

IFSL CH Special Mandates Fund

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the six month period ended 31 March 2023

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AUTHORISED STATUS

IFSL CH Special Mandates Fund (the Company) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC000588 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 8 November 2007. The Company has an unlimited duration. The Company is a UCITS Scheme and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC) Regulations 2001. The operation of the Company is governed by the FCA Regulations, the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus.

The Company currently has two sub-funds: IFSL Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Fund and IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund.

Shareholders of the sub-funds do not have any proprietary interest in the underlying assets of the Company and will not be liable for the debts of the Company. A sub-fund is not a legal entity. If the assets attributable to a sub-fund were insufficient to meet its liabilities the shortfall will not be met out of the assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the Company. The sub-funds are segregated by law under the Protected Cell Regime.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IFSL Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Fund

Investment objective

The sub-fund aims to provide an absolute return, aiming to achieve positive returns over rolling twelve-month periods at low levels of volatility (meaning changes in value of up to 5% per annum in normal market conditions).

Capital invested in the sub-fund is at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over a rolling twelve-month, or any other, period.

Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed and will gain a diverse exposure to a range of global asset classes.

The sub-fund may at any one time be invested in one or more of the following: fixed interest securities, equities, other collective investment schemes, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash.

The sub-fund may invest in collective investment schemes managed or operated by, or whose authorised corporate director is, the ACD of a sub-fund or one of its associates. No more than 10% of the sub-fund's total assets may be invested in collective investment schemes.

The Investment Manager has no fixed asset allocation for any asset class but will change the asset mix in the sub-fund from time to time, considering market conditions, in a way that, in the Investment Manager's view, is consistent with the sub-fund's aim to maintain a low level of volatility. As such, the sub-fund may hold high proportions in cash and other lower-risk assets such as cash, near cash, money market instruments and deposits.

The Investment Manager is not constrained by any particular asset allocation in respect of geography, industry or sector. The equities in which the sub-fund invests may be from companies anywhere in the world. The fixed interest securities may include floating rate notes, index linked or convertible securities.

Performance benchmark

Shareholders may compare the performance of the sub-fund against its primary benchmark, the Bank of England SONIA Compounded Index.

SONIA is based on actual transactions and reflects the average of the interest rates that banks pay to borrow Sterling overnight from other financial institutions and other institutional investors. As the sub-fund aims to provide an absolute return, aiming to achieve positive returns over rolling twelve-month periods, the ACD believes it is a meaningful benchmark to help shareholders assess the performance of the sub-fund.

Shareholders may also compare the performance of the sub-fund against the IA Targeted Absolute Return Sector. This will give shareholders an indication of how the sub-fund is performing against other similar funds in this peer group.

Shareholders may also compare the performance of the sub-fund against the FTSE 100 index. This will give shareholders an indication of how the sub-fund is performing against equity markets.

The benchmarks are not targets for the sub-fund, nor is the sub-fund constrained by the benchmarks.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund

Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide capital growth over the long term (at least five years).

The sub-fund is actively managed and the Investment Manager does not track, and is not constrained by, any benchmark index.

Investment policy

At least 80% of the sub-fund's assets are invested in shares of UK smaller companies. UK companies are those incorporated or domiciled in the UK and smaller companies are defined by the Investment Manager as those with a market capitalisation of less than £2bn at the time of purchase. The sub-fund may invest in any industry or sector.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be invested in other assets: the shares of companies with a market capitalisation of £2bn or more, the shares of overseas companies (developed markets only), fixed interest securities, money market instruments and cash.

No more than 10% of the sub-fund's total assets may be invested in collective investment schemes.

Performance benchmark

Shareholders may compare the performance of the sub-fund against the FTSE All-Share Index and the FTSE Small Cap ex Investment Trusts Index.

Comparison of the sub-fund's performance against these comparator benchmarks will give sub-fund holders an indication of how the sub-fund is performing.

The ACD has selected these comparator benchmarks as the ACD believes they best reflect the asset allocation of the sub-fund.

The benchmarks are not targets for the sub-fund, nor is the Sub-fund constrained by the benchmarks.

Rights and terms attaching to each share class

A share of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of the sub-fund. The allocation of income and taxation and the rights of each share in the event that a sub-fund is wound up are on the same proportional basis.

Changes in prospectus

There have been no significant changes since the last annual report.

Up to date Key Investor Information Documents, Prospectus and Long Reports and Financial Statements for any fund within the ACD's range, can be requested by the investor at any time.

Cross holdings

IFSL Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Fund held 1,800,000 shares valued at £2,469,600 in IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund as at 31 March 2023 (30 September 2022: 2,050,000 shares valued at £2,542,000).

AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.



Allan Hamer
Director



Helen Redmond
Director

Investment Fund Services Limited
25 May 2023

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Basis for preparation

The interim financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (renamed to the Investment Association) in May 2014, and amended in June 2017.

The interim financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the sub-funds. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments and certain financial instruments at fair value.

Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The investments of the sub-funds have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 31 March 2023.

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Performance to 31 March 2023

	<u>Six months</u>	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies	5.21%	(3.54)%	4.94%	3.48%
Bank Of England SONIA Compounded Index	1.63%	2.25%	2.45%	3.79%

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (C Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in Sterling.

Investment commentary

The table below illustrates the movement in the asset split within the sub-fund over the six-month period, notably the marked shift from floating to fixed interest over the final quarter of 2022:

	30-Sep-22	31-Oct-22	30-Nov-22	30-Dec-22	31-Jan-23	28-Feb-23	31-Mar-23
Cash	1.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.2%	1.4%	0.4%
Treasury / T-Bill	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FRN (AAA)	35.1%	31.6%	31.6%	25.5%	23.1%	22.3%	22.1%
Floating Rate	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fixed Interest	34.8%	37.7%	37.7%	42.8%	45.1%	44.6%	44.6%
Index-Linked	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.6%	1.9%
Infrastructure	6.0%	6.1%	6.1%	6.3%	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%
Convert / ZDP	7.1%	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%	8.4%	8.7%	9.6%
Alternative/Hedge	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Property / Real	3.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.9%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%
Equity	10.1%	10.4%	10.4%	11.6%	12.3%	12.0%	11.9%

Source: Church House Investments Limited

The sub-fund picked-up over the final calendar quarter of 2022 but remained down for 2022 as a whole. It was a thoroughly uncomfortable year for a portfolio investing across asset classes for diversification (a multi-asset class portfolio). At the end of a long year, it was hard to feel pleased that we did actually commence with a cautious asset mix with just over 40% invested in cash and floating rate notes (FRN). Clearly it was not cautious enough. Those FRNs in particular did provide us with a steadying anchor for much of the year. But, given the move in relative valuations we have been reducing this exposure in favour of 'riskier' assets as the year progressed.

That hopeless mini budget did serve to provide a crescendo of moves higher in interest rates and credit spreads and this gave us the opportunity to accelerate the shift from floating to fixed rate investments, along with convertibles and equities, all of which is reflected in the table above. We expect this to continue into the New Year as we are seeing more and more opportunities, notably at the short-dated end of the fixed interest markets, but also in equities and property.

The income yield that we get from the FRNs has been increasing steadily with Base Rates and reached 4% by the end of December. By comparison, the (redemption) yield from the portfolio of Fixed Interest investments reached 6.5% and we are seeing opportunities to enhance this on a regular basis. Issuers of new debt (borrowers) in the primary market are offering attractive terms, probably best illustrated by example. Deutsche Pfandbriefbank brought a new issue of senior preferred debt, maturing in December 2025 with a coupon of 7.625% (incidentally it is also a 'green' issue), while NatWest Group came with a new issue maturing in June 2033 (with a call in March 2028 which we expect them to exercise) with a coupon of 7.416%. So, while the yield on our FRNs is steadily improving, the opportunity to 'fix' these high coupon returns is attractive.

Similarly, we are pleased to have increased the Convertible exposure, a classic investment area for the sub-fund. The Property / Real exposure is lower as we took profits from our holding in Freeport-McMoRan, which we had established in September, principally as exposure to copper, and this had done well for us. The pure Property holdings had a poor end to a poor year, but some are looking overly depressed, and we established a new holding in the warehousing and logistics specialist Segro and added further to the holding in Primary Health Properties. We have been increasing Equity weightings and bear in mind that this is after some major falls for equities, though the opportunity for the sub-fund is greater in credit as outlined above. Notably, we have taken a small step into the US technology arena with an initial purchase of Amazon.com, which is now back at 2018 levels and looking distinctly un-loved.

After a strong January, the jump in interest rates in February and bank problems in March provided a much more testing backdrop. 'Credit spreads', the extra interest available on fixed interest securities over Government securities, widened out sharply, particularly for bonds issued by banks. For a while this was quite indiscriminate and lower tiers of bonds suffered big falls.

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The sub-fund does not invest in the lowest tier of bonds issued by banks, known as 'Additional Tier 1' bonds, they have poor risk/reward characteristics and are completely unsuitable for us. This is not a case of the banks playing fast and loose, they are required to issue these bonds as extra 'buffer' capital by the regulators. Additional Tier 1 bonds (and contingent convertibles, known as CoCos), were introduced after the 2008/9 financial crisis as a new and lowest form of debt, which could be converted to equity or written off if a bank's capital fell below a prescribed level.

As part of the takeover of Credit Suisse, their Additional Tier 1 bonds were declared worthless (tough for investors in these instruments). The Swiss central bank and regulators were keen to avoid any impression of bankers being 'bailed-out' as they drove through the 'merger' with UBS Group. This has also been the case in America with Silicone Valley Bank (SVB), where it is clear that the Federal Reserve and Biden administration are also seeking to avoid being tarred with this particular brush.

But the Swiss regulators have set an uncomfortable precedent, the Additional Tier 1 bonds have been declared worthless, while holders of Credit Suisse shares (equity) have retained some value (shares in UBS Group). The Swiss point out that their Additional Tier 1 bonds had prospectuses that allowed for this, which is not the case in the rest of Europe.

This extended commentary is simply to paint a picture of the uncomfortable backdrop in this area of financial investments, but it has not altered our policy. The sub-fund does hold some sterling bonds issued by Credit Suisse but these are up at the 'top of the pile', issued at the overall group level and are not affected by the demise of their Additional Tier 1 bonds. The price of our Credit Suisse bonds is actually higher now than at the turn of the year, though it certainly was uncomfortably volatile for a period in mid-March.

We still like our FRN holdings, which are paying a steadily rising level of interest to us as base rates move up, now approaching 5%. But, as before, we are gradually reducing these holdings in favour of 'fixing' the even higher rates available from our Fixed Interest holdings, currently around 6.4%. We still prefer the short-dated end of the fixed interest market, not seeing adequate compensation for the higher risk in longer dated instruments.

Infrastructure has generally had a tough first quarter with concerns over financing for some of the smaller companies and pressure on valuations of their (long-term) projects from last year's move up in long-term interest rates. We remain happy with our holdings, the battery storage companies, Gresham House Energy Storage and Harmony Energy Efficiency having done particularly well. We have added to the holding in Primary Health Properties' convertible, and recently begun to re-establish some commodity (copper) exposure via Freeport-McMoRan (in the Property / Real area). Our holdings in UK bank equities suffered in March, though this was counter-balanced to an extent by Diageo and Unilever.

Church House Investments Limited
28 April 2023

Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
<u>A Income (pence per share)</u>				
Net income paid 31 May	2.0272	0.4250	0.4300	0.2780
Net income paid 30 November		0.9790	0.4930	0.4100
<u>A Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	2.1307	0.4370	0.4360	0.2820
Net accumulation paid 30 November		1.0210	0.5090	0.4190
<u>B Income (pence per share)</u>				
Net income paid 31 May	2.3297	0.6650	0.6530	0.4970
Net income paid 30 November		1.2200	0.7340	0.6340
<u>B Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	2.5131	0.7090	0.6970	0.5300
Net accumulation paid 30 November		1.3030	0.7750	0.6700
<u>C Income (pence per share)</u>				
Net income paid 31 May	2.4176	0.7410	0.7310	0.5770
Net income paid 30 November		1.2920	0.8140	0.7180
<u>C Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	2.6182	0.7920	0.7760	0.6160
Net accumulation paid 30 November		1.3900	0.8600	0.7560

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Portfolio changes

<u>Largest purchases</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 7.625% 08.12.25	4,997,950
ING Groep 6.25% 20.05.33	4,498,965
Barclays 6.369% 31.01.31	4,000,000
NatWest Group 7.416% 06.06.33	4,000,000
Royal Bank of Canada 5% 24.01.28	3,990,800
Credit Agricole 5.75% 29.11.27	3,984,160
Santander UK Group Holdings 7.098% 16.11.27	3,500,000
SEGRO	3,273,387
Lloyds Banking Group 6.625% 02.06.33	2,992,800
Primary Health Properties 2.875% 15.07.25	2,859,000
Other purchases	13,461,638
Total purchases for the period	51,558,700

<u>Largest sales</u>	<u>Proceeds (£)</u>
CIBC FRN 15.12.25	12,527,763
European Investment Bank FRN 12.03.26	10,576,991
TSB Bank FRN 15.02.24	9,411,961
Royal Bank of Canada FRN 30.01.25	6,996,660
Barclays FRN 15.05.23	5,304,549
Yorkshire Building Society FRN 19.11.23	5,263,095
Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 14.03.25	5,034,650
Royal Bank of Canada FRN 03.10.24	4,998,850
SP Goldman Sachs 5Y GBP	4,975,000
Vodafone Group 4.875% 03.10.78	4,729,900
Other sales	86,118,461
Total sales for the period	155,937,880

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

A Income shares

Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.03.2023 pence	Year to 30.09.2022 pence	Year to 30.09.2021 pence	Year to 30.09.2020 pence
Opening net asset value per share	139.46	157.52	151.21	150.51
Return before operating charges*	7.82	(14.57)	9.39	3.59
Operating charges	(0.98)	(2.09)	(2.16)	(2.20)
Return after operating charges*	6.84	(16.66)	7.23	1.39
Distributions on income shares	(2.03)	(1.40)	(0.92)	(0.69)
Closing net asset value per share	144.27	139.46	157.52	151.21

* after direct transaction costs of: 0.01 0.03 0.04 0.06

Performance

Return after charges^A 4.90% (10.58)% 4.78% 0.92%

Other information

Closing net asset value (£)	14,310,912	13,753,251	14,782,858	11,515,274
Closing number of shares	9,919,256	9,862,081	9,384,976	7,615,208
Operating charges	1.36% ^B	1.36%	1.39%	1.47%
Direct transaction costs	0.02% ^B	0.03%	0.03%	0.04%

Prices (pence per share)

Highest share price	151.10	158.80	159.70	153.00
Lowest share price	137.80	140.40	151.70	142.40

A Accumulation shares

Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.03.2023 pence	Year to 30.09.2022 pence	Year to 30.09.2021 pence	Year to 30.09.2020 pence
Opening net asset value per share	146.81	164.23	156.75	155.30
Return before operating charges*	8.25	(15.22)	9.74	3.74
Operating charges	(1.04)	(2.20)	(2.26)	(2.29)
Return after operating charges*	7.21	(17.42)	7.48	1.45
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.13)	(1.46)	(0.95)	(0.70)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.13	1.46	0.95	0.70
Closing net asset value per share	154.02	146.81	164.23	156.75

* after direct transaction costs of: 0.02 0.03 0.04 0.06

Performance

Return after charges^A 4.91% (10.61)% 4.77% 0.93%

Other information

Closing net asset value (£)	17,339,977	17,650,604	22,517,843	21,112,160
Closing number of shares	11,258,602	12,022,481	13,711,360	13,469,076
Operating charges	1.36% ^B	1.36%	1.39%	1.47%
Direct transaction costs	0.02% ^B	0.02%	0.03%	0.04%

Prices (pence per share)

Highest share price	159.10	165.50	166.00	157.80
Lowest share price	145.00	146.80	157.20	146.90

^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

^B These figures have been annualised.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

B Income shares

Change in net assets per share

	Period to 31.03.2023	Year to 30.09.2022	Year to 30.09.2021	Year to 30.09.2020
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	142.26	160.71	154.28	153.57
Return before operating charges*	7.99	(15.00)	9.46	3.56
Operating charges	(0.74)	(1.56)	(1.64)	(1.72)
Return after operating charges*	7.25	(16.56)	7.82	1.84
Distributions on income shares	(2.33)	(1.89)	(1.39)	(1.13)
Closing net asset value per share	147.18	142.26	160.71	154.28

* after direct transaction costs of:

0.02 0.03 0.04 0.06

Performance

Return after charges^A 5.10% (10.30)% 5.07% 1.20%

Other information

Closing net asset value (£)	20,459,048	20,034,954	20,884,817	20,696,960
Closing number of shares	13,900,442	14,082,918	12,995,082	13,414,950
Operating charges	1.00% ^B	1.00%	1.03%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.02% ^B	0.02%	0.03%	0.04%

Prices (pence per share)

Highest share price	154.30	162.10	163.10	156.20
Lowest share price	140.60	143.50	154.80	145.50

B Accumulation shares

Change in net assets per share

	Period to 31.03.2023	Year to 30.09.2022	Year to 30.09.2021	Year to 30.09.2020
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	153.73	171.46	163.18	161.21
Return before operating charges*	8.62	(16.05)	10.02	3.76
Operating charges	(0.80)	(1.68)	(1.74)	(1.79)
Return after operating charges*	7.82	(17.73)	8.28	1.97
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.51)	(2.01)	(1.47)	(1.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.51	2.01	1.47	1.20
Closing net asset value per share	161.55	153.73	171.46	163.18

* after direct transaction costs of:

0.02 0.03 0.04 0.06

Performance

Return after charges^A 5.09% (10.34)% 5.07% 1.22%

Other information

Closing net asset value (£)	26,225,618	28,821,290	34,696,480	32,760,721
Closing number of shares	16,233,559	18,748,205	20,235,493	20,076,108
Operating charges	1.00% ^B	1.00%	1.03%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.02% ^B	0.02%	0.03%	0.04%

Prices (pence per share)

Highest share price	166.70	172.90	173.30	164.30
Lowest share price	151.90	153.70	163.70	152.70

^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

^B These figures have been annualised.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

C Income shares	Period to 31.03.2023	Year to 30.09.2022	Year to 30.09.2021	Year to 30.09.2020
Change in net assets per share	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	142.26	160.71	154.28	153.57
Return before operating charges*	7.99	(15.04)	9.43	3.52
Operating charges	(0.66)	(1.38)	(1.45)	(1.51)
Return after operating charges*	7.33	(16.42)	7.98	2.01
Distributions on income shares	(2.42)	(2.03)	(1.55)	(1.30)
Closing net asset value per share	147.17	142.26	160.71	154.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.06
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	5.15%	(10.22)%	5.17%	1.31%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	61,840,814	62,490,235	70,036,832	50,865,901
Closing number of shares	42,019,507	43,927,099	43,579,342	32,970,253
Operating charges	0.89% ^B	0.88%	0.91%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.02% ^B	0.02%	0.03%	0.04%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	154.40	162.10	163.20	156.30
Lowest share price	140.60	143.60	154.80	145.60
C Accumulation shares	Period to 31.03.2023	Year to 30.09.2022	Year to 30.09.2021	Year to 30.09.2020
Change in net assets per share	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	155.05	172.78	164.29	162.14
Return before operating charges*	8.74	(16.22)	10.05	3.74
Operating charges	(0.71)	(1.51)	(1.56)	(1.59)
Return after operating charges*	8.03	(17.73)	8.49	2.15
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.62)	(2.18)	(1.64)	(1.37)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.62	2.18	1.64	1.37
Closing net asset value per share	163.08	155.05	172.78	164.29
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.07
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	5.18%	(10.26)%	5.17%	1.33%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	158,630,006	250,496,590	341,355,803	359,935,954
Closing number of shares	97,271,062	161,557,478	197,562,843	219,080,168
Operating charges	0.89% ^B	0.88%	0.91%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.02% ^B	0.02%	0.03%	0.04%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	168.30	174.20	174.60	165.40
Lowest share price	153.20	155.10	164.80	153.70

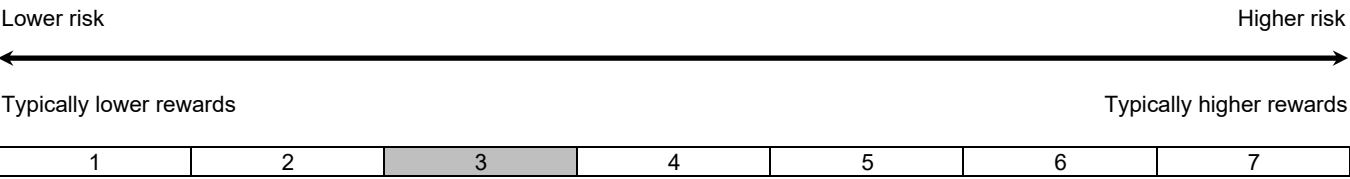
^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

^B These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

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SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR



This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 3 because its investments have experienced low to moderate volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

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Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
DEBT SECURITIES (30 September 2022 - 68.69%)		
AAA TO AA (30 September 2022 - 31.72%)		
6,000,000 Bank of Montreal FRN 09.03.27	6,073,380	2.03
4,000,000 Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 14.03.25	4,035,440	1.35
7,000,000 Canada Pension Plan Investment Board FRN 15.06.26	7,182,000	2.40
5,000,000 Clydesdale Bank FRN 22.01.27	4,941,100	1.65
3,500,000 Clydesdale Bank FRN 22.03.26	3,506,685	1.17
4,000,000 DBS Bank FRN 17.11.25	4,034,120	1.35
3,000,000 European Investment Bank FRN 18.01.27	3,083,460	1.03
1,500,000 HSBC FRN 25.08.27	1,504,515	0.50
3,000,000 National Australia Bank FRN 04.02.25	2,997,450	1.00
5,000,000 National Australia Bank FRN 15.12.25	5,051,650	1.69
13,000,000 Nationwide Building Society FRN 24.02.31	12,691,770	4.25
6,000,000 United Overseas Bank FRN 21.09.26	6,049,680	2.02
Total AAA to AA	61,151,250	20.44
AA- TO A+ (30 September 2022 - 1.85%)		
2,000,000 Pension Insurance 5.625% 20.09.30	1,794,260	0.60
2,000,000 Rothesay Life 6.875% Perp	1,688,380	0.57
4,000,000 Royal Bank of Canada 5% 24.01.28	3,963,760	1.33
3,000,000 Shaftesbury Chinatown 2.348% 30.09.27	2,940,690	0.98
Total AA- to A+	10,387,090	3.48
A TO A- (30 September 2022 - 3.05%)		
3,000,000 Beazley Insurance 5.5% 10.09.29	2,206,061	0.74
3,000,000 Close Brothers Finance 1.625% 03.12.30	2,169,690	0.73
4,750,000 Derwent London 1.875% 17.11.31	3,440,757	1.15
1,000,000 Hongkong & Shanghai Banking 2.95679% FRN Perp	593,147	0.20
3,000,000 KBC Group 5.5% 20.09.28	2,954,010	0.99
2,000,000 NatWest Group 2.057% 09.11.28	1,705,700	0.57
3,000,000 NatWest Group 3.619% 29.03.29	2,698,260	0.90
3,000,000 Nordea Bank 1.625% 09.12.32	2,426,250	0.81
3,278,000 Society of Lloyds (The) 4.875% 07.02.47	3,028,380	1.01
5,000,000 TSB Bank FRN 22.06.28	4,926,950	1.65
200,000 Wales & West Utilities Finance 2.496%	357,482	0.12
Total A to A-	26,506,687	8.87
BBB+ TO BBB (30 September 2022 - 9.14%)		
2,300,000 Anglian Water (Osprey) Financing 2% 31.07.28	1,845,152	0.62
4,000,000 Barclays 6.369% 31.01.31	4,015,600	1.34
2,500,000 Bunzl Finance 1.5% 30.10.30	1,905,125	0.64
5,000,000 Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 7.625% 08.12.25	5,005,800	1.68
2,500,000 GSK Consumer Healthcare Capital UK 2.875% 29.10.28	2,261,125	0.76
2,000,000 Heathrow Funding 2.75% 13.10.29	1,711,520	0.57
2,260,000 Heathrow Funding 3.334% 12.09.39	4,319,312	1.45
2,000,000 Hiscox 6% 22.09.27	2,024,460	0.68
4,500,000 ING Groep 6.25% 20.05.33	4,381,875	1.47
2,925,000 Intercontinental Hotels Group 3.75% 14.08.25	2,817,214	0.94
3,000,000 Investec 2.625% 04.01.32	2,412,780	0.81
3,772,000 John Lewis 6.125% 21.01.25	3,677,549	1.23
2,500,000 Legal & General Group 5.625% Perp	1,953,500	0.65
3,000,000 Lloyds Banking Group 6.625% 02.06.33	2,988,690	1.00
2,000,000 M&G 5.625% 20.10.51	1,813,760	0.61
1,000,000 National Grid 3.5% 16.10.26	941,210	0.31
6,000,000 Natwest Group 2.105% 28.11.31	5,036,700	1.69
4,000,000 NatWest Group 7.416% 06.06.33	4,013,280	1.34
650,000 RL Finance Bonds No. 3 6.125% 13.11.28	630,104	0.21
1,285,000 Rothesay Life 8% 30.10.25	1,311,638	0.44
2,000,000 Southern Gas Networks 1.25% 02.12.31	1,455,580	0.49
1,800,000 United Utilities Water Finance 0.875% 28.10.29	1,391,904	0.47

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BBB+ TO BBB (continued)			
1,500,000	Virgin Money UK 4% 25.09.26	1,403,775	0.47
2,000,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 4.25% 09.10.25	1,941,100	0.65
800,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% 16.11.26	744,280	0.25
	Total BBB+ to BBB	62,003,033	20.77
BBB- AND BELOW (30 September 2022 - 22.93%)			
1,500,000	AA Bond Co 8.45% 31.01.28	1,509,555	0.51
4,000,000	Berkeley Group 2.5% 11.08.31	2,773,680	0.93
2,500,000	BlackStone Private Credit 4.875% 14.04.26	2,284,575	0.76
3,000,000	Credit Suisse Group 7% 30.09.27	3,005,070	1.01
2,300,000	Grainger 3% 03.07.30	1,808,122	0.60
3,000,000	Heathrow Funding 2.625% 16.03.28	2,521,290	0.84
3,000,000	Marks & Spencer 3.75% 19.05.26	2,695,920	0.90
1,400,000	NGG Finance 5.625% 18.06.73	1,356,250	0.45
2,800,000	Ørsted 2.5% 18.02.21	1,918,000	0.64
8,000,000	Rothesay Life 5% Perp	5,276,320	1.77
550,000	Tesco 1.982% 24.03.36	881,694	0.29
1,000,000	Tesco 2.5% 02.05.25	949,790	0.32
3,000,000	Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 1.875% 02.11.28	2,522,250	0.84
2,000,000	Travis Perkins 3.75% 17.02.26	1,792,700	0.60
1,500,000	Virgin Money UK 2.625% 19.08.31	1,245,885	0.42
3,500,000	Whitbread Group 2.375% 31.05.27	3,013,710	1.01
3,500,000	Workspace Group 2.25% 11.03.28	2,657,585	0.89
	Total BBB- and below	38,212,396	12.78
Total Debt Securities		198,260,456	66.34
CONVERTIBLE BONDS (30 September 2022 - 4.85%)			
5,600,000	Capital & Counties Properties 2% 30.03.26	4,864,384	1.63
2,000,000	Cellnex Telecom 0.75% 20.11.31	1,380,522	0.46
3,000,000	Delivery Hero 2.125% 10.03.29	1,622,372	0.54
4,500,000	Derwent London 1.5% 12.06.25	4,141,530	1.39
500,000	Nexi Spa 1.75% 24.04.27	376,003	0.13
3,000,000	Primary Health Properties 2.875% 15.07.25	2,788,530	0.93
1,400,000	Trainline 1% 14.01.26	1,192,688	0.40
	Total Convertible Bonds	16,366,029	5.48
UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (30 September 2022 - 7.25%)			
CONSUMER STAPLES (30 September 2022 - 1.48%)			
75,000	Diageo	2,705,625	0.91
65,000	Unilever	2,748,200	0.92
	Total Consumer Staples	5,453,825	1.83
FINANCIALS (30 September 2022 - 2.89%)			
500,000	Aviva	2,020,500	0.68
1,800,000	Barclays	2,632,680	0.88
4,000,000	Lloyds Banking Group	1,912,200	0.64
380,000	Schroders	1,738,120	0.58
500,000	Standard Chartered	3,079,000	1.03
	Total Financials	11,382,500	3.81
HEALTH CARE (30 September 2022 - 0.63%)			
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (30 September 2022 - 0.31%)			
60,000	Halma	1,323,000	0.44
	Total Information Technology	1,323,000	0.44

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Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
REAL ESTATE (30 September 2022 - 1.94%)		
500,000 Land Securities Group	3,118,000	1.04
2,726,461 Shaftesbury Capital	3,102,713	1.04
750,000 Primary Health Properties	759,000	0.25
390,000 SEGRO	2,954,640	0.99
Total Real Estate	9,934,353	3.32
Total United Kingdom Equities	28,093,678	9.40
OVERSEAS EQUITIES (30 September 2022 - 0.93%)		
4 Brookfield Infrastructure Partners	107	-
7,551 Freeport-McMoRan	245,293	0.08
250,000 Investor	4,006,298	1.34
Total Overseas Equities	4,251,698	1.42
CLOSED END INVESTMENTS (30 September 2022 - 8.16%)		
3,300,000 Aberforth Split Level Income Trust ZDP	3,894,000	1.30
2,378,516 BBGI Global Infrastructure	3,577,288	1.20
3,000,000 GCP Infrastructure Investments	2,589,000	0.87
2,500,000 Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	3,875,000	1.30
3,400,000 Harmony Energy Income Trust	3,893,000	1.30
2,750,000 NB Private Equity Partners 2024 ZDP	3,190,000	1.07
5,000,000 SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	4,190,000	1.40
Total Closed End Investments	25,208,288	8.44
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES (30 September 2022 - 6.05%)		
1,600,000 IFSL Church House Esk Global Equity 'B'	6,416,000	2.15
5,500,000 IFSL Church House Investment Grade Fixed Interest	5,758,500	1.93
1,900,000 IFSL Church House UK Equity Growth 'Z'	3,668,900	1.23
403,339 IFSL Church House UK Equity Growth 'Z'	988,584	0.33
1,800,000 IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies 'B'	2,469,600	0.83
5,000 WisdomTree Gilts 10Y 3x Daily Short ETF	255,650	0.08
Total Collective Investment Schemes	19,557,234	6.55
STRUCTURED PRODUCT (30 September 2022 - 2.45%)		
5,000,000 JP Morgan 1.2% 18.02.26	5,193,000	1.74
Total Structured Product	5,193,000	1.74
UNQUOTED SECURITIES (30 September 2022 - Nil)		
350,000 Duet Real Estate Finance ^A	-	-
10 Prime Infrastructure ^B	-	-
Total Unquoted Securities	-	-
Portfolio of investments	296,930,383	99.37
Net other assets	1,875,992	0.63
Total net assets	298,806,375	100.00

^A These shares are delisted and are being valued at zero, based on the latest information received.

^B These shares are unlisted and are being valued at zero, based on the latest information received.

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

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	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
Portfolio split by investment grade		
Investments of investment grade	203,052,725	67.95
Investments below investment grade:	5,970,170	2.00
Unrated	5,603,590	1.88
Debt securities and convertible bonds	214,626,485	71.83
Other investments	82,303,898	27.54
Net other assets	1,875,992	0.63
Total net assets	298,806,375	100.00

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2023

	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	51,558,700
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	155,937,880

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 March 2023

	31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		14,793,532		(13,389,080)
Revenue	6,953,711		4,676,312	
Expenses	<u>(1,479,211)</u>		<u>(2,062,778)</u>	
Net revenue before taxation	5,474,500		2,613,534	
Taxation	<u>17,606</u>		<u>(356,840)</u>	
Net revenue after taxation		<u>5,492,106</u>		<u>2,256,694</u>
Total return before distributions		20,285,638		(11,132,386)
Distributions		(5,492,106)		(2,257,799)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		<u>14,793,532</u>		<u>(13,390,185)</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2023

	31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		^A 393,246,924		504,274,633
Amount receivable on issue of shares	7,130,438		37,258,113	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(118,814,516)		(38,564,394)	
Amounts payable on share class conversions	(166)		-	
Compensation to fund	<u>50,398</u>		<u>-</u>	
		(111,633,846)		(1,306,281)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		14,793,532		(13,390,185)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,399,765		1,723,006
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		<u>298,806,375</u>	^A	<u>491,301,173</u>

^A These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last annual accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2023

	31 March 2023	30 September 2022
	£	£
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	296,930,383	386,874,709
Current Assets:		
Debtors	4,657,163	3,448,599
Cash and bank balances	3,635,916	5,266,014
Total assets	<u>305,223,462</u>	<u>395,589,322</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Bank overdraft	122,435	127
Distributions payable on income shares	1,540,824	835,899
Other creditors	4,753,828	1,506,372
Total liabilities	<u>6,417,087</u>	<u>2,342,398</u>
Net assets attributable to shareholders	<u><u>298,806,375</u></u>	<u><u>393,246,924</u></u>

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AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 March 2023

Performance to 31 March 2023

	<u>Six months</u>	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund	10.56%	(8.11)%	24.30%	(6.42)%
FTSE All-Share Index	12.25%	2.92%	47.41%	27.85%
FTSE Small Cap ex Investment Trusts Index	7.04%	(12.91)%	60.70%	17.78%

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (B Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in Sterling.

Investment commentary

2022 was a humbling year for investors in UK smaller companies. The global sell-off in shares in smaller companies was made all the worse by the chaotic UK administration of Liz Truss and Kwasi Kwarteng, leading to a year where international investors were seemingly climbing over each other to exit their UK positions.

We were fortunate that our sub-fund did not experience outflows, so, over the final calendar quarter of 2022, we were able to take the opportunity of torrid markets to add to positions that we felt had been oversold. We initiated a number of new positions in the sub-fund in addition to adding to existing holdings, funded from cash reserves and from the sale of existing positions such as IntegraFin and Simulations Plus, where we felt the cash could be better put to work. To highlight a few of the new names by sector:

Healthcare: Ergomed (outsourcing services to pharmaceuticals)
Consumer: Fuller's (pubs), Games Workshop (Warhammer), Pets at Home
Property: Helical (London offices), Primary Health Properties (UK healthcare)
Technology: Big Technologies (remote monitoring of individuals)

These are high quality companies that strengthen the portfolio and where we see valuation upside.

We also sold top five holdings Brewin Dolphin and Ideagen in the prior period, a further source of funds during the period under review. It is easy to write-off UK smaller companies (as many have) on the basis of country-specific risk, liquidity, interest rate concerns... the list goes on. While noting these concerns, we believe that there is still a place in clients' portfolios for a focused list of high-quality smaller companies, offering above UK Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth.

After an awful 2022, the first quarter of 2023 has yet to turn the tide for smaller companies in the UK, but at least it does not appear to be getting significantly worse. Without a serious recovery soon, we must expect to see many more UK companies being taken over by foreign rivals. Thanks to solid performance from a number of the Consumer Discretionary holdings, Bellway, Greggs and Pets at Home particularly, plus the addition of a new holding in Bytes Technology Group, the FTSE 250 slice of the pie (see below) in our Smaller Companies portfolio has grown.

It was a poor quarter for the Financial holdings: Beazley fell after their results disappointed (knocking them from the top of the list below), Close Brothers, after their warning over provisions in their legal lending business, Liontrust Asset Management and Polar Capital Holdings in-line with tough market conditions. Rather more pleasingly, it was good to see a solid recovery for Fevertree Drinks, up by around 25% over the quarter, after their full-year figures comfortably beat estimates. As above, Bytes Technology is a new holding in the portfolio, not that well known but a provider of computer software in the UK with a strong position in the private and public sectors, with similarities to Softcat, which we have held since October 2020.

Top 15 holdings as at 31 March 2023:

Greggs	5.70%
Judges Scientific	5.41%
Keywords Studios	4.97%
Beazley	4.84%
Diploma	4.73%
Porvair	4.14%
Somero Enterprises	3.97%
Young & Co's Brewery 'A'	3.51%
Fevertree Drinks	3.34%
Big Yellow Group	3.22%
Ergomed	3.08%
Softcat	2.96%
Liontrust Asset Management	2.92%
Trainline	2.89%
Cranswick	2.83%

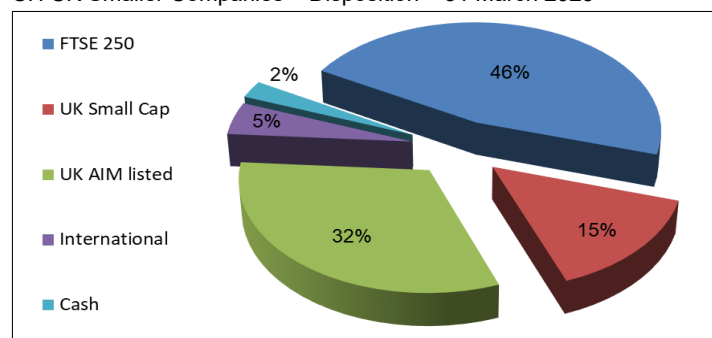
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We caught up with David Cicurel, CEO of Judges Scientific, just before Easter. He was in bullish form, speaking of strong demand for scientific instruments, a trend that they expect to persist with the growth in university education worldwide. He was clearly pleased with their latest acquisition of Geotek and the recent appointment of Tim Prestige, formerly a divisional CEO for Halma, to their board. We are happy holders of this company and expect it to continue to deliver good returns for us.

CH UK Smaller Companies – Disposition – 31 March 2023



Source: Church House Investments Limited

Church House Investments Limited
28 April 2023

Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
<u>A Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	0.6999	0.6060	0.2710	0.1870
Net accumulation paid 30 November		1.0300	0.2990	0.0060
<u>B Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	0.9800	0.9410	0.5240	0.4570
Net accumulation paid 30 November		1.3270	0.6260	0.2380

Portfolio changes

<u>Largest purchases</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Helical	280,613
Primary Health Properties	259,978
Dotdigital Group	243,936
Bytes Technology Group	222,598
Frontier Developments	145,228
Big Technologies	113,632
Games Workshop Group	96,237
Pets at Home Group	95,800
Porvair	59,090
Trainline	56,632
Other purchases	240,167
Total purchases for the period	1,813,911
<u>Sales</u>	<u>Proceeds (£)</u>
Frontier Developments	209,667
Craneware	188,116
Simulations Plus	160,990
Peel Hunt	39,569
Beazley	29,584
Renalytix	20,085
Strix Group	13,115
Total sales for the period	661,126

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

<u>A Accumulation shares</u>	Period to 31.03.2023	Year to 30.09.2022	Year to 30.09.2021	Year to 30.09.2020
Change in net assets per share	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	120.88	173.20	123.24	138.08
Return before operating charges*	12.11	(50.13)	52.21	(12.66)
Operating charges	(0.94)	(2.19)	(2.25)	(2.18)
Return after operating charges*	11.17	(52.32)	49.96	(14.84)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.70)	(1.64)	(0.57)	(0.19)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.70	1.64	0.57	0.19
Closing net asset value per share	132.05	120.88	173.20	123.24
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.50
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	9.24%	(30.21)%	40.54%	(10.75)%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	5,763,873	5,256,087	7,443,510	4,389,197
Closing number of shares	4,364,876	4,348,063	4,297,618	3,561,367
Operating charges	1.42% ^B	1.45%	1.47%	1.67%
Direct transaction costs	0.14% ^B	0.07%	0.13%	0.37%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	142.70	174.70	183.20	143.00
Lowest share price	118.00	120.30	124.60	102.00
<u>B Accumulation shares</u>	Period to 31.03.2023	Year to 30.09.2022	Year to 30.09.2021	Year to 30.09.2020
Change in net assets per share	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	124.58	177.81	126.09	140.73
Return before operating charges*	12.50	(51.57)	53.43	(12.90)
Operating charges	(0.72)	(1.66)	(1.71)	(1.74)
Return after operating charges*	11.78	(53.23)	51.72	(14.64)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.98)	(2.27)	(1.15)	(0.70)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.98	2.27	1.15	0.70
Closing net asset value per share	136.36	124.58	177.81	126.09
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.50
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	9.46%	(29.94)%	41.02%	(10.40)%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	6,013,654	4,476,086	5,876,154	5,089,907
Closing number of shares	4,410,067	3,592,813	3,304,690	4,036,838
Operating charges	1.05% ^B	1.07%	1.09%	1.30%
Direct transaction costs	0.14% ^B	0.07%	0.13%	0.37%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	147.30	179.60	188.10	145.70
Lowest share price	121.70	124.00	127.60	104.20

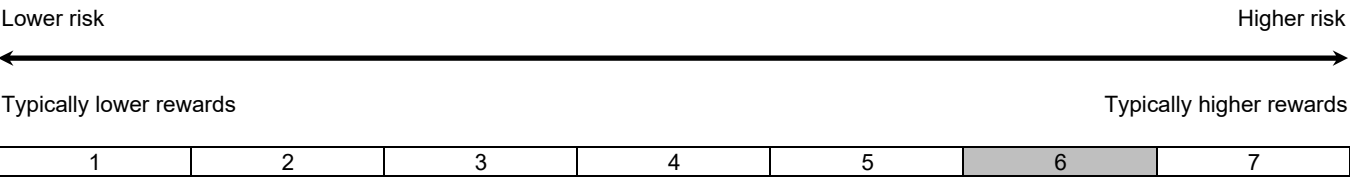
^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

^B These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

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SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR



This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 6 because its investments have experienced high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has changed from 5 to 6.

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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 March 2023

Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
COMMUNICATION SERVICES (30 September 2022 - 3.68%)		
120,000 Trustpilot Group	103,680	0.88
Total Communication Services	103,680	0.88
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (30 September 2022 - 19.01%)		
12,500 Bellway	279,625	2.37
60,000 Fuller Smith & Turner	275,400	2.34
1,600 Games Workshop Group	152,160	1.29
24,000 Greggs	671,040	5.70
75,000 Pets at Home Group	275,700	2.34
40,000 Redrow	191,360	1.63
135,000 Trainline	340,875	2.89
40,000 Young & Co's Brewery 'A'	413,600	3.51
Total Consumer Discretionary	2,599,760	22.07
CONSUMER STAPLES (30 September 2022 - 7.29%)		
40,000 Barr	199,800	1.70
11,000 Cranswick	333,740	2.83
31,000 Fevertree Drinks	393,080	3.34
Total Consumer Staples	926,620	7.87
FINANCIALS (30 September 2022 - 13.83%)		
95,000 Beazley	569,525	4.84
31,000 Close Brothers Group	282,565	2.40
34,000 Liontrust Asset Management	343,400	2.92
55,000 Polar Capital Holdings	249,700	2.12
Total Financials	1,445,190	12.28
HEALTH CARE (30 September 2022 - 9.04%)		
8,000 Bioventix	312,000	2.65
36,000 Ergomed	362,160	3.08
Total Health Care	674,160	5.73
INDUSTRIALS (30 September 2022 - 18.06%)		
120,000 Big Technologies	302,400	2.57
20,000 Diploma	557,600	4.73
7,500 Judges Scientific	637,500	5.41
80,000 Porvair	488,000	4.14
60,000 RWS Holdings	183,480	1.56
Total Industrials	2,168,980	18.41
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (30 September 2022 - 13.55%)		
55,000 Bytes Technology Group	214,060	1.82
245,000 Dotdigital Group	223,930	1.90
16,000 Kainos Group	220,960	1.88
21,000 Keywords Studios	585,900	4.97
27,000 Softcat	349,110	2.96
87,500 Strix Group	87,238	0.74
131,849 TT Electronics	244,448	2.08
Total Information Technology	1,925,646	16.35
REAL ESTATE (30 September 2022 - 5.40%)		
33,000 Big Yellow Group	379,500	3.22
85,000 Helical	250,750	2.13
225,000 Primary Health Properties	227,700	1.93
179,522 Shaftesbury Capital	204,296	1.73
Total Real Estate	1,062,246	9.01

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
OVERSEAS EQUITIES (30 September 2022 - 7.31%)			
130,000	Somero Enterprises	468,000	3.97
40,000	VNV Global	62,276	0.53
	Total Overseas Equities	530,276	4.50
	Portfolio of investments	11,436,558	97.10
	Net other assets	340,969	2.90
	Total net assets	11,777,527	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2023

	£
Total purchases cost, including transaction charges	1,813,911
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	661,126

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 March 2023

	31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		819,400		(2,432,858)
Revenue	141,903		137,855	
Expenses	<u>(71,309)</u>		<u>(79,035)</u>	
Net revenue before taxation	70,594		58,820	
Taxation	<u>(28)</u>		<u>(47)</u>	
Net revenue after taxation		<u>70,566</u>		<u>58,773</u>
Total return before distributions		889,966		(2,374,085)
Distributions		(70,566)		(58,795)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		<u>819,400</u>		<u>(2,432,880)</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2023

	31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		^A 9,732,173		13,319,664
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	1,950,615		958,437	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(800,554)		(264,801)	
Amounts payable on share class conversions	<u>(8)</u>		<u>-</u>	
		1,150,053		693,636
Dilution adjustment		2,190		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		819,400		(2,432,880)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		73,711		60,698
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		<u>11,777,527</u>	^A	<u>11,641,118</u>

^A These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last annual accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2023

	31 March 2023	30 September 2022
	£	£
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	11,436,558	9,456,425
Current Assets:		
Debtors	57,996	32,712
Cash and bank balances	333,965	262,459
Total assets	<u>11,828,519</u>	<u>9,751,596</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	50,992	19,423
Total liabilities	<u>50,992</u>	<u>19,423</u>
Net assets attributable to shareholders	<u><u>11,777,527</u></u>	<u><u>9,732,173</u></u>

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