges*	162.87	(111.19)	298.12
Operating charges#	(19.04)	(20.44)	(19.43)
Return after operating charges*	143.83	(131.63)	278.69
Distributions	(1.19)	-	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.19	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	1,286.76	1,142.93	1,274.56
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.48	0.29	0.92
Performance			
Return after charges	12.58%	(10.33)%	27.98%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35,634	47,026	60,756
Closing number of shares	2,769,272	4,114,480	4,766,799
Operating charges#	1.68%	1.63%	1.67%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.02%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,297.00	1,381.00	1,295.00
Lowest share price	1,014.00	1,040.00	982.10

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 1 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	203.91	229.95	181.40
Return before operating charges*	28.55	(19.85)	53.91
Operating charges#	(3.86)	(4.73)	(3.95)
Return after operating charges*	24.69	(24.58)	49.96
Distributions on income shares	(2.79)	(1.46)	(1.41)
Closing net asset value per share	225.81	203.91	229.95
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.05	0.17
Performance			
Return after charges	12.11%	(10.69)%	27.54%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,605	2,999	3,689
Closing number of shares	1,153,723	1,470,650	1,604,305
Operating charges#	1.92%	2.10%	1.88%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.02%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	228.70	248.00	233.90
Lowest share price	179.90	186.00	178.90

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	281.61	311.50	241.39
Return before operating charges*	40.14	(27.37)	72.49
Operating charges#	(2.34)	(2.52)	(2.38)
Return after operating charges*	37.80	(29.89)	70.11
Distributions	(2.67)	(1.35)	(0.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.67	1.35	0.87
Closing net asset value per share	319.41	281.61	311.50
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.12	0.07	0.23
Performance			
Return after charges	13.42%	(9.60)%	29.04%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,444	27,038	36,036
Closing number of shares	9,531,298	9,601,377	11,568,580
Operating charges#	0.83%	0.82%	0.83%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.02%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	322.30	338.50	316.40
Lowest share price	250.90	255.90	238.10

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	215.31	241.04	188.72
Return before operating charges*	30.24	(20.98)	56.54
Operating charges#	(2.13)	(2.45)	(2.28)
Return after operating charges*	28.11	(23.43)	54.26
Distributions on income shares	(3.29)	(2.30)	(1.94)
Closing net asset value per share	240.13	215.31	241.04
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.06	0.18
Performance			
Return after charges	13.06%	(9.72)%	28.75%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,099	14,513	20,095
Closing number of shares	6,287,705	6,740,464	8,337,005
Operating charges#	1.00%	1.03%	1.02%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.02%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	243.30	260.80	245.70
Lowest share price	190.70	196.40	186.10

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 3 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,509.61	1,664.34	1,285.13
Return before operating charges*	215.95	(146.59)	386.21
Operating charges#	(7.49)	(8.14)	(7.00)
Return after operating charges*	208.46	(154.73)	379.21
Distributions	(19.30)	(12.52)	(10.11)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	19.30	12.52	10.11
Closing net asset value per share	1,718.07	1,509.61	1,664.34
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.64	0.39	1.18
Performance			
Return after charges	13.81%	(9.30)%	29.51%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,032	7,636	30,982
Closing number of shares	467,484	505,792	1,861,507
Operating charges#	0.50%	0.49%	0.47%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.02%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,734.00	1,811.00	1,690.00
Lowest share price	1,347.00	1,371.00	1,268.00

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 4 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,163.32	1,292.64	1,004.58
Return before operating charges*	164.63	(113.30)	301.57
Operating charges#	(2.37)	(2.07)	(2.42)
Return after operating charges*	162.26	(115.37)	299.15
Distributions on income shares	(18.26)	(13.95)	(11.09)
Closing net asset value per share	1,307.32	1,163.32	1,292.64
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.49	0.30	0.94
Performance			
Return after charges	13.95%	(8.93)%	29.78%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,114	11,505	13,861
Closing number of shares	850,148	988,982	1,072,316
Operating charges#	0.21%	0.16%	0.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.02%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,325.00	1,402.00	1,318.00
Lowest share price	1,034.00	1,061.00	990.90

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class L - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	50.42	55.86	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	7.16	(4.91)	6.18
Operating charges#	(0.48)	(0.53)	(0.32)
Return after operating charges*	6.68	(5.44)	5.86
Distributions	(0.41)	(0.16)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.41	0.16	
Closing net asset value per share	57.10	50.42	55.86
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.01	0.04
Performance			
Return after charges	13.25%	(9.74)%	11.72%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	116,611	99,221	114,618
Closing number of shares	204,228,017	196,789,240	205,201,747
Operating charges#	0.96%	0.97%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.02%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	57.64	60.67	56.73
Lowest share price	44.89	45.82	47.10

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 L Accumulation was launched on 25 September 2020.

### Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 3	0/04/23	01/05/21 to	30/04/22
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		23,860		(23,931)
Revenue	3	4,028		2,993	
Expenses	4	(2,148)		(2,604)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6 _	(1)	_	-	
Net revenue before taxation		1,879		389	
Taxation	5 _	(360)	_	132	
Net revenue after taxation			1,519	_	521
Total return before distributions			25,379		(23,410)
Distributions	6		(1,745)	_	(928)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment a	ctivities	_	23,634	=	(24,338)

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023					
	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 01/05		01/05/21 to 3	5/21 to 30/04/22	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		209,938		280,037	
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	15,665		5,022		
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(30,923)		(51,290)		
		(15,258)		(46,268)	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		23,634		(24,338)	
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,224		506	
Unclaimed distributions		1		1	
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		219,539	_	209,938	

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 160 to 166.

### **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			
	Notes	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Assets			
Investments		211,481	202,885
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,037	1,085
Cash and bank balances	<u>-</u>	7,790	7,291
Total assets	<u>-</u>	220,308	211,261
Liabilities			
Creditors			
Bank overdrafts		(17)	-
Distribution payable		(118)	(112)
Other creditors	9	(634)	(1,211)
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	(769)	(1,323)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	<u>-</u>	219,539	209,938

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 160 to 166.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### 1. Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

#### 2. Net capital gains/(losses)

The net capital gains/(losses) during the year comprise:

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Non-derivative securities	23,855	(23,982)
Currency gains	9	52
Handling charges	(3)	(1)
CSDR penalties	(1)	
Net capital gains/(losses)	23,860	(23,931)

#### 3. Revenue

Revenue	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
UK dividends	359	330
Overseas taxable revenue	(11)	(10)
Overseas non-taxable revenue	3,492	2,604
Bank interest	181	57
Stock lending revenue	4	6
VAT refund revenue	3	6
Total revenue	4,028	2,993

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#### 4. Expenses

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	1,777	2,163
ACD's expense rebate*	(74)	-
	1,703	2,163
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee	34	41
Safe custody fees	21	24
Stock lending charges	1	1
	56	66
Other expenses:		
Accounting & administration fees	79	67
Administration costs	38	41
Audit fee	12	12
Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for non-audit services**	-	6
KIID publication costs	2	2
Legal fee	5	-
Professional fees	1	-
Registrar's fees	252	247
	389	375
Total expenses	2,148	2,604

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £10,682 (30/04/22: £9,800).

<sup>\*</sup>This relates to a rebate paid by the ACD in order to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate by the ACD.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Fees paid during the prior year in relation to submission of German Tax certificates, finalisation of the FII GLO positions, Chilean Registration and review of HMRC closure notices, exclusive of VAT, were £5,321.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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for the year ended 30 April 2023

5.	Taxation	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
(a)	Analysis of charge/(credit) in year: Irrecoverable overseas tax	360	(132)

#### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge/(credit) for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2022: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	1,879	389
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	376	78
Effects of:		
UK dividends*	(72)	(66)
Overseas non-taxable revenue*	(698)	(521)
Movement in excess management expenses	394	509
Irrecoverable overseas tax	360	(132)
Total tax charge/(credit) for the year (note 5a)	360	(132)

<sup>\*</sup>As an authorised OEIC these items are not subject to corporation tax.

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

#### Deferred taxation: (c)

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges:

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £9,218,087 (30/04/22: £8,823,791) relating to surplus management expenses. No deferred tax asset was recognised in the current or prior year as it was considered unlikely the Fund would generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts.

#### 6. Finance costs

#### Distributions and interest

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	£000	£000
Interim dividend distributions	294	218
Final dividend distributions	1,342	618
	1,636	836
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	195	100
Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	(86)	(8)
Net distributions for the year	1,745	928
Bank interest	1	-
Total finance costs	1,746	928

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables on pages 167 to 169.

Total other creditors

634

1,211

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for	the year ended 30 April 2023		
7.	Movement between net revenue and net distributions		
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Net revenue after taxation	1,519	521
	Revenue deficit payable from capital	-	223
	ACD's periodic charge taken to capital	144	184
	Net revenue received on share class conversions	82	-
	Net distributions for the year	1,745	928
8.	Debtors		
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Amounts receivable for issue of shares	30	-
	Accrued revenue	739	774
	Accrued ACD expense rebate	73	-
	Overseas tax recoverable	195	311
	Total debtors	1,037	1,085
9.	Other creditors		
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	200	955
	Accrued expenses	136	109
	Accrued ACD's periodic charge	298	147

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#### 10. Portfolio transaction costs

	Purchases		Sales	
Equities	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000 44,282	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000 11,153	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000 59,097	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000 64,394
Commissions Equities	18	5	(31)	(31)
<b>Taxes</b> Equities	39	21	-	
Total costs	57	26	(31)	(31)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	44,339	11,179	59,066	64,363

Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.

	Purchases		Sales	
	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/23	30/04/22
Commissions	%	%	%	%
Equities	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05
Taxes				
Equities	0.09	0.19	-	-
Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.				
	01/05/2	22 to 30/04/23	01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22
		%		%
Commissions		0.02		0.01
Taxes		0.02		0.01
Total costs		0.04		0.02

Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.09% (30/04/22: 0.14%).

#### 11. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 9 and 8 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management and receivable from Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of expense rebates are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 9.

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

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#### 12. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has five share classes in issue: Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4 and Class L.

The ACD's periodic charge on each share class is as follows:

	%
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	1.50
Share Class 1 - Income:	1.50
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	0.75
Share Class 2 - Income:	0.75
Share Class 3 - Accumulation:	0.40
Share Class 4 - Income:	-
Share Class L - Accumulation:	0.75

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 151 to 157.

The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Tables on pages 167 to 169.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

01/05/22			30/04/23		
	Opening			Shares	Closing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	4,114,480	14,225	(287,354)	(1,072,079)	2,769,272
Share Class 1 - Income:	1,470,650	19,372	(203,328)	(132,971)	1,153,723
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	9,601,377	617,696	(2,001,396)	1,313,621	9,531,298
Share Class 2 - Income:	6,740,464	63,490	(641,285)	125,036	6,287,705
Share Class 3 - Accumulation:	505,792	879,149	(917,457)	-	467,484
Share Class 4 - Income:	988,982	1	(138,835)	-	850,148
Share Class L - Accumulation:	196,789,240	292,113	(9,653,953)	16,800,617	204,228,017

#### 13. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

#### 14. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 30 April 2023 is £6,045,260 (30/04/22: £11,550). Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 30 April 2023 is £6,420,946 (30/04/22: £12,129). The identities of the counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. The form of the collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £4,291 (30/04/22: £5,888) and £1,073 (30/04/22: £1,472).

	30/04/23	30/04/22
Counterparties	£000	£000
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	2,642	-
Citigroup Global Markets (UK)	508	-
Goldman Sachs	1,497	-
HSBC Bank	-	12
JP Morgan Securities	1,774	
Total collateral held	6,421	12
Collateral held Bonds	<b>30/04/23</b> <b>£000</b> 6,421	<b>30/04/22</b> <b>£000</b> 12
Total collateral held	6,421	12

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 15. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

#### Currency exposure

A substantial proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

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As at 30 April the Fund had the following net currency exposure (excluding Sterling):

	Currency exposure	Currency exposure
	30/04/23	30/04/22
	Total	Total
Currency	£000	£000
Danish krone	10,941	18,053
Euro	149,556	151,537
Swiss franc	23,536	8,344
Total	184,033	177,934

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

The Fund's net cash holding of £7.773m (30/04/22: holding £7.291m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

The Fund receives revenue from holdings in equities. The cash flow from these investments may fluctuate depending upon the particular decisions made by each company. Given that the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cash flows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

#### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

#### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

#### 16. Non Adjusting Post Balance Sheet Event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, below share classes experienced the following redemptions.

Share Class 1 - Accumulation: -24.35% Share Class 1 - Income: -30.04% Share Class 2 - Accumulation: -33.40%

No adjustment is required to the amounts recognised at the year end date.

#### 17. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		30/04/22	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Level 1	211,481	-	202,885	_	
Total fair value	211,481	-	202,885	-	

#### **Distribution Tables**

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#### Distribution in pence per share

#### Share Class 1 - Accumulation

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023				
		Distribution	Distributions	
Ne		payable to	paid to	
revenue	e Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22	
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	
1.1903	-	1.1903	-	

(p)

1.1903

(p)

Share Class 1 - Income

Group 1 Final Group 2

Final

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023

1.1903

(p)

(p)

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

Distributions Distributions Net paid/payable to paid to revenue Equalisation 30/06/23 30/06/22 Group 1 (p) (p) (p) (p) 0.7560 0.7589 31/07/22 0.7560 31/10/22 0.9719 0.9719 0.3274 31/01/23 0.1268 0.1268 Final 0.9306 0.9306 0.3759 Group 2 (p) (p) (p) (p) 31/07/22 0.4909 0.7560 0.7589 0.2651 31/10/22 0.4524 0.5195 0.9719 0.3274 31/01/23 0.0862 0.0406 0.1268 Final 0.8617 0.0689 0.9306 0.3759

#### Share Class 2 - Accumulation

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	2.6738	-	2.6738	1.3470
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.9094	1.7644	2.6738	1.3470

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**Distribution Tables** (continued)

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#### Share Class 2 - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

Net         paid/payable to revenue         paid for paid for paid for revenue         Equalisation         30/06/23         30/06/22           Group 1         (p)         (p) <t< th=""><th></th><th></th><th></th><th>Distributions</th><th>Distributions</th></t<>				Distributions	Distributions
Group 1         (p)		Net		paid/payable to	paid to
31/07/22       1.0505       -       1.0505       0.9451         31/10/22       1.1148       -       1.1148       0.5426         31/01/23       0.1336       -       0.1336       -         Final       0.9894       -       0.9894       0.8144         Group 2       (p)       (p)       (p)       (p)       (p)         31/07/22       0.1816       0.8689       1.0505       0.9451         31/10/22       0.2684       0.8464       1.1148       0.5426         31/01/23       0.0263       0.1073       0.1336       -		revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
31/10/22       1.1148       -       1.1148       0.5426         31/01/23       0.1336       -       0.1336       -         Final       0.9894       -       0.9894       0.8144         Group 2       (p)       (p)       (p)       (p)         31/07/22       0.1816       0.8689       1.0505       0.9451         31/10/22       0.2684       0.8464       1.1148       0.5426         31/01/23       0.0263       0.1073       0.1336       -	Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/01/23       0.1336       -       0.1336       -         Final       0.9894       -       0.9894       0.8144         Group 2       (p)       (p)       (p)       (p)         31/07/22       0.1816       0.8689       1.0505       0.9451         31/10/22       0.2684       0.8464       1.1148       0.5426         31/01/23       0.0263       0.1073       0.1336       -	31/07/22	1.0505	-	1.0505	0.9451
Final       0.9894       -       0.9894       0.8144         Group 2       (p)       (p)       (p)       (p)         31/07/22       0.1816       0.8689       1.0505       0.9451         31/10/22       0.2684       0.8464       1.1148       0.5426         31/01/23       0.0263       0.1073       0.1336       -	31/10/22	1.1148	-	1.1148	0.5426
Group 2(p)(p)(p)(p)31/07/220.18160.86891.05050.945131/10/220.26840.84641.11480.542631/01/230.02630.10730.1336-	31/01/23	0.1336	-	0.1336	-
31/07/22       0.1816       0.8689       1.0505       0.9451         31/10/22       0.2684       0.8464       1.1148       0.5426         31/01/23       0.0263       0.1073       0.1336       -	Final	0.9894	-	0.9894	0.8144
31/10/22       0.2684       0.8464       1.1148       0.5426         31/01/23       0.0263       0.1073       0.1336       -	Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/01/23 0.0263 0.1073 0.1336 -	31/07/22	0.1816	0.8689	1.0505	0.9451
	31/10/22	0.2684	0.8464	1.1148	0.5426
Final 0.7889 0.2005 0.9894 0.8144	31/01/23	0.0263	0.1073	0.1336	-
	Final	0.7889	0.2005	0.9894	0.8144

#### Share Class 3 - Accumulation

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased fror	n 1 May 2022 to	30 April 2023
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	Net	Familiantian	Distributions paid/payable to	Distributions paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	19.3042	-	19.3042	12.5242
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	19.3042	-	19.3042	12.5242

#### Share Class 4 - Income

31/07/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2022 31/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 August 2022 to 31 October 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

	Net		Distributions paid/payable to	Distributions paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	6.1378	-	6.1378	5.4891
31/10/22	6.1726	-	6.1726	3.2589
31/01/23	0.6341	-	0.6341	-
Final	5.3121	-	5.3121	5.2005
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/07/22	6.1378	-	6.1378	5.4891
31/10/22	6.1726	-	6.1726	3.2589
31/01/23	0.6341	-	0.6341	-
Final	5.3121	-	5.3121	5.2005

Distribution Tables (continued)

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#### Share Class L - Accumulation

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023

	Net	Equalisation	Distributions payable to 30/06/23	Distributions paid to 30/06/22
	revenue	•		
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.4143	-	0.4143	0.1591
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.1698	0.2445	0.4143	0.1591

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aimed to achieve long term capital growth, with some income over the long term (at least 5 years).

The Fund invested at least 80% in shares of UK companies. These were companies in any economic sector that may have been listed, quoted or traded in the UK or elsewhere but which are incorporated, domiciled or conduct a significant portion of their business in the UK. Some companies may however have had overseas earnings as part of their trading profits. The Fund may have been invested in any industry sector.

The Fund invested in companies of any market capitalisation.

To the extent that the Fund was not fully invested in shares of UK companies, the Fund may have also invested in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments), money markets instruments, deposits, warrants and cash and near cash.

The Fund may have used derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 26 August 2022. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager David Moss
Fund size £0.0 million
Launch date 24 April 1970

#### Manager's Review

The UK equity market FTSE All-Share Index delivered a positive return over the period. Shares rebounded in the last part of 2022 as investors become optimistic after a U-turn in government policy following a self-inflicted crisis and on expectations that the Bank of England would begin to temper its rate hikes. The Bank of England hiked interest rates at every meeting, citing a tight labour market and the threat of accelerating inflation, with interest rates rising from 0.75% at the beginning of May 2022 to 3.5% in January 2023. UK inflation eased to 10.1% in January, from 10.5% in December, the lowest level since September 2022, and below market forecasts of 10.3%. However, consumer confidence, measured by the GfK index, fell slightly to -45 in January, ending three straight monthly increases, as consumers grappled with persistently high inflation and soaring energy bills.

The de-rating witnessed in perceived 'quality' stocks provided attractive entry points to names that, for valuation reasons, have been difficult to justify before now. This allowed for the ongoing upgrade in terms of underlying business quality for names held within the fund. Against this background, we initiated positions in Diploma and Howden in the portfolio. Both shares had de-rated as quality/growth sold-off, providing attractive entry points for what are proven, established businesses with track records for value creation. We then introduced holdings in both Games Workshop and Renishaw, both high quality businesses with established and proven business models. Both have recently seen a material derating, which provided the opportunity to invest at more palatable levels and continue to move up the quality curve more broadly within the fund. These businesses are market leaders in their respective niches, with net cash balance sheets, and high gross margins, which in aggregation, should provide some support in a tougher economic backdrop. To fund these purchases, we exited Lloyds, DCC and C&C, small, low-conviction positions, which no longer meet our benchmark for quality. We sold Vistry, as we own better quality businesses, which are as attractively valued, with a cyclical and domestic consumer exposure. The holding of Brewin Dolphin was sold post the bid from RBC at a 60% premium. We also exited GSK post its separation from Haleon, which left the remaining business increasingly dependent on the pharmaceutical development pipeline, which has limited visibility.

The market rebounded strongly at the start of the year, with a lot of the underperformers from 2022 rebounding from lows, driven by optimism over peak interest rates. Some of these gains were given back as inflation remained resilient, and stresses appeared in the banking sector. Key economic indicators continue to flag forthcoming economic weakness, with growth appearing to slow. The squeeze of dealing with inflationary pressures, tighter monetary policy and ongoing geopolitical tensions persist. Confidence in earnings estimates remains low, given the numerous uncertainties that are present. Therefore, a cautious yet opportunistic investment approach seems appropriate, with continued emphasis on operationally and fundamentally robust, high-quality businesses.

### **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

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#### **Performance Summary**

The CT Select UK Equity Fund returned 3.1% over the period. By comparison, the FTSE All-Share Index returned 4.1%. All figures are net of fees, in sterling terms and on a total return basis.

The fund underperformed the benchmark over this period. National Express Group was a detractor as its shares were hit by cost concerns, such as rising wages in the US. There was a quality-led pull-back, which meant that names such as LSEG, Reckitt, Bunzl, Auto Trader, and Diageo were detractors to performance. Our holding in Beazley, the insurance group, outperformed on the back of unchanged loss estimates, despite claims ahead of expectations and the prospect of rising premiums. Euromoney Institutional Investor was taken over in a private equity bid at a 30% premium.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 16 August 2023

### Portfolio Statement

as at 30 April 2023

Hol	Market Value Idings £000	Total Net Assets %
BASIC MATERIALS (3.43%*)	-	-
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (16.82%*)	-	-
CONSUMER STAPLES (19.77%*)	-	-
ENERGY (0.00%*) Oil, Gas and Coal	-	-
Caithness Petroleum ** 569	9,739 -	-
FINANCIALS (15.83%*)	-	-
HEALTH CARE (13.07%*)	-	-
INDUSTRIALS (25.69%*)	-	-
TECHNOLOGY (3.90%*)		
Portfolio of investments	-	-
Net other assets	10	100.00
Total net assets	10	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Manually priced securities. See note 16.

### Material Portfolio Changes

for the year ended 30 April 2023			
	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Major sales	£000
Ferguson	1,331	Diageo	2,932
Ashtead	1,229	Beazley	1,895
GSK	1,149	Rio Tinto	1,735
RPS	1,051	GSK	1,552
National Grid	989	Euromoney Institutional Investor	1,491
Lloyds Banking	971	Inchcape	1,480
Games Workshop	934	Berkeley	1,473
Intermediate Capital	818	Compass	1,376
Haleon	780	RELX	1,351
Computacenter	776	Howden Joinery	1,339

### **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21
	(p)	(p)	(p)
Share Class 1 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	3,364.87	3,310.56	2,727.07
Return before operating charges*	128.20	118.47	638.62
Operating charges#	(47.07)	(64.16)	(55.13)
Return after operating charges*	81.13	54.31	583.49
Distributions	(2.33)	(42.62)	(17.76)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.33	42.62	17.76
Return to shareholder as a result of class closure	(3,446.00)	-	
Closing net asset value per share	-	3,364.87	3,310.56
*after direct transaction costs of:	13.40	5.69	1.90
Performance			
Return after charges	2.41%	1.64%	21.40%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	6,801	7,262
Closing number of shares	-	202,131	219,348
Operating charges#	1.93%	1.92%	1.91%
Direct transaction costs	0.41%	0.17%	0.07%
Prices			
Highest share price	3,472.00	3,512.00	3,320.00
Lowest share price	3,042.00	2,963.00	2,602.00

<sup>#</sup>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 1 Accumulation was closed on 27 January 2023.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	3,991.07	3,893.80	3,181.31
Return before operating charges*	154.10	139.80	749.87
Operating charges#	(31.17)	(42.53)	(37.38)
Return after operating charges*	122.93	97.27	712.49
Distributions	(28.22)	(83.61)	(48.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	28.22	83.61	48.87
Return to shareholder as a result of class closure	(4,114.00)	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	3,991.07	3,893.80
*after direct transaction costs of:	15.94	6.72	2.27
Performance			
Return after charges	3.08%	2.50%	22.40%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	20,395	21,326
Closing number of shares	-	511,025	547,694
Operating charges#	1.07%	1.08%	1.08%
Direct transaction costs	0.41%	0.17%	0.07%
Prices			
Highest share price	4,144.00	4,154.00	3,912.00
Lowest share price	3,622.00	3,510.00	3,036.00

<sup>#</sup>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 2 Accumulation was closed on 27 January 2023.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 4 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	4,709.49	4,550.66	3,681.51
Return before operating charges*	181.54	163.87	873.00
Operating charges#	(4.03)	(5.04)	(3.85)
Return after operating charges*	177.51	158.83	869.15
Distributions	-	(142.86)	(96.42)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	142.86	96.42
Return to shareholder as a result of class closure	(4,887.00)	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	4,709.49	4,550.66
*after direct transaction costs of:	20.58	7.90	2.64
Performance			
Return after charges	3.77%	3.49%	23.61%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	10	9
Closing number of shares	-	200	200
Operating charges#	0.11%	0.11%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs	0.41%	0.17%	0.07%
Prices			
Highest share price	4,925.00	4,887.00	4,571.00
Lowest share price	4,457.00	4,136.00	3,515.00

<sup>#</sup>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 4 Accumulation was closed on 27 January 2023.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class L - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	63.29	61.80	50.00
Return before operating charges*	2.43	2.22	12.22
Operating charges#	(0.53)	(0.73)	(0.42)
Return after operating charges*	1.90	1.49	11.80
Distributions	(0.40)	(1.28)	(0.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.40	1.28	0.47
Return to shareholder as a result of class closure	(65.19)	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	63.29	61.80
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.25	0.11	0.04
Performance			
Return after charges	3.00%	2.41%	23.60%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	19,379	19,946
Closing number of shares	-	30,620,135	32,278,100
Operating charges#	1.16%	1.16%	1.22%
Direct transaction costs	0.41%	0.17%	0.07%
Prices			
Highest share price	65.67	65.89	62.09
Lowest share price	57.41	55.67	49.05

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 L Accumulation was launched on 25 September 2020.

Share Class L Accumulation was closed on 27 January 2023.

### Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 3	30/04/22
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital gains	2		1,012		185
Revenue	3	704		1,523	
Expenses	4	(423)		(584)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6	<u>-</u>	_		
Net revenue before taxation		281		939	
Taxation	5 _	(1)		(10)	
Net revenue after taxation			280		929
Total return before distribution			1,292		1,114
Distribution	6		(272)		(930)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment	activities		1,020	_	184

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023				
·	01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 30/04/22	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		46,585		48,543
Assets transferred to other sub funds*		(46,040)		-
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	204		191	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(2,024)		(3,237)	
		(1,820)		(3,046)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,020		184
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		265		904
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	10	_	46,585

<sup>\*</sup>Relating to the transfer of assets to Internal Parties. (See Note 11). Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 180 to 184.

## CT Select UK Equity Fund

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			
		30/04/23	30/04/22
	Notes	£000	£000
Assets			
Investments		-	45,893
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	313
Cash and bank balances		40	481
Total assets	•	40	46,687
Liabilities	·		
Creditors			
Other creditors	9	(30)	(102)
Total liabilities	•	(30)	(102)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	,	10	46,585

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 180 to 184.

## CT Select UK Equity Fund

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 April 2023

## 1. Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

## 2. Net capital gains

			comprise:

	The net capital gains during the year comprise:	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Non-derivative securities	1,013	187
	Currency gains	1	-
	Handling charges	(2)	(2)
	Net capital gains	1,012	185
3.	Revenue		
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	UK dividends	672	1,437
	Overseas non-taxable revenue	24	85
	Bank interest	7	-
	Stock lending revenue		1_
	Total revenue	704	1,523
4.	Expenses		
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:		
	ACD's periodic charge	287	410
	Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them:		_
	Depositary's fee	7	10
	Other expenses:	-	
	Accounting & administration fees	13	18
	Administration costs	8	12
	Audit fee	14	14
	Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for non-audit services*	-	3
	KIID publication costs	1	1
	Legal fee	6	-
	Liquidation Fees	10	-
	Registrar's fees	77	116
		129	164
	Total expenses	423	584
	Evnancas includa irrasavarabla VAT where applicable		

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £12,917 (30/04/22: £11,850).

<sup>\*</sup>Fees paid during the prior year in relation to finalisation of the FII GLO positions, review of HMRC closure notices, exclusive of VAT, were £2,557.

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5.	laxation	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
(a)	Analysis of charge in year: Irrecoverable overseas tax	1	10

## (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2022: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	281	939
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	56	188
Effects of:		
UK dividends*	(134)	(288)
Overseas non-taxable revenue*	(5)	(17)
Movement in excess management expenses	83	117
Irrecoverable overseas tax	1	10
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	1	10

<sup>\*</sup>As an authorised OEIC these items are not subject to corporation tax.

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

#### Deferred taxation: (c)

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

### Factors that may affect future tax charges:

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £7,179,410 (30/04/22: £7,096,347) relating to surplus management expenses. No deferred tax asset was recognised in the current or prior year as it was considered unlikely the Fund would generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts.

#### 6. Finance costs

### Distributions and interest

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprises:

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
Final dividand distributions	£000	£000
Final dividend distributions Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	265	904
Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	8	Z/ /1\
Deduct. Revenue received on creation of shares	(1)	(1)
Net distributions for the year	272	930
Interest	-	-
Total finance costs	272	930

Details of the distribution per share is set out in the Distribution Tables on page 185.

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tor t	he year ended 30 April 2023				
7.	Movement between net revenue and net distribution			01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
	Net revenue after taxation			280	929
	Revenue deficit payable from capital			1	-
	Undistributed revenue			(11)	-
	Net revenue received on share class conversions		_	2	1
	Net distributions for the year		_	272	930
8.	Debtors		_		
				30/04/23	30/04/22
				£000	£000
	Accrued revenue			-	311
	Overseas tax recoverable		<del>-</del>	-	2
	Total debtors		_	-	313
9.	Other creditors				
				30/04/23	30/04/22
				£000	£000
	Amounts payable for cancellation of shares			-	23
	Accrued expenses Accrued ACD's periodic charge			30	47
			_		32
	Total other creditors		=	30	102
10.	Portfolio transaction costs				
		Purch 01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	ases 01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000	Sale 01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
	Equities	36,836	13,535	83,925	16,136
	Commissions	,	•	,	,
	Equities	10	7	(11)	(9)
	Taxes	1.5.1	66		
	Equities	161	66	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Total costs	171	73	(11)	(9)
	Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	37,007	13,608	83,914	16,127
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.				
		Purch		Sale	
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/23	30/04/22
	Commissions	%	%	%	%
	Equities	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.06
	Taxes	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.00
	Equities	0.44	0.49	-	-
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.	01/05/	22 to 30/04/23	01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22
		011031	% × 10 30/04/23	01/03/2	% % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % %
	Commissions		0.04		0.03
	Taxes		0.37		0.14
	Total costs		0.41		0.17
	· <del>· · ·</del>		9.11		3.17

Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was nil (30/04/22: 0.04%).

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#### 11. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 9 and 8 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 9.

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

Inspecie transfers between internal parties have been identified in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. The inspecie transfers were from CT Select Uk Equity Fund Fund to CT Responsible UK Equity Fund £46,040,279 (30/04/22: £nil).

#### 12. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has four share classes in issue: Class 1, Class 2, Class 4 and Class L.

The ACD's periodic charge on the share class is as follows:

	%
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	1.50
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	0.75
Share Class 4 - Accumulation:	-
Share Class L - Accumulation:	0.75

The net asset value of this share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in this share class is given in the Comparative Tables on page 174.

The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Tables on page 185.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

	01/05/22				30/04/23
	Opening			Shares	Closing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	202,131	2,432	(191,339)	(13,224)	-
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	511,025	1,161	(525,090)	12,904	-
Share Class 4 - Accumulation:	200	-	(200)	-	-
Share Class L - Accumulation:	30,620,135	126,096	(30,631,189)	(115,042)	-

### 13. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

#### 14. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 30 April 2023 is £nil (30/04/22: £47,259). Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 30 April 2023 is £nil (30/04/22: £50,730). The identities of the counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. The form of the collateral is listed in the collateral held table

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £651 (30/04/22: £695) and £163 (30/04/22: £172).

Counterparties	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
HSBC Bank	<u> </u>	51
Total collateral held	<u> </u>	51
	30/04/23	30/04/22
Collateral held	£000	£000
Bonds	<u> </u>	51
Total collateral held		51

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#### 15. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

#### Currency exposure

A proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements.

The Fund holds an insignificant Euro currency exposure at 30 April 2023 therefore a currency table has not been disclosed.

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

The Fund's net cash holding of £0.040m (30/04/22: holding £0.481m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

The Fund receives revenue from holdings in equities. The cash flow from these investments may fluctuate depending upon the particular decisions made by each company. Given that the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cash flows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

#### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

### 16 Manually priced securities

The following security prices were not readily available through published sources, and as such required to be manually calculated or had to be sourced from a third party.

		Price	
Security name	Price	Source	Method of valuation
Caithness Petroleum	£nil	ACD	Third party valuation discounted for current
			market conditions.

### 17. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		22
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000
Level 1	-	-	45,703	-
Level 3*		-	190	-
Total fair value		-	45,893	

<sup>\*</sup>The level 3 holdings are Caithness Petroleum (30/04/22: Caithness Petroleum and Cox Powertrain).

## CT Select UK Equity Fund

## Distribution Tables

Group 2

Fund paid a special distribution as at 26 January 2023.

Final

Distribution Tables				
for the year ended 30 April 2023				
Distribution in pence per share				
Share Class 1 - Accumulation 26/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares p	ourchased from 1 M	1ay 2022 to 26 Jani	uary 2023
			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid to	paid to
6 4	revenue	Equalisation	27/03/23	30/06/22
Group 1 Final	(p) 2.3288	(p)	(p) 2.3288	(p) 42.6172
		-		
Group 2 Final	(p)	(p) 2.3288	(p) 2.3288	(p) 42.6172
Share Class 2 - Accumulation		2.3200	2.3200	42.0172
26/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares p	ourchased from 1 M	1ay 2022 to 26 Jani	Jary 2023
	0.0ap		Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	27/03/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	28.2180	-	28.2180	83.6100
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	11.8296	16.3884	28.2180	83.6100
Share Class 4 - Accumulation				
26/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares p	ourchased from 1 N	lay 2022 to 26 Jani	•
	Nat		Distributions	Distributions
	Net revenue	Equalisation	paid to 27/03/23	paid to 30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	142.8550
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	-	-	-	142.8550
Share Class L - Accumulation				
26/01/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares p	ourchased from 1 N	1ay 2022 to 26 Jan	uary 2023
			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid to	paid to
Crave 1	revenue	Equalisation	27/03/23	30/06/22
Group 1 Final	(p) 0.4037	(p)	(p) 0.4037	(p) 1.2757
rinar	0.4037	-	0.4037	1.2/3/

(p)

0.0436

(p)

0.3601

(p)

0.4037

(p)

1.2757

## Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve an income yield which is higher than that of the FTSE All-Share Index, net of fees and in normal market conditions, with some long-term (over 5 years) capital growth.

The Fund invests at least 80% in shares of UK companies. These are companies in any economic sector that may be listed, quoted or traded in the UK or elsewhere but which are incorporated, domiciled or conduct a significant portion of their business in the UK. Some companies may however have overseas earnings as part of their trading profits.

The Fund may invest in any industry sector.

From time to time at the investment manager's discretion, the Fund may also obtain an indirect exposure to these shares by investing in other collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments).

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares of UK companies or collective investment schemes, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities (including non-UK shares), money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash. The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 10 February 2023. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager David Moss
Fund size £48.0 million
Launch date 5 November 1968

### Manager's Review

The UK equity market delivered good returns over the period. While underperforming some of the larger European markets such as Italy and France, the UK outperformed other global markets such as the US and Japan. Double-digit returns from the personal goods and consumer services sectors boosted the index. However, large negative returns from sectors such as automobiles and parts and industrial materials weighed over the period. The second half of the 12 months was strong, with UK shares rebounding and producing one of the strongest global performances towards the end of the period. Investors were optimistic after a U-turn in government policy, following a self-inflicted crisis, and on expectations that the Federal Reserve (Fed) would begin to temper its rate hikes. Moreover, despite high inflation, the index experienced its longest winning streak in over two years, led by rallying commodity stocks and boosted by signs of resilience in the UK economy. The Bank of England hiked interest rates on eight occasions from 0.75% at the beginning of May 2022 to 4.25% in March 2023, citing a tight labour market and the threat of accelerating inflation. UK inflation eased to 10.1% in March, though by less than the market forecast decline to 9.8%.

The strategy remained focused on providing investors with long-term capital growth and income from a portfolio of equities that generates an above-average dividend yield.

The market rebounded strongly at the start of the year, with a lot of the underperformers from 2022 rebounding from lows, driven by the optimism over peak interest rates. Some of these gains were given back, as inflation remained resilient, and stresses appeared in the banking sector. Key economic indicators continue to flag forthcoming economic weakness, with growth appearing to slow. The squeeze of dealing with inflationary pressures, tighter monetary policy and ongoing geopolitical tensions persist. Confidence in earnings estimates remains low given the numerous uncertainties that are present. Therefore, a cautious yet opportunistic investment approach seems appropriate, with continued emphasis on operationally and fundamentally robust, high-quality businesses.

## **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

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for the year ended 30 April 2023

### **Performance Summary**

The CT UK Equity Income Fund returned 2.7% during the twelve-month period whilst the benchmark (FTSE All-Share Index) returned 6.0%. All figures are net of fees, in sterling and on a total return basis.

The Fund underperformed during the period. The largest individual detractor was Supermarket Income REIT as the UK property sector underperformed in the face of rising interest rates. The best individual performer was Melrose Industries, a holding company that turns around industrial businesses, which benefitted from a broker upgrade and good prospects for the company's aerospace division. We also saw a positive contribution from Compass Group, which continued to deliver very solid results, so it is seen to be a defensive business.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 26 May 2023

## Portfolio Statement

as at 30 April 2023

BASIC MATERIALS (5.78%*)	Holdings	Market Value £000 2,606	Total Net Assets % 5.43
Industrial Metals and Mining		2,000	ر <del>ہ</del> ۔ر
Rio Tinto	51,616	2,606	5.43
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (12.98%*)		6,567	13.70
Consumer Services Compass	75,551	1,584	3.31
Household Goods and Home Construction Cairn Homes	1,512,421	1,367	2.85
Vistry	1,512,421	1,219	2.65
Media			
RELX	57,329	1,516	3.16
Travel and Leisure Wizz Air	29,172	881	1.84
CONSUMER STAPLES (15.91%*)	29,172	6,597	13.76
Beverages		0,337	15.70
Diageo	50,394	1,825	3.81
Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores Unilever	47,810	2,120	4.42
Tobacco			
British American Tobacco Imperial Brands	48,805 62,149	1,429 1,223	2.98 2.55
ENERGY (6.29%*)	52,	3,893	8.12
Oil, Gas and Coal		•	
BP College Broad and the second secon	297,370	1,589	3.31
Caithness Petroleum ** Shell	160,850 93,958	- 2,304	4.81
FINANCIALS (23.54%*)	,	11,449	23.88
Banks			
Lloyds Banking	3,859,785	1,860	3.88
Finance and Credit Services	14,208	1 105	2.47
London Stock Exchange OSB	219,607	1,185 1,090	2.47
Investment Banking and Brokerage Services			
Hargreaves Lansdown	97,624	784	1.64
IG Intermediate Capital	61,169 98,446	449 1,281	0.94 2.67
M&G	866,137	1,776	3.70
Life Insurance			
Legal & General Phoenix	642,970 256,685	1,505 1,519	3.14 3.17
HEALTH CARE (14.23%*)	250,000	5,104	10.64
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology		,,	
AstraZeneca	35,014	4,112	8.57
GSK	68,880	992	2.07

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 30 April 2023

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
INDUSTRIALS (10.13%*)		5,744	11.98
Construction and Materials CRH Ibstock	47,949 644,417	1,849 1,094	3.86 2.28
Electronic and Electrical Equipment Renishaw	21,893	789	1.64
General Industrials Dowlais Melrose Industries Smurfit Kappa	133,494 133,494 43,846	177 546 1,289	0.37 1.14 2.69
REAL ESTATE (3.36%*)		1,225	2.55
Real Estate Investment Trusts Supermarket Income REIT TECHNOLOGY (0.87%*)	1,401,423	1,225 <b>284</b>	2.55 <b>0.59</b>
Software and Computer Services  Just Eat Takeaway.com  UTILITIES (5.30%*)	20,482	284 <b>3,815</b>	0.59 <b>7.96</b>
Electricity SSE	79,407	1,459	3.04
Gas, Water and Multi-utilities National Grid Pennon	141,396 85,813	1,618 738	3.38 1.54
Portfolio of investments		47,284	98.61
Net other assets		667	1.39
Total net assets	_	47,951	100.00
All the second of the Book of the second	·	·	

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.
\*\* Manually priced securities. See note 16.

# Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 30 April 2023

for the year ended 30 April 2023		
Cos	st .	Proceeds
Major purchases £000	0 Major sales	£000
SSE 1,438	3 C&C	1,144
OSB 964	Brewin Dolphin	1,126
Renishaw 777	d GSK	878
Intermediate Capital 472	2 Haleon	837
Haleon 420	Melrose Industries	772
Melrose Industries 410	) AstraZeneca	668
Phoenix 383	B Compass	561
Wizz Air 270	) IG	557
Vistry 244	Wizz Air	494
Cairn Homes 210	Smurfit Kappa	367

## **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 1 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	183.51	171.86	140.27
Return before operating charges*	8.43	14.94	34.33
Operating charges#	(3.10)	(3.29)	(2.74)
Return after operating charges*	5.33	11.65	31.59
Distributions	(8.07)	(7.62)	(5.66)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	8.07	7.62	5.66
Closing net asset value per share	188.84	183.51	171.86
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.15	0.14	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	2.90%	6.78%	22.52%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,173	4,472	4,520
Closing number of shares	1,150,895	2,436,662	2,629,920
Operating charges#	1.74%	1.87%	1.85%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	190.00	184.50	172.80
Lowest share price	159.10	159.80	133.00

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 1 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	80.54	78.74	66.65
Return before operating charges*	3.47	6.74	16.04
Operating charges#	(1.41)	(1.64)	(1.39)
Return after operating charges*	2.06	5.10	14.65
Distributions on income shares	(3.43)	(3.30)	(2.56)
Closing net asset value per share	79.17	80.54	78.74
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.06	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	2.56%	6.48%	21.98%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,092	4,601	5,073
Closing number of shares	3,906,015	5,712,273	6,442,739
Operating charges#	1.82%	2.07%	1.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	81.74	82.82	80.69
Lowest share price	69.77	71.74	62.64

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	92.49	85.68	69.18
Return before operating charges*	3.94	7.51	17.09
Operating charges#	(0.71)	(0.70)	(0.59)
Return after operating charges*	3.23	6.81	16.50
Distributions	(3.59)	(3.46)	(2.48)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.59	3.46	2.48
Closing net asset value per share	95.72	92.49	85.68
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.07	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	3.49%	7.95%	23.85%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,752	8,526	2,640
Closing number of shares	4,964,720	9,218,779	3,081,621
Operating charges#	0.79%	0.79%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	96.55	92.97	86.17
Lowest share price	80.57	80.39	65.98

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 2 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	118.13	114.62	96.28
Return before operating charges*	4.72	9.86	23.34
Operating charges#	(1.12)	(1.32)	(1.17)
Return after operating charges*	3.60	8.54	22.17
Distributions on income shares	(5.13)	(5.03)	(3.83)
Closing net asset value per share	116.60	118.13	114.62
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.09	0.08
Performance			
Return after charges	3.05%	7.45%	23.03%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,719	3,273	3,837
Closing number of shares	4,904,237	2,771,099	3,347,540
Operating charges#	0.98%	1.14%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	120.70	121.60	117.70
Lowest share price	102.80	105.20	90.84

<sup>#</sup>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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class 4 - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	106.36	102.43	85.39
Return before operating charges*	4.31	8.85	20.80
Operating charges#	(0.39)	(0.36)	(0.34)
Return after operating charges*	3.92	8.49	20.46
Distributions on income shares	(4.51)	(4.56)	(3.42)
Closing net asset value per share	105.77	106.36	102.43
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.08	0.08	0.07
Performance			
Return after charges	3.69%	8.29%	23.96%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,537	3,557	3,426
Closing number of shares	3,344,161	3,344,161	3,344,161
Operating charges#	0.38%	0.35%	0.37%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	109.20	109.50	105.10
Lowest share price	92.84	94.60	80.88

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class L - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	67.68	62.89	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	2.82	5.49	13.29
Operating charges#	(0.64)	(0.70)	(0.40)
Return after operating charges*	2.18	4.79	12.89
Distributions	(2.99)	(2.82)	(1.29)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.99	2.82	1.29
Closing net asset value per share	69.86	67.68	62.89
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.05	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	3.22%	7.62%	25.78%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,539	10,982	11,019
Closing number of shares	16,515,905	16,227,810	17,521,237
Operating charges#	0.97%	1.10%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	70.53	68.03	63.26
Lowest share price	58.89	58.86	48.52

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 L Accumulation was launched on 25 September 2020.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			_
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class L - Income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	63.47	61.59	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	2.51	5.29	13.28
Operating charges#	(0.62)	(0.74)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	1.89	4.55	12.85
Distributions on income shares	(2.75)	(2.67)	(1.26)
Closing net asset value per share	62.61	63.47	61.59
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.05	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	2.98%	7.39%	25.70%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,139	16,896	17,143
Closing number of shares	27,374,726	26,619,338	27,835,377
Operating charges#	1.02%	1.19%	1.25%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	64.82	65.30	63.19
Lowest share price	55.20	56.50	48.52

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 L Income was launched on 25 September 2020.

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 30/04/22	
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income					
Net capital (losses)/gains	2		(480)		1,717
Revenue	3	2,307		2,202	
Expenses	4	(515)		(578)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6		_		
Net revenue before taxation		1,792		1,624	
Taxation	5 _			16	
Net revenue after taxation			1,792		1,640
Total return before distributions			1,312		3,357
Distributions	6		(2,141)		(2,015)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment	activities		(829)		1,342

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023				
,	01/05/22 to 30	/04/23	01/05/21 to	30/04/22
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		52,307		47,658
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	6,581		6,358	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(10,962)	_	(3,953)	
		(4,381)		2,405
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(829)		1,342
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		830		880
Unclaimed distributions		24		22
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		47,951	- -	52,307

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 200 to 206.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			
	Notes	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
	Notes	1000	1000
Assets			
Investments		47,284	51,463
Current assets			
Debtors	8	695	510
Cash and bank balances		996	1,104
Total assets		48,975	53,077
Liabilities			
Creditors			
Distribution payable		(753)	(663)
Other creditors	9	(271)	(107)
Total liabilities		(1,024)	(770)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		47,951	52,307

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 200 to 206.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## 1. Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

## 2. Net capital (losses)/gains

The net capital (losses)/gains during the year comprise:

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Non-derivative securities	(477)	1,716
Currency gains	-	2
Handling charges	(3)	(1)
Net capital (losses)/gains	(480)	1,717

## 3. Revenue

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
	£000	£000
UK dividends	2,002	1,981
Overseas taxable revenue	(1)	(1)
Overseas non-taxable revenue	190	147
Property revenue from UK REITs - PID	73	63
Property revenue from UK REITs - Non PID	11	10
Bank interest	23	-
Stock lending revenue	9	1
VAT refund revenue		1
Total revenue	2,307	2,202

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## 4. Expenses

Expenses	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	402	397
ACD's expense rebate*	(85)	(6)
	317	391
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee	10	10
Stock lending charges	2	
	12	10
Other expenses:		
Accounting & administration fees	54	51
Administration costs	15	14
Audit fee	12	12
Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for non-audit services**	-	3
KIID publication costs	2 6	1
Legal fee Registrar's fees	97	- 96
negistiai s ices		
	186	177
Total expenses	515	578

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £10,682 (30/04/22: £9,800).

<sup>\*</sup>This relates to a rebate paid by the ACD in order to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate by the ACD.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Fees paid during the prior year in relation to finalisation of the FII GLO positions, review of HMRC closure notices, exclusive of VAT, were £2,557.

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#### 5. Taxation

Э.	Taxation	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
(a)	Analysis of credit in year: Irrecoverable overseas tax		(16)

## (b) Factors affecting current tax credit for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2022: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	1,792	1,624
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	358	325
Effects of:		
UK dividends*	(400)	(396)
Overseas non-taxable revenue*	(38)	(30)
Movement in excess management expenses	82	103
Irrecoverable overseas tax	-	(16)
Property revenue from UK REITs - Non PID	(2)	(2)
Total tax credit for the year (note 5a)	-	(16)

<sup>\*</sup>As an authorised OEIC these items are not subject to corporation tax.

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

#### (c) Deferred taxation:

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

### (d) Factors that may affect future tax charges:

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £2,278,999 (30/04/22: £2,196,910) relating to surplus management expenses. No deferred tax asset was recognised in the current or prior year as it was considered unlikely the Fund would generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts.

### 6. Finance costs

#### Distributions and interest

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

Interim dividend distributions Final dividend distributions	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000 887 1,201	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000 882 1,205
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	2,088 96 (43)	2,087 36 (108)
Net distributions for the year	2,141	2,015
Interest	-	-
Total finance costs	2,141	2,015
D - '' ( )	-	

Details of the distribution per share is set out in the Distribution Tables on pages 207 to 208.

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for t	he year ended 30 April 2023				
7.	Movement between net revenue and net distributions			01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
				30/04/23	30/04/22
				£000	£000
	Net revenue after taxation			1,792	1,640
	ACD's periodic charge taken to capital			351	375
	Net revenue deducted on share class conversions			(2)	-
	Net distributions for the year		=	2,141	2,015
8.	Debtors				
				30/04/23	30/04/22
				£000	£000
	Amounts receivable for issue of shares			25	37
	Accrued revenue			585	467
	Accrued ACD expense rebate		_	85	6
	Total debtors		=	695	510
9.	Other creditors				
				30/04/23	30/04/22
				£000	£000
	Amounts payable for cancellation of shares			148	26
	Accrued expenses			59	48
	Accrued ACD's periodic charge		-	64	33
	Total other creditors		=	271	107
10.	Portfolio transaction costs				
		Purch		Sale	
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/23	30/04/22
	E W	£000	£000	£000	£000
	Equities	6,319	6,718	10,061	4,218
	Commissions		_	( )	(=)
	Equities	3	3	(4)	(3)
	Taxes				
	Equities	32	31	-	-
	Total costs	35	34	(4)	(3)
	Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	6,354	6,752	10,057	4,215

Futures have incurred broker commissions of £nil (30/04/22: £nil) and taxes of £nil (30/04/22: £nil).

Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.

	Purchases		Sales	
	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
	%	%	%	%
Commissions				
Equities	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.07
Taxes				
Equities	0.51	0.46	-	-
Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.				
	01/05/2	22 to 30/04/23	01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22
		%		%
Commissions		0.02		0.01
Taxes		0.06		0.07
Total costs		0.08		0.08

Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.04% (30/04/22: 0.07%).

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### 11. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 9 and 8 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management and receivable from Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of expense rebates are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 9

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

### 12. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has four share classes in issue: Class 1, Class 2, Class 4, Class L.

The ACD's periodic charge on each share class is as follows:

	%
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	1.50
Share Class 1 - Income:	1.50
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	0.75
Share Class 2 - Income:	0.75
Share Class 4 - Income:	-
Share Class L - Accumulation:	0.75
Share Class L - Income:	0.75

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 191 to 197.

The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Tables on pages 207 to 208.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

	01/05/22				30/04/23
	Opening			Shares	Closing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	2,436,662	34,169	(180,026)	(1,139,910)	1,150,895
Share Class 1 - Income:	5,712,273	222,329	(339,046)	(1,689,541)	3,906,015
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	9,218,779	3,259,223	(8,675,909)	1,162,627	4,964,720
Share Class 2 - Income:	2,771,099	2,781,380	(719,157)	70,915	4,904,237
Share Class 4 - Income:	3,344,161	-	-	-	3,344,161
Share Class L - Accumulation:	16,227,810	52,880	(1,245,074)	1,480,289	16,515,905
Share Class L - Income:	26,619,338	383,531	(1,624,466)	1,996,323	27,374,726

### 13. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

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#### 14. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 30 April 2023 is £1,181,471 (30/04/22: £148,480). Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 30 April 2023 is £1,245,981 (30/04/22: £159,388). The identities of the counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. The form of the collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £8,914 (30/04/22: £855) and £2,231 (30/04/22: £213).

	30/04/23	30/04/22
Counterparties	£000	£000
HSBC Bank	209	159
Merrill Lynch	897	-
Societe Generale	140	-
Total collateral held	1,246	159
	30/04/23	30/04/22
Collateral held	£000	£000
Bonds	1,246	159
Total collateral held	1,246	159

#### 15. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

#### Currency exposure

A proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements.

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

The Fund's net cash holding of £0.996m (30/04/22: holding £1.104m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

The Fund receives revenue from holdings in equities. The cash flow from these investments may fluctuate depending upon the particular decisions made by each company. Given that the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cash flows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

#### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

#### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

#### 16. Manually priced securities

The following security prices were not readily available through published sources, and as such required to be manually calculated or had to be sourced from a third party.

		Price	
Security name	Price	Source	Method of valuation
Caithness Petroleum	£nil	ACD	Third party valuation discounted for current
			market conditions.

## 17. Non Adjusting Post Balance Sheet Event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, below share classes experienced the following redemptions.

Share Class 1 - Accumulation: -39.44%
Share Class 1 - Income: -39.99%

No adjustment is required to the amounts recognised at the year end date.

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### 18. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		22
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000
Level 1	47,284	-	51,463	-
Level 3*		-	-	-
Total fair value	47,284	-	51,463	-

<sup>\*</sup>The level 3 holding is Caithness Petroleum (30/04/22: Caithness Petroleum).

## **Distribution Tables**

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### Distribution in pence per share

### Share Class 1 - Accumulation

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	3.3473	-	3.3473	3.3657
Final	4.7241	-	4.7241	4.2591
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	1.1234	2.2239	3.3473	3.3657
Final	3.8646	0.8595	4.7241	4.2591

#### Share Class 1 - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distributions paid/payable to 30/06/23	Distributions paid to 30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	1.3973	-	1.3973	1.4728
Final	2.0315	-	2.0315	1.8263
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	0.9803	0.4170	1.3973	1.4728
Final	1.5497	0.4818	2.0315	1.8263

### Share Class 2 - Accumulation

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

Group 1 31/10/22 Final	Net revenue (p) 1.4792 2.1070	Equalisation (p) - -	Distributions paid/payable to 30/06/23 (p) 1.4792 2.1070	Distributions paid to 30/06/22 (p) 1.4953 1.9692
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	0.8094	0.6698	1.4792	1.4953
Final	1.6577	0.4493	2.1070	1.9692

### Share Class 2 - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	2.1392	-	2.1392	2.2420
Final	2.9916	-	2.9916	2.7906
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	0.9255	1.2137	2.1392	2.2420
Final	2.3261	0.6655	2.9916	2.7906

Distribution Tables (continued)

for the year ended 30 April 2023

### Share Class 4 - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

Group 1 31/10/22 Final	Net revenue (p) 1.9179 2.5924	Equalisation (p) - -	Distributions paid/payable to 30/06/23 (p) 1.9179 2.5924	Distributions paid to 30/06/22 (p) 2.0200 2.5403
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	1.9179	-	1.9179	2.0200
Final	2.5924	-	2.5924	2.5403

### Share Class L - Accumulation

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	1.2444	-	1.2444	1.2397
Final	1.7497	-	1.7497	1.5813
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	0.7355	0.5089	1.2444	1.2397
Final	1.1649	0.5848	1.7497	1.5813

## Share Class L - Income

31/10/22: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions	Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to	paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	1.1415	-	1.1415	1.1832
Final	1.6081	-	1.6081	1.4878
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
31/10/22	0.8657	0.2758	1.1415	1.1832
Final	1.1883	0.4198	1.6081	1.4878

## CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund

## **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

#### **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve income with capital growth over the long term (5 years or more). The Fund seeks to provide an income yield higher than the MSCI All Country World Index over rolling 3-year periods, after the deduction of charges.

The Fund will invest at least 90% of its assets in sustainable investments, considered for this Fund to be shares of companies that derive, or are on a credible short to medium-term pathway to derive, a significant amount of net revenue (50% or more) from activities that can be directly linked to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs").

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 90% in shares of companies which may be located anywhere in the world, be of any size and from any industry or economic sector, subject to the Fund's sustainable investment criteria.

The application of these criteria mean that the Investment Manager:

- (1) avoids investments that are contrary to the goals of making positive contributions to society and/or the environment, taking into account both the product-based exclusions and conduct-based exclusions, set out below;
- (2) invests in companies that provide sustainable solutions or that make positive contributions to society and/or the environment; and
- (3) improves companies by selecting those that, in the Investment Manager's opinion, will benefit from active investor engagement.

Product-based exclusions prevent the Fund from investing in securities which derive revenue (over a given threshold) from certain industries or activities, including in Weapons, Tobacco and Fossil Fuel.

In a similar way, conduct-based exclusions rule out the selection of those securities associated with a breach of principles of the UN Global Compact. Further information on the product and conduct exclusions are set out on the Investment Manager's website at https://docs.columbiathreadneedle.com/documents/CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund - Investment Policy - OE6S.pdf?inline=true. In addition, the Fund will not invest in companies who, based on the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG rating methodology, are considered to have poor governance controls relative to their industry peers.

The Investment Manager will focus on investing in companies which the Investment Manager considers are significantly aligned with one or more of the SDGs. This means that the companies in which the Fund invests must either derive a minimum of 50% of revenue from activities which can be directly linked to one of the SDGs or be on a pathway to do so over the short to medium-term.

Additionally, all investments are aligned with one or more of the following sustainability themes as identified by the Investment Manager:

- Connect & protect
- Digital empowerment
- Energy transition
- Health & well-being
- Resource efficiency
- Sustainable cities
- Sustainable finance

If an investment is found to be in breach of the Fund's exclusion policy, then it will be sold within the following six months.

In the event that a company held by the Fund ceases to meet the Fund's sustainable investment criteria (particularly where a company's commitment to sustainability has declined) then in the first instance the Investment Manager will engage the company. This engagement will be to assess whether the Investment Manager can influence the company and whether the company's position is expected to be sustained. The Investment Manager would expect to see improvement in the company over a 2-3 year period. If an investment is assessed as unsustainable (considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the significance of the "breach" and likelihood of improvement), then the Investment Manager will consider divestment.

The Fund has a concentrated portfolio and typically holds between 30 to 50 stocks.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, other collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by the ACD), money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash. The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

Full details of the applicable revenue and conduct thresholds are provided on the Investment Manager's website at columbiathreadneedle.com.

## Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report

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for the year ended 30 April 2023

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 10 February 2023. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Nick Henderson
Fund size £4.0 million
Launch date 10 February 2023

#### Manager's Review

Global equity markets fell back modestly over the period. While interest rates continued to rise in 2023, markets staged a series of rallies, helped by China's removal of Covid restrictions, a warm winter averting an energy crisis in Europe and the much-anticipated softening of interest rate hikes as inflation began to slow. Despite this, there was a general surge in volatility in the spring as banking stocks were hit by the collapse of SVB and Signature Bank in the US and the rescue of Credit Suisse in Europe. However, towards the end of the period, European equities were boosted by corporates posting better-than-expected earnings, while technology stocks were boosted by investor interest in the potential of Al. While the US Federal Reserve raised interest rates to 5.00%, the increases in February and March were just 0.25%. The European Central Bank (ECB) began quantitative tightening in March. It raised rates with 0.50% rises in February and March, increasing the deposit facility to 3.50% to combat high inflation.

We initiated positions in US waste company Waste Management, due to its defensive business model and oligopoly positioning, alongside Munich Re, a German insurer, which has a strong market position and consequently also pricing power. We added to our position in Becton Dickinson, a medical equipment supplier, to bolster our positioning in defensive healthcare. We sold out of our position in agricultural equipment company Deere on concerns over a potential peak in profits for the dry agricultural business in addition to some financing risk. We also exited Crown Castle on the lack of business momentum and profitability coming through, alongside its negative exposure to higher interest rates.

While the first quarter of 2023 ended in positive territory for equity markets, the end of the period saw a sharp downturn of confidence in the banking system which gripped global markets on the back of fears of a credit crunch and a repeat of the 2007 financial meltdown. Interest rate expectations were particularly volatile due to sticky inflation leading to expectations that the current tightening cycle will continue. Bond markets are suggesting a global recession later in 2023, which will likely lead to central banks cutting rates. First quarter equities results season has seen corporates beat expectations, but they remain cautious on the outlook given the tightening of lending standards, stubborn core inflation and waning customer demand. As a result, over the short term, we expect elevated risks and a deterioration in growth fundamentals.

### **Performance Summary**

The CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund returned -3.9% over the period. By comparison, the MSCI AC World Index returned -1.6%. All figures are net of fees, in sterling terms and on a total return basis.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 16 August 2023

## Portfolio Statement

as at 30 April 2023

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
BERMUDA Brookfield Renewable Partners	7,712	<b>190</b> 190	<b>4.73</b> 4.73
FRANCE Schneider Electric	551	<b>76</b> 76	<b>1.89</b> 1.89
GERMANY Allianz	436	<b>334</b> 87	<b>8.32</b> 2.17
Deutsche Telekom	5,879	113	2.81
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft in Muenchen	206	61	1.52
Siemens Healthineers	1,471	73	1.82
IRELAND		176	4.38
Linde	363	107	2.66
Smurfit Kappa	2,336	69	1.72
ITALY	/1 OEO	<b>88</b> 88	2.19
Intesa Sanpaolo	41,958		2.19
JAPAN Daiwa House Industry	6,400	<b>438</b> 129	<b>10.90</b> 3.21
Murata Manufacturing	1,200	55	1.37
Takeda Pharmaceutical	6,400	168	4.18
Tokio Marine	5,400	86	2.14
NORWAY		64	1.59
Mowi	4,271	64	1.59
SINGAPORE		61	1.52
ComfortDelGro	86,000	61	1.52
SWITZERLAND		276	6.87
Roche	489	123	3.06
SGS	1,010	73	1.82
TE Connectivity	827	80	1.99
TAIWAN		54	1.35
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	800	54	1.35
UNITED KINGDOM	C 47	601	14.96
AstraZeneca BT	647 56,732	76 90	1.89 2.24
GSK	7,615	110	2.24
Legal & General	36,498	86	2.14
Pennon	6,584	57	1.42
RELX	2,699	71	1.77
SSE	6,059	111	2.76
UNITED STATES		1,611	40.11
Becton Dickinson	412	87	2.17
Colgate-Palmolive CVS Health	1,525 1,255	97 73	2.41 1.82
Digital Realty Trust #	1,751	138	3.43
eBay	3,125	115	2.86
Emerson Electric	1,722	114	2.84
Gen Digital	9,061	127	3.16
Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Infrastructure Capital #	4,679	106	2.64
International Flavors & Fragrances	688	53	1.32
Motorola Solutions NetApp	603 3,088	140 154	3.49 3.83
ινειγρh	3,000	134	3.03

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 30 April 2023

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
Packaging Corp of America	1,136	122	3.04
Pfizer	4,674	145	3.61
Thermo Fisher Scientific	134	59	1.47
Waste Management	612	81	2.02
Portfolio of investments		3,969	98.81
Net other assets		48	1.19
Total net assets	<u></u>	4,017	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

No comparatives are shown as the Fund launched on 9 February 2023.

# Real Estate Investment Trust.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

## CT Sustainable Global Equity Income Fund

## **Material Portfolio Changes**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Total sales	£000
Brookfield Renewable Partners	177	Crown Castle #	145
Takeda Pharmaceutical	171	Deere	52
Crown Castle #	170	Packaging Corp of America	28
NetApp	170		
Pfizer	170		
Digital Realty Trust #	163		
Packaging Corp of America	162		
Gen Digital	161		
Motorola Solutions	129		
eBay	128		
II Dool Catata Incorption and Tours			

Comparative Tables (continued)

as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/23
	(p)
Share Class 2 - Accumulation	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	(1.74)
Operating charges#	(0.25)
Return after operating charges*	(1.99)
Distributions	(0.52)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.52
Closing net asset value per share	48.01
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	(3.98)%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3
Closing number of shares	6,609
Operating charges#	2.24%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	50.02
Lowest share price	46.40

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 2 Accumulation was launched on 9 February 2023.

as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/23
	(p)
Share Class 2 - Income	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	(1.88)
Operating charges#	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	(1.96)
Distributions on income shares	-
Closing net asset value per share	48.04
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	(3.92)%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	200
Operating charges#	0.68%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	50.02
Lowest share price	46.40

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

Net asset value of share class 2 Income as at 30 April 2023 was less than £500.

<sup>#</sup>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 2 Income was launched on 9 February 2023.

as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/23
Share Class 3 - Accumulation	(p)
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	50.00†
<u> </u>	
Return before operating charges*	(1.88)
Operating charges#	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	(1.96)
Distributions	(0.52)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.52
Closing net asset value per share	48.04
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	(3.92)%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	200
Operating charges#	0.68%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	50.02
Lowest share price	46.40

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

Net asset value of share class 3 Accumulation as at 30 April 2023 was less than £500.

<sup>#</sup>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 3 Accumulation was launched on 9 February 2023.

as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/23
	(p)
Share Class 3 - Income	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	(1.88)
Operating charges#	(80.0)
Return after operating charges*	(1.96)
Distributions on income shares	-
Closing net asset value per share	48.04
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	(3.92)%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	200
Operating charges#	0.68%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	50.02
Lowest share price	46.40

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

Net asset value of share class 3 Income as at 30 April 2023 was less than £500.

<sup>#</sup>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 3 Income was launched on 9 February 2023.

as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/23
	(p)
Share Class 4 - Accumulation	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	(1.88)
Operating charges#	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	(1.96)
Distributions	(0.52)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.52
Closing net asset value per share	48.04
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	(3.92)%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	200
Operating charges#	0.68%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	50.02
Lowest share price	46.40

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 4 Accumulation was launched on 9 February 2023.

Net asset value of share class 4 Accumulation as at 30 April 2023 was less than £500.

as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/23
	(p)
Share Class C - Accumulation	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	(1.90)
Operating charges#	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	(1.95)
Distributions	(0.49)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.49
Closing net asset value per share	48.05
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	(3.90)%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,014
Closing number of shares	8,352,506
Operating charges#	0.42%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	50.00
Lowest share price	46.34

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 C Accumulation was launched on 9 February 2023.

as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/23
	(p)
Share Class C - Income	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	(1.88)
Operating charges#	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	(1.96)
Distributions on income shares	
Closing net asset value per share	48.04
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	(3.92)%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	200
Operating charges#	0.68%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	50.02
Lowest share price	46.40

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

Net asset value of share class C Income as at 30 April 2023 was less than £500.

<sup>#</sup>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 C Income was launched on 9 February 2023.

## Statement of Total Return

for the period 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

	09/02/23 to 30/04/23		04/23
	Notes	£000	£000
Income			
Net capital losses	2		(200)
Revenue	3	46	
Expenses	4	(3)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6 _	-	
Net revenue before taxation		43	
Taxation	5 _	(4)	
Net revenue after taxation			39
Total return before distributions			(161)
Distributions	6		(41)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investm	ent activities		(202)

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the period 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2022

for the period 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023		
	09/02/23 to 30	/04/23
	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	4,178	
		4,178
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(202)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		41
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		4,017

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 223 to 227.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023	Notes	30/04/23 £000
Assets	Notes	1000
Investments		3,969
Current assets		
Debtors	8	28
Cash and bank balances		35
Total assets		4,032
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	9	(15)
Total liabilities		(15)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	:	4,017

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 223 to 227.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the period 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

## 1. Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

## 2. Net capital losses

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The net capital losses during the period comprise:

	The net capital losses during the period comprise:	09/02/23 to
		30/04/23 £000
	Non-derivative securities	(203)
	Forward foreign exchange currency contracts	9
	Currency	(5)
	Handling charges	(1)
	Net capital losses	(200)
3.	Revenue	
		09/02/23 to
		30/04/23
	UK dividends	<b>£000</b> 8
	Overseas non-taxable revenue	33
	Property revenue from taxable overseas REITs	5
	Total revenue	46
4.	Expenses	09/02/23 to
		30/04/23
		£000
	Daughla to the ACD acceptates of the ACD and amounts of sixteen of them.	1000
	Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:  ACD's periodic charge	2
	ACD's expense rebate*	(11)
	The State result	
		(9)
	Other expenses:	
	Accounting & administration fees Audit fee	10
	KIID publication costs	10
	Nilo publication costs	
		12
	Total expenses	3

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £8,546.

<sup>\*</sup>This relates to a rebate paid by the ACD in order to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate by the ACD.

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for the period 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

#### Taxation

09/02/23 to 30/04/23 £000

09/02/23 to

09/02/23 to

## (a) Analysis of charge in period:

Irrecoverable overseas tax

## (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the period:

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20%. The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	43
Corporation tax of 20%	9
Effects of:	
UK dividends*	(2)
Overseas non-taxable revenue*	(7)
Irrecoverable overseas tax	4
Total tax charge for the period (note 5a)	4

<sup>\*</sup>As an authorised OEIC these items are not subject to corporation tax.

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

#### (c) Deferred taxation:

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current year.

#### 6. Finance costs

## Distribution and interest

The distribution takes account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprises:

	03/02/23 (0
	30/04/23
	£000
Final dividend distributions	41
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	-
Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	<u>-</u> _
Net distribution for the period	41_
Interest	
Total finance costs	41_

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables on page 228.

#### 7. Movement between net revenue and net distributions

	05/02/25 to
	30/04/23
	£000
Net revenue after taxation	39
ACD's periodic charge taken to capital	2
ACD's expense rebate taken to capital	(11)
Expenses taken to capital	12
Tax relief on expenses taken to capital	(1)
Net distribution for the period	41

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

for t	he period 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023		
8.	Debtors		
			30/04/23
	Accrued revenue		<b>£000</b> 17
	Accrued ACD expense rebate		11
	Total debtors	_	28
9.	Other creditors	=	
-			30/04/23
			£000
	Accrued expenses		13
	Accrued ACD's periodic charge  Total other creditors	-	<u>2</u> 15
40		=	
10.	Portfolio transaction costs	Purchases	Sales
		09/02/23 to	09/02/23 to
		30/04/23	30/04/23
		£000	£000
	Equities	4,395	225
	Commissions		
	Equities	1	-
	Taxes	1	
	Equities	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Total costs	2	
	Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	4,397	225
	Futures have incurred broker commissions of £nil and taxes of £nil.		
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.	Durchage	Calaa
		Purchases 09/02/23 to	Sales 09/02/23 to
		30/04/23	30/04/23
		%	%
	Commissions		
	Equities	0.02	-
	Taxes Equities	0.02	_
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.	0.02	
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average her asset value.	09/02/23 to 30/04/23	
		%	
	Commissions	0.02	
	Taxes	0.02	
	Total costs	0.04	
	Average portfolio dealing spread		

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.07% (30/04/22: nil).

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## 11. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 9 and 8 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management and receivable from Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of expense rebates are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 9

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

## 12. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has four share classes in issue: Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Class C.

The ACD's periodic charge on each share class is as follows:

	%
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	0.75
Share Class 2 - Income:	0.75
Share Class 3 - Accumulation:	0.50
Share Class 3 - Income:	0.50
Share Class 4 - Accumulation:	-
Share Class C - Accumulation:	0.25
Share Class C - Income:	0.25

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 214 to 220.

The distribution per share class is given in the Distribution Tables on page 228.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the period:

	09/02/23				30/04/23
	Opening			Shares	Closing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 2 - Accumulation:	-	6,609	-	-	6,609
Share Class 2 - Income:	-	200	-	-	200
Share Class 3 - Accumulation:	-	200	-	-	200
Share Class 3 - Income:	-	200	-	-	200
Share Class 4 - Accumulation:	-	200	-	-	200
Share Class C - Accumulation:	-	8,352,506	-	-	8,352,506
Share Class C - Income:	-	200	-	-	200

### 13. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments and no contingent liabilities.

for the period 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

#### 14. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

### Currency exposure

A substantial proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

Currency exposure

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As at 30 April the Fund had the following net currency exposure (excluding Sterling):

	30/04/23
	Total
Currency	£000
Euro	574
Japanese yen	446
Norwegian krone	64
Singapore dollar	61
Swiss franc	200
US dollar	2,043

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

The Fund's net cash holding of £0.035m (30/04/22: holding £nil) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

The Fund receives revenue from holdings in equities. The cash flow from these investments may fluctuate depending upon the particular decisions made by each company. Given that the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cash flows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

#### Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand.

### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

#### 15. Non Adjusting Post Balance Sheet Event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, below share classes experienced the following redemptions.

Share Class 1 - Accumulation:

-67.76%

No adjustment is required to the amounts recognised at the year end date.

#### 16. Fair value

Total

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted guoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/23		
	Assets	Liabilities	
Valuation technique	£000	£000	
Level 1	3,969	-	
Total fair value	3,969		

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## **Distribution Tables**

for the period 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

## Distribution in pence per share

Share	Class	7 -	Accumi	Ilation
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30/04/23: Group 1: Shares created for initial seeding of Fund prior to 9 Group 2: Shares purchased from 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023 February 2023

			Distribution
	Net		payable to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.5167	-	0.5167
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.3067	0.2100	0.5167

### Share Class 3 - Accumulation

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares created for initial seeding of Fund prior to 9 February 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023  $\,$ 

	Net		Distributions paid/payable to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.5200	-	0.5200
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.5200	-	0.5200

## Share Class 4 - Accumulation

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares created for initial seeding of Fund prior to 9 February 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023  $\,$ 

			Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.5200	-	0.5200
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.5200	-	0.5200

## Share Class C - Accumulation

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares created for initial seeding of Fund prior to 9 February 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased from 9 February 2023 to 30 April 2023

			Distributions
	Net		paid/payable to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.4913	-	0.4913
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.4876	0.0037	0.4913

## **Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

## **Fund Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term (at least 5 years).

The Fund invests at least 90% in shares of companies which may be listed, quoted or traded anywhere in the world.

The Fund generally invests in companies of any market capitalisation.

At any one time, the scope of investment may be themed by geography or industry to take advantage of opportunities identified by the investment manager.

As part of its investment process, the Investment Manager integrates environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors into its routine analysis. Through this process, the Investment Manager seeks to: (1) avoid investments that are contrary to the goals of making positive contributions to society and/or the environment; (2) invest in companies which have 50% or more of their revenue aligned to positive long-term sustainable themes or which are on a pathway to be doing so in 2-3 years; and (3) improve companies by selecting those that, in the Investment Manager's opinion, will benefit from active investor engagement, leading to reduced risk, improved performance, best practices and, overall, long-term investor value.

To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in shares, the Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes (which may include those managed by the ACD), deposits, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash. The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management only.

## Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI"), is calculated in accordance with the Key Investor Information Regulations and is disclosed in a fund's KIIDs (Key Investor Information Documents). It is calculated from the last five years' performance data and shows the historic volatility of the Fund and is updated periodically. The SRRI is reported against standard bands ranging from 1 (lower risk/reward) to 7 (higher risk/reward). This classification is intended as a general indication of the overall level of risk of a fund in order to facilitate comparisons between funds.

The most recent value of the SRRI for the Fund was 6, published on 10 February 2023. From the most recent review it has been determined that this is still appropriate.

A fuller explanation of the SRRI and the risk and reward profile of the Fund is contained in the Fund's KIIDs.

Fund manager Nick Henderson
Fund size £72.3 million
Launch date 9 September 1987

## Manager's Review

Global equity markets were modestly ahead over the period, with sterling weakness boosting the returns of overseas assets. Generally, stock markets fell through the period as inflation and recession fears rose, and the Russian-Ukraine war added upwards pressure on commodity prices. However, while interest rates continued to rise, markets staged a series of rallies into 2023, helped by China's removal of Covid restrictions, a warm winter averting an energy crisis in Europe and the much-anticipated softening of interest rate hikes. Although European investors were buoyed by slowing inflation, a strengthening US economy raised fears elsewhere that the Federal Reserve (Fed) would continue with an aggressive monetary policy. Moreover, geopolitical risks weighed on emerging market equities and the collapse of two US-based regional lenders, and the rescue of Credit Suisse by UBS, had a negative impact on markets as the equity risk premium, particularly the cost of capital for banks, rose in response to the fears of contagion across other banks and markets. Towards the end of the period, global equities were boosted by corporates posting better-than-forecast earnings, albeit relative to reduced expectations.

We added a new holding in US provider of data analytics to the construction and agricultural markets, Trimble, attracted by its focus on resource efficiency. Another new position was US pharmaceutical company, Eli Lilly, where we like the growth opportunities in its diabetes and Alzheimer's franchise. We initiated a position in US animal health company, Zoetis, where we see a number of short and longer term catalysts. We introduced a new position in US industrial, Advanced Drainage, using weakness after a profit warning to initiate a holding in what we see as a long-term structural growth business. As rising governance issues weakened both the investment thesis and our confidence in the company, we sold US diagnostics business, Illumina. We also sold Belgian cathode materials provider, Umicore, where we see its target market expanding, but worry that this will see higher capital requirements and threat of greater competition. We sold US towers business, Crown Castle, on a combination of operational challenges and the valuation impact from higher interest expense. We sold IFF, the US flavourings business, on a thesis drift and lack of conviction in management's ability to execute on its strategy.

While the first quarter of 2023 ended in positive territory for equity markets, the end of the period saw a sharp downturn of confidence in the banking system gripped global markets on the back of fears of a credit crunch and a repeat of the 2007 financial meltdown. Interest rate expectations were particularly volatile due to sticky inflation leading to expectations that the current tightening cycle will continue. Bond markets are suggesting a global recession later in 2023, which will likely lead to central banks cutting rates. First quarter equities results season has seen corporates beat expectations but remain cautious on the outlook given the tightening of lending standards, stubborn core inflation and waning customer demand. As a result, over the short term, we expect elevated risks and a deterioration in growth fundamentals.

## Authorised Corporate Director's Investment Report

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## **Performance Summary**

Over the twelve-month period the CT Sustainable Opportunities Global Equity Fund returned -1.8%. By comparison, the IA Global sector median returned 0.3%. All figures are in sterling, net of fees and on a total return basis.

The portfolio underperformed over the period. Relative returns were overwhelmingly impacted by the painful collapse of SVB Financial, roughly a 2% position in the portfolio, and marked down to zero in value following it being placed into FDIC receivership on 10 March. Among the other detractors was Gen Digital, the cybersecurity group, which suffered as customers fell in response to the difficult economic outlook, although results were broadly in line. Illumina, the US life science company, underperformed on a number of setbacks, including the surprise departure of its CFO. As detailed above, this holding was sold. The largest contributor was Motorola Solutions as results beat expectations and guidance was raised. NVIDIA also outperformed as its chip business was seen as a key beneficiary of investment in generative AI. Humana, the US managed-care organisation, gained following results, with strength in its pharmacy business leading to a full year guidance upgrade.

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited 26 May 2023

## Portfolio Statement

as at 30 April 2023

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
AUSTRALIA (2.31%*) CSL	12,332	<b>1,949</b> 1,949	<b>2.70</b> 2.70
BELGIUM (1.38%*)		-	-
CANADA (1.80%*) Descartes Systems	22,358	<b>1,403</b> 1,403	<b>1.94</b> 1.94
DENMARK (3.17%*) Orsted Vestas Wind Systems	17,354 58,187	<b>2,523</b> 1,242 1,281	<b>3.49</b> 1.72 1.77
FRANCE (2.29%*) Schneider Electric	14,260	<b>1,977</b> 1,977	<b>2.74</b> 2.74
GERMANY (1.18%*) Infineon Technologies	37,275	<b>1,075</b> 1,075	<b>1.49</b> 1.49
INDIA (2.66%*) HDFC Bank ADR	43,704	<b>2,425</b> 2,425	<b>3.36</b> 3.36
IRELAND (10.14%*) Aptiv Kerry 'A' Linde Smurfit Kappa	16,535 22,990 10,579 32,747	<b>7,356</b> 1,353 1,927 3,111 965	10.17 1.87 2.67 4.30 1.33
JAPAN (8.94%*) Hoya Keyence Murata Manufacturing Shimadzu Shimano	16,700 5,300 21,900 49,000 8,400	6,524 1,387 1,891 1,008 1,208 1,030	9.02 1.92 2.62 1.39 1.67 1.42
NETHERLANDS (3.39%*) Wolters Kluwer	15,751	<b>1,662</b> 1,662	<b>2.30</b> 2.30
SWITZERLAND (1.89%*) DSM-Firmenich	10,371	<b>1,082</b> 1,082	<b>1.50</b> 1.50
TAIWAN (2.24%*) Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	111,000	<b>1,439</b> 1,439	<b>1.99</b> 1.99
UNITED KINGDOM (4.28%*) AstraZeneca Prudential	16,477 124,390	<b>3,442</b> 1,935 1,507	<b>4.76</b> 2.68 2.08

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 30 April 2023

	Holdings	Market Value £000	Total Net Assets %
UNITED STATES (53.41%*)		38,900	53.82
Acuity Brands	11,983	1,500	2.08
Advanced Drainage Systems	15,460	1,054	1.46
Americold Realty Trust #	51,599	1,214	1.68
Autodesk	8,176	1,267	1.75
CVS Health	25,247	1,473	2.04
Eli Lilly	6,877	2,168	3.00
Gen Digital	83,768	1,177	1.63
Humana	3,068	1,295	1.79
Intercontinental Exchange	19,649	1,703	2.36
Intuitive Surgical	7,268	1,742	2.41
Mastercard	8,676	2,624	3.63
Mettler-Toledo International	1,910	2,266	3.14
Motorola Solutions	13,391	3,104	4.29
NetApp	35,849	1,794	2.48
NVIDIA	10,762	2,376	3.29
PayPal	17,605	1,065	1.47
Roper Technologies	4,724	1,709	2.35
Thermo Fisher Scientific	5,512	2,435	3.37
Trimble	40,650	1,523	2.11
Verisk Analytics	11,778	1,819	2.52
Xylem	25,773	2,129	2.95
Zoetis	10,464	1,463	2.02
Portfolio of investments		71,757	99.28
Net other assets		518	0.72
Total net assets	_	72,275	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2022.

<sup>#</sup> Real Estate Investment Trust.

## **Material Portfolio Changes**

for the year ended 30 April 2023

	Cost		Proceeds
Major purchases	£000	Major sales	£000
Trimble	2,125	Humana	2,168
Eli Lilly	1,898	Crown Castle #	1,908
NVIDIA	1,715	International Flavors & Fragrances	1,709
Zoetis	1,467	UBS	1,649
Intuitive Surgical	1,451	Illumina	1,279
Advanced Drainage Systems	1,169	Umicore	1,072
Kerry 'A'	470	CVS Health	934
Schneider Electric	430	Linde	840
Linde	407	Autodesk	781
Gen Digital	401	Hoya	771

<sup>#</sup> Real Estate Investment Trust.

## **Comparative Tables**

as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21
Share Class 1 - Accumulation	<b>(</b> p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	301.66	320.23	240.11
Return before operating charges*	6.31	(12.18)	85.61
Operating charges#	(5.48)	(6.39)	(5.49)
Return after operating charges*	0.83	(18.57)	80.12
Distributions	-	-	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	302.49	301.66	320.23
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.10	0.14
Performance			
Return after charges	0.28%	(5.80)%	33.37%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,242	13,827	15,216
Closing number of shares	1,402,338	4,583,456	4,751,558
Operating charges#	1.81%	1.92%	1.96%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.03%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	325.90	363.60	323.40
Lowest share price	271.80	291.10	237.50

#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.

as at 30 April 2023	
	30/04/23
	(p)
Share Class 3 - Accumulation	
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	(1.17)
Operating charges#	-
Return after operating charges*	(1.17)
Distributions	(0.16)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.16
Closing net asset value per share	48.83
*after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	(2.34)%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	200
Operating charges#	0.00%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	52.16
Lowest share price	47.46

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

Net asset value of share class 3 Accumulation as at 30 April 2023 was less than £500.

<sup>#</sup>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 3 Accumulation was launched on 18 January 2023.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class C - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	114.14	119.80	88.83
Return before operating charges*	2.11	(4.66)	31.84
Operating charges#	(0.92)	(1.00)	(0.87)
Return after operating charges*	1.19	(5.66)	30.97
Distributions	(0.27)	(0.12)	(0.30)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.27	0.12	0.30
Closing net asset value per share	115.33	114.14	119.80
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.04	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	1.04%	(4.72)%	34.86%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,395	24,091	18,936
Closing number of shares	18,551,278	21,107,373	15,805,980
Operating charges#	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.03%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	123.80	136.90	121.30
Lowest share price	103.00	109.90	87.89

#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.

Comparative Tables			(continued)
as at 30 April 2023			_
	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Share Class L - Accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	54.66	57.61	50.00†
Return before operating charges*	1.01	(2.22)	8.04
Operating charges#	(0.61)	(0.73)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	0.40	(2.95)	7.61
Distributions	-	-	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	
Closing net asset value per share	55.06	54.66	57.61
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.02	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	0.73%	(5.12)%	15.22%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	46,638	41,340	45,763
Closing number of shares	84,699,853	75,626,572	79,430,304
Operating charges#	1.10%	1.21%	1.28%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.03%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	59.19	65.68	58.34
Lowest share price	49.30	52.69	49.60

<sup>†</sup>Price at launch date.

<sup>#</sup>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 L Accumulation was launched on 25 September 2020.

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 30 April 2023

		01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 3	)/04/22	
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Income						
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		708		(4,219)	
Revenue	3	864		838		
Expenses	4	(841)		(1,041)		
Interest payable and similar charges	6 _	-		-		
Net revenue/(expenses) before taxation		23		(203)		
Taxation	5 _	(100)	_	(83)		
Net expenses after taxation			(77)		(286)	
Total return before distribution			631		(4,505)	
Distribution	6		(52)		(24)	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment	activities		579		(4,529)	

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 30 April 2023	01/05/22 to 30/04/23		01/05/21 to 30/04/22	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		79,258		79,915
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	5,465		8,550	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(13,078)	_	(4,703)	
		(7,613)		3,847
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		579		(4,529)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		51		25
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		72,275	_	79,258

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 240 to 244.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2023			
		30/04/23	30/04/22
	Notes	£000	£000
Assets			
Investments		71,757	78,526
Current assets			
Debtors	8	897	295
Cash and bank balances		658	1,269
Total assets		73,312	80,090
Liabilities			
Creditors			
Bank overdrafts		-	(118)
Other creditors	9	(1,037)	(714)
Total liabilities		(1,037)	(832)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		72,275	79,258

Notes to the Financial Statements are on pages 240 to 244.

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## Accounting policies

Please see pages 22 to 24 for accounting policies.

#### 2. Net capital gains/(losses)

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	The net capital gains/(losses) during the year comprise:		
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Non-derivative securities	711	(4,217)
	Currency gains	2	4
	Handling charges	(4)	(6)
	CSDR penalties	(1)	
	Net capital gains/(losses)	708	(4,219)
3.	Revenue	'	
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	UK dividends	59	74
	Overseas taxable revenue	(1)	-
	Overseas non-taxable revenue	735	698
	Property revenue from taxable overseas REITs	51	60
	Bank interest	17	1
	Stock lending revenue	1	1
	VAT refund revenue	2	4
	Total revenue	864	838
4.	Expenses		_
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000
	Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them:		
	ACD's periodic charge	653	755
	ACD's expense rebate*	(106)	(12)
		547	743
	Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them:		, 13
	Depositary's fee	14	17
	Safe custody fees	3	5
	suite custody rees	17	22
	Other expenses:	20	22
	Accounting & administration fees	30	23
	Administration costs	16	19 12
	Audit fee	12	12
	Fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for non-audit services**	- 1	10
	KIID publication costs	1	1
	Registrar's fees	218	211
		277	276
	Total expenses	841	1,041

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP audit fee for the year, exclusive of VAT, is £10,682 (30/04/22: £9,800).

<sup>\*</sup>This relates to a rebate paid by the ACD in order to maintain the individual sub-fund's Ongoing Charges Figure at a level considered appropriate by the ACD.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Fees paid during the prior year in relation to submission of German Tax certificates, finalisation of the FII GLO positions, acting as Taiwan Tax representative and review of HMRC closure notices, exclusive of VAT, were £8,801.

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5.	Taxation	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
(a)	Analysis of charge in year: Irrecoverable overseas tax	100	83

## (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2022: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Open-Ended Investment Company of 20% (2022: 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net (expenses)/revenue before taxation	23	(203)
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	5	(41)
Effects of:	(4.2)	(4.5)
UK dividends* Overseas non-taxable revenue*	(12) (147)	(15) (140)
Movement in excess management expenses	156	198
Irrecoverable overseas tax	100	83
Overseas tax expensed	(2)	(2)
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	100	83

<sup>\*</sup>As an authorised OEIC these items are not subject to corporation tax.

Open Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains, subject to certain exceptions. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the above reconciliation.

#### (c) Deferred taxation:

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

### Factors that may affect future tax charges:

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £3,328,236 (30/04/22: £3,172,317) relating to surplus management expenses. No deferred tax asset was recognised in the current or prior year as it was considered unlikely the Fund would generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts.

#### 6. Finance costs

#### Distribution and interest

The distribution takes account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprises:

	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Final dividend distributions	51	25
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	8	1
Deduct: Revenue received on creation of shares	(7)	(2)
Net distribution for the year	52	24
Interest	-	-
Total finance costs	52	24

Details of the distribution per share is set out in the Distribution Tables on page 245.

## Movement between net revenue/(expenses) and net distribution

Not expenses after toxation	01/05/22 to 30/04/23 £000	01/05/21 to 30/04/22 £000
Net expenses after taxation Revenue deficit payable from capital	(77) 128	(286) 310
Net revenue received on share class conversions	120	-
Net distribution for the year	52	24

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	tes to the Financial Statements				(continued)
	he year ended 30 April 2023				
8.	Debtors			30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
	Sales awaiting settlement			532	123
	Amounts receivable for issue of shares			139	24
	Accrued revenue			102	114
	Accrued ACD expense rebate			106	12
	Overseas tax recoverable		_	18	22
	Total debtors		=	897	295
9.	Other creditors			30/04/23	30/04/22
	Durchases avaiting settlement			<b>£000</b> 820	<b>£000</b> 552
	Purchases awaiting settlement Amounts payable for cancellation of shares			820 23	34
	Accrued expenses			92	71
	Accrued ACD's periodic charge			102	57
	Total other creditors		_	1,037	714
10	Portfolio transaction costs		=	·	
10.	Totalio transaction costs	Purch	Purchases		es
		01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to	01/05/22 to	01/05/21 to
		30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/23	30/04/22
		£000	£000	£000	£000
	Equities	15,929	18,658	23,385	13,544
	Commissions Equities	6	9	(7)	(6)
	Taxes				
	Equities	8	10	(1)	(1)
	Total costs	14	19	(8)	(7)
	Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	15,943	18,677	23,377	13,537
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of asset type cost.				
	1 1 3 31	Purch	ases	Sale	es
		01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22	01/05/22 to 30/04/23	01/05/21 to 30/04/22
		%	%	%	%
	Commissions Equities Taxes	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04
	Equities	0.05	0.05	-	0.01
	Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of average net asset value.				
	, , J J ===============================	01/05/2	22 to 30/04/23 %	01/05/2	1 to 30/04/22 %
	Commissions		0.02		0.02
	Taylor		0.01		0.01

Average portfolio dealing spread

Taxes

Total costs

The average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date was 0.06% (30/04/22: 0.10%).

0.01

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0.01

0.03

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### 11. Related party transactions

Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party, and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through issue, and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts due to, or from, Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 9 and 8 respectively.

Amounts payable to Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of fund management and receivable from Columbia Threadneedle Fund Management Limited in respect of expense rebates are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the end of the year in note 9

The ACD is also the ACD or Manager for other authorised funds and those funds may invest in each other where this is within the investment objectives of the investing fund. Such transactions will be conducted on an arm's length basis within the regulations and the terms of the prospectus. No such transactions were entered into during the current year.

## 12. Shareholders' funds

The Fund has four share classes in issue: Class 1, Class 3, Class C and Class L.

The ACD's periodic charge on each share class is as follows:

	70
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	1.50
Share Class 3 - Accumulation:	-
Share Class C - Accumulation:	0.75
Share Class L - Accumulation:	0.75

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 234 to 237.

The distribution per share class is given in the Distribution Tables on page 245.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of the shares movement in the year:

	01/05/22				30/04/23
	Opening			Shares	Closing shares
	shares in issue	Creations	Cancellations	converted	in issue
Share Class 1 - Accumulation:	4,583,456	53,223	(253,728)	(2,980,613)	1,402,338
Share Class 3 - Accumulation:	-	200	-	-	200
Share Class C - Accumulation:	21,107,373	4,559,902	(8,418,331)	1,302,334	18,551,278
Share Class L - Accumulation:	75,626,572	103,258	(4,639,676)	13,609,699	84,699,853

## 13. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

On 30 April 2023, the Fund had no capital commitments (30/04/22: £nil) and no contingent liabilities (30/04/22: £nil).

## 14. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 30 April 2023 is £nil (30/04/22: £1,046,009). Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 30 April 2023 is £nil (30/04/22: £1,098,383). The identities of the counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. The form of the collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £671 (30/04/22: £996) and £168 (30/04/22: £248).

Counterparties	30/04/23 £000	30/04/22 £000
Merrill Lynch	-	1,098
Total collateral held	-	1,098
	30/04/23	30/04/22
Collateral held	£000	£000
Bonds	-	1,098
Total collateral held		1,098

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### 15. Financial instruments

The analysis and tables provided below refer to the narrative and numerical disclosure on 'Financial Instruments Risks' on pages 25 to 29.

#### Currency exposure

A substantial proportion of the financial net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

As at 30 April the Fund had the following net currency exposure (excluding Sterling):

	Currency exposure 30/04/23	Currency exposure 30/04/22
	30/04/23	30104122
	Total	Total
Currency	£000	£000
Australian dollar	1,949	1,544
Canadian dollar	1,403	1,430
Danish krone	2,529	2,517
Euro	8,103	10,103
Japanese yen	6,550	6,837
Swiss franc	-	1,499
Taiwanese dollar	1,439	1,774
US dollar	46,159	49,119
Total	68,132	74,823

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

The Fund's net cash holding of £0.658m (30/04/22: holding £1.151m) is held in a floating rate deposit account. Interest is earned by reference to overnight benchmark rates for the following currencies: GBP (SONIA), USD (EFFR), EUR (€STR), CHF (SARON), and JPY (TONAR). For all other currencies interest is earned by reference to their international benchmark equivalents.

The Fund receives revenue from holdings in equities. The cash flow from these investments may fluctuate depending upon the particular decisions made by each company. Given that the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cash flows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

## Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Fund as at 30 April 2023 are payable either within one year or on demand, as were the financial liabilities of the previous year ended 30 April 2022.

#### Fair values of financial assets and 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.

#### 16. Fair value

For financial instruments held at fair value in the balance sheet, the Fund is required to disclose for each class of financial instrument, an analysis of the level in the fair value hierarchy (as set out in FRS 102 paragraph 11.27) into which the fair value measurements are categorised. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are as follows:

Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

	30/04/	30/04/23		22
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Valuation technique	£000	£000	£000	£000
Level 1	71,757	-	78,526	
Total fair value	71,757	-	78,526	-

## **Distribution Tables**

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## Distribution in pence per share

Share Class 3 - Accumulation

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022	Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023			
			Distribution	Distributions
	Net	Net		paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.1600	-	0.1600	-

(p)

0.1600

(p)

(p)

0.1600

(p)

Share Class C - Accumulation

Group 2

Final

30/04/23: Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 May 2022 Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023

			,	
	Net		Distribution payable to	Distributions paid to
	revenue	Equalisation	30/06/23	30/06/22
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.2732	-	0.2732	0.1199
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Final	0.1287	0.1445	0.2732	0.1199