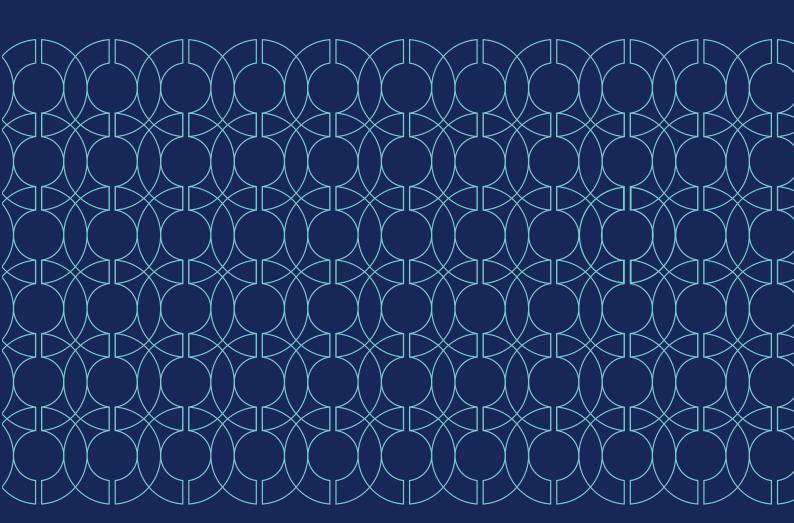
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### Schroder Asian Discovery Fund (formerly Schroder Small Cap Discovery Fund) Annual Report and Accounts 15 April 2023



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<sup>1</sup> Collectively these comprise the Manager's report.

### **Fund Information**

#### **Investment objective and policy**

Schroder Asian Discovery Fund (formerly Schroder Small Cap Discovery Fund) (the 'Fund') aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Mid Cap (Net Total Return) index (after fees have been deducted) over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of small and mid cap Asian companies (excluding Japan).

The Fund is actively managed and invests:

at least 80% of its assets in equity and equity related securities of Asian (excluding Japan) companies; and

at least 80% of its assets in equities of small and mid cap companies. Small and mid cap companies are those that, at the time of purchase, are similar in size to those comprising the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Mid Cap (Net Total Return) index.

As a result, the Fund will (a) have a maximum exposure of 20% to non-Asian (ex Japan) companies; and (b) have a maximum exposure of 20% to non-small or mid cap companies (as defined above).

The small and mid cap universe is an extensive, diverse and constantly changing area of Asian markets. Small and mid cap companies offer investors exposure to some niche growth areas that, often, cannot be accessed through large companies.

The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in othersecurities (including in other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, collective investment schemes (including Schroder funds), warrants and money market instruments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk and managing the Fund more efficiently (for more information please refer to section 6 of Appendix I of the Prospectus).

With effect from 13 January 2023 the Fund's Investment objective and policy changed, previously it was:

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of its benchmark\* (after fees have been deducted) over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Asian smaller companies (excluding Japan) and in global emerging market smaller companies.

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 80% of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small-sized Asian (excluding Japan) and global emerging market companies. These are companies that, at the time of purchase, are similar in size to those comprising the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the equities market in Asia and other emerging markets.

The Fund may also invest in small-sized companies headquartered in or quoted on developed markets if those companies derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits in emerging markets.

The small cap universe is an extensive, diverse and constantly changing area of Asian and other emerging markets. Smaller companies offer investors exposure to some niche growth areas that, often, cannot be accessed through large companies. They also tend to grow more rapidly than larger firms.

The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other securities (including in other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, collective investment schemes (including Schroder funds), warrants and money market instruments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk and managing the Fund more efficiently (for more information please refer to section 6 of Appendix I of the Prospectus).

\* The Fund's benchmark is a blend of the MSCI Small Cap (Net Total Return) indices (Emerging Markets, Hong Kong, Singapore).

#### **Fund characteristics**

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Mid Cap (Net Total Return) and compared against the Investment Association Asia Pacific ex Japan sector. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of the benchmark. The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the Investment Manager and the Manager believe that this benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

#### Significant events

Effective from 13 January 2023, Schroder Small Cap Discovery Fund changed its name to Schroder Asian Discovery Fund and changed its investment objective and policy.

#### **Review of Investment Activities**

From 14 April 2022 to 14 April 2023, the price of Z Accumulation units on a dealing price basis fell by 1.42%. In the same period, the Fund's target benchmark¹ generated a negative total return of 2.95%² in sterling terms.

Looking at the drivers of the Fund's outperformance over the 12 month period, on a geographical basis, the main contributions to performance came from stock selection in China and Taiwan. Our Korean stock selection and exposure to Vietnam detracted. On a sector basis stock selection in industrials, information technology and real estate contributed to performance, only partially offset by negative stock selection in communication services.

The Fund restructured on January 13th 2023, changing its name from Schroder Small Cap Discovery Fund to Schroder Asian Discovery Fund.

In India, we still like and are exposed to long-term themes, such as residential and commercial real estate. While we remain positively disposed to investing in India, identifying opportunities with a sufficient margin of safety remains a key challenge.

Following Taiwan's recent strong performance, particularly in semiconductor stocks, we are more cautious on this sub-sector, although we continue to find great long-term opportunities in it. In Hong Kong, the reversal of China's 'zero-Covid' policy should bode well for the local market. Despite the recent surge, many of our holdings remain reasonably valued and not as stretched as they were. Generally, we see more upside.

Overall, we can see opportunities, although perhaps the hunting grounds are changing slightly. We still believe in key long-running secular themes in Asia. These include: housing; consumption/premiumisation; hygiene/healthcare; financial inclusion; disruption and companies providing innovative solutions within areas such as green technology, 5G and advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS).

**Co-Fund Manager: Alexander Deane** 



Fund manager of Global Small Cap Equity accounts since December 2020

Joined Schroders in September 2015 as an Equity Analyst, Global Small Cap and Asia

Investment career commenced in 2010, initially working as an analyst at Rothschild & Co and then Berenberg following UK industrials

University of Nottingham, Spanish speaker

Co-Fund Manager: Robin Parbrook



Fund manager of regional and alternative strategies Commenced investment career with Schroders in 1990 Managed multiple Asian regional strategies MA in Economics, Edinburgh University

- With effect from 13 January 2023 the Fund's target benchmark changed from MSCI Small Cap (Net Total Return) indices (Emerging Markets, Hong Kong, Singapore) to the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Mid Cap (Net Total Return).
- 2 Source: B-One

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



### **Risk Profile**

#### Risk and reward indicator



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

The risk and reward indicator changed from 5 to 6 with effect from 30 March 2023.

For specific risks, including the risk and reward profile, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on the following website www.schroders.com.

### Statement of the Manager's Responsibilities

The Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook requires the Manager to prepare accounts for each annual and half yearly accounting period, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund and of its net revenue and the net capital losses on the property of the Fund for the year. In preparing the accounts the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (now the Investment Association) in May 2014;
- follow generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards;
- prepare the accounts on the basis that the Fund will continue in operation unless it is inappropriate to do so;
- keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the accounts as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Fund in accordance with its Trust Deed, the Prospectus and the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud, error and non-compliance with law or regulations.

The Manager's report and accounts for the year ended 15 April 2023 were signed on 9 August 2023 on behalf of the Manager by:

S. Reedy Directors P. Chislett

### Report of the Trustee

Statement of the Trustee's responsibilities in respect of the Scheme and report of the Trustee to the unitholders of the Schroder Asian Discovery Fund (formerly Schroder Small Cap Discovery Fund) ('the Fund') for the year ended 15 April 2023.

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

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

The Trustee is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Fund in accordance with the regulations. The Trustee must ensure that:

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

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

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

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

#### J.P. Morgan Europe Limited

Trustee Bournemouth 2 May 2023

# Independent auditors' report to the Unitholders of Schroder Asian Discovery Fund (formerly Schroder Small Cap Discovery Fund)

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

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements of Schroder Asian Discovery Fund (formerly Schroder Small Cap Discovery Fund) (the "Fund"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 15 April 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on its scheme property for the year then ended; 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 Trust Deed.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Accounts (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 15 April 2023; the Statement of Total Return and the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders for the year then ended; the Distribution Table; and the Notes to the Accounts, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

#### **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 Fund 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.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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 Fund's 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.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Manager'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 Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Manager 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 Manager 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.

#### **Manager's Report**

In our opinion, the information given in the Manager's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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

#### Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Manager's Responsibilities, the Manager 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 Manager 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 Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to wind up or terminate the 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.

# Independent auditors' report to the Unitholders of Schroder Asian Discovery Fund (formerly Schroder Small Cap Discovery Fund) (continued)

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 Fund and its 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 Fund . Audit procedures performed included:

- Discussions with the Manager, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes, including those of the Manager'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 Fund's unitholders as a body in accordance with paragraph 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook 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.

#### 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 and returns.
- We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

9 August 2023

## **Comparative Table**

	A A	Accumulation uni	ts		A Income units	
Financial year to 15 April	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	98.12	101.54	64.49	93.67	97.01	61.71
Return before operating charges*	(0.47)	(1.61)	38.52	(0.46)	(1.53)	36.86
Operating charges	(1.68)	(1.81)	(1.47)	(1.60)	(1.73)	(1.41)
Return after operating charges*	(2.15)	(3.42)	37.05	(2.06)	(3.26)	35.45
Distributions**	(0.85)	(0.08)	(0.16)	(0.81)	(0.08)	(0.15
Retained distributions**	0.85	0.08	0.16	-	-	-
Closing net asset value	95.97	98.12	101.54	90.80	93.67	97.01
*after direct transaction costs of	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.10
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	(2.19)	(3.37)	57.45	(2.20)	(3.36)	57.45
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	3,437	3,909	4,659	282	311	447
Closing number of units	3,581,575	3,983,895	4,588,560	310,117	331,532	460,594
Operating charges (%)	1.75	1.70	1.76	1.75	1.70	1.76
Direct transaction costs (%)***	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.12
Prices						
Highest dealing price	101.90p	116.00p	102.59p	97.29p	110.80p	98.17
Lowest dealing price	88.56p	92.88p	64.76p	84.55p	88.73p	61.97

## **Comparative Table** (continued)

	L A	Accumulation uni	ts		L Income units	
Financial year to 15 April	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	96.06	98.59	62.10	86.70	89.85	57.07
Return before operating charges*	(0.45)	(1.63)	37.23	(0.42)	(1.48)	34.21
Operating charges	(0.88)	(0.90)	(0.74)	(0.78)	(0.82)	(0.67
Return after operating charges*	(1.33)	(2.53)	36.49	(1.20)	(2.30)	33.54
Distributions**	(1.62)	(0.93)	(0.83)	(1.46)	(0.85)	(0.76
Retained distributions**	1.62	0.93	0.83	_	-	-
Closing net asset value	94.73	96.06	98.59	84.04	86.70	89.85
*after direct transaction costs of	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.09
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	(1.38)	(2.57)	58.76	(1.38)	(2.56)	58.77
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	6,474	15,756	9,586	7,904	8,859	8,940
Closing number of units	6,833,682	16,402,737	9,723,497	9,404,765	10,217,186	9,949,886
Operating charges (%)	0.92	0.87	0.93	0.92	0.87	0.93
Direct transaction costs (%)***	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.12
Prices						
Highest dealing price	100.10p	113.20p	99.48p	90.35p	103.20p	91.43
Lowest dealing price	87.10p	90.86p	62.36p	78.61p	82.82p	57.32

## Comparative Table (continued)

	S Accumulation			
	units <sup>1</sup>		Accumulation un	
Financial year to 15 April	2023 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit
Change in net asset value				
Opening net asset value	50.00	105.82	108.69	68.52
Return before operating charges*	(1.78)	(0.50)	(1.78)	41.06
Operating charges	(0.16)	(1.04)	(1.09)	(0.89)
Return after operating charges*	(1.94)	(1.54)	(2.87)	40.17
Distributions**	(0.26)	(1.70)	(0.94)	(0.85)
Retained distributions**	0.26	1.70	0.94	0.85
Closing net asset value	48.06	104.28	105.82	108.69
*after direct transaction costs of	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.11)
Performance				
Return after charges (%)	(3.88)	(1.46)	(2.64)	58.63
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£000's)	65	113,429	138,365	156,978
Closing number of units	134,915	108,774,143	130,754,767	144,421,462
Operating charges (%)	0.51	1.00	0.95	1.01
Direct transaction costs (%)***	0.11	0.11	0.09	0.12
Prices				
Highest dealing price	50.67p	110.30p	124.70p	109.69p
Lowest dealing price	44.11p	95.91p	100.10p	68.81p

## Comparative Table (continued)

- Z J	income	units

		2 Income units	
Financial year to 15 April	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit
Change in net asset value			
Opening net asset value	93.86	97.26	61.79
Return before operating charges*	(0.46)	(1.59)	37.05
Operating charges	(0.92)	(0.97)	(0.81)
Return after operating charges*	(1.38)	(2.56)	36.24
Distributions**	(1.50)	(0.84)	(0.77
Closing net asset value	90.98	93.86	97.26
*after direct transaction costs of	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.10
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	(1.47)	(2.63)	58.65
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£000's)	16,351	19,556	20,849
Closing number of units	17,973,305	20,835,600	21,435,117
Operating charges (%)	1.00	0.95	1.01
Direct transaction costs (%)***	0.11	0.09	0.12
Prices			
Highest dealing price	97.78p	111.60p	98.93
Lowest dealing price	85.06p	89.58p	62.06

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> S Accumulation units launched on 7 September 2022.

### **Portfolio Statement**

	Holding at 15.4.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Equities 97.62% (94.00%) Bermuda 0.00% (0.57%)			
Brazil 0.00% (2.54%)			
Cayman Islands 8.16% (8.19	9%)		
Crystal International			
Group	7,467,000	2,209	1.49
IMAX China Holding	2,685,100	2,227	1.51
Shenzhou International Group Holdings	173,000	1,498	1.01
Tongcheng Travel Holdings	1,947,600	3,413	2.31
Tongdao Liepin			
Group	2,433,200	2,720	1.84
		12,067	8.16
China 3.13% (2.78%)			
Hongfa Technology A	545,160	2,122	1.44
Zhejiang Sanhua	3.3,.33	_,	
Intelligent Controls			
A	885,889	2,503	1.69
		4,625	3.13
Cyprus 0.00% (0.00%)			
HeadHunter Group ADR <sup>^</sup>	83,708	0	0.00
		0	0.00
Germany 0.00% (0.07%)			
Hong Kong 5.46% (3.71%)			
Dah Sing Banking			
Group	3,416,400	2,235	1.51
Hang Lung Group	2,360,000	3,397	2.30
Swire Properties	1,169,200	2,441	1.65 <b>5.46</b>
India 22.89% (19.54%)		8,073	3.40
Apollo Hospitals Enterprise	123,059	5,317	3.59
Cholamandalam Investment and	.,	-,-	
Finance	546,286	4,402	2.98
City Union Bank	2,572,382	3,191	2.16
Coforge	89,960	3,553	2.40
Delhivery	461,423	1,473	1.00
Fine Organic Industries	64,668	2,845	1.92
Gujarat Pipavav Port	1,610,337	1,798	1.22
Mphasis	1,010,337	2,018	1.36
Oberoi Realty	496,530	4,455	3.01
Phoenix Mills	250,525	3,198	2.16
PVR	107,327	1,612	1.09
		33,862	22.89
Italy 2.96% (2.27%)			
PRADA	733,000	4,386	2.96
		4,386	2.96
Kenya 1.02% (1.80%)			
Safaricom	14,310,562	1,517	1.02
		1,517	1.02
Mauritius 1.25% (0.00%)			
MakeMyTrip	96,247	1,850	1.25
		1,850	1.25

	Holding at 15.4.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Mexico 4.10% (2.65%)			
Bolsa Mexicana de Valores	1,485,533	2,529	1.71
Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacifico B	229,068	3,539	2.39
del Facilico B	229,008	6,068	4.10
Netherlands 3.30% (1.83%)		0,000	4.10
BE Semiconductor			
Industries	71,005	4,888	3.30
		4,888	3.30
Peru 1.39% (2.03%)			
Ferreycorp	4,377,841	2,054	1.39
		2,054	1.39
Philippines 4.50% (4.37%)			
International			
Container Terminal Services	842,890	2,596	1.76
Wilcon Depot	9,743,500	4,057	2.74
Timeon Depot	37. 10,000	6,653	4.50
Poland 1.91% (1.82%)		2,000	
Grupa Pracuj	276,486	2,821	1.91
		2,821	1.91
Singapore 6.18% (5.51%)			
Sheng Siong Group	2,305,300	2,423	1.64
Singapore Exchange	596,000	3,410	2.30
Venture	313,700	3,307	2.24
		9,140	6.18
South Korea 4.42% (6.12%)			
KoMiCo	66,931	1,880	1.27
LEENO Industrial	24,242	2,064	1.39
PI Advanced			
Materials	119,835	2,598	1.76
<b>-</b>		6,542	4.42
Taiwan 22.23% (25.08%)	426.000	4.400	2.02
Advantech	426,000	4,180	2.82
Chroma ATE	618,000	2,894	1.96
Eclat Textile	273,460	3,585	2.42
Merida Industry Nien Made	764,200	3,407	2.30
Enterprise	337,000	2,983	2.02
Novatek			
Microelectronics	196,000	2,371	1.60
Sinbon Electronics	430,000	3,811	2.58
Sporton International	457,149	3,202	2.16
Vanguard			
International	774.000	1.022	1 21
Semiconductor	774,000	1,932	1.31
Voltronic Power Technology	93,502	4,526	3.06
··· <b>3</b> J	-5,552	32,891	22.23
Thailand 2.41% (1.87%)		•	
AEON Thana Sinsap			
Thailand NVDR	804,100	3,566	2.41
		3,566	2.41
Vietnam 2.31% (1.25%)			
Mobile World	720 400	4.040	0.66
Investment	739,100	1,012	0.69

## Portfolio Statement (continued)

	Holding at 15.4.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Saigon Beer Alcohol Beverage	419,600	2,401	1.62
		3,413	2.31
<b>Equities total</b>		144,416	97.62

	Holding at 15.4.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Collective Investment Sche	emes 2.71% (4.0	06%)	
Cayman Islands 2.71% (4.06	5%)		
Vietnam Enterprise Investments C <sup>§</sup>	721,018	4,009	2.71
		4,009	2.71
Collective Investment Scho	emes total	4,009	2.71
Portfolio of investments		148,425	100.33
Net other liabilities		(483)	(0.33)
Net assets attributable to	unitholders	147,942	100.00

The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 15 April 2022.

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

<sup>§</sup> Closed ended Fund.

#### **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 15 April 2023

		2023	<b>3</b>	2022	
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital losses	2		(6,042)		(4,823)
Revenue	3	4,792		4,177	
Expenses	4	(1,548)		(1,996)	
Net revenue before taxation		3,244		2,181	
Taxation	5	(447)		(1,819)	
Net revenue after taxation			2,797		362
Total return before distributions			(3,245)		(4,461)
Distributions	6		(2,765)		(1,730)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders fr	om investment activit	ies	(6,010)		(6,191)

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

For the year ended 15 April 2023

	2023		202	22
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		186,756		201,459
Amounts receivable on issue of units	4,120		22,929	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(38,990)		(32,831)	
		(34,870)		(9,902)
Dilution adjustment		79		10
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(6,010)		(6,191)
Retained distribution on Accumulation units		1,987		1,380
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		147,942		186,756

#### **Balance Sheet**

As at 15 April 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£000's	£000's
Assets			
Investments		148,425	183,140
Current assets			
Debtors	8	403	508
Cash and bank balances		1,376	5,690
Total assets		150,204	189,338
Liabilities			
Provisions for liabilities	9	(1,427)	(1,799)
Creditors			
Distributions payable		(410)	(262)
Other creditors	10	(425)	(521)
Total liabilities		(2,262)	(2,582)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		147,942	186,756

## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 15 April 2023

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

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

#### Revenue

Dividends receivable from equity investments are recognised net of attributable tax credits and are credited to revenue when they are first quoted ex-

The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as revenue of the Fund. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated as capital.

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

#### Special dividends

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

#### **Expenses**

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

#### **Taxation**

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

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

#### **Distributions**

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

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

The ordinary element of scrip dividends is treated as revenue and does not form part of the distribution.

#### **Dilution Adjustment**

In certain circumstances the Manager may apply a dilution adjustment on subscriptions and redemptions of units. If applied, the dilution adjustment is paid to the Fund. See Prospectus for further details.

#### Valuation

All investments held by the Fund have been valued at market value at 18:00 on the last working day of the accounting period. Market value is defined by the Statement of Recommended Practice as fair value which generally is the bid value of each security and the offer value for short positions.

Unquoted, illiquid and suspended investments are valued by the Manager at a best assessment of fair value.

#### Foreign currencies

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

#### 2 Net capital losses

The net capital losses during the year comprise:

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Non-derivative securities	(6,035)	(4,869)
Forward foreign currency contracts	2	-
Foreign currency (losses)/gains	(9)	41
Transaction costs	-	5
Net capital losses	(6,042)	(4,823)

#### 3 Revenue

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Overseas dividends	4,768	4,170
Scrip dividends	-	7
Bank interest	24	-
Total revenue	4,792	4,177

#### 4 Expenses

	2023 £000's	2022 £000's
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:	2000 5	2000 5
Schroders Annual Charge <sup>1</sup>	1,547	1,993
Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them:		
Safe custody fees	_	1
Other expenses:		
Professional fee	-	2
Interest payable	1	-
Total expenses	1,548	1,996

<sup>1</sup> Audit fees including VAT for the financial year ending 2023 were £12,768 (2022 – £9,673).

#### **5 Taxation**

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

#### (a) Analysis of the tax charge for the year

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Deferred tax Indian capital gains tax (372) 998	Overseas withholding tax	478	444
Indian capital gains tax (372) 998	Total current tax	819	821
	Deferred tax		
Total taxation (Note 5(b)) 447 1,819	Indian capital gains tax	(372)	998
	Total taxation (Note 5(b))	447	1,819

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

The tax assessed for the year is different from that calculated when the standard rate of corporation tax for authorised unit trusts of 20% (2022 – 20%) is applied to the net revenue before taxation. The differences are explained below.

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Net revenue before taxation	3,244	2,181
Net revenue for the year before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	649	436
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to corporation tax	(937)	(797)
Movement in excess management expenses	288	365
Overseas withholding tax	478	444
Expensed withholding tax incurred	=	(4)
Indian capital gains tax	(31)	1,375
Current tax charge for the year (Note 5(a))	447	1,819

#### (c) Provision for deferred tax

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Provision at the start of the year	1,799	801
Movement in deferred tax for the year (Note 5(a))	(372)	998
Provision at the end of the year	1,427	1,799

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

At the balance sheet date, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £3,018,251 (2022 – £2,729,898) in respect of unutilised management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or prior year.

#### **6 Distributions**

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

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Final Dividend distribution	2,397	1,642
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of units	418	250
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of units	(50)	(162)
Distributions	2,765	1,730
Net revenue after taxation	2,797	362
Scrip dividends not distributed	-	(7)
Indian capital gains tax	(31)	1,375
Equalisation on conversions	(1)	-
Distributions	2,765	1,730

Details of the distributions per unit are set out in the Distribution Table on page 26.

#### 7 Fair value hierarchy

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

		2023	:	2022
Basis of valuation	Assets £000's	Liabilities £000's	Assets £000's	Liabilities £000's
Level 1: Quoted prices	148,425	-	183,140	-
Level 2: Observable market data	-	-	-	-
Level 3: Unobservable data	-	-	-	-
Total	148,425	-	183,140	-

- Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

#### Unobservable data

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

#### 8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Amounts receivable for issue of units	140	211
Accrued revenue	253	297
Overseas withholding tax recoverable	10	-
Total debtors	403	508

#### 9 Provision for liabilities

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Provision for Indian capital gains tax	1,427	1,799
Total provisions for liabilities	1,427	1,799

The deferred tax liability provision at the balance sheet date of £1,427,000 (2022 – 1,799,000) relates to a potential liability for Indian capital gains tax that may arise on the Fund's Indian investments should they be sold in the future, based on the net unrealised taxable capital gain at the period end and on enacted Indian tax rates. The amount of any future tax amounts payable may differ from this provision, depending on the value and timing of any future sales of such investments and future Indian tax rates.

#### 10 Other creditors

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	170	295
Purchases awaiting settlement	79	6
Accrued expenses	176	220
Total other creditors	425	521

#### 11 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2022 - Nil).



#### 12 Related party transactions

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

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

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

Units held or managed by the Manager or associates of the Manager as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value at the balance sheet date were 0.71% (2022 – 0.59%).

#### 13 Unit classes

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

The closing net asset value of each unit class, the closing net asset value per unit and the closing number of units in issue are given in the Comparative Table on pages 10 to 12.

The distributions per unit class are given in the Distribution Table on page 26.

All classes have the same rights on winding up.

#### 14 Derivative and other financial instruments

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

#### Market price risk

The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, the Prospectus and in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer. At the year end date, if the prices of investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then net assets attributable to the unitholders would increase or decrease by approximately £14,842,500 (2022 - £18,314,000).

#### Foreign currency risk

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

Revenue received in other currencies is translated to sterling on or near the date of receipt. The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

#### **Currency risk profile**

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

	2023	2022
Currency	£000's	£000's
Brazilian real	2	4,749
Chinese yuan	4,710	6,060
Euro	4,888	3,409
Hong Kong dollar	24,607	27,541
Indian rupee	34,031	36,768
Kenyan shilling	1,517	3,393
Mexican peso	6,068	4,948
Nigerian naira	96	102
Peruvian nuevo sol	2,054	3,784
Philippine peso	6,692	8,164
Polish zloty	2,830	3,391
Singapore dollar	9,140	10,284
South Korean won	6,668	11,566
Sterling	2,803	9,558
Taiwan dollar	32,891	47,006
Thai baht	3,566	3,499
US dollar	1,856	140
Vietnamese dong	3,523	2,394

At the year end date, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 10% against all other currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to the unitholders will increase or decrease by approximately £14,513,900 (2022 - £17,719,800).

#### **Liquidity risk**

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

#### **Interest rate risk**

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

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

At the year end date 0.93% (2022 – 3.05%) of the net assets of the Fund were interest bearing and as such the interest rate risk is not considered significant.

#### Floating rate financial assets and financial liabilities

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

#### Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

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

#### Global risk exposure

#### **Commitment approach**

When using derivatives, the Manager uses a risk management process that enables it to monitor the risk of a Fund's derivative positions. The global risk exposure of a Fund is calculated daily either by means of the commitment approach or the Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach.

Under the commitment approach, the global risk exposure is defined as the underlying market value of derivatives, after netting and hedging as permitted by the regulation, not exceeding the Net Asset Value of a Fund. This is typically used on Funds where derivative usage is low or Funds which limit their derivatives commitment to 100% or less of their Net Asset Value.

The global risk exposure of the Fund is calculated using the commitment approach. During the year ended 15 April 2023 the global risk exposure of the Fund did not exceed 100% of its Net Asset Value. The lowest, highest, average and actual level of leverage for the Fund as at the balance sheet date was as follows:

#### Leverage

	202	3			202	22	
Lowest	Highest	Average	Leverage 15 April	Lowest	Highest	Average	Leverage 15 April
0.00%	1.98%	0.05%	0.02%	0.00%	1.31%	0.05%	0.00%

#### 15 Direct transaction costs

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

2023	Principal £000's	Commissions £000's	Taxes £000's	Total cost £000's	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Equities	25,140	17	21	25,178	0.07	0.08
Sales						
Equities	53,990	(34)	(99)	53,857	(0.06)	(0.18)
Total cost of the Fund's average net asset value (%)		0.04	0.07			

2022	Principal £000's	Commissions £000's	Taxes £000's	Total cost £000's	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Equities	58,102	38	16	58,156	0.07	0.03
Sales						
Equities	63,769	(41)	(89)	63,639	(0.06)	(0.14)
Total cost of the Fund's average net asset value (%)		0.04	0.05			

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.29% (2022 – 0.30%).

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

#### 16 Units in issue reconciliation

	Number of units in issue 15.4.22	Number of units issued	Number of units cancelled	Number of units converted	Number of units in issue 15.4.23
A Accumulation units	3,983,895	95,239	(357,897)	(139,662)	3,581,575
A Income units	331,532	7,209	(27,438)	(1,186)	310,117
L Accumulation units	16,402,737	921,043	(10,574,374)	84,276	6,833,682
L Income units	10,217,186	386,513	(1,194,888)	(4,046)	9,404,765
S Accumulation units	-	10,355	(86,593)	211,153	134,915
Z Accumulation units	130,754,767	1,946,598	(23,832,202)	(95,020)	108,774,143
Z Income units	20,835,600	907,112	(3,831,044)	61,637	17,973,305

#### 17 Non-adjusting post balance sheet events

As a result of market movements and foreign exchange rates, since the balance sheet date on 15 April 2023, the price of each unit class has changed as follows:

	Dealing price 4.8.23	Dealing price 14.4.23	% change
A Accumulation units	99.16p	95.74p	3.57
A Income units	93.81p	91.40p	2.64
L Accumulation units	98.13p	94.51p	3.83
L Income units	87.06p	85.30p	2.06
S Accumulation units	49.85p	47.94p	3.98
Z Accumulation units	108.00p	104.00p	3.85
Z Income units	94.22p	92.26p	2.12

### **Distribution Table**

#### Final distribution for the year ended 15 April 2023

**Group 1** Units purchased prior to 16 April 2022

**Group 2** Units purchased on or after 16 April 2022

	Net revenue 2023 per unit	Equalisation 2023 per unit	Distribution payable 15.6.23 per unit	Distribution paid 15.6.22 per unit
A Accumulation units				
Group 1	0.8508p	-	0.8508p	0.0813p
Group 2	0.0563p	0.7945p	0.8508p	0.0813p
A Income units				
Group 1	0.8121p	-	0.8121p	0.0777p
Group 2	0.2204p	0.5917p	0.8121p	0.0777p
L Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.6161p	-	1.6161p	0.9317p
Group 2	0.6715p	0.9446p	1.6161p	0.9317p
L Income units				
Group 1	1.4584p	-	1.4584p	0.8491p
Group 2	0.3192p	1.1392p	1.4584p	0.8491p
Z Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.6969p	-	1.6969p	0.9363p
Group 2	0.3306p	1.3663p	1.6969p	0.9363p
Z Income units				
Group 1	1.5048p	-	1.5048p	0.8378p
Group 2	0.2341p	1.2707p	1.5048p	0.8378p

#### Final distribution for the period ended 15 April 2023

**Group 1** Units purchased on 7 September 2022

**Group 2** Units purchased after 7 September 2022

	Net revenue 2023 per unit	Equalisation 2023 per unit	Distribution payable 15.6.23 per unit
S Accumulation units			
Group 1	0.2649p	=	0.2649p
Group 2	0.1119p	0.1530p	0.2649p

#### **Equalisation**

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

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

### Remuneration

#### UCITS remuneration disclosures for Schroder Unit Trusts Limited ('SUTL') for the year to 31 December 2022

These disclosures form part of the non-audited section of this annual report and accounts and should be read in conjunction with the Schroders plc Remuneration Report on pages 76 to 107 of the 2022 Annual Report & Accounts (available on the Group's website https://www.schroders.com/en/investor-relations/results-and-reports/annual-report-and-accounts-2022/), which provides more information on the activities of our Remuneration Committee and our remuneration principles and policies.

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

The Remuneration Committee of Schroders plc has established a remuneration policy to ensure the requirements of the UCITS Directive are met for all UCITS MRTs. The Remuneration Committee and the Board of Schroders plc review remuneration strategy at least annually. The directors of SUTL are responsible for the adoption of the remuneration policy and periodically reviewing its implementation in relation to SUTL. During 2022 the Remuneration Policy was reviewed to ensure compliance with the UCITS/AIFMD remuneration requirements and no significant changes were made.

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

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

The remuneration data that follows reflects amounts paid in respect of performance during 2022.

- The total amount of remuneration paid by SUTL to its staff was nil as SUTL has no employees. SUTL has two independent Non Executive Directors who receive fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL¹. Employees of other Schroders Group entities who serve as Directors of SUTL receive no additional fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL.
- The following disclosures relate to UCITS MRTs of SUTL. Most of those UCITS MRTs were employed by and provided services to other Schroders group companies and clients. In the interests of transparency, the aggregate remuneration figures that follow reflect the full remuneration for each SUTL UCITS MRT. The aggregate total remuneration paid to the 158 UCITS MRTs of SUTL in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022 is £113.41 million, of which £38.94 million was paid to senior management, and £74.47 million was paid to MRTs deemed to be taking risk on behalf of SUTL or the UCITS funds that it manages and Control Function MRTs.

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

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



### **General Information**

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#### **Investment Adviser**

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

#### **Administration Details**

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#### **Independent Auditors**

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#### **Authorisation**

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

#### **Value Assessment**

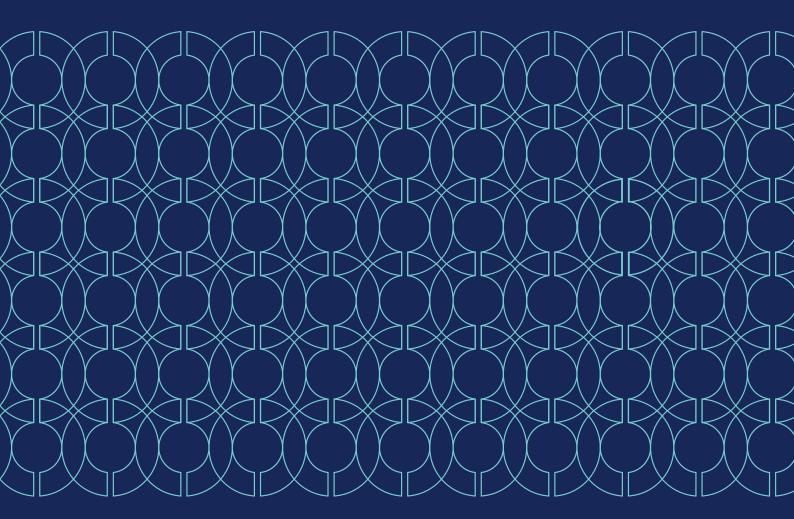
A statement on the Assessment of Value is published on the Global Fund Centre in the Fund Literature section at www.Schroders.com within 4 months of the annual 'reference date' 31 December.

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

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

#### Other information

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





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