

# **MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund**

# **Interim Financial Statements**

For the six months ended 31 August 2024 (Unaudited)

### ACD

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## **Investment Adviser's Report**

For the period ended 31 August 2024

### **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth over any 5-year period.

## **Investment Policy**

The Company will be actively managed to provide exposure to a wide range of assets in any economic sector and geographical area in line with the Investment Managers tactical views. The term "tactical" is defined as using judgement to forecast future opportunities or threats and make periodic adjustments to the asset allocation and underlying investment selections. Overall exposure to shares will be a minimum of 30% and a maximum of 90%, although under normal market conditions the exposure is more likely to range between 50% and 80%. Overall exposure to bonds will be a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 50%. Overall exposure to property will be limited to a maximum of 20%. Overall exposure to alternative investment strategies such as commodities and private equity will be limited to a maximum of 30%.

To provide exposure, a minimum of 70% of the Company will be invested in active and/or passively managed collective investment schemes (which may include schemes operated by the ACD, associates or controllers of the ACD).

The Company may also invest directly (maximum of 30%) in transferable securities such as shares, bonds, real estate investment trusts (REITs) and structured products which may embed derivatives.

The Company may use cash and near cash as part of the allocation and the level will vary depending upon prevailing circumstances. Although exposure would normally not exceed 10% of the total value of the Company, there may be times when the Investment Manager considers markets around the world to be overpriced or that a period of instability exists which presents unusual risks. In such cases or during such periods and, if considered prudent, the exposure to cash or near cash instruments held would be increased. Unless market conditions were deemed unusually risky, the increased amount and period would not be expected to exceed 60% and six months respectively.

The use of derivatives and/or hedging transactions are permitted in connection with the efficient portfolio management (managing the Company in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth or both). The Company may hold assets which embed derivatives that are used for investment purposes and efficient portfolio management.

## **Performance Comparison**

There are three types of benchmarks which can be used:

- 1. A target an index or similar factor that is part of a target a fund manager has set for a fund's performance to match or exceed, which includes anything used for performance fee calculation.
- 2. A constraint an index or similar factor that fund managers use to limit or constrain how they construct a fund's portfolio.
- 3. A comparator an index or similar factor against which a fund manager invites investors to compare a fund's performance.

The Fund does not have a performance target and is not constrained by any index, IA sector or similar factor.

The composite benchmark of 40% IA (Investment Association) UK Gilt, 30% IA UK All Companies and 30% IA Global may be used as a comparator. This benchmark represents the expected long term asset allocation under normal market conditions and therefore this is considered to be an appropriate performance comparison.

# **Investment Adviser's Report (continued)**

### **Investment Review**

MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund Acc	5.34%
MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund R Acc	5.68%

Source: Morningstar. Performance is bid to bid with income reinvested.

## **Benchmarks**

The Company does not have a performance target and is not constrained by any index, IA sector or similar factor. The composite benchmark of 40% IA (Investment Association) UK Gilt, 30% IA UK All Companies and 30% IA Global may be used as a comparator. This benchmark represents the expected strategic (long term) asset allocation of the fund and therefore this is considered to be an appropriate performance comparison.

Composite Benchmark 40% - IA UK Gilt 30% - IA UK All Companies 30% - IA Global 5.39%

Source: Morningstar. Performance is bid to bid with income reinvested.

Markets have ultimately moved higher over the six-month period. Investors have continued to be sensitive to economic data releases - particularly inflation and unemployment - that will likely give hints as to the path of interest rate cuts. The yield curves' downward move has been the most prominent in the US as they have held off on cutting interest rates, whereas the UK began their rate cutting cycle in early August. Spreads in the corporate bond market remain tight and default rates low as both corporate balance sheets and earnings growth remain healthy.

UK equities have been the strongest performer as political stability has boosted sentiment and begun to bring investors back after a long period of neglect. The technology sector has led the way in the US and Asia as the expectations of Artificial Intelligence's impact on future company earnings has, arguably, got out of hand. China has been a laggard as they grapple with structurally changing their economy, however, these losses have been offset in the Emerging Markets Index by the growing demand in India and the strong returns seen there. Japan raised interest rates and detailed plans to slow its bond buying programme, in turn strengthening their currency, which has been linked to a wobble in markets at the start of August, where Japanese equities fell 28% from peak to tough and subsequently rebounded to end 8% below the peak.

Two key allocation changes were implemented in May and July. In May, we made a strategic decision to reduce our allocation to UK equities as the structural changes in the market cannot be ignored. We rotated this allocation into bonds. We invested in index linked gilts on attractive positive real yields and introduced a new fund in Man GLG Dynamic Income to provide flexible exposure between credit ratings in corporate bonds.

In July, we moved underweight bonds, taking profits in index-linked gilts, and went marginally overweight equities, ultimately reshaping the equity allocations between the UK, US and Europe to ensure the impact at client portfolio level aligns to target. We are cautious of a resurgence in inflation and generally expect higher levels than we have seen in the past decade. Equities have a greater capacity to provide real returns above inflation, and bonds, particularly at the long end of the curve, are more susceptible to disappointment.

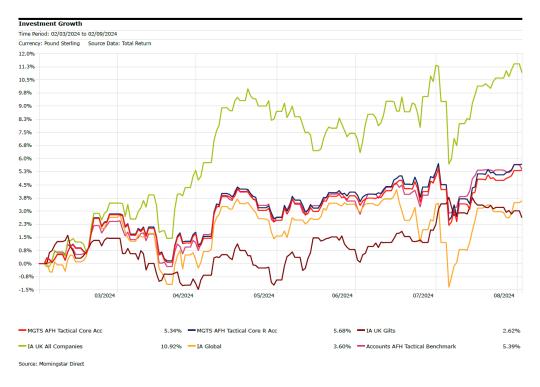
The Fund has performed strongly over the six months, returning 5.34%, in line with the composite benchmark.

The Fund remains a tactical implementation vehicle and won't always reflect our full views. However, we expect UK equities to benefit from the recent momentum and positively turning sentiment. While the timing is difficult to predict, we anticipate the current narrow leadership in the US to broaden out and the 'Magnificent 7' to underperform, while the relatively cheap smaller companies will be a benefit of lower interest rates.

Allocations in the bond space will remain fluid and attuned to the changing inflation and rates environment. In the interim, we see short duration as an attractive space to benefit from higher yields, without taking unnecessary price risk.

# **Investment Adviser's Report (continued)**

The below graph shows performance of the Fund over the 6-month period in review against its benchmark and various markets:



AFH Independent Financial Services Limited Investment Adviser 1 October 2024

# **Authorised Status**

MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund which is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registration number IC000801, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 10 November 2009.

The Fund is classed as a Non-UCITS Retail Scheme, which complies with the requirements of the FCA FUND and COLL handbooks. Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Fund.

# Certification of Accounts by Directors of the ACD

This report is signed in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.



Margetts Fund Management Limited 28 October 2024

## Value for Money Assessment

A detailed value assessment report for the MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund can be found by visiting our website, <u>https://investors.mgtsfunds.com/</u>, and selecting the Literature and Prices tab.

# **Portfolio Statement**

As at 31 August 2024

is at 51 August			% OF NET	
	INVESTMENT IVESTMENT SCHEMES	VALUE (£)	31.08.2024	29.02.2024
	£ CORPORATE BOND			
, ,	ARTEMIS CORPORATE BOND FUND I ACC GBP	26,246,852	5.43	
27,762,719	ROYAL LONDON CORPORATE BOND FUND Z INC	25,755,474	5.33	
	TOTAL £ CORPORATE BOND	52,002,326	10.76	11.94
	£ STRATEGIC BOND			
235,134		24,978,270	5.17	
34,476,010	SCHRODER STRATEGIC CREDIT FUND Z ACCUMULATION GBP HEDGED	24,726,195	5.12	
	TOTAL £ STRATEGIC BOND	49,704,465	10.29	3.87
	EUROPE EXCLUDING UK			
1,391,891	VANGUARD FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE EX UK UCITS ETF	47,797,537	9.89	
796,082	XTRACKERS S&P EUROPE EX UK UCITS ETF	48,632,649	10.07	
	TOTAL EUROPE EXCLUDING UK	96,430,186	19.96	14.64
	GBP HIGH YIELD BOND			
-	ROYAL LONDON SHORT DURATION GLOBAL HIGH YIELD BOND	-	-	
	FUND Z ACC TOTAL GBP HIGH YIELD BOND	-	-	3.86
	NORTH AMERICA			
91,240	ISHARES CORE S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD (ACC)	41,400,428	8.57	
519,070	ISHARES CORE S&P MID-CAP ETF	24,440,073	5.06	
105,264	VANGUARD S&P 500 ETF	41,506,198	8.59	
105,204	TOTAL NORTH AMERICA	<b>107,346,699</b>	22.22	24.18
	NORTH AMERICAN SMALLER COMPANIES			
424,844	SPDR RUSSELL 2000 US SMALL CAP UCITS ETF (GBP)	20,485,398	4.24	
71,926	XTRACKERS RUSSELL 2000 UCITS ETF 1C (EUR)	17,640,677	3.65	
71,520	TOTAL NORTH AMERICAN SMALLER COMPANIES	38,126,075	7.89	9.38
	UK ALL COMPANIES			
157,172		25,326,696	5.24	
402,999	SPDR FTSE UK ALL UNIT ACC	27,939,921	5.78	
102)000	TOTAL UK ALL COMPANIES	53,266,617	11.03	15.74
	UK GILTS			
20,806,767	ISHARES UP TO 10 YEARS INDEX LINKED GILT INDEX FUND UK D GBP	22,213,304	4.60	
	ACC TOTAL UK GILTS	22,213,304	4.60	4.97
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5,961,631	ISHARES \$ TIPS UCITS ETF GBP HEDGED INC	29,110,644	6.03	
	TOTAL USD GOVERNMENT BOND	29,110,644	6.03	4.94
GOVERNMEN				
24 75 4 4 2 2	GOVERNMENT	20.020.400	c <b>a</b> a	
21,754,123	UK TREASURY 0.125 10.08.28 TOTAL GOVERNMENT	29,929,409 <b>29,929,409</b>	6.20 <b>6.20</b>	6.09
		23,323,403	0.20	0.09
	PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS	478,129,725	98.97	99.61
	NET CURRENT ASSETS	4,953,337	1.03	0.39
	TOTAL NET ASSETS	483,083,062	100.00	100.00

The investments have been valued in accordance with note 1(b).

# **Financial Statements**

# **Statement of Total Return**

For the period ended 31 August 2024

		31.08.24		31.08.23
Income	£	£	£	£
Net capital gains/(losses)		22,744,126		(6,303,998)
Revenue	6,003,527		5,427,556	
Expenses	(1,621,997)		(1,630,784)	
Finance costs: Interest	-		(15)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,381,530		3,796,757	
Net revenue after taxation		4,381,530		3,796,757
Total return before distributions		27,125,656		(2,507,241)
Finance costs: Distribution		(4,006,202)		(3,609,587)
Change in net assets attributable to s investment activities	hareholders from	23,119,454		(6,116,828)

# Statement of Change in Net Asset Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 31 August 2024

	£	31.08.24 £	£	31.08.23 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		480,283,826		503,399,767
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	36,438,138		9,960,061	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(57,327,733)		(32,274,506)	
-		(20,889,595)		(22,314,445)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		23,119,454		(6,116,828)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		569,377		748,812
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	- -	483,083,062		475,717,306

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 August 2024

-		31.08.24		29.02.24
Assets	£	£	£	£
Investment assets		478,129,725		478,408,396
Debtors	5,773,833		551,536	
Bank balances	3,562,913		7,414,012	
Total other assets		9,336,746		7,965,548
Total assets		487,466,471		486,373,944
Liabilities				
Creditors	1,038,089		889,080	
Distribution payable on income shares	3,345,320		5,197,479	
Bank overdrafts	-		3,559	
Total other liabilities		4,383,409		6,090,118
Net assets attributable to shareholders		483,083,062		480,283,826

# **Distribution Table**

For the period ended 31 August 2024 – in pence per unit

### Interim payment/allocation date 31 October 2024

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 01.03.2024

Group 2 – shares purchased on or after 01.03.2024

MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund Acc Shares

Shares	Net Income	Equalisation	Allocating 31.10.2024	Allocated 31.10.2023
Group 1	1.0114	-	1.0114	0.7640
Group 2	0.7885	0.2229	1.0114	0.7640

MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund Inc Shares

Shares	Net Income	Equalisation	Payable 31.10.2024	Paid 31.10.2023
Group 1	0.8797	-	0.8797	0.6761
Group 2	0.8797	-	0.8797	0.6761

### MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund R Acc Shares

Shares	Net Income	Equalisation	Allocating 31.10.2024	Allocated 31.10.2023
Group 1	1.7992	-	1.7992	1.4529
Group 2	1.6775	0.1217	1.7992	1.4529

### MGTS AFH Tactical Core Fund R Inc Shares

Shares	Net Income	Equalisation	Payable 31.10.2024	Paid 31.10.2023
Group 1	1.4484	-	1.4484	1.1923
Group 2	1.2987	0.1497	1.4484	1.1923

Equalisation only applies to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It represents the accrued income included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for capital gains tax purposes.

# Net Asset Value per unit and Comparative Tables

### Accumulation

Change in net as	ssets per share	31/08/2024	28/02/2024	28/02/2023	28/02/2022
	Opening net asset value per share	193.5022	182.2550	175.5126	167.8007
	Return before operating charges *	11.9310	13.8872	9.3124	10.3319
	Operating charges	(1.4500)	(2.6400)	(2.5700)	(2.6200)
	Return after operating charges	10.4810	11.2472	6.7424	7.7119
	Distribution	(1.0114)	(2.8244)	(1.1406)	(0.8605)
	Retained distribution on acc shares	1.0114	2.8244	1.1406	0.8605
	Closing NAV per share	203.9832	193.5022	182.2550	175.5126
	* After direct transaction costs of	0.0576	0.3844	0.0389	0.0204
Performance					
	Return after charges	5.42%	6.17%	3.84%	4.60%
Other Information					
	Closing net asset value (£)	6,654,499	6,737,374	7,078,567	8,210,021
	Closing number of shares	3,262,278	3,481,807	3,883,881	4,677,737
	OCF	1.64%	1.63%	1.65%	1.59%
	Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.21%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices					
	Highest share price (pence)	204.07	193.54	185.89	190.87
	Lowest share price (pence)	193.54	174.24	164.90	166.68
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### Income

Change in net	assets per share	31/08/2024	28/02/2024	28/02/2023	28/02/2022
	Opening net asset value per share	168.6691	161.2563	156.2915	150.1570
	Return before operating charges *	10.4013	12.2340	8.2569	9.2402
	Operating charges	(1.2700)	(2.3300)	(2.2800)	(2.3400)
	Return after operating charges	9.1313	9.9040	5.9769	6.9002
	Distribution	(0.8797)	(2.4912)	(1.0122)	(0.7657)
	Closing NAV per share	176.9207	168.6691	161.2563	156.2915
	* After direct transaction costs of	0.0501	0.3394	0.0348	0.0181
Performance					
	Return after charges	5.41%	6.14%	3.82%	4.60%
Other Information					
mormation	Closing net asset value (£)	161,411	221,280	222,930	245,989
	Closing number of shares	91,233	131,192	138,246	157,391
	OCF	1.64%	1.63%	1.65%	1.59%
	Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.21%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices					
	Highest share price (pence)	177.88	169.75	164.76	170.68
	Lowest share price (pence)	168.70	154.19	146.84	149.16

# Net Asset Value per unit and Comparative Tables (continued)

### **R** Accumulation

Change in net assets per share		31/08/2024	28/02/2024	28/02/2023	28/02/2022
	Opening net asset value per share	210.6100	197.1010	188.2968	178.5887
	Return before operating charges * Operating charges	12.8376 (0.7200)	14.7990 (1.2900)	10.0442 (1.2400)	10.9781 (1.2700)
	Return after operating charges	12.1176	13.5090	<u>(1.2400)</u> 8.8042	<u>9.7081</u>
	Distribution	(1.7992)	(4.3324)	(2.7538)	(2.4568)
	Retained distribution on acc shares	1.7992	4.3324	2.7538	2.4568
	Closing NAV per share	222.7276	210.6100	197.1010	188.2968
	* After direct transaction costs of	0.0627			
	Alter direct transaction costs of	0.0627	0.4170	0.0422	0.0217
Performance					
	Return after charges	5.75%	6.85%	4.68%	5.44%
Other Information					
	Closing net asset value (£)	66,400,116	98,558,685	105,383,145	117,861,855
	Closing number of shares	29,812,257	46,796,777	53,466,569	62,593,663
	OCF	0.84%	0.83%	0.85%	0.79%
	Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.21%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices					
	Highest share price (pence)	222.71	210.65	200.98	204.29
	Lowest share price (pence)	210.65	188.53	177.33	177.41
R Income					
Change in net	assets per share	31/08/2024	28/02/2024	28/02/2023	28/02/2022
- <b>-</b>	Opening net asset value per share	169.2080	161.7470	156.7479	150.5950
	Return before operating charges *	10.3102	12.0489	8.3141	9.2894
	Operating charges	(0.5700)	(1.0500)	(1.0300)	(1.0700)
	Return after operating charges	9.7402	10.9989	7.2841	8.2194
	Distribution	(1.4484)	(3.5379)	(2.2850)	(2.0665)
	Closing NAV per share	177.4999	169.2080	161.7470	156.7479
	* After direct transaction costs of	0.0504	0.3409	0.0347	0.0183
Performance	Return after charges	5.76%	6.80%	4.65%	5.46%
Other Information					
	Closing net asset value (£)	409,867,036	374,766,486	390,715,125	398,789,224
	Closing number of shares	230,911,186	221,482,686	241,559,451	254,414,380
	OCF	0.84%	0.83%	0.85%	0.79%
	Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.21%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices					
FILES	Highest share price (pence)	178.93	170.81	165.88	171.49
	Lowest share price (pence)	178.93	170.81	165.88	171.49
	Lowest share price (perice)	109.24	104.74	147.02	149.01

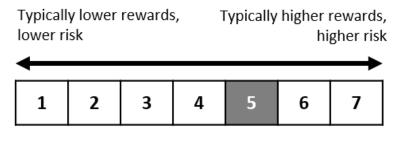
## **Risk Warning**

An investment in an open-ended investment company (OEIC) should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

## **Fund Performance**

The performance of the Fund is shown in the Fund Manager's Report.

## Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



The risk and reward score is based on past performance and calculated in accordance with European legislation. It may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile.

# **General Information**

### **Valuation Point**

The Valuation Point of the Fund is at 12:00 each business day. Valuations may be made at other times with the Depositary's approval.

### **Buying and Selling of Shares**

The Manager will accept orders to buy or sell shares on normal business days between 9.00am and 5.00pm and transactions will be effected at prices determined by the following valuation. Instructions to buy or sell shares may be made either in writing to: Margetts Fund Management Ltd, PO Box 17067, Birmingham, B2 2HL or by telephone on 0345 607 6808. A contract note will be issued by close of business on the next business day after the dealing date to confirm the transaction.

### Prices

The most recent prices of shares are published on the Margetts website at <u>https://investors.mgtsfunds.com/</u>, selecting the Literature and Prices tab.

### **Other Information**

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document, Supplementary Information Document and the latest annual and interim reports may be inspected at the offices of the ACD, with a copy available, free of charge, on written request.

The register of shareholders can be inspected by shareholders during normal business hours at the offices of the Administrator.

The Head Office of the Company is at 1 Sovereign Court, Graham Street, Birmingham B1 3JR and is also the address of the place in the United Kingdom for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

The base currency of the Company is pounds (£) sterling.

The maximum unit capital of the Company is currently £10,000,000,000 and the minimum is £1,000. Shares in the Company have no par value and therefore the unit capital of the Company at all times equals the Company's current net asset value.

Shareholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Fund should contact the ACD or the Depositary in the first instance. In the event that a shareholder finds the response unsatisfactory, they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR or email to: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk or by telephone to 0800 023 4567.

## Remuneration

In accordance with the requirements of FUND 3.3.5(5) the total amount of remuneration paid by the ACD to its staff for the financial year ended 30 September 2023 is:

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	£			
Fixed Remuneration	3,605,521			
Variable Remuneration	978,774			
Total	4,584,295			
Full Time Equivalent number of staff	69			
Analysis of senior management				
	£			
Senior management	1,519,482			
Staff whose actions may have a material impact on the funds	-			
Other	-			

The remuneration for senior management has been calculated in accordance with the Remuneration Policy and is reviewed annually. The remuneration policy and, where required by the FCA, how benefits are calculated together with details of the `remuneration committee can be found on the website: <u>www.margetts.com</u>. A paper copy of this is available free of charge upon request by writing to the compliance officer at 1 Sovereign Court, Graham Street, Birmingham B1 3JR. No material changes were made to the Policy or irregularities reported at the last review.