



# Artemis Global Select *Fund*

Manager's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2024

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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## Company profile

Artemis is a leading UK-based fund manager, offering a range of funds which invest in the UK, Europe, the US and around the world.

As a dedicated, active investment house, we specialise in investment management for both retail and institutional investors across Europe.

Independent and owner-managed, Artemis opened for business in 1997. Its aim was, and still is, exemplary investment performance and client service. All Artemis' staff share these two precepts – and the same flair and enthusiasm for fund management.

The firm now manages some  $\pm 25.0$  billion\* across a range of funds, an investment trust and both pooled and segregated institutional portfolios.

Our managers invest in their own and their colleagues' funds. This has been a basic tenet of the Artemis approach since the firm started. It means that interests of our fund managers are directly aligned with those of our investors.

\* Source: Artemis as at 31 May 2024

#### Fund status

Artemis Global Select Fund was constituted by a Trust Deed dated 9 June 2011 and is an authorised unit trust scheme under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The fund belongs to the category of UCITS schemes as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ('COLL') of the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA').

#### Buying and selling

Units may be bought and sold by contacting the manager by telephone, at the address on page 5 or via the website **artemisfunds.com**. Valuation of the fund takes place each dealing day at 12 noon on a forward pricing basis. The current list of non-dealing days impacting the fund is published on our website at www.artemisfunds.com/non-dealing-days. Investors are reminded that past performance is not a guarantee of performance in the future and that the price of units and the revenue from them can fall as well as rise.

# **OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT POLICY**

Objective	To grow capital	over a five year period.			
Investment policy	<ul> <li>What the fund invests in</li> <li>Up to 20% in bonds, cash and n cash, other transferable securit other funds (up to 10%) manage Artemis and third party funds, r market instruments, and derivation</li> </ul>				
	Use of derivatives	The fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes to: • reduce risk • manage the fund efficiently			
	Where the fund invests	• Globally			
		• Any, except for those excluded at the sub-industry level below.			
	Other limitations specific to this fund	<ul> <li>Shares in the following types of companies (held either directly or indirectly via derivatives) are automatically excluded:</li> <li>Tobacco: companies which derive more than 10% revenue from tobacco;</li> <li>Gambling: companies which derive more than 10% revenue from gambling;</li> <li>Weapons: companies: <ul> <li>involved in the production of controversial weapons (including cluster munitions, landmines, biological and chemical weapons); or</li> <li>which derive more than 10% revenue from conventional or nuclear weapons, related components and systems;</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fossil fuels: companies which derive more than 10% revenue from: <ul> <li>mining or sale of thermal coal; or</li> <li>extraction, production or refining of either oil or gas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Investment strategy	<ul> <li>A number of conversion of conversio</li></ul>	tively managed. companies are removed from the hiverse at the outset of the investment the criteria set out in the investment identifies long-term growth trends that hal or cyclical or dependent on current ints. hies are sought which may benefit ends and exhibit characteristics such erristent barriers to entry, competent teams whose remuneration is aligned s of the company, exposure to external igh governance standards. assesses the sustainability of each hcluding environmental, social and actors such as a company's remuneration and social supply policy, board diversity ual voting rights. However, investments t the basis of many quantitative (financial alitative (e.g. quality and/or growth s) attributes and need not rate highly on here sustainability factors to be included			
Benchmarks	MSCI AC Wor A widely-used stockmarkets, a 'comparator performance of fund is not ress     IA Global NR A group of oth in similar asse				

Investment Association. It acts as a 'comparator benchmark' against which the fund's performance can be compared. Management of the fund is not restricted

by this benchmark.

# **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**



- The fund is in the category shown due to historic volatility (how much and how quickly the value of shares in the fund may have risen and fallen in the past due to movements in markets, currencies and interest rates). It may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund.
- The risk category has been calculated using historic data and may not be a reliable indicator of the fund's future risk profile.
- A risk indicator of "1" does not mean that the investment is "risk free".

#### The risk indicator may not fully take into account the following risks and the following may affect fund performance:

- Market volatility risk: The value of the fund and any income from it can fall or rise because of movements in stockmarkets, currencies and interest rates, each of which can move irrationally and be affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events.
- **Currency risk:** The fund's assets may be priced in currencies other than the fund base currency. Changes in currency exchange rates can therefore affect the fund's value.
- Charges from capital risk: Where charges are taken wholly or partly out of a fund's capital, distributable income may be increased at the expense of capital, which may constrain or erode capital growth.
- Emerging markets risk: Compared to more established economies, investments in emerging markets may be subject to greater volatility due to differences in generally accepted accounting principles, less governed standards or from economic or political instability. Under certain market conditions assets may be difficult to sell.
- **ESG risk:** The fund may select, sell or exclude investments based on ESG criteria; this may lead to the fund underperforming the broader market or other funds that do not apply ESG criteria. If sold based on ESG criteria rather than solely on financial considerations, the price obtained might be lower than that which could have been obtained had the sale not been required.

There was no change to the risk indicator in the year ended 30 April 2024.

Please refer to the fund's prospectus for full details of these and other risks which are applicable to this fund.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Prospectus

Copies of the most recent Prospectus are available free of charge from the manager at the address on page 5.

#### Remuneration

All UCITS schemes are required to comply with the UCITS Remuneration Code. This includes a requirement to disclose in the annual report of each scheme, details of the total amount of remuneration paid by the manager to its partners and staff for its financial year.

As the Artemis Global Select Fund (the "fund") is a UCITS scheme, Artemis Fund Managers Limited ("AFML") as manager is required to make these disclosures. Artemis operates its remuneration policies and practices at a group level which includes both Artemis Investment Management LLP and its subsidiary AFML. Details of the group remuneration policies are available on Artemis' website artemisfunds.com. Remuneration levels are set to attract, retain and motivate talented partners and staff and align the long term interests of partners and staff with those of our clients.

The remuneration policies which apply to all partners and staff across the group are overseen by the Remuneration Committee. The members of the Remuneration Committee are all non-executive officers. The Remuneration Committee is responsible for setting and overseeing the implementation of Artemis' remuneration policy, including approving the remuneration of partners and other senior staff. The Remuneration Committee will regularly review the remuneration policy to ensure it remains appropriate. The Remuneration Committee considers inputs from Artemis' Risk and Compliance functions when reviewing remuneration issues, including any risk adjustments or controls considered necessary.

The Artemis remuneration period runs from 1 January to 31 December. Certain partners and staff are classified as 'Identified Staff' as their professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the firm. The payment of some of their variable remuneration (which may include profit share for partners) is deferred. Further, Artemis has the ability to reduce all or part of deferred variable remuneration that has been previously allocated to identified staff both (a) before the end of the vesting period and (b) within two years following the payment of any elements of variable remuneration.

No staff are employed by AFML directly. Staff are employed and paid by other entities of Artemis. Artemis has apportioned the total amount of remuneration paid to all 232 Artemis partners and staff in respect of AFML's duties performed for the UCITS schemes based on the number of funds. It has estimated that the total amount of remuneration paid in respect of duties for the fund for the year ended 31 December 2023 is £916,539 of which £422,204 is fixed remuneration and £494,335 is variable remuneration. The aggregate amount of remuneration paid to UCITS Remuneration Code and Identified Staff that is attributable to duties for the fund for the year ended 31 December 2023 is £331,326. Code and Identified Staff are those senior individuals whose managerial responsibilities or professional activities could influence, and have a material impact on, the overall risk profile of each regulated entity and the funds it manages.

For the purposes of UCITS Remuneration Code, the AFML Code staff are the members of Artemis' Management and Executive Committees, certain fund managers and others in specified roles. This includes certain individuals who are partners in Artemis Investment Management LLP.

#### Tax information reporting

UK tax legislation requires fund managers to provide information to HM Revenue & Customs ('HMRC') on certain investors who purchase units in unit trusts. Accordingly, the fund may have to provide information annually to HMRC on the tax residencies of those unitholders that are tax resident outwith the UK, in those countries that have signed up to the OECD's ('Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development') Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (the 'Common Reporting Standard'), or the United States (under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, 'FATCA').

All new unitholders that invest in the fund must complete a certification form as part of the application form. Existing unitholders may also be contacted by the Registrar should any extra information be needed to correctly determine their tax residence. Failure to provide this information may result in the account being reported to HMRC.

For further information, please see HMRC's Quick Guide: Automatic Exchange of Information – information for account holders: gov.uk/government/publications/exchangeof information-account-holders.

#### Value assessment

Artemis Fund Managers Limited (AFML) has conducted a detailed assessment on whether its funds are providing value to unitholders. AFML must publish publicly, on an annual basis, a statement setting out a summary of the outcome of the process and whether or not AFML believes the payments out of the scheme property are justified in the context of the overall value delivered to unitholders. Composite reports on Assessment of Value have been published via the website artemisfunds.com.

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Northern Trust Investor Services Limited \* 50 Bank Street Canary Wharf London E14 5NT

#### Registrar

SS&C Financial Services International Limited \* (prior to 2 May 2023) SS&C House St Nicholas Lane Basildon Essex SS15 5FS

Northern Trust UK Global Services SE<sup>†</sup> (from 2 May 2023) 50 Bank Street Canary Wharf London E14 5NT

#### Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP Atria One 144 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8EX

\*Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

<sup>†</sup>Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority ('PRA'), 20 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA and regulated by the PRA and the FCA.

# STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in respect of the Scheme and Report of the Trustee to the Unitholders of the Artemis Global Select Fund for the year ended 30 April 2024.

The Trustee in its capacity as Trustee of Artemis Global Select Fund must ensure that the Trust 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 Trust and its investors.

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

The Trustee must ensure that:

- the Trust's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Trust 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 Trust are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Trust's assets is remitted to the Trust within the usual time limits;
- the Trust's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM"), are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Trustee also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Trust 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 Trust.

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

i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Trust's units and the application of the Trust's income in accordance with the regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust; and

(ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Trust in accordance with the regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust.

Northern Trust Investor Services Limited London 27 June 2024

#### Statement of the manager's responsibilities

COLL requires the manager to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Trust and of its revenue and expenditure for the year.

In preparing the financial statements the manager is required to:

(i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

 (ii) comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 ('SORP);

(iii) follow applicable accounting standards;

(iv) keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;

(v) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

(vi) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

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

The manager is also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Report of the manager

We hereby approve the Manager's Report and Financial Statements of the Artemis Global Select Fund for the year ended 30 April 2024 on behalf of Artemis Fund Managers Limited in accordance with the requirements of COLL as issued and amended by the FCA.

M J Murray Director Artemis Fund Managers Limited London 27 June 2024

S Dougall Director

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

# Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the Artemis Global Select Fund

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Artemis Global Select Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 30 April 2024, which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders, the Balance Sheet, the related notes and the Distribution Tables, and the accounting policies of the Fund, which include a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 2024 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the "FRC") Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Manager is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA")

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA and the Trust Deed; and
- there is nothing to indicate that adequate accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- 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.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA rules requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

 we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of the Manager**

As explained more fully in the Manager's responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the 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 to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

# Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Fund and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), Investment Management Association's Statement of Recommended Practice (IMA SORP), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Fund's Trust Deed and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Fund is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the Manager and the Fund's administrator and a review of the Fund's documented policies and procedures.

- We assessed the susceptibility of the Fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence revenue and amounts available for distribution. We identified a fraud risk in relation to incomplete or inaccurate income recognition through incorrect classification of special dividends and the resulting impact on amounts available for distribution. We tested the appropriateness of management's classification of a sample of special dividends as either a revenue or capital return.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the Manager with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting requirements of the Fund.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Fund, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

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

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Fund's unitholders, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young LLP Statutory Auditor Edinburgh 27 June 2024

# **INVESTMENT REVIEW**

## Main changes to the fund

On a geographic basis, we added to emerging markets via new positions in Brazil (Nu Holdings), India (HDFC Bank, Eicher Motors), Mexico (Grupo Banorte) and China (Meituan, PDD).

We also took profits in Japanese bank holdings which performed well after inflation returned to Japan, as subsequently did higher interest rates. The proceeds were re-invested into a selection of high-quality, idiosyncratic Japanese stocks that are likely to benefit from an improving backdrop for corporate governance and shareholder returns.

New positions included consumer names such as Campari and Nestlé. These are high-quality businesses with strong product portfolios and robust long-term growth opportunities that are trading at attractive valuations due to near-term cyclical factors.

The fund remains overweight healthcare. Despite short-term uncertainties – such as the pace of recovery in biopharma funding for life science companies and a US election which represents a potential threat for health insurers – we own a selection of market leaders that we believe can continue to compound earnings at high levels through multiple cycles.

We took profits in Siemens, Adobe and Intel, which did well in 2023, and trimmed strong performers such as Nvidia, Meta, Lam Research and Eagle Materials. We also fully exited Diageo, Humana and Baker Hughes.

#### Explaining the fund's performance

The fund returned 18.0% over the 12-month period, marginally ahead of the MSCI AC World index's return of 17.9%<sup>1</sup>.

Our technology stocks performed best over this time. The emergence of generative artificial intelligence (AI) and its steep adoption curve and supply chain build-out have benefited semiconductor firms such as Nvidia (+88% during the period), TSMC (+51%) and Lam Research (+53%).

Two Japanese bank holdings (MUFJ +64%, SMFG +18%) delivered a positive contribution as the Bank of Japan exited its negative interest rate policy after 17 years and lifted its cap on 10-year bond yields.

Our investment theses were proved correct in Amazon as its profits expanded (+66%); Uber (+114%), which continued to outpace unprofitable rivals; and Novo Nordisk (+58%), whose weight-loss drug has already been a hit in the US.

On the other hand, Estée Lauder (-39%) fell as it suffered from the tough economic environment in China post-lockdowns. Consumer sentiment is still weak in China, but our research suggests Estée Lauder's portfolio of brands remains healthy, the underlying long-term category growth and economics are strong, and the shares trade at a cheap valuation.

Insurance company Aon (-18%) fell after it made a significant acquisition, while the company's results showed that although it is growing, it is lagging behind some competitors.

The underweight to energy detracted from fund performance. Our only holding here, Baker Hughes (-22%), was affected by fears of gas oversupply and reduced oil production from OPEC members.

#### The wider context

Technology stocks led global markets given the emergence of generative AI as a productivity-enhancing tool with multiple applications.

The Federal Reserve has been able to raise interest rates to levels not seen since before the financial crisis without pushing the economy into recession. This is the so-called 'soft landing' scenario. Markets broadened as a result, with financials and industrials rallying strongly.

However, inflation has proved stickier than expected in 2024 so far, and yields have risen. Our focus remains on owning high-quality and durable businesses through this macro volatility.

Japanese stocks have performed well over the 12 months as, following actions by the Tokyo Stock Exchange over recent years to encourage better corporate governance, many companies are actively improving balance sheet management and delivering higher shareholder returns.

China continues to suffer the after-effects of its Covid-19 lockdowns. The housing market remains troubled and consumer spending subdued. However, Chinese stocks began to rally in April following a strong GDP reading, improving manufacturing data and supportive policy stimulus.

#### Looking ahead

Global equity markets remain sensitive to macroeconomic factors such as the rate of disinflation, growth in the US, the economic recovery in China and the path of global rate cuts. Despite the volatility created by these conditions, the Artemis Global Select team continues to focus on secular trends which support long-term earnings growth among a select few companies. Macro volatility often presents us with opportunities to buy into high-quality businesses as patient long-term investors.

Past performance is not a guide to the future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Artemis/Lipper Limited, class I accumulation units. All figures show total returns with dividends and/or income reinvested, net of all charges. Performance does not take account of any costs incurred when investors buy or sell the fund. Returns may vary as a result of currency fluctuations if the investor's currency is different to that of the class. This class may have charges or a hedging approach different from those in the IA sector benchmark.

# **INVESTMENT INFORMATION**

# Ten largest purchases and sales for the year ended 30 April 2024

Purchases	Cost £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
CME Group	7,960	Alphabet 'C'	12,130
Meta Platforms 'A'	7,301	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	10,232
HDFC Bank	7,219	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	9,752
Davide Campari-Milano	6,689	Adobe	9,292
Estee Lauder 'A'	6,523	Humana	9,060
Baker Hughes	6,320	Avery Dennison	8,894
Aon	6,275	Accenture 'A'	8,691
NVIDIA	6,147	Unilever	8,635
NIKE 'B'	5,580	Merck	8,089
Ryanair Holdings	5,244	Rockwell Automation	8,049

# Portfolio statement as at 30 April 2024

	Holding	Valuation £'000	% of net assets
Equities 99.16% (95.01%)			
Australia 0.00% (1.38%)			
Brazil 1.00% (0.00%)			
NU Holdings	302,990	2,621	1.00
		2,621	1.00
Canada 0.63% (0.00%)			
Wheaton Precious Metals	39,371	1,643	0.63
		1,643	0.63
China 3.16% (0.00%)			
Meituan	307,500	3,433	1.31
NXP Semiconductors	14,621	2,984	1.14
PDD Holdings	18,758	1,871	0.71
		8,288	3.16
Denmark 2.69% (2.14%)			
Novo Nordisk 'B'	67,845	7,039	2.69
		7,039	2.69
France 4.64% (7.14%)			
EssilorLuxottica	31,669	5,437	2.08
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	5,930	3,929	1.50
Schneider Electric	15,169	2,790	1.06
		12,156	4.64
Germany 2.04% (2.62%)			
MTU Aero Engines	27,667	5,344	2.04
		5,344	2.04
India 3.83% (0.00%)			
Eicher Motors	73,436	3,229	1.23
HDFC Bank	469,348	6,798	2.60
		10,027	3.83
Ireland 1.96% (0.00%)			
Ryanair Holdings	47,296	5,131	1.96
		5,131	1.96
Italy 2.53% (0.00%)			
Davide Campari-Milano	823,640	6,629	2.53
		6,629	2.53

Equitable Statistic		Holding	Valuation £'000	% of net assets
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	Holding	Valuation £'000	% of net assets
Equities 99.16% (95.01%) (continued)			
United States of America 57.27% (55.05%) (continued)			
Nestle	19,441	1,568	0.60
NIKE 'B'	37,977	2,794	1.07
NVIDIA	11,067	7,618	2.91
Prologis, REIT	51,969	4,229	1.61
Revvity	65,845	5,380	2.05
Salesforce	24,217	5,192	1.98
Synopsys	7,316	3,095	1.18
Thermo Fisher Scientific	8,992	4,076	1.56
TJX Cos	20,408	1,531	0.58
Uber Technologies	48,398	2,557	0.98
Union Pacific	29,172	5,514	2.10
UnitedHealth Group	15,035	5,796	2.21
Wells Fargo	127,163	6,014	2.30
		150,075	57.27
Investment assets		259,835	99.16
Net other assets		2,210	0.84
Net assets attributable to unitholders		262,045	100.00

The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 30 April 2023.

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# Statement of total return for the year ended 30 April 2024

		30 April 2024		30 April 2023	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	3		36,120		(26,350)
Revenue	5	4,626		8,228	
Expenses	6	(2,436)		(3,397)	
Interest payable and similar charges	7	_		(20)	
Net revenue before taxation		2,190		4,811	
Taxation	8	(377)	_	(862)	
Net revenue after taxation		_	1,813	_	3,949
Total return before distributions			37,933		(22,401)
Distributions	9	_	(1,879)	_	(4,098)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			36,054		(26,499)

# Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year ended 30 April 2024

	30 A	30 April 2024		April 2023
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		352,195		440,779
Amounts receivable on issue of units	32,616		29,550	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(160,310)	_	(95,315)	
		(127,694)		(65,765)
Dilution adjustment		44		377
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		36,054		(26,499)
Retained distribution on accumulation units	-	1,446	_	3,303
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		262,045		352,195

## Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2024

	Note	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Assets	Note	2 000	£ 000
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	259,835	334,625
Current assets			
Debtors	11	5,068	769
Cash and cash equivalents	12	4,211	23,952
Total current assets		9,279	24,721
Total assets		269,114	359,346
Liabilities			
Creditors			
Distribution payable		105	289
Other creditors	13	6,964	6,862
Total creditors		7,069	7,151
Total liabilities		7,069	7,151
Net assets attributable to unitholders		262,045	352,195

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017 and the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ('COLL'). The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The manager believes that the fund has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. No material events have been identified that may cast significant doubt about the fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of twelve months from the date the financial statements are authorised for issue.

(b) Valuation of investments. All investments, including any derivatives, have been valued at close of business on the last working day of the accounting period. Where a fund invests in markets that are closed for trading at the fund's valuation point, the ACD will allow for the net asset value to be adjusted (based on movements of index futures or other suitable proxies in markets closed at the fund valuation point, since the last market close), to reflect more accurately the fair value of the fund's investments. Listed investments are valued at fair value which is generally deemed to be the bid price. Unquoted investments are valued at fair value which is determined by the manager, with reference to the valuation guidelines issued by the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines Board. Open forward currency contracts are shown in the portfolio statement at market value and the net gains are reflected within forward currency contracts under net capital gains.

(c) Foreign exchange rates. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at 12 noon on the last working day of the accounting period. Revenue and expenditure transactions are translated at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates of the transactions. Exchange differences on such transactions follow the same treatment as the principal amounts.

(d) Revenue. Dividends receivable from equity and non-equity shares, including Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs"), are credited to revenue, net of attributable tax credits, when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Dividends received as shares (scrip/stock dividends), to the extent that the value of such dividends is equal to the cash dividends, are treated as revenue. Dividends on unquoted stocks are credited to revenue when the right to receive payment is established. Dividends are recognised gross of any overseas tax. Overseas tax is included as part of the tax charge. A provision is made for any overseas tax not considered recoverable at the balance sheet date, whether due to uncertainty as to receipt either due to circumstances or recovery experience in specific jurisdictions, or due to the significant time lag since the receipt of the dividend. Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis when determining if a dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital. It is likely that where a special dividend results in a significant reduction in the capital value

of a holding, then the dividend will generally be treated as capital, otherwise this will be recognised as revenue. Income from US REITs is split between revenue and capital depending on the composition of the distribution from the REIT. Bank interest and interest on margin accounts held with brokers is recognised as revenue on an accruals basis.

(e) Expenses. All expenses (other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments) are initially charged against revenue on an accruals basis.

(f) Taxation. Corporation tax is charged at a rate of 20% on the excess taxable revenue of the fund. In general, the tax accounting treatment follows that of the principal amount. Deferred tax is provided for all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date other than those recorded as permanent differences. Deferred tax is provided for at the average rate of tax expected to apply. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money.

(g) Dilution adjustment. The fund is priced on a single swinging price basis. The manager has the discretion to charge a dilution adjustment as part of its daily valuation policy. This will mean that in certain circumstances the fund will make adjustments to counter the impact of dealing and other costs on occasions when these are deemed to be significant. In the usual course of business the application of a dilution adjustment will be applied systematically and on a consistent basis.

#### 2. Distribution policy

The distribution policy of the fund is to distribute all available revenue, after deduction of expenses and taxation properly chargeable against revenue. The fund did not satisfy the qualifying investments test of Statutory Instrument 2006/964 Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006 Regulation 19 and where applicable will pay a dividend distribution. Gains and losses on investments and derivatives whether realised or unrealised, if taken to capital are not available for distribution. With the exception of the manager's annual management charge, which is directly attributable to each unit class, all income and expenses are apportioned to each unit class pro-rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant unit class on the day that the income or expense is recognised. The manager and the trustee have agreed that 100% of the annual management charge is to be transferred to capital, for distribution classes only, for the purpose of calculating the distribution, as permitted by COLL. For accumulation units this revenue is not distributed but automatically reinvested in the fund and is reflected in the value of these units. Distributions which have remained unclaimed by unitholders for six years are credited to the capital property of the fund.

## 3. Net capital gains/(losses)

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Non-derivative securities	36,636	(26,907)
Forward currency contracts	34	51
Currency (losses)/gains	(550)	506
Net capital gains/(losses)	36,120	(26,350)

## 4. Direct transaction costs

For purchases and sales of equities, broker commissions, transfer taxes and stamp duty are paid by the fund on each transaction and are summarised below.

					Year ended	l 30 April 2024
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total after costs £'000	Commission as a percentage of principal %	Taxes as a percentage of principal %
Purchases						
Equities	207,484	-	140	207,624	0.00	0.07
Sales						
Equities	319,065	-	86	318,979	0.00	0.03
Total		-	226			
Percentage of fund average net assets		0.00%	0.08%			

					Year ende	d 30 April 2023
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total after costs £'000	Commission as a percentage of principal %	Taxes as a percentage of principal %
Purchases						
Equities	463,319	90	247	463,656	0.02	0.05
Sales						
Equities	520,659	93	109	520,457	0.02	0.02
Total		183	356			
Percentage of fund average net assets		0.05%	0.09%			

During the year, the fund incurred £nil (2023: £nil) in capital transaction charges.

## Dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date the estimated portfolio dealing spread was 0.09% (2023: 0.06%). This spread represents the difference between the bid and offer prices of each underlying investment expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to its offer price.

## 5. Revenue

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Overseas dividends	3,340	7,264
UK dividends	647	430
Bank interest	639	475
Revenue from UK REITs		59
Total revenue	4,626	8,228

## 6. Expenses

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Payable to the manager, associates of the manager and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	2,042	2,850
Administration fees	394	547
Total expenses	2,436	3,397

All expenditure stated above is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

The audit fee (excluding VAT) accrued during the period was £9,450 (2023: £9,000). This fee is paid by the manager via the administration fee.

## 7. Interest payable and similar charges

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Interest payable		20
Total interest payable and similar charges	-	20

#### 8. Taxation

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
a) Analysis of the tax charge for the year		
Irrecoverable overseas tax	377	862
Total taxation (note 8b)	377	862
b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
Net revenue before taxation	2,190	4,811
Corporation tax of 20% (2023: 20%)	438	962
Effects of:		
Irrecoverable overseas tax	377	862
Unutilised management expenses	335	490
Overseas withholding tax expensed	(4)	(2)
Non-taxable UK dividends	(129)	(98)
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(640)	(1,352)
Tax charge for the year (note 8a)	377	862

c) Provision for deferred tax

No provision for deferred tax has been made in the current or prior accounting year.

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

The fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of  $\pounds 2,749,000$  (2023:  $\pounds 2,414,000$ ) arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses of  $\pounds 13,745,000$  (2023:  $\pounds 12,069,000$ ). It is unlikely that the fund will obtain relief for these in the future so no deferred tax asset has been recognised.

#### 9. Distributions

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Final dividend distribution	1,551	3,592
Add: amounts deducted on cancellation of units	442	645
Deduct: amounts added on issue of units	(114)	(139)
Distributions	1,879	4,098
Movement between net revenue and distributions		
Net revenue after taxation	1,813	3,949
Annual management charge paid from capital	62	149
Deficit transferred to capital	4	
	1,879	4,098

The distributions take account of amounts added on the issue of units and amounts deducted on the cancellation of units. Details of the distributions per unit are set out in the distribution tables on page 21.

#### 10. Fair value hierarchy

All investments are designated at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition. The following table provides an analysis of these investments based on the fair value hierarchy in accordance with FRS 102 which reflects the reliability and significance of the information used to measure their fair value.

The disclosure is split into the following categories:

Level 1 - Investments with unadjusted quoted prices in an active market;

Level 2 – Investments whose fair value is based on inputs other than quoted prices that are either directly or indirectly observable; Level 3 – Investments whose fair value is based on inputs that are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable).

	30 April 2024 Assets £'000	30 April 2023 Assets £'000
Level 1	259,835	334,625
Total	259,835	334,625

## 11. Debtors

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Sales awaiting settlement	4,355	-
Amounts receivable for issue of units	328	-
Accrued revenue	258	605
Overseas withholding tax recoverable	128	164
Total debtors	5,069	769

#### 12. Cash and cash equivalents

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Amounts held in liquidity funds	4,102	15,886
Cash and bank balances	109	8,066
Total cash and cash equivalents	4,211	23,952

#### 13. Other creditors

	30 April 2024 £'000	30 April 2023 £'000
Purchases awaiting settlement	5,598	_
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	1,174	6,609
Accrued annual management charge	162	211
Accrued administration fee payable to the manager	31	42
Total other creditors	6,965	6,862

#### 14. Contingent liabilities and commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the current or prior year end.

#### 15. Reconciliation of unit movements

	Units in issue at 30 April 2023	Units issued	Units cancelled	Units converted	Units in issue at 30 April 2024
C accumulation	3,597,050	176,209	(804,964)	8,288	2,976,583
l distribution	2,770,037	1,287,052	(2,165,854)	17,211	1,908,446
l accumulation	180,196,300	17,473,606	(85,015,134)	(14,231)	112,640,541
J distribution	11,453,261	32,364	(7,190,204)	-	4,295,421
J accumulation	32,084,996	-	(2,024,965)	-	30,060,031
R accumulation	3,549,956	113,797	(2,311,641)	(8,385)	1,343,727

## 16. Risk disclosures

In pursuing its investment objective, the fund may hold a number of financial instruments. These financial instruments comprise equities, derivatives, cash balances and liquid resources, which include debtors and creditors that arise directly from the funds' operations. The fund only executes derivative contracts where both the derivative instrument and the counter party have been approved by the manager.

The manager has a risk management policy. The processes detailed within are designed to monitor and measure at any time the risk of the fund's positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the fund. In addition, our Investment Committee and Risk and Compliance Committee meet monthly and quarterly respectively, and as required to evaluate risk across each of our funds. These policies have been consistent for both the current and prior period to which these financial statements relate.

In the normal course of business, the fund's activities expose it to various types of risk which are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. These financial risks: market risk (comprising currency risk, interest rate risk, other market price risk and leverage risk), credit and counterparty risk and liquidity risk and the approach to the management of these risks, are set out below and remain unchanged from the previous accounting year. For a detailed explanation of these and further risks involved in investing in the fund, reference should be made to the Prospectus.

## (a) Market risk

Market risk, which includes interest rate risk, currency risk, other price risk and leverage risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future values of financial instruments in the fund's investment portfolio. The fund, in order to meet its investment objective and policy, invests predominantly in equities and maintains an appropriate spread of investments in accordance with COLL, the Trust Deed and the Prospectus to seek to reduce the risks arising from factors specific to a particular company or sector. The manager's investment strategy is to select investments for their fundamental value. Stock selection is therefore based on disciplined accounting, market and sector analysis, with the emphasis on long-term investments. There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the fund disclosed in the balance sheet.

## (i) Interest rate risk

Changes in interest rates or changes in expectations of future interest rates may result in an increase or decrease in the market value of the investments held. As the majority of the fund's financial assets are non-interest bearing, the fund is only subject to limited exposure to fair value interest rate risk due to fluctuations in levels of market interest rates and therefore no sensitivity analysis has been presented.

## (ii) Currency risk

A portion of the net assets of the fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling, and therefore 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. The gain on forward currency contracts for the year was £34,000 (2023: £51,000 gain).

Revenue received in foreign currencies is converted into sterling on or near the date of receipt. No hedging is undertaken with regard to managing the currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

The exposure to each currency is shown in the table below.

			Forward currency	
	Investments	Net other assets	contracts	Total
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
30 April 2024				
US Dollar	161,114	2,152	-	163,266
Euro	32,759	103	-	32,862
Japanese Yen	13,755	49	-	13,804
Taiwan Dollar	10,093	40	-	10,133
Indian Rupee	10,027	-	-	10,027
Sterling	9,692	(179)	-	9,513
Danish Kroner	7,039	29	-	7,068
Mexican Nuevo Peso	4,749	-	-	4,749
South Korean Won	3,963	14	-	3,977
Hong Kong Dollar	3,433	-	-	3,433
Canadian Dollar	1,643	-	-	1,643
Swiss Franc	1,568	-	-	1,568
Swedish Krona	-	2	-	2
30 April 2023				
US Dollar	193,890	172	-	194,062
Sterling	21,307	16,783	-	38,090
Euro	34,373	68	-	34,441
Japanese Yen	31,137	353	-	31,490
Swiss Franc	12,700	-	-	12,700
Singapore Dollar	11,993	-	-	11,993
Swedish Krona	9,641	26	_	9,667
Taiwan Dollar	7,672	61	-	7,733
Danish Kroner	7,526	18	-	7,544
South Korean Won	4,386	89	-	4,475

A five percent increase in the value of the fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £12,627,000 (2023: £15,705,000). A five percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

## (iii) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of an instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those relating to interest rate risk, currency risk and credit and counterparty risk), whether caused by factors specific to an investment or wider issues affecting the market generally. The value of equities is dependent on a number of factors, arising from the performance of the company itself and matters arising in the wider market (for example the state of the underlying economy and current government policy). The portfolio is invested in securities domiciled in a number of countries and will be exposed to market movements in the relevant country arising from changes in the local economy and government decisions. As part of the continuing review of the portfolio, the manager monitors and reviews these factors. A five percent increase in the value of the fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £12,992,000 (2023: £16,731,000). A five percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

## (iv) Leverage risk

Leverage is defined as any method by which the fund can increase its exposure by borrowing cash or securities or from leverage that is embedded in derivative positions. The manager is required to calculate and monitor the level of leverage of a fund, expressed as a percentage of the exposure of the fund and its net asset value under the commitment method.

The fund can use cash borrowing and financial derivatives (subject to restrictions as set out in its Prospectus and COLL) as sources of leverage.

The maximum level of leverage which the manager may employ on behalf of the fund is 200% under the commitment method. A result of 100% indicates that no leverage has been used.

As at 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023 the leverage ratios of the fund were:

	<b>2024</b> %	2023 %
Sum of the notionals	100.0	100.0
Commitment	100.0	100.0

#### (b) Credit and counterparty risk

Credit and counterparty risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment it has entered into with the fund, resulting in a financial loss. From time to time, the fund may be subject to short-term credit risk with counterparties pending settlement of investment transactions. The manager has a pre-approved list of counterparties it uses for investment transactions, which is reviewed on a regular basis. The largest counterparty risk is with Northern Trust Investor Services Limited, the fund's custodian and banker, who holds the fund's investments and maintains the bank accounts. Bankruptcy or insolvency of Northern Trust Investor Services Limited. The fund is also exposed to counterparty risk through holding specific financial instruments.

Aside from the custodian and brokers where trades are pending settlement, there were no significant concentrations of credit and counterparty risk as at 30 April 2024 or 30 April 2023.

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that through market liquidity conditions, requests for redemptions from investors cannot be met in an orderly and appropriate manner. Artemis adopts a policy of mitigation and control to manage liquidity risks. Mitigation occurs through maintaining prudent levels of liquidity in each fund and a well-diversified investor base. As a result, redemption requests can be satisfied in all but exceptional circumstances.

Artemis has a dedicated liquidity risk management policy which is owned by the independent investment risk team which reports to the Chief Risk Officer. Its purpose is to ensure the portfolio manager acts in the client's best interest with regards to this liquidity risk.

Through the use of 3rd party modeling and assumptions, the investment risk team conduct regular monitoring and analyses of the liquidity profile of the funds and investor base. This includes but is not limited to what percentage of the fund can be liquidated within certain redemption horizons, whether the largest investors in the fund can redeem without affecting the fair treatment of remaining investors, liquidity stress testing and other analysis deemed to cover a risk specific to the strategy considered.

There was no significant concentration of liquidity risk as at 30 April 2024 or 30 April 2023.

#### 18. Related party transactions

The manager is deemed to be a related party. All transactions and balances associated with the manager are disclosed within the statement of total return, statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders and the balance sheet on page 13 and notes 6, 9, 11 and 13 on pages 16 to 18 including all issues and cancellations where the manager acted as principal. The balance due to the manager as at 30 April 2024 in respect of these transactions was  $\pounds$ 1,039,000 (2023: £6,862,000 due to the manager).

#### 19. Unit classes

The annual management charge on each unit class is as follows:

C accumulation	1.20%
l distribution	0.75%
l accumulation	0.75%
J distribution	0.50%
J accumulation	0.50%
R accumulation	1.50%

The net asset value per unit and the number of units in each class are given in the comparative tables on page 22. The distributions per unit class are given in the distribution tables on page 21. All classes have the same rights on winding up.

#### 20. Post balance sheet event

There were no significant post balance sheet events subsequent to the period end.

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

This fund pays annual dividend distributions. The following table sets out the distribution period.

Group 1 units are those purchased prior to a distribution period and therefore their net revenue rate is the same as the distribution rate.

Group 2 units are those purchased during a distribution period and therefore their distribution rate is made up of net revenue and equalisation. Equalisation applies only to group 2 units purchased during the period. It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all group 2 units and is refunded to 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.

Distribution period	Start	End	Ex-dividend date	Pay date
Final	1 May 2023	30 April 2024	1 May 2024	28 June 2024

## C accumulation

Dividend distributions	Grou	p 2	Group 1 & 2	Corporat	2023	
for the year ended 30 April 2024	Net revenue per unit(p)	Equalisation per unit (p)	Distribution per unit (p)	Franked	Unfranked	Distribution per unit (p)
Final	0.0062	0.2355	0.2417	100.00%	0.00%	0.7990

### I distribution

Dividend distributions	Group 2 Net revenue Equalisation		Group 1 & 2	Corporat	2023	
for the year ended 30 April 2024	Net revenue per unit(p)	Equalisation per unit (p)	Distribution per unit (p)	Franked	Unfranked	Distribution per unit (p)
Final	1.2182	0.7168	1.9350	100.00%	0.00%	2.3691

### I accumulation

Dividend distributions	Group 2 Net revenue Equalisation		Group 1 & 2	Corporat	2023	
for the year ended 30 April 2024	Net revenue per unit(p)	Equalisation per unit (p)	Distribution per unit (p)	Franked	Unfranked	Distribution per unit (p)
Final	0.4448	0.5976	1.0424	100.00%	0.00%	1.5988

## J distribution

Dividend distributions	Grou	o 2	Group 1 & 2	Corporat	e streaming	2023
for the year ended	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution			Distribution
30 April 2024	per unit(p)	per unit (p)	per unit (p)	Franked	Unfranked	per unit (p)
Final	0.9592	0.6346	1.5938	100.00%	0.00%	1.9486

#### J accumulation

Dividend distributions	Grou	p 2	Group 1 & 2	Corporat	e streaming	2023
for the year ended	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution			Distribution
30 April 2024	per unit(p)	per unit (p)	per unit (p)	Franked	Unfranked	per unit (p)
Final	0.8794	_	0.8794	100.00%	0.00%	1.1882

#### R accumulation

Dividend distributions	Grou	p 2	Group 1 & 2	Corporat	e streaming	2023
for the year ended 30 April 2024	Net revenue per unit(p)	Equalisation per unit (p)	Distribution per unit (p)	Franked	Unfranked	Distribution per unit (p)
Final	_	-	_	0.00%	0.00%	0.3441

# **COMPARATIVE TABLES**

	C accumulation			I distribution		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Change in net assets per unit (p)						
Opening net asset value per unit	150.72	159.08	149.55	134.94	144.31	136.80
Return before operating charges *	24.89	(6.34)	11.67	22.33	(5.78)	10.67
Operating charges	(2.14)	(2.02)	(2.14)	(1.28)	(1.22)	(1.30)
Return after operating charges *	22.75	(8.36)	9.53	21.05	(7.00)	9.37
Distributions	(0.24)	(0.80)	(0.13)	(1.94)	(2.37)	(1.86)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.24	0.80	0.13			
Closing net asset value per unit	173.47	150.72	159.08	154.05	134.94	144.31
* after direct transaction costs of	(0.15)	(0.06)	(0.22)	(0.14)	(0.06)	(0.20)
Performance						
Return after charges	15.09%	(5.26)%	6.37%	15.60%	(4.85)%	6.85%
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,163	5,421	5,604	2,940	3,738	7,212
Closing number of units	2,976,583	3,597,050	3,522,694	1,908,446	2,770,037	4,997,386
Operating charges	1.34%	1.34%	1.34%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.04%	0.14%	0.10%	0.04%	0.14%
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	181.15	158.37	171.80	162.81	144.13	157.60
Lowest unit price (p)	148.19	142.33	145.07	132.70	129.27	132.72

		l accumulatio	on		J distribution		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022	
Change in net assets per unit (p)							
Opening net asset value per unit	163.17	171.44	160.45	110.67	118.07	111.64	
Return before operating charges *	27.02	(6.82)	12.52	18.33	(4.73)	8.72	
Operating charges	(1.54)	(1.45)	(1.53)	(0.74)	(0.72)	(0.77)	
Return after operating charges *	25.48	(8.27)	10.99	17.59	(5.45)	7.95	
Distributions	(1.04)	(1.60)	(0.90)	(1.59)	(1.95)	(1.52)	
Retained distributions on accumulation units	1.04	1.60	0.90				
Closing net asset value per unit	188.65	163.17	171.44	126.67	110.67	118.07	
* after direct transaction costs of	(0.17)	(0.07)	(0.24)	(0.11)	(0.05)	(0.17)	
Performance							
Return after charges	15.62%	(4.82)%	6.85%	15.89%	(4.62)%	7.12%	
Other information							
Closing net asset value (£'000)	212,495	294,026	348,079	5,441	12,676	16,446	
Closing number of units	112,640,541	180,196,300	203,029,139	4,295,421	11,453,261	13,929,008	
Operating charges	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.64%	0.64%	0.64%	
Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.04%	0.14%	0.10%	0.04%	0.14%	
Prices							
Highest unit price (p)	196.91	171.27	184.84	133.85	118.14	128.82	
Lowest unit price (p)	160.45	153.62	155.67	108.85	105.80	108.33	

High and low price disclosures are based on quoted unit prices. Therefore opening and closing NAV prices may fall outside the high/low price threshold.

# **COMPARATIVE TABLES**

		J accumulation	**		R accumulation		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022	
Change in net assets per unit (p)							
Opening net asset value per unit	96.73	101.38	100.00	149.28	158.03	149.01	
Return before operating charges *	16.05	(4.03)	2.04	24.57	(6.29)	11.62	
Operating charges	(0.66)	(0.62)	(0.66)	(2.56)	(2.46)	(2.60)	
Return after operating charges *	15.39	(4.65)	1.38	22.01	(8.75)	9.02	
Distributions	(0.88)	(1.19)	(0.72)	-	(0.34)	-	
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.88	1.19	0.72	-	0.34	_	
Closing net asset value per unit	112.12	96.73	101.38	171.29	149.28	158.03	
* after direct transaction costs of	(0.10)	(0.04)	(0.14)	(0.15)	(0.06)	(0.22)	
Performance							
Return after charges	15.91%	(4.59)%	1.38%	14.74%	(5.54)%	6.05%	
Other information							
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,703	31,035	59,219	2,302	5,299	4,219	
Closing number of units	30,060,031	32,084,996	58,413,042	1,343,727	3,549,956	2,670,143	
Operating charges	0.64%	0.64%	0.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	
Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.04%	0.14%	0.10%	0.04%	0.14%	
Prices							
Highest unit price (p)	117.00	101.47	109.20	178.93	156.97	170.86	
Lowest unit price (p)	95.13	90.87	95.78	146.76	141.20	144.53	

\*\* Launched on 21 July 2021.

High and low price disclosures are based on quoted unit prices. Therefore opening and closing NAV prices may fall outside the high/low price threshold.

## Ongoing charges

Class	30 April 2024
C accumulation	1.340%
Idistribution	0.890%
laccumulation	0.890%
J distribution	0.640%
J accumulation	0.640%
R accumulation	1.640%

Ongoing charges shows the annual operating expenses of each unit class as a percentage of the average net assets of that class for the preceding 12 months.

#### Class I accumulation performance

	Since launch *	10 years	5 years	3 years	1 year	6 months
Artemis Global Select Fund **	306.1	215.3	58.9	19.3	18.0	17.0
Artemis Global Select	200.0	211.0	50.0	17.0	10.0	15.0
Fund *** /ISCI AC Vorld NR	300.9	211.0	56.6	17.8	16.2	15.2
GBP	280.8	196.4	63.5	25.3	17.9	16.1
IA Global NR Position in	230.8	165.1	54.0	16.0	14.5	17.2
sector	29/111	34/145	78/206	111/246	92/282	157/287
Quartile	2	1	2	2	2	3

Past performance is not a guide to the future.

\* Source: Artemis/Lipper Limited, data from 16 June 2011 to 30 April 2024, reflects class I accumulation units, in sterling. All figures show total returns with income reinvested, net of all charges. Performance does not take account of any costs incurred when investors buy or sell the fund. Returns may vary as a result of currency fluctuations if the investor's currency is different to that of the class. This class may have charges or a hedging approach different from those in the IA sector benchmark. \*\* Value at 12 noon valuation point.

\*\*\* Value at close of business.

Class I accumulation is disclosed as it is the primary unit class.

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