Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 November 2020

7IM Cautious Fund

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7IM Balanced Fund

7IM Moderately Adventurous Fund

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7IM Sustainable Balance Fund

7IM AAP Income Fund

7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund

7IM AAP Balanced Fund

7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous Fund

7IM AAP Adventurous Fund



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#### **AUTHORISED STATUS**

7IM Investment Funds ('the Company') is an Open-Ended Investment Company with variable capital ("ICVC") incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC000278 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 28 November 2003. The Company has an unlimited duration.

The Company is a UCITS Scheme.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. Shareholders are not liable to make any further payment to the Company after they have paid the price on purchase of the shares.

#### REMUNERATION DISCLOSURE

The provisions of the Undertaking in Collective Investments Schemes Directive ("UCITS V") took effect on 18 March 2016. That legislation requires the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD'), Seven Investment Management LLP, to establish and maintain remuneration policies for its staff which are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management.

The ACD's remuneration policies are the responsibility of a Remuneration Committee which includes the Non-Executive Chairman and all Non-Executives. The Remuneration Committee has established a remuneration policy which sets out a framework for determining the level of fixed and variable remuneration of staff, including maintaining an appropriate balance between the two.

Arrangements for variable remuneration are calculated primarily by reference to the performance of each individual. The policies are designed to reward high performance, to directly link to the ACD's profitability, and to form part of overall compensation in relation to market competitors.

All staff are employed by the ACD with none employed directly by the UCITS scheme.

The total remuneration of those individuals who are fully or partly involved in the activities of the UCITS scheme for the financial year ending 31 December 2019, is analysed below:

Fixed Remuneration £2,728,000 Variable Remuneration £562,000

**Total** £3,290,000 FTE Number of staff: 28

Two of the staff members included in the total remuneration figures above are considered to be senior management whilst there are ten staff members whose actions are considered to have a material impact on the risk profile of the fund. The table below provides an alternative analysis of the remuneration data.

Aggregate remuneration of:

Senior management £607,000
Staff whose actions may have a material impact on the funds £1,527,000
Other £1,156,000

Total £3,290.000

The staff members included in the above analysis support all the UCITS funds managed by the ACD. It is not considered feasible or useful to apportion these figures to individual funds.

The management has reviewed the general principles of the Remuneration Policy and its application in the last year which has resulted in no material changes to the Policy.

#### SUB-FUND CROSS-HOLDINGS

No Sub-fund held shares in any other Sub-fund within the ICVC during the current or prior period.

## **DIRECTOR'S 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.

D. Walker
On behalf of Seven Investment Management LLP
ACD of 7IM Investment Funds
31 March 2021

#### STATEMENT OF ACD'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the FCA ('the COLL Rules') requires the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of the net income and net gains or losses on the property of the Company for the period.

In preparing the financial statements the ACD is responsible for:

- · selecting suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Company and its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters
  related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or its sub-funds or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The ACD is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with its Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules.

Since 18 March 2020, the ACD has been operating under its business continuity plans, following the guidance from the UK Government in its efforts to contain the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak within the UK. The ACD has robust and resilient business continuity plans in place, including for a pandemic threat, to ensure that all its critical functions remain fully operational. All ACD staff are working remotely, and are able to fulfil their roles as normal. The ACD has robust processes and infrastructure in place to ensure that staff are able to work from home effectively. Should individual staff members be unable to work due to sickness, the ACD has sufficient staff cover to ensure that all tasks continue to be performed. The Investment Management and Investment Risk teams are continuously monitoring the performance of the sub-funds. Furthermore, our Investment Management and Dealing teams are equipped with all the necessary systems to ensure they can continue to run and manage portfolios remotely. This IT infrastructure has been stress tested to ensure that respective teams can function effectively from home.

# STATEMENT OF THE DEPOSITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE SCHEME AND REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE 7IM INVESTMENT FUNDS ("THE COMPANY") FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2020

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

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

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

The Depositary must ensure that:

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

#### REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY

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

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

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

Northern Trust Global Services SE UK Branch UK Trustee and Depositary Services 31 March 2021

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF 7IM INVESTMENT FUNDS ('THE COMPANY')

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of 7IM Investment Funds ("the Company") and its sub-funds for the year ended 30 November 2020 which comprise the Statements of Total Return, the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the Balance Sheets, the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the Distribution Tables. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in 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 each of the sub-funds as at 30 November 2020 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains/net capital losses on the property of each of the sub-funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation, the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to authorised Funds and the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules").

#### 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. We are independent of the Company and its sub-funds in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's 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.

#### Conclusion relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Authorised Corporate Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Authorised Corporate Directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties
  that may cast significant doubt about the Company's or sub-funds' ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of
  accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report and Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinion on other matters prescribed by the COLL Rules

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the ACD report 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 matters where the COLL Rules requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary
  for the purposes of our audit; or
- · the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF 7IM INVESTMENT FUNDS ('THE COMPANY') (continued)

#### Responsibilities of Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

As explained more fully in the Statement of ACD's Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements, the ACD 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 they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, they are responsible for assessing the Company and its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or its sub-funds or to cease operations, or have 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.

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

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12R of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") issued by the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders 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 Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Justin Chait (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
BDO LLP
London, United Kingdom
31 March 2021

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 1. Statement of Compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) with instrument of Incorporation, the COLL Rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (2014 SORP).

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Company has adopted FRS 102 and the 2014 SORP. The principal accounting policies that have been applied consistently during the accounting year are set out below.

#### (b) Functional and Presentation Currency

The functional and presentation currency of the Company is sterling.

#### (c) Recognition of revenue

Dividends on quoted equities and preference shares are recognised when the securities are quoted ex-dividend.

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised when the schemes are quoted ex-distribution. Equalisation returned with the distribution is deducted from the cost of the investment in the scheme and does not form part of the distributable revenue.

Reportable income from funds with 'Reporting Fund' status for UK tax purposes is recognised when the information is made available by the reporting fund.

Deemed distributions from FCP's (Fonds de Commun de Placement) are calculated on a daily basis and are included in revenue.

Revenue from unquoted equity investments is recognised when the dividend is declared.

Revenue on debt securities is accounted for on an effective interest basis.

The treatment of the returns from derivatives depends upon the nature of the transaction. Both motive and circumstances are used to determine whether returns should be treated as capital or revenue.

Rebates of annual management charges (AMC rebates) from underlying investments are accounted for on an accruals basis and are recognised as revenue or capital in line with the allocation of the annual management charge between capital and revenue of the underlying investments.

Revenue from stock lending is accounted for net of associated costs and is recognised on an accruals basis.

Interest on bank and other cash deposits is recognised on an accruals basis.

Revenue is recognised gross of any withholding taxes but excludes attributable tax credits. All expenses, except for those relating to the purchase and sale of investments and stamp duty reserve tax, are charged initially against revenue.

## (d) Treatment of stock and special dividends

The ordinary element of stock received in lieu of cash dividends is credited to capital in the first instance followed by a transfer to revenue of the cash equivalent being offered and this forms part of the distributable revenue of the Fund.

Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis in determining whether the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital. Amounts recognised as revenue will form part of the distributable revenue. Amounts recognised as capital are deducted from the cost of the investment. The tax accounting treatment follows the treatment of the principal amount.

#### (e) Treatment of expenses

All expenses, except for those relating to the purchase and sale of investments and stamp duty reserve tax, are charged initially against revenue for UK Corporation tax purposes, on an accruals basis.

Expenses incurred by tax transparent funds are recognised when the information is made available by the reporting fund.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (f) Capped expenses

Other expenses (excluding the ACD's periodic charge) payable out of the property of the sub-funds, which exceed 0.20% of the AAP Moderately Cautious Sub-fund, the AAP Balanced Sub-fund, the AAP Moderately Adventurous Sub-fund and the AAP Adventurous Sub-fund are met by the ACD.

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

Any revenue or expense not directly attributable to a particular share class will normally be allocated pro-rata to the net assets of the relevant share classes unless a different allocation method is more appropriate.

All share classes are ranked pari passu and have no particular rights or terms attached, including rights on winding up.

#### (h) Taxation

Corporation tax is provided at 20% on taxable revenue, after deduction of allowable expenses.

Offshore income gains, from funds without reporting status, are liable to corporation tax at 20% and any resulting charge is against capital.

Where overseas tax has been deducted from overseas revenue that tax can, in some instances, be set off against the corporation tax payable by way of double tax relief and where this is the case the offset is reflected in the tax charge.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences arising on the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

Stamp duty reserve tax suffered on surrender of shares is deducted from capital.

#### (i) Distribution policy

For the purpose of calculating the distribution, the ACD's periodic charge and investment advisory fees are deducted from the sub-funds in the following proportions:

	ACD's Periodic Charge		Inve rge Advis	
	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue
	%	%	%	%
7IM Cautious Fund	100	-	-	100
7IM Moderately Cautious Fund	100	-	100	-
7IM Balanced Fund	50	50	50	50
7IM Moderately Adventurous Fund	-	100	-	100
7IM Adventurous Fund	-	100	-	100
7IM Sustainable Balance Fund	100	-	n/a	n/a
7IM AAP Income Fund	100	-	n/a	n/a
7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund	100	-	100	-
7IM AAP Balanced Fund	50	50	50	50
7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous Fund	-	100	-	100
7IM AAP Adventurous Fund	-	100	-	100

For all sub-funds except the 7IM AAP Income Fund, the other expenses are charged against revenue with the exception of costs associated with the purchase and sales of investments and stamp duty reserve tax. All other expenses of the 7IM AAP Income Fund are charged against capital.

Where charges are transferred to capital, this will increase the amount of revenue available for distribution; however, will erode capital and constrain capital growth.

Interim distributions may be made at the ACD's discretion. Final distributions are made in accordance with the COLL Sourcebook.

If at the end of the accounting year any share class within a sub-fund is in deficit, then funds will be transferred to cover the shortfall from capital.

Distributions which have remained unclaimed by shareholders for more than six years are credited to the capital property of the sub-fund.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (j) Basis of valuation of investments

All investments are valued at their fair value as at 12.00pm UK time on 30 November 2020, being the last business day of the financial year. The fair value for non-derivative securities is bid market price. The fair value for derivative instruments is the cost of closing out the contract at the balance sheet date.

Quoted investments are valued at fair value which generally is the bid price, excluding any accrued interest in the case of debt securities. Accrued interest on debt securities is included in revenue.

Collective investment schemes are valued at quoted bid prices for dual priced funds and at quoted prices for single priced funds, on the last business day of the accounting year.

Open forward currency contracts are valued based on the difference between the contract value and the market value adjusted by the prevailing spot rate and swap curve.

Structured products are valued at the fair value, where a price can only be obtained from the issuer the value is confirmed by an independent price provider by reference to the terms as defined in the term sheet of the structured product.

The market value of over the counter (OTC) derivatives is determined based on valuation pricing models which take into account relevant market inputs as well as the time values, liquidity and volatility factors underlying the positions.

For investments for which there is no quoted price or for which the quoted price is unreliable, fair value is determined by the ACD, taking into account, where appropriate, latest dealing prices, valuations from reliable sources, financial performance, maturity of the Company and other relevant factors.

#### (k) Exchange rates

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in sterling at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the end of the accounting year are translated into sterling at 12.00pm UK time on 30 November 2020, being the last business day of the financial year.

## (I) Dilution levy

The ACD may require a dilution levy on the purchase and redemption of shares if, in its opinion, the existing shareholders (for purchases) or remaining shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected. For example, the dilution levy may be charged in the following circumstances: where the scheme property of a sub-fund is in continual decline; where a sub-fund is experiencing large levels of net purchases relative to its size; on 'large deals' (typically being a purchase or redemption of shares to a size exceeding 5% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant sub-fund); in any case where the ACD is of the opinion that the interests of existing or remaining shareholders require the imposition of a dilution levy.

#### (m) Stock lending

The sub-funds are permitted to enter into stock lending transactions for the purpose of the generation of additional revenue for that sub-fund. The specific method of stock lending permitted is of the kind described in section 263B of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, under which the lender transfers securities to the borrower otherwise than by way of sale and the borrower is to transfer those securities, or securities of the same type and amount, back to the lender at a later date. There is a 25% limit on the value of the scheme property of a sub-fund which may be the subject of stock lending transactions.

Collateral must be obtained by the Depositary in a form which is acceptable to the Depositary, adequate and sufficiently immediate; the collateral must at all times be at least equal to the value of the securities transferred by the Depositary under the stock lending agreement. Collateral provided in respect of stock lending activity is held by an independent collateral custodian.

The sub-funds maintain the beneficial entitlement to any security on loan and therefore will receive a manufactured dividend, equal to the on loan position, from the borrower for any dividends declared by the security during the on loan period.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (n) Merger transactions

Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 57(2)(a)(iv) of the European Communities Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011), which aim to provide investors access to the full complement of UK and non-UK situs fund offerings across the 7IM Multi-Manager and AAP (Asset Allocated Passive) ranges, the 7IM (Dublin) Funds PLC were merged through In-specie to the following UK subfunds: Moderately Cautious, Balanced, Moderately Adventurous, AAP Moderately Cautious, AAP Balanced, and AAP Moderately Adventurous on 20 November 2020. The corresponding amounts of in specie, payables and receivables were disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and Notes to the Financial Statements.

#### (o) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at amortised cost and comprises cash in hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. This includes Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Sterling Fund Platinum, Goldman Sachs Sterling Liquid Reserves Fund, JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund, Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds - Sterling Liquidity Fund and Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund.

#### 3. Risk Management Policies

In pursuing the investment objective a number of financial instruments are held which may comprise securities and other investments, cash balances and debtors and creditors that arise directly from operations. Derivatives, such as futures or forward currency contracts, may be utilised for investment, efficient portfolio management and hedging purposes.

The main risks from the sub-funds' holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are set out below:

The ACD has put in place a Risk Management Policy and Procedures Document ('RMPPD') that sets out the risks that may impact a fund and how the ACD seeks, where appropriate, to manage, monitor and mitigate those risks, and in particular those risks associated with the use of derivatives. The RMPPD sets out both the framework and the risk mitigations operated by the ACD in managing the identified risks of the Fund.

#### (a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty may be unable or unwilling to make a payment or fulfil contractual obligations. This may be in terms of an actual default or by deterioration in counterparty's credit quality.

Certain transactions in securities that the sub-funds enter into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the sub-funds have fulfilled its obligations. As part of its due diligence process, the ACD undertakes a review of the controls, including initial and ongoing due diligence and business volumes placed with each counterparty. In cases which are dependent on the counterparty settling at the transaction's maturity date, the ACD has policies in place which set out the minimum credit quality expected of a market counterparty or deposit taker at the outset of the transaction.

The bond investments held are exposed to credit risk which reflects the ability of the issuer to meet its obligations. All bonds in which the sub-funds invest are investment grade listed bonds or government securities which are generally lower risk. The sub-funds may be indirectly exposed to interest rate risk in respect of their investments in other collective investment schemes.

A sub-fund's maximum exposure to credit risk, not taking account of the value of any collateral or other securities held, in the event that counterparties fail to perform their obligations as at the year end in relation to each class of recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount of these assets.

## (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a sub-fund will be unable to meet its obligations as they fall due. The main liability of the sub-funds' is the cancellation of any shares that investors want to sell. Investments may have to be sold to fund such cancellations should insufficient cash be held at the bank to meet this obligation.

To reduce liquidity risk the Portfolio Manager will ensure that a substantial portion of the sub-funds' assets consist of cash and readily realisable investments.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 3. Risk Management Policies (continued)

#### (b) Liquidity risk (continued)

All financial liabilities are payable in one year or less, or on demand.

#### (c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates or market prices.

The sub-funds can be exposed to market risks by virtue of the financial instruments that the sub-funds invest in. The Portfolio Manager monitors the investments on a continuing basis on behalf of the sub-funds by adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit stock specific risk. Subject to compliance with the investment objective, spreading exposure across a broad range of global stocks can mitigate market risk.

#### (d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The value of fixed interest securities may be affected by changes in interest rates, either globally or locally. Changes in the rate of return in one asset class may influence the valuation basis of other classes. The amount of revenue receivable from floating rate investments and bank balances or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

Investment in collective investment schemes exposes the sub-fund to indirect interest rate risk to the extent that they invest in interest bearing securities, the returns from which will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

The level of risk a sub-fund is exposed to is monitored on an ongoing basis. The risk function monitors a series of risk metrics including but not limited to: duration, key rate duration, sensitivity analysis and stress tests. This ensures the sub-fund is exposed to risks which are consistent with its mandate set out in the Prospectus.

#### (e) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Assets denominated in currencies other than sterling will provide direct exposure to currency risk as a consequence of the movement in foreign exchange rates when calculating the sterling equivalent value. Forward currency contracts are employed by the Portfolio Manager, where deemed appropriate, to mitigate the foreign exchange risk. Investment in collective investment schemes may provide indirect exposure to currency risk as a consequence of the movement in foreign exchange rates.

#### (f) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the price of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market conditions influencing, directly or indirectly, the value of the instrument.

The sub-funds' investment portfolio is exposed to price fluctuations, which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objective and policy. The risk is generally regarded as consisting of two elements – stock specific risk and market risk.

#### (g) Derivatives

The Investment Manager may employ more sophisticated derivatives longer term in the pursuit of the investment objectives of a Sub-fund and in accordance with its risk management policy. This means that the net asset value of a Sub-fund may at times be highly volatile (in the absence of compensating investment techniques). However, it is the Investment Manager's intention that the Sub-fund owing to its portfolio composition, or the portfolio management techniques used, will not have volatility over and above the general market volatility of the markets of their underlying investments. The risk profile of a Sub-fund may be higher than it would otherwise have been as a consequence of the use of derivatives as described above.

The Investment Manager may also employ derivatives for the purposes of hedging with the aim of reducing the risk profile of a Sub-fund, or reducing costs, or generating additional capital or revenue, in accordance with Efficient Portfolio Management (EPM).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## 3. Risk Management Policies (continued)

## (g) Derivatives (continued)

To the extent that derivative instruments are utilised for hedging purposes, the risk of loss to a Sub-fund may be increased where the value of the derivative instrument and the value of the security or position which it is hedging are insufficiently correlated.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM Cautious Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a return by way of income with some capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a range of collective investment vehicles and securities, which give an exposure to fixed interest and equity instruments. These, for the most part, use passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes). The Sub-fund will invest in asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity, indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts and exchange traded funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest, economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), it may not be appropriate for the Sub-fund to be invested in funds and other assets as noted above and the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments. Examples of extraordinary market conditions include periods of heightened volatility caused by a sudden economic downturn or events such as political unrest, war or bankruptcy of large financial institutions.

While the Sub-fund's investments will be more focused on bonds, cash and near cash and other income generating assets, the investments may also include assets with scope for capital growth in real terms, and assets with scope for greater volatility.

The Sub-fund is likely to invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 4.90%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c.6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c.5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c.20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using 7IM Cautious C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

Going into April, we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

In the middle of April, we sold our remaining holdings in the LGT Dynamic Protection fund after an initial reduction in March following some very strong performance. Rotating into the AQR Managed Futures fund meant that we were able to maintain our defensive stance whilst take profits on a position that had outperformed from the beginning of January.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations, this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

Forced selling and liquidity pressures opened up an opportunity in residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) relative to our SAA Index equivalent risks at the beginning of June. We were able to take advantage of this opportunity by selling some of our Global Corporate bond allocation and buying the Angel Oaks Multi Strategy Income Fund.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

An allocation to European bank AT1 contingent convertible bonds ("AT1s") was made in July, funded through some of our Global High Yield bond allocation. While we see value in both asset classes, we believe AT1s are extremely well positioned to outperform High Yield due to their resilient fundamentals and attractive valuations.

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a Global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

A valuation opportunity together with improving fundamentals meant that we increased our allocation to RMBS at the start of October funded from Global Corporate bonds and cash. With the investment case surrounding RMBS strengthening while Global Corporate bonds continued to trade around long run average spreads (despite credit downgrades and a deterioration in fundamentals), RMBS looked well positioned to deliver outperformance across the range of scenarios we modelled against.

Despite some underperformance through the third quarter of 2020, the vaccine news in November led to a significant rally in European dividend futures. Following the rally, expectations of annualised returns for 2022 dividends were estimated to be in the low single digits due to the valuation cap that exists given the well-defined near term cash flows. With the view that this would likely act as something of a headwind versus traditional European equity exposure, the 2022 dividend position was removed from portfolios towards the end of November, being replaced with a broad European equity exposure.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 21 to 24 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables Class C Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	, ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	102.04	97.92	100.26
Return before operating charges*	5.82	6.44	(0.14)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.92)	(0.85)	(0.81)
Return after operating charges*	4.90	5.59	(0.95)
Distributions on income shares	(1.44)	(1.47)	(1.39)
Closing net asset value per share	105.50	102.04	97.92
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.00	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.80%	5.71%	(0.95)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,216	16,303	17,803
Closing number of shares	13,474,842	15,977,230	18,181,801
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	0.89% 0.00%	0.84% 0.00%	0.81% 0.01%
Prices	0.0070	0.0070	0.0170
Highest share price	106.48	104.25	101.60
Lowest share price	94.10	96.88	98.22

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 25.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	108.77	102.87	103.87
Return before operating charges*	6.23	6.79	(0.16)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.98)	(0.89)	(0.84)
Return after operating charges*	5.25	5.90	(1.00)
Distributions	(1.54)	(1.55)	(1.45)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.54	1.55	1.45
Closing net asset value per share	114.02	108.77	102.87
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.00	0.01
Performance			
Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.83%	5.74%	(0.96)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19,744	20,490	17,941
Closing number of shares	17,316,497	18,838,192	17,440,235
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	0.89%	0.84%	0.81%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	114.18	110.15	105.27
Lowest share price	100.31	101.76	102.46

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	,	, ,
Opening net asset value per share	103.04	98.68	100.84
Return before operating charges*	5.84	6.44	(0.20)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.67)	(0.60)	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	5.17	5.84	(0.76)
Distributions on income shares	(1.45)	(1.48)	(1.40)
Closing net asset value per share	106.76	103.04	98.68
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.00	0.01
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Performance	F 000/	E 000/	(0.75)0/
Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.02%	5.92%	(0.75)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	151	326	374
Closing number of shares	141,220	316,666	378,476
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	0.64%	0.59%	0.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	107.75	105.22	102.21
Lowest share price	95.09	97.65	98.98

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	109.67	103.52	104.32
Return before operating charges*	6.23	6.78	(0.21)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.71)	(0.63)	(0.59)
Return after operating charges*	5.52	6.15	(0.80)
Distributions	(1.55)	(1.56)	(1.45)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.55	1.56	1.45
Closing net asset value per share	115.19	109.67	103.52
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.00	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.03%	5.94%	(0.77)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,032	6,062	5,370
Closing number of shares Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	5,236,855 0.64%	5,527,088 0.59%	5,187,795 0.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.00%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	115.36	111.01	105.84
Lowest share price	101.20	102.42	103.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

## **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class C	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	0.50%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.24%	0.24%
	0.74%	0.49%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.15%	0.15%
Ongoing Charges Figure	0.89%	0.64%
As at 30 November 2019		
	Class C	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	0.50%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.20%	0.20%
	0.70%	0.45%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.14%	0.14%
Ongoing Charges Figure	0.84%	0.59%

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

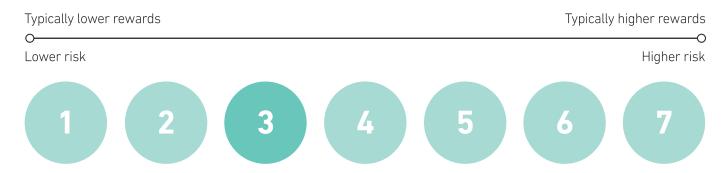
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

#### **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was three.

#### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM Cautious Fund <sup>1</sup>	4.90	9.74	18.73

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 44 and 45.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

Ualdina	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
Holding		L	/0
	Alternative Strategies 0.82% (0.24%)		
14,975	Alternative Strategies 9.83% (9.21%) AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	1,141,528	2.85
5,825	BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund¹	674,812	1.68
1,041,000	BNP Paribas Issuance 0.00% 2024 <sup>2</sup>	939,788	2.34
1,520,000	JPMorgan Structured Products 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup>	1,189,390	2.96
		3,945,518	9.83
	Infrastructure 0.00% (2.70%)		
	Real Estate 0.00% (0.85%)		
	DEBT SECURITIES 75.64% (77.78%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (1.99%)		
	Emerging Market Bonds 4.10% (4.90%)		
623,923	Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency Index Fund Acc1	429.072	1.07
572,788	Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	429,072	1.07 1.07
	UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian High Yield <sup>1</sup>	788,086	1.96
		1,645,775	4.10
	Gilts 5.26% (9.09%)		
£600,000 £250,000	UK Gilt 2.00% 2025 UK Gilt 4.25% 2046	657,409 451,298	1.64 1.13
£200,000	UK Gilt 4.25% 2049	377,725	0.94
£80,000	UK Gilt 4.25% 2055	164,689	0.41
£300,000	UK Gilt 4.50% 2034	459,045	1.14
		2,110,166	5.26
	OL 1. 1.0		
24,684	Global Corporate Bonds 27.98% (19.66%) Angel Oak Multi-Strategy Income UCITS Fund¹	2,848,353	7.09
2,672,352	BlackRock Overseas Corporate Bond Tracker <sup>1</sup>	4,607,135	11.48
453,638	HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Corporate Bond Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	3,778,080	9.41
		11,233,568	27.98
4 540 000	Global Government Bonds 8.85% (12.90%)	0.470.005	<b>5</b> 44
1,510,893 168.872	BlackRock Overseas Government Bond Index Fund¹ HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund¹	2,172,665 1,381,524	5.41 3.44
100,072	Tiobo diobal Fallas 10/10 Global Government Bond index Falla		
		3,554,189	8.85
	Global High Yield Bonds 5.19% (3.01%)		
29,208	Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF1	1,224,983	3.05
7,893	Robeco Quant High Yield <sup>1</sup>	858,128	2.14
		2,083,111	5.19
168,946	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 5.90% (8.21%) iShares Global Inflation-Linked Bond Index <sup>1</sup>	1,939,609	4.83
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## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
US\$399,000	Global Inflation Linked Bonds (continued) US Treasury Inflation-Indexed Bonds 1.00% 2049	429,945	1.07
		2,369,554	5.90
	Short Term Sterling Bonds 8.66% (9.88%)	<del></del>	
£500,000	Bank of Montreal FRN 2023	500,053	1.25
£100,000	Bayerische Landesbank 1.25% 2021	101,063	0.25
£200,000		201,912	0.50
£300,000 £150,000	European Investment Bank 0.875% 2021 Landeskreditbank 1.125% 2021	300,718 150,694	0.75 0.38
£300,000	National Australia Bank 5.125% 2021	314,909	0.36
£300,000		303,710	0.76
	Rabobank Nederland 4.875% 2023	393,992	0.98
£250,000		251,550	0.63
£300,000	Skipton Building Society FRN 2023	301,149	0.75
£200,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 5.35% 2021	205,244	0.51
£450,000	Westpac Banking FRN 2023	449,815	1.12
		3,474,809	8.66
	Sterling Corporate Bonds 9.70% (8.14%)		
33,112	UBS Sterling Corporate Bond Indexed <sup>1</sup>	3,891,443	9.70
	EQUITY 5.20% (5.75%)		
	Europe (ex UK) 0.53% (2.09%)		
	Euro Stoxx 50 Equity Index Futures December 2023 <sup>3</sup>	36,187	0.09
	FTSE 100 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	158,730	0.40
27	MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	17,893	0.04
		212,810	0.53
	Japan 0.15% (0.24%)		
7	TOPIX Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	59,958	0.15
	North America 3.92% (0.18%)		
	Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF <sup>1</sup>	630,709	1.57
	Berkshire Hathaway	831,784	2.07
	E-mini Health Care Select Sector Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup> MSCI Emerging Markets Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	27,329 84,804	0.07 0.21
3	US Ultra Treasury Bond Index Futures March 2021 <sup>3</sup>	(772)	
		1,573,854	3.92
	H 71 - 147 - 1 2 - 2007 (2 - 2407)		
8	United Kingdom 0.60% (3.24%) FTSE 250 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	25,208	0.06
	UK Mortgages	215,301	0.54
001,200	en mongages	240,509	0.60
		<u> </u>	
<b></b>	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 2.68% (1.81%)		
€(1,991,000)		9,609	0.02
	Vs £19,071,341 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £129,954 Expiry 15.01.2021	1,167,647 2,749	2.91 0.01
	Vs £128,723 Expiry 15.01.2021	2,749	0.01

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS (continued)		
US\$(283,000)	Vs £213,986 Expiry 15.01.2021	2,227	_
US\$(169,000)	Vs £127,687 Expiry 15.01.2021	1,231	_
¥28,000,000	Vs £(203,173) Expiry 21.05.2021	(1,355)	-
US\$1,000,000	Vs £(768,638) Expiry 15.01.2021	(20,375)	(0.05)
US\$1,100,000	Vs £(849,250) Expiry 15.01.2021	(26,160)	(0.07)
US\$1,500,000	Vs £(1,151,015) Expiry 15.01.2021	(28,621)	(0.07)
US\$1,119,000	Vs £(869,744) Expiry 15.01.2021	(32,438)	(80.0)
		1,076,781	2.68
	Portfolio of investment <sup>4</sup>	37,472,045	93.35
	Net other assets <sup>4,5</sup>	2,670,947	6.65
	Net assets	40,142,992	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Includes shares in the Goldman Sachs Sterling Liquid Reserves Fund to the value of £146, shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £1,200,000 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £2,061,000 which are shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

Credit Quality	30.11.20 %	30.11.19 %
Investment grade debt securities	14.99	22.01
Non-rated debt securities	5.30	4.15
Other investments	81.18	74.80
Net other liabilities	(1.47)	(0.96)
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Structured product

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

			30.11.20		30.11.19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital gains	4		1,455,558		1,893,267
Revenue	5	807,749		788,056	
Expenses	6	(274,852)		(269,953)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(5,187)		(2,645)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		527,710		515,458	
Taxation	7	(100,844)		(67,811)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year			426,866		447,647
Total return before distributions			1,882,424		2,340,914
Distributions	8		(586,728)		(604,107)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			1,295,696		1,736,807

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

		30.11.20		30.11.19
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		43,180,683		41,487,921
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	10,564,850		13,383,242	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(15,261,887)		(13,794,167)	
		(4,697,037)		(410,925)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		1,295,696		1,736,807
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		363,650		366,880
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		40,142,992		43,180,683

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 32 to 43 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		37,581,766	42,584,024
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	173,838	295,192
Cash and bank balances	10	510,952	688,406
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	3,261,146	1,235,146
Total assets		41,527,702	44,802,768
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(109,721)	(223,766)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(724,741)	(832,485)
Distribution payable		(112,645)	(147,281)
Other creditors	11	(437,603)	(418,553)
Total liabilities		(1,384,710)	(1,622,085)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		40,142,992	43,180,683

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 32 to 43 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

#### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

## 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
The net capital gains during the year comprise:	2	~
Non-derivative securities	1,707,105	1,596,465
Derivative contracts	(427,592)	222,866
Forward currency contracts	305,659	347,583
Currency losses	(112,894)	(273,441)
Transaction charges	(22,535)	(6,526)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	5,815	6,320
Net capital gains	1,455,558	1,893,267

#### 5 Revenue

30.11.20	30.11.19
£	£
35,707	181,537
666,467	444,172
87,666	142,370
15,486	16,288
361	752
2,062	2,937
807,749	788,056
	\$35,707 666,467 87,666 15,486 361 2,062

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	196,773	193,989
Other expenses	5,384	5,499
	202,157	199,488
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	7,688	7,482
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	14,148	19,360
	25,497	32,842
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	382	3,381
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	6,097	4,481
FCA and other Regulatory fees	215	212
Legal and professional fees	394	1,002
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	19,442	13,397
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	47,198	37,623
Total expenses	274,852	269,953

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
a)	Analysis of charge for the year		
	Corporation tax at 20%	100,844	67,811
	Current tax charge (note 7b)	100,844	67,811
	Total taxation	100,844	67,811
b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year  The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	ised fund (20%) (	2019: 20%)
	Net revenue before taxation	527,710	515,458
	Corporation tax at 20%	105,542	103,092
	Effects of:		
	AMC rebates taken to capital	1,163	1,264
	Franked CIS revenue	(7,142)	(24,176)
	Franked REIT income	_	(52)
	Indexed gilt edged securities adjustment	_	(716)
	Movement in revenue accruals	_	478
	Non-taxable dividends	_	(3,154)
	Non-taxable overseas dividends	_	(8,925)
	Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds	1,281	_
	Current tax charge (note 7a)	100,844	67,811

#### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

#### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	252,464	231,792
Final	313,204	380,369
	565,668	612,161
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	47,166	42,818
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(26,106)	(50,872)
Net distributions for the year	586,728	604,107
Interest payable and similar charges	5,187	2,645
Total distribution	591,915	606,752

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 44 and 45.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	426,866	447,647
Allocations to capital: Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	159,862	156,456
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	4	(3)
Net movement in revenue account	(4)	7
Net distributions for the year	586,728	604,107

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	43,250	107,209
Sales awaiting settlement	696	_
Accrued revenue	92,180	164,199
Income tax recoverable	_	1,213
AMC rebates from underlying investments	37,712	22,571
Total debtors	173,838	295,192

#### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	476,384	656,928
Cash held at clearing houses	34,568	31,478
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	3,261,146	1,235,146
Total cash and bank balances	3,772,098	1,923,552
Bank overdrafts	(475,033)	(581,805)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	(249,708)	(250,680)
Total bank overdrafts	(724,741)	(832,485)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20 30.11.1	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	284,175	120,019
Purchases awaiting settlement	12,930	177,726
Accrued expenses	39,654	52,997
Corporation tax payable	100,844	67,811
Total other creditors	437,603	418,553

#### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 30.

The Sub-fund has the following shareholdings in the 7IM Specialist Investment Funds ICVC:

	Held at	Held at
	30.11.20	30.11.19
7IM European (ex UK) Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	-	781,977
7IM UK Equity value Fund 'Z' Inc	-	1,350,942

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date, the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society Limited	27.72% (2019: 27.76%)
Pershing Nominees Limited	35.72% (2019: 36.81%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society Limited during the year totalled (£951,596) (2019: (£1,858,695)).

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled (£1,476,190) (2019: (£165,603)).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has two share classes: 'C' and 'S'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class C	0.50%
Class S	0.25%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Class	Opening Shares	Shares Created	Shares Liquidated	Shares Converted	Closing Shares
Class C Income	15,977,230	1,423,888	(3,067,438)	(858,838)	13,474,842
Class C Accumulation	18,838,192	6,603,617	(8,988,562)	863,250	17,316,497
Class S Income	316,666	12,830	(8,671)	(179,605)	141,220
Class S Accumulation	5,527,088	1,706,085	(2,108,171)	111,853	5,236,855

#### 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown below.

## i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020				
	Floating Rate Financial	Fixed Rate Financial	Financial Assets not carrying	
	Assets	Assets	interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Euro	36,301	_	54,079	90,380
Japanese yen	950	_	261,776	262,726
US dollar	63,349	2,559,123	14,361,926	16,984,398
Pound sterling	5,375,977	3,880,496	38,953,248	48,209,721
_	5,476,577	6,439,619	53,631,029	65,547,225
		Floating	Financial	
		Rate Financial	Liabilities	
		Liabilities	not carrying interest	Total
		£	£	£
Euro		(1,799)	(1,791,082)	(1,792,881)
Japanese yen		(959)	_	(959)
US dollar		(62,822)	(18,496,342)	(18,559,164)
Pound sterling		(659,161)	(4,392,068)	(5,051,229)
		(724,741)	(24,679,492)	(25,404,233)
Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019				
	Floating	Fixed	Financial	
	Rate	Rate	Assets	
	Financial Assets	Financial Assets	not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Euro	31,687	_	1,581,614	1,613,301
Japanese yen	464	_	416,347	416,811
US dollar	74,965	2,853,693	9,058,219	11,986,877
Pound sterling	3,262,749	6,996,158	47,479,154	57,738,061
	3,369,865	9,849,851	58,535,334	71,755,050

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

i. Interest rate risk (continued)

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro	(309)	(4,613,269)	(4,613,578)
Japanese yen	(26,716)	(433,636)	(460,352)
US dollar	_	(17,146,065)	(17,146,065)
Pound sterling	(805,459)	(5,548,913)	(6,354,372)
	(832,484)	(27,741,883)	(28,574,367)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

		Fixed Rate Fir			
	Weighte	ed average	Weighted aver	age period	
	inter	interest rate		for which rate is fixed	
Currency	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19	
•	%	%	Years	Years	
Pound sterling	0.31	0.92	10	9	
US dollar	(2.75)	0.38	7	16	

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the weighted average effective duration was 5.78 years (30 November 2019: 5.19 years).

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Euro	34,502	(1,737,003)	(1,702,501)
Japanese yen	(9)	261,776	261,767
US dollar	527	(1,575,294)	(1,574,767)
	35,020	(3,050,521)	(3,015,501)
Pound sterling	2,635,927	40,522,566	43,158,493
Net assets	2,670,947	37,472,045	40,142,992

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### ii. Foreign currency risk (continued)

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Euro	31,378	(3,031,655)	(3,000,277)
Japanese yen	(26,252)	(17,289)	(43,541)
US dollar	78,443	(5,237,631)	(5,159,188)
	83,569	(8,286,575)	(8,203,006)
Pound sterling	736,856	50,646,833	51,383,689
Net assets	820,425	42,360,258	43,180,683

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 54%, 110% and 77% respectively (30 November 2019<sup>1</sup>: 57%, 162% and 77% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCI's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCI Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCI Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives (continued)

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and future contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	24,134
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	26,557	7,873
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	_	35,393
Eurex Deutschland	54,079	264
International Monetary Market	_	44,058
London International Financial Futures Exchange	183,938	13,821
New York Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa	84,804	_
Tokyo Stock Exchange	59,958	101,297
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	1,076,781	783,779
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	1,486,117	1,010,619

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	2,840,829	5,303,269	_	8,144,098
Collective Investment Schemes	18,705,413	8,089,331	_	26,794,744
Derivatives	410,109	1,185,730	_	1,595,839
Equities	1,047,085	_	_	1,047,085
Total	23,003,436	14,578,330	_	37,581,766
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(772)	(108,949)	_	(109,721)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	5,144,801	6,151,362	_	11,296,163
Collective Investment Schemes	28,258,720	_	_	28,258,720
Derivatives	229,648	1,004,736	_	1,234,384
Equities	1,794,757	_	_	1,794,757
Total	35,427,926	7,156,098	_	42,584,024
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(329)	(223,437)	_	(223,766)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 20.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	T Taxes £'000	Total ransaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	4,917	1	_	1	0.02	_
Collective Investment Schemes	17,647	_	_	-	_	_
Equities	4,874	_	_	_	_	_
Total	27,438	1	_	1	0.02	_
			-	Total	Commissions	Taxes
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Costs £'000	% of principal	% of principal
Sales	-		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
Sales Bonds	-		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
	£'000		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
Bonds	<b>£'000</b> 8,628		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
Bonds Collective Investment Schemes	£'000 8,628 21,672	£'000	Taxes	Costs £'000	% of principal – –	% of

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	4,148	_	-	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	16,008	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	385	_	_	_	_	_
Total	20,541	-	-	_	_	_

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	8,217	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	9,398	_	_	_	_	_
Derivatives	334	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	1,638	_	_	_	_	_
Total	19,587	-	_	-	_	_
Total as a percentage of the average	ge NAV	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.11% (2019: 0.11%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 114.18p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 113.40p. This represents a decrease of 0.68% from the year end value.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6085 0.3902	0.2183	0.6085 0.6085	0.5679 0.5679
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6491 0.3362	0.3129	0.6491 0.6491	0.5949 0.5949
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6173 0.1261	- 0.4912	0.6173 0.6173	0.5692 0.5692
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6557 0.3996	0.2561	0.6557 0.6557	0.5985 0.5985
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	0.8272 0.5451	0.2821	0.8272 0.8272	0.9038 0.9038
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8872 0.6148	0.2724	0.8872 0.8872	0.9553 0.9553

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class S Income				
Group 1	0.8366	_	0.8366	0.9090
Group 2	0.3418	0.4948	0.8366	0.9090
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class S Accumulation				
Group 1	0.8961	_	0.8961	0.9612
Group 2	0.7440	0.1521	0.8961	0.9612

## **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM Moderately Cautious Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a return by way of income with some capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in other funds managed both by the Manager and by selected third party managers, including open-ended and closed–ended funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), and other transferable securities, including fixed income, equities and structured products.

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

Investment will be more focussed on income generating assets such as corporate debt securities but there will be an allocation to growth generating assets such as global equities.

The Sub-fund will invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), it may not be appropriate for the Sub-fund to be invested in funds and other assets as noted above and the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments. Examples of extraordinary market conditions include periods of heightened volatility caused by a sudden economic downturn or events such as political unrest, war or bankruptcy of large financial institutions.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 5.82%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c. 6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c. 5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c. 20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using 7IM Moderately Cautious C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

Going into April we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

In the middle of April, we sold our remaining holdings in the LGT Dynamic Protection fund after an initial reduction in March following some very strong performance. Rotating into the AQR Managed Futures fund meant that we were able to maintain our defensive stance whilst take profits on a position that had outperformed from the beginning of January.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

Forced selling and liquidity pressures opened up an opportunity in residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) relative to our SAA Index equivalent risks at the beginning of June. We were able to take advantage of this opportunity by selling some of our Global Corporate bond allocation and buying the Angel Oaks Multi Strategy Income Fund.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

An allocation to European bank AT1 contingent convertible bonds ("AT1s") was made in July, funded through some of our Global High Yield bond allocation. While we see value in both asset classes, we believe AT1s are extremely well positioned to outperform High Yield due to their resilient fundamentals and attractive valuations.

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

A valuation opportunity together with improving fundamentals meant that we increased our allocation to RMBS at the start of October funded from Global Corporate bonds and cash. With the investment case surrounding RMBS strengthening while Global Corporate bonds continued to trade around long run average spreads (despite credit downgrades and a deterioration in fundamentals), RMBS looked well positioned to deliver outperformance across the range of scenarios we modelled against.

Despite some underperformance through the third quarter of 2020, the vaccine news in November led to a significant rally in European dividend futures. Following the rally, expectations of annualised returns for 2022 dividends were estimated to be in the low single digits due to the valuation cap that exists given the well-defined near term cash flows. With the view that this would likely act as something of a headwind versus traditional European equity exposure, the 2022 dividend position was removed from portfolios towards the end of November, being replaced with a broad European equity exposure.

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 51 to 60 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables
Class A Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	, ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	132.73	129.79	137.39
Return before operating charges*	9.72	8.51	(2.68)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.50)	(2.50)	(2.49)
Return after operating charges*	7.22	6.01	(5.17)
Distributions on income shares	(2.41)	(3.07)	(2.43)
Closing net asset value per share	137.54	132.73	129.79
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.01	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.44%	4.63%	(3.76)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	46	59	58
Closing number of shares Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	33,873 1.88%	44,365 1.88%	44,365 1.83%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.01%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	139.29	135.78	139.44
Lowest share price	118.06	126.76	130.26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 61.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class A Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	182.60	174.48	181.34
Return before operating charges*	13.47	11.48	(3.56)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.44)	(3.36)	(3.30)
Return after operating charges*	10.03	8.12	(6.86)
Distributions	(3.28)	(4.15)	(3.24)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.28	4.15	3.24
Closing net asset value per share	192.63	182.60	174.48
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.02	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.49%	4.65%	(3.78)%
Other Information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	642 333,236	1,057 578,722	1,736 994,737
Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	1.88% 0.00%	1.88% 0.01%	1.83% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	192.70 162.42	183.92 170.03	184.03 173.31

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 61.

#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class B Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	189.04	180.26	187.01
Return before operating charges*	13.82	11.80	(3.81)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.10)	(3.02)	(2.94)
Return after operating charges*	10.72	8.78	(6.75)
Distributions	(3.45)	(4.30)	(3.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.45	4.30	3.28
Closing net asset value per share	199.76	189.04	180.26
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.02	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.67%	4.87%	(3.61)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,578	36,987	44,492
Closing number of shares	16,308,285	19,566,243	24,681,729
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.63% 0.00%	1.63% 0.01%	1.58% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	199.93	190.30	189.87
Lowest share price	168.28	175.71	179.19

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	, , ,	, ,	,
Opening net asset value per share	143.97	140.22	147.81
Return before operating charges*	10.40	9.07	(3.06)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.99)	(1.99)	(1.95)
Return after operating charges*	8.41	7.08	(5.01)
Distributions on income shares	(2.63)	(3.33)	(2.58)
Closing net asset value per share	149.75	143.97	140.22
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.01	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.84%	5.05%	(3.39)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	40,892 27,306,217 1.38% 0.00%	45,732 31,764,965 1.38% 0.01%	53,895 38,437,646 1.33% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	151.80 128.25	147.16 136.99	150.12 140.87

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	195.55	186.10	192.69
Return before operating charges*	14.22	12.09	(4.04)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.72)	(2.64)	(2.55)
Return after operating charges*	11.50	9.45	(6.59)
Distributions	(3.78)	(4.44)	(3.38)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.78	4.44	3.38
Closing net asset value per share	207.05	195.55	186.10
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.02	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.88%	5.08%	(3.42)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	128,375 62,001,246 1.38% 0.00%	111,497 57,017,950 1.38% 0.01%	134,437 72,241,194 1.33% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	207.29 174.20	196.77 181.43	195.69 185.07

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	134.93	131.94	139.66
Return before operating charges*	9.94	8.65	(2.65)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.54)	(2.54)	(2.54)
Return after operating charges*	7.40	6.11	(5.19)
Distributions on income shares	(2.42)	(3.12)	(2.53)
Closing net asset value per share	139.91	134.93	131.94
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.01	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.48%	4.63%	(3.72)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	136 97,328 1.88% 0.00%	240 177,992 1.88% 0.01%	290 219,681 1.83% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	141.66 120.02	138.03 128.85	141.73 132.42

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	. ,	
Opening net asset value per share	182.28	174.17	181.05
Return before operating charges*	13.41	11.48	(3.59)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.44)	(3.37)	(3.29)
Return after operating charges*	9.97	8.11	(6.88)
Distributions	(3.32)	(4.15)	(3.21)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.32	4.15	3.21
Closing net asset value per share	192.25	182.28	174.17
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.02	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.47%	4.66%	(3.80)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	9,460 4,920,785 1.88% 0.00%	9,801 5,377,054 1.88% 0.01%	10,226 5,871,098 1.83% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	192.32	183.60	183.74
Lowest share price	162.14	169.74	173.04

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	105.81	102.85	108.20
Return before operating charges*	7.61	6.62	(2.30)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.20)	(1.20)	(1.16)
Return after operating charges*	6.41	5.42	(3.46)
Distributions on income shares	(1.93)	(2.46)	(1.89)
Closing net asset value per share	110.29	105.81	102.85
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.01	0.02
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.06%	5.27%	(3.20)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	3,025 2,742,797 1.13% 0.00%	3,165 2,991,505 1.13% 0.01%	1,970 1,915,628 1.08% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	111.79 94.32	108.11 100.50	109.93 103.38

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	118.47	112.52	116.27
Return before operating charges*	8.56	7.26	(2.50)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.35)	(1.31)	(1.25)
Return after operating charges*	7.21	5.95	(3.75)
Distributions	(2.17)	(2.69)	(2.04)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.17	2.69	2.04
Closing net asset value per share	125.68	118.47	112.52
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.01	0.02
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.09%	5.29%	(3.23)%
Other Information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	17,507 13,929,248	20,240 17,085,140	22,789 20,254,251
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	1.13%	1.13%	1.08%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.01%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	125.82	119.15	118.12
Lowest share price	105.60	109.71	111.95

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class X Accumulation

	30.11.20 <sup>1</sup> (pence
	per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	
Opening net asset value per share	112.26
Return before operating charges*	0.32
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	0.30
Distributions	(0.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.94
Closing net asset value per share	112.56
* After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup>	0.00
Performance	
Return after charges <sup>3</sup>	0.27%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	382
Closing number of shares	339,331
Operating charges <sup>4</sup>	0.73%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	112.68
Lowest share price	112.26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Share class launched on 20 November 2020.

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S	Class X <sup>1</sup>
ACD's periodic charge	1.40%	1.15%	0.90%	1.40%	0.65%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
	1.48%	1.23%	0.98%	1.48%	0.73%	0.33%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.88%	1.63%	1.38%	1.88%	1.13%	0.73%

As at 30 November 2019

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.40%	1.15%	0.90%	1.40%	0.65%
Other expenses	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%
	1.47%	1.22%	0.97%	1.47%	0.72%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.88%	1.63%	1.38%	1.88%	1.13%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Share class launched on 20 November 2020.

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

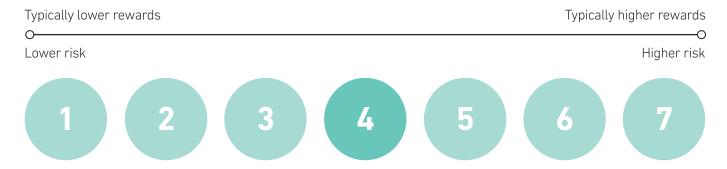
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was four.

#### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM Moderately Cautious Fund <sup>1</sup>	5.82	7.23	16.82

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 80 to 82.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
Holding		~	70
	ALTERNATIVES 13.91% (13.39%) Alternative Strategies 9.63% (13.39%)		
83,625	AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	6,374,813	2.74
32,783	•	3,797,958	1.63
6,284,000	BNP Paribas Issuance 0.00% 2024 <sup>2</sup>	5,673,032	2.43
	Dexion Absolute EUR <sup>3</sup>	_	_
8,440,000	JPMorgan Structured Products 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup>	6,604,243	2.83
		22,450,046	9.63
	Real Estate 4.28% (0.00%)		
4,765,755	iShares Global Property Securities Index <sup>1</sup>	9,984,256	4.28
	DEBT SECURITIES 55.74% (65.33%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (3.09%)		
	Emerging Market Bonds 7.65% (8.06%)		
103,319	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return <sup>1</sup>	11,780,512	5.05
77,182	UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian High Yield <sup>1</sup>	6,052,983	2.60
		17,833,495	7.65
	0114 4 0007 (7 4707)		
£280,000	<b>Gilts 1.92% (7.15%)</b> UK Gilt 3.25% 2044	424.646	0.18
	UK Gilt 4.25% 2027	1,483,891	0.16
£1,460,000		2,561,519	1.10
		4,470,056	1.92
	Global Corporate Bonds 26.02% (17.43%)		
	Angel Oak Multi-Strategy Income UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	16,086,027	6.90
163,915 209,367		18,568,996 25,982,485	7.97 11.15
200,007	Nobelo Giobal Greats Acc	60,637,508	26.02
1,089,211	Global Government Bonds 3.82% (4.98%) HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	8,910,721	3.82
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	Global High Yield Bonds 4.35% (4.77%)		
87,283	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond <sup>1</sup>	10,123,957	4.35
	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 3.37% (6.46%)		
581,185	iShares Global Inflation-Linked Bond Index <sup>1</sup>	6,672,389	2.86
US\$1,096,200	US Treasury Inflation-Indexed Bonds 1.00% 2049	1,181,219	0.51
		7,853,608	3.37
	Short Torm Starling Bonds 0 500/ (4 500/)		
£500,000	Short Term Sterling Bonds 0.69% (4.69%) Barclays Bank UK FRN 2023	502,420	0.22
£581,000	Kommunalbanken 1.125% 2022	591,937	0.25
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## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
£500,000	Short Term Sterling Bonds (continued) Rabobank Nederland 2.25% 2022	512,866	0.22
2000,000	Nabobank Nederland 2.20% 2022	1,607,223	0.69
		1,007,223	0.03
	Sterling Corporate Bonds 7.92% (8.70%)		
7,885,401	MI TwentyFour - Monument Bond Fund <sup>1</sup> Schroder Long Dated Cor. Acc <sup>1</sup>	8,069,761 10,384,726	3.46
4,090,430	Schiloder Long Dated Cor. Accor		4.46
		18,454,487	7.92
	EQUITY 28.37% (19.88%)		
	Asia & Emerging Markets 4.79% (3.33%)		
399,832	Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities <sup>1</sup>	11,173,272	4.79
	Furning (ass III/) 4 409/ /2 049/)		
279	Europe (ex UK) 1.49% (3.04%) Euro Stoxx 50 Equity Index Futures December 2023 <sup>4</sup>	210,337	0.09
101	MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures December 2020⁴	17,796	0.01
1,175,454	Premier Miton European Opportunities <sup>1</sup>	3,241,810	1.39
		3,469,943	1.49
	Japan 3.13% (2.48%)		
707,706	Skyline Umbrella Fund ICAV - Usonian Japan Value Fund <sup>1</sup>	7,287,245	3.13
50.400	North America 8.56% (1.75%)	0.000.045	2.05
•	AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio¹ Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF¹	6,869,815 7,622,087	2.95 3.27
	Berkshire Hathaway	5,470,666	2.35
50	US Ultra Treasury Bond Index Futures March 20214	(12,869)	(0.01)
		19,949,699	8.56
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4,436,596	United Kingdom 10.40% (9.28%) Majedie UK Focus <sup>1</sup>	8,962,930	3.84
11,813,058	Ninety One Funds Series i <sup>1</sup>	12,928,211	5.55
3,608,390	UK Mortgages	2,345,454	1.01
		24,236,595	10.40
€203,000	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 1.75% (1.07%) Vs £(183,596) Expiry 16.04.2021	(980)	_
€1,076,000	Vs £(973,151) Expiry 16.04.2021	(5,193)	_
US\$(76,036,000)	Vs £60,605,529 Expiry 15.01.2021	3,710,587	1.59
US\$(13,437,000)	Vs £10,710,144 Expiry 15.01.2021	655,731	0.28
US\$(2,220,000)	Vs £1,697,047 Expiry 15.01.2021	35,902	0.02
US\$(2,193,000) US\$(1,579,000)	Vs £1,670,353 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £1,193,933 Expiry 15.01.2021	29,412 12,425	0.01 0.01
US\$(342,000)	Vs £261,437 Expiry 15.01.2021	5,531	0.01
US\$(337,000)	Vs £256,684 Expiry 15.01.2021	4,520	_
US\$(329,000)	Vs £248,767 Expiry 15.01.2021	2,589	_
¥26,500,000	Vs £(192,289) Expiry 21.05.2021	(1,283)	_
¥231,677,000	Vs £(1,681,091) Expiry 21.05.2021	(11,215)	_
US\$700,000	Vs £(527,541) Expiry 15.01.2021	(3,757)	(0.04)
US\$1,000,000	Vs £(763,333) Expiry 15.01.2021	(15,070)	(0.01)

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS (continued)		
US\$4,000,000	Vs £(3,014,523) Expiry 15.01.2021	(21,469)	(0.01)
US\$1,650,000	Vs £(1,282,465) Expiry 15.01.2021	(47,830)	(0.02)
US\$9,500,000	Vs £(7,383,888) Expiry 15.01.2021	(275,388)	(0.12)
		4,074,512	1.75
	Portfolio of investment <sup>5</sup>	232,516,623	99.77
	Net other assets <sup>5,6</sup>	526,652	0.23
	Net assets	233,043,275	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

- <sup>1</sup> Collective investment scheme
- <sup>2</sup> Structured product
- <sup>3</sup> Delisted security
- <sup>4</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £783,000 which is shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

	30.11.20	30.11.19
Credit Quality	%	%
Investment grade debt securities	3.12	21.91
Non-rated debt securities	5.26	3.64
Other investments	91.73	75.10
Net other liabilities	(0.11)	(0.65)
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Notes	£	30.11.20 £	£	30.11.19 £
Income	Notes	~	2	2	~
Net capital gains	4		8,769,182		8,842,790
Revenue	5	4,971,091		6,844,227	
Expenses	6	(2,102,725)		(2,519,350)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(19,139)	_	(19,568)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		2,849,227		4,305,309	
Taxation	7	(516,450)	_	(672,515)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		-	2,332,777	-	3,632,794
Total return before distributions			11,101,959		12,475,584
Distributions	8	_	(3,921,622)	_	(5,582,142)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-	7,180,337	-	6,893,442

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

		30.11.20		30.11.19
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		228,777,682		269,893,324
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	17,723,547		30,246,601	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transactions	33,026,141		_	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(56,971,662)		(82,495,245)	
		(6,221,974)		(52,248,644)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		7,180,337		6,893,442
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,307,230		4,239,560
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		233,043,275		228,777,682

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 68 to 79 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		232,911,677	230,673,191
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	1,104,214	1,165,011
Cash and bank balances	10	2,188,632	4,559,566
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	783,000	2,234,000
Total assets		236,987,523	238,631,768
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(395,054)	(2,643,521)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(1,653,042)	(4,957,394)
Distribution payable		(552,150)	(777,750)
Other creditors	11	(1,344,002)	(1,475,421)
Total liabilities		(3,944,248)	(9,854,086)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		233,043,275	228,777,682

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 68 to 79 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

#### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

#### 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	8,187,248	10,097,756
Derivative contracts	(437,025)	862,296
Forward currency contracts	1,263,769	(821,075)
Currency losses	(233,229)	(1,316,401)
Transaction charges	(28,853)	(11,873)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	17,272	32,087
Net capital gains	8,769,182	8,842,790

#### 5 Revenue

30.11.20	30.11.19
£	£
481,141	1,262,258
4,180,880	4,605,785
286,329	930,274
11,801	19,574
3,536	6,343
7,404	19,993
4,971,091	6,844,227
	£ 481,141 4,180,880 286,329 11,801 3,536 7,404

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	1,969,935	2,354,436
Other expenses	8,769	8,721
	1,978,704	2,363,157
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	30,393	36,900
Market risk fees	7,764	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	18,695	31,556
	56,852	74,456
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	1,775	20,513
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	14,950	14,653
FCA and other Regulatory fees	214	213
Legal and professional fees	401	3,042
Printing, postage and distribution costs	33,264	28,166
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	67,169	81,737
Total expenses	2,102,725	2,519,350

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 7 Taxation

###  ###	609
Corporation tax at 20% 485,083 655,	609
•	609
Overseas tax 25,294 16,	<u>-</u> 515
Irrecoverable CIS income tax 6,073	
Current tax charge (note 7b) 516,450 672,	<u>515</u>
Total taxation516,450	
b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an authorised fund (20%) (2019: 20 for the reasons explained below.	0%)
Net revenue before taxation 2,849,227 4,305,	309
Corporation tax at 20% 569,845 861,	062
Effects of:	
AMC rebates taken to capital 3,453 6,	417
Double taxation relief expensed – (1,3	370)
Franked CIS revenue (55,503) (114,9	<del>)</del> 89)
Indexed gilt edged securities adjustment – (4,6	303)
Irrecoverable CIS income tax w/off 6,073	_
Movement in revenue accruals – 4,	098
Non-taxable dividends (40,723) (137,4	<del>1</del> 62)
Overseas tax 25,294 16,	609
Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds 8,011 42,	753
Current tax charge (note 7a) 516,450 672,	515

#### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	1,092,299	1,850,417
Final	2,999,839	3,570,382
	4,092,138	5,420,799
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	132,168	277,008
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(41,698)	(115,665)
Deduct: Revenue received on in-specie transactions	(260,986)	_
Net distributions for the year	3,921,622	5,582,142
Interest payable and similar charges	19,139	19,568
Total distribution	3,940,761	5,601,710

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 80 to 82.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	2,332,777	3,632,794
Allocations to capital:	1.588.834	1.949.129
Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup> Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	1,366,634	212
Net movement in revenue account	(11)	7
Net distributions for the year	3,921,622	5,582,142

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
	~	_
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	308,235	320,770
Sales awaiting settlement	152,873	21,506
Accrued revenue	380,879	751,313
Income tax recoverable	5,615	_
AMC rebates from underlying investments	31,330	42,834
Withholding tax recoverable	140	28,588
Receivable from merger	225,142	_
Total debtors	1,104,214	1,165,011

#### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Cash and bank balances	1,618,880	4,514,487
Cash held at clearing houses	569,752	45,079
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	783,000	2,234,000
Total cash and bank balances	2,971,632	6,793,566
Bank overdrafts	(1,609,070)	(4,479,836)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	(43,972)	(477,558)
Total bank overdrafts	(1,653,042)	(4,957,394)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	696,318	538,126
Purchases awaiting settlement	_	79,581
Accrued expenses	199,601	257,808
Corporation tax payable	448,083	599,906
Total other creditors	1,344,002	1,475,421

#### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 66.

7IM and its associates (including other authorised investment funds managed by 7IM) had no shareholdings in the Sub-fund (2019:none).

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited

42.93% (2019: 35.88%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled £20,184,226 (2019: (£9,555,992)).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has six share classes: 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'S' and 'X'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.40%
Class B	1.15%
Class C	0.90%
Class D	1.40%
Class S	0.65%
Class X	0.25%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Class	Opening Shares	Shares Created	Shares Liquidated	Shares Converted	Closing Shares
Class A Income	44,365	_	(10,491)	(1)	33,873
Class A Accumulation	578,722	_	(214,570)	(30,916)	333,236
Class B Accumulation	19,566,243	633,419	(3,891,377)	_	16,308,285
Class C Income	31,764,965	2,480,603	(6,814,460)	(124,891)	27,306,217
Class C Accumulation	57,017,950	20,515,994	(15,426,130)	(106,568)	62,001,246
Class D Income	177,992	1,860	(82,525)	1	97,328
Class D Accumulation	5,377,054	669,744	(1,126,014)	1	4,920,785
Class S Income	2,991,505	7,601	(524,517)	268,208	2,742,797
Class S Accumulation	17,085,140	2,455,319	(5,746,855)	135,644	13,929,248
Class X Accumulation	_	339,331	_	_	339,331

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown below.

#### i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Floating Rate Financial Assets £	Fixed Rate Financial Assets £	Financial Assets not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro	338,988	£ _	1,378,847	1,717,835
Japanese yen	_	_	1,860,882	1,860,882
Swiss franc	14,063	_	_	14,063
US dollar	861,409	13,458,493	69,043,592	83,363,494
Pound sterling	2,259,592	5,574,859	230,003,686	237,838,137
<b>C</b>	3,474,052	19,033,352	302,287,007	324,794,411
		Floating Rate Financial	Financial Liabilities not carrying	
		Liabilities	interest	Total
Euro		<b>£</b> (279,126)	£	<b>£</b> (279,126)
Swiss franc		(279,120)	_	(14,063)
US dollar		(895,804)	(72,200,067)	(73,095,871)
Pound sterling		(464,049)	(17,898,027)	(18,362,076)
r dana dianing	_	(1,653,042)	(90,098,094)	(91,751,136)
Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019				<u></u>
	Floating Rate Financial Assets	Fixed Rate Financial Assets	Financial Assets not carrying interest	Total
Danish krone	£	£	<b>£</b> 4,780	<b>£</b> 4,780
Euro	269,605	3,291,095	15,265,318	18,826,018
Japanese yen	_	3,874,363	10,604,622	14,478,985
Norwegian krone	_	_	127	127
Swiss franc	13,149	_	23,224	36,373
US dollar	897,514	20,656,395	101,248,651	122,802,560
Pound sterling	10,877,922	25,344,417	229,810,464	266,032,803
	12,058,190	53,166,270	356,957,186	422,181,646

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro	(268,612)	(16,689,656)	(16,958,268)
Japanese yen	_	(13,663,953)	(13,663,953)
Swiss franc	(13,149)	_	(13,149)
US dollar	(852,429)	(101,666,894)	(102,519,323)
Pound sterling	(3,823,205)	(56,426,066)	(60,249,271)
	(4,957,395)	(188,446,569)	(193,403,964)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

Fixed Pate Financial Accets

	Fixed Rate Financial Assets				
	Weighte	ed average	Weighted aver	age period	
	inter	est rate	for which r	ate is fixed	
Currency	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19	
-	%	%	Years	Years	
Euro	_	0.12	_	10	
Japanese yen	_	(0.02)	_	11	
Pound sterling	0.48	1.02	14	12	
US dollar	(3.13)	0.68	5	15	

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the weighted average effective duration was 3.97 years (30 November 2019: 3.90 years).

### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Monetary Exposure	Non-Monetary Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Euro	60,002	1,378,707	1,438,709
Japanese yen	_	1,860,882	1,860,882
US dollar	(34,395)	10,302,019	10,267,624
	25,607	13,541,608	13,567,215
Pound sterling	501,045	218,975,015	219,476,060
Net assets	526,652	232,516,623	233,043,275

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### ii. Foreign currency risk (continued)

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Monetary Exposure	Non-Monetary Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Danish krone	4,780	_	4,780
Euro	1,450	1,866,300	1,867,750
Japanese yen	_	815,032	815,032
Norwegian krone	127	_	127
Swiss franc	23,224	_	23,224
US dollar	45,085	20,238,152	20,283,237
	74,666	22,919,484	22,994,150
Pound sterling	673,346	205,110,186	205,783,532
Net assets	748,012	228,029,670	228,777,682

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 41%, 170% and 68% respectively (30 November 2019¹: 57%, 155% and 80% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCI's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCI Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCI Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives (continued)

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and future contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	244,061
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	(12,869)	3,633
Eurex Deutschland	228,133	_
International Monetary Market	_	402,035
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	4,074,512	2,450,494
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	4,289,776	3,100,223

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	5,651,275	13,884,498	_	19,535,773
Collective Investment Schemes	113,704,668	87,170,286	_	200,874,954
Derivatives	228,133	4,456,697	_	4,684,830
Equities	7,816,120	_	_	7,816,120
Total	127,400,196	105,511,481	-	232,911,677
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(12,869)	(382,185)		(395,054)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	30,919,512	27,511,381	_	58,430,893
Collective Investment Schemes	149,541,153	_	7,714,944	157,256,097
Derivatives	677,953	5,065,791	_	5,743,744
Equities	8,907,217	335,240	_	9,242,457
Total	190,045,835	32,912,412	7,714,944	230,673,191
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(3,780)	(2,639,741)	_	(2,643,521)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 50.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	16,159	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	165,144	_	_	_	_	_
Derivatives	96	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	24,606	1	_	1	_	_
Total	206,005	1	_	1	_	_
				Total Transaction	Commissions	Taxes
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Costs £'000	% of principal	% of principal
Sales			Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
<b>Sales</b> Bonds			Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
	£'000		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
Bonds	<b>£'000</b> 59,015		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
Bonds Collective Investment Schemes	£'000 59,015 133,560		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
Bonds Collective Investment Schemes Derivatives	£'000 59,015 133,560 665	£'000	Taxes £'000 - -	Costs £'000	% of principal - - -	% of

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

				Total Transaction	Commissions	Taxes
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Costs £'000	% of principal	% of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	45,642	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	103,962	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	13,667	3	17	20	0.02	0.12
Total	163,271	3	17	20	0.02	0.12

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	72,828	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	107,478	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	32,393	(4)	(1)	(5)	0.01	_
Total	212,699	(4)	(1)	(5)	0.01	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ige NAV	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%		

### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.07% (2019: 0.16%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 207.13p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 209.17p. This represents an increase of 0.99% from the year end value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7116 0.7116	-	0.7116 0.7116	0.9987 0.9987
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.9632 0.9632	_ _	0.9632 0.9632	1.3459 1.3459
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.9945 0.3054	_ 0.6891	0.9945 0.9945	1.3606 1.3606
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7579 0.4383	_ 0.3196	0.7579 0.7579	1.0539 1.0539
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.0295 0.6139	_ 0.4156	1.0295 1.0295	1.4014 1.4014
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7150 0.4215	0.2935	0.7150 0.7150	1.0184 1.0184
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.9615 0.5284	0.4331	0.9615 0.9615	1.3421 1.3421

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.5599 0.2903	0.2696	0.5599 0.5599	0.7826 0.7826
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6240 0.3024	0.3216	0.6240 0.6240	0.8471 0.8471
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020				
Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
Class A Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 2	1.6968 1.6968	- -	1.6968 1.6968	2.0760 2.0760
			Allocated	Allocated
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	31.01.21	31.01.20
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.3194 2.3194	_ _	2.3194 2.3194	2.8033 2.8033
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.4534 2.0652	_ 0.3882	2.4534 2.4534	2.9405 2.9405
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	1.8761 1.2628	_ 0.6133	1.8761 1.8761	2.2762 2.2762
Class C Assumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.7507 1.7545	0.9962	2.7507 2.7507	3.0435 3.0435

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	1.7008 1.4291	- 0.2717	1.7008 1.7008	2.1017 2.1017
Class D Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	2.3537 1.8910	0.4627	2.3537 2.3537	2.8034 2.8034
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	1.3719 0.8558	– 0.5161	1.3719 1.3719	1.6732 1.6732
Class S Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.5461 1.2654	0.2807	1.5461 1.5461	1.8436 1.8436
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated N/A
Class X Accumulation¹ Group 1 Group 2	0.9442 0.6557	_ 0.2885	0.9442 0.9442	- -

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No comparative figures shown as the share class launched on 20 November 2020.

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM Balanced Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a balance of income and capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in other funds managed both by the Manager and by selected third party managers, including open-ended and closed-ended funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), and other transferable securities including fixed income, equities and structured products.

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

Investment will comprise a mixture of income generating assets such as corporate debt securities and growth generating assets such as global equities.

The Sub-fund will invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest, economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 7.18%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c.6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c.5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c.20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using 7IM Balanced C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

After some significant outperformance versus broad US equities, we took some profits on our Healthcare position in higher risk portfolios in the middle of March, reducing the overall size of the active position.

Going into April, we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

In the middle of April, we sold our remaining holdings in the LGT Dynamic Protection fund after an initial reduction in March following some very strong performance. Rotating into the AQR Managed Futures fund meant that we were able to maintain our defensive stance whilst take profits on a position that had outperformed from the beginning of January.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

# ACD'S REPORT (continued) for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

Forced selling and liquidity pressures opened up an opportunity in residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) relative to our SAA Index equivalent risks at the beginning of June. We were able to take advantage of this opportunity by selling some of our Global Corporate bond allocation and buying the Angel Oaks Multi Strategy Income Fund.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

We increased our allocation to US Healthcare at the beginning of July after some significant underperformance versus the broad equity index. We felt that the investment case remained strong with the sector remaining particularly well placed to benefit from changing demographics and global trends in technology.

An allocation to European bank AT1 contingent convertible bonds ("AT1s") was made in July, funded through some of our Global High Yield bond allocation. While we see value in both asset classes, we believe AT1s are extremely well positioned to outperform High Yield due to their resilient fundamentals and attractive valuations.

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

A valuation opportunity together with improving fundamentals meant that we increased our allocation to RMBS at the start of October funded from Global Corporate bonds and cash. With the investment case surrounding RMBS strengthening while Global Corporate bonds continued to trade around long run average spreads (despite credit downgrades and a deterioration in fundamentals), RMBS looked well positioned to deliver outperformance across the range of scenarios we modelled against.

Despite some underperformance through the third quarter of 2020, the vaccine news in November led to a significant rally in European dividend futures. Following the rally, expectations of annualised returns for 2022 dividends were estimated to be in the low single digits due to the valuation cap that exists given the well-defined near term cash flows. With the view that this would likely act as something of a headwind versus traditional European equity exposure, the 2022 dividend position was removed from portfolios towards the end of November, being replaced with a broad European equity exposure.

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 88 to 98 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the Sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables Class A Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	175.49	169.62	177.99
Return before operating charges*	(11.27)	12.23	(3.01)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.25)	(3.33)	(3.31)
Return after operating charges*	(14.52)	8.90	(6.32)
Distributions on income shares	_	(3.03)	(2.05)
Last quoted share price <sup>1</sup>	160.97	_	
Closing net asset value per share	_	175.49	169.62
* After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup>	0.00	0.05	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>3</sup>	(8.27)%	5.25%	(3.55)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges <sup>4</sup> Performance fees Direct transaction costs	- 1.88% - 0.00%	11 6,058 1.92% – 0.03%	10 6,058 1.86% - 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	179.98 147.96	178.94 162.89	182.44 169.19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As at the year end date, there are no shares in issue. Share class performance provided is as at 12 May 2020 being the last quoted price date before shares were reduced to zero.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 99.

#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class A Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	211.69	201.00	208.44
Return before operating charges*	18.44	14.63	(3.56)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.98)	(3.94)	(3.88)
Return after operating charges*	14.46	10.69	(7.44)
Distributions	(1.91)	(3.64)	(2.37)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.91	3.64	2.37
Closing net asset value per share	226.15	211.69	201.00
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.06	0.06
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.83%	5.32%	(3.57)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,665	4,860	8,581
Closing number of shares	2,062,750	2,295,967	4,269,324
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.88% 0.00%	1.92% 0.03%	1.86% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	226.37	213.17	213.66
Lowest share price	178.47	193.09	199.12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 99.

#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class B Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	219.74	208.30	215.48
Return before operating charges*	19.06	15.01	(3.70)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.58)	(3.57)	(3.48)
Return after operating charges*	15.48	11.44	(7.18)
Distributions	(2.21)	(3.96)	(2.67)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.21	3.96	2.67
Closing net asset value per share	235.22	219.74	208.30
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.06	0.06
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.04%	5.49%	(3.33)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	69,683	75,261	86,272
Closing number of shares	29,624,529	34,249,914	41,417,260
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.63% 0.00%	1.67% 0.03%	1.61% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	235.54	221.29	220.96
Lowest share price	185.40	200.14	206.35

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 99.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	, ,	F
Opening net asset value per share	182.94	176.45	184.57
Return before operating charges*	15.78	12.58	(3.14)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.52)	(2.56)	(2.51)
Return after operating charges*	13.26	10.02	(5.65)
Distributions on income shares	(2.02)	(3.53)	(2.47)
Closing net asset value per share	194.18	182.94	176.45
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.05	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.25%	5.68%	(3.06)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	77,876 40,105,747 1.38% 0.00%	65,633 35,876,644 1.42% 0.03%	76,923 43,594,267 1.36% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	196.12 154.48	186.57 169.51	189.33 176.13

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#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	228.13	215.83	222.70
Return before operating charges*	19.71	15.44	(3.83)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.15)	(3.14)	(3.04)
Return after operating charges*	16.56	12.30	(6.87)
Distributions	(2.52)	(4.34)	(2.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.52	4.34	2.99
Closing net asset value per share	244.69	228.13	215.83
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.07	0.06
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.26%	5.70%	(3.08)%
Other Information	E60 E16	205 620	447.044
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	560,516 229,072,311	385,638 169,046,602	447,014 207.118.730
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	1.38%	1.42%	1.36%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.03%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	245.02	229.67	228.45
Lowest share price	192.63	207.41	213.79

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 99.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	, ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	176.27	170.26	178.65
Return before operating charges*	15.34	12.40	(3.00)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.30)	(3.33)	(3.33)
Return after operating charges*	12.04	9.07	(6.33)
Distributions on income shares	(1.59)	(3.06)	(2.06)
Closing net asset value per share	186.72	176.27	170.26
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.05	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.83%	5.33%	(3.54)%
Neturn arter charges	0.0376	3.33 //	(3.54)//
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	272	376	693
Closing number of shares	145,850	213,311	406,805
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	1.88%	1.92%	1.86%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.03%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	188.35	179.62	183.12
Lowest share price	148.61	163.50	169.84

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#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	211.76	201.14	208.58
Return before operating charges*	18.45	14.57	(3.56)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.98)	(3.95)	(3.88)
Return after operating charges*	14.47	10.62	(7.44)
Distributions	(1.91)	(3.62)	(2.37)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.91	3.62	2.37
Closing net asset value per share	226.23	211.76	201.14
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.06	0.06
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.83%	5.28%	(3.57)%
Other Information Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,756	14,680	16,042
Closing number of shares	6,522,681	6,932,475	7,975,230
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.88% 0.00%	1.92% 0.03%	1.86% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	226.46 178.53	213.32 193.22	213.81 199.25

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	• ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	116.40	112.14	117.18
Return before operating charges*	10.00	7.95	(2.00)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.32)	(1.33)	(1.30)
Return after operating charges*	8.68	6.62	(3.30)
Distributions on income shares	(1.40)	(2.36)	(1.74)
Closing net asset value per share	123.68	116.40	112.14
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.03	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.46%	5.90%	(2.82)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	5,321 4,302,496 1.13% 0.00%	5,119 4,397,562 1.17% 0.03%	10,165 9,064,288 1.11% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	124.97 98.37	118.70 107.75	120.24 112.04

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#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	127.48	120.37	123.88
Return before operating charges*	10.97	8.55	(2.13)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.44)	(1.44)	(1.38)
Return after operating charges*	9.53	7.11	(3.51)
Distributions	(1.54)	(2.55)	(1.85)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.54	2.55	1.85
Closing net asset value per share	137.01	127.48	120.37
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.04	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.48%	5.91%	(2.83)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	52,642	50,587	75,179
Closing number of shares	38,423,099	39,682,042	62,458,901
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.13% 0.00%	1.17% 0.03%	1.11% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	137.18	128.30	127.13
Lowest share price	107.73	115.70	119.22

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class X Income

	30.11.20 <sup>1</sup> (pence
	per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	
Opening net asset value per share	141.50
Return before operating charges*	0.70
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.03)
Return after operating charges*	0.67
Distributions on income shares	(0.76)
Closing net asset value per share	141.41
* After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup>	0.00
Defermen	
Performance	
Return after charges <sup>3</sup>	0.47%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	394
Closing number of shares	278,508
Operating charges <sup>4</sup>	0.73% 0.00%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The share class launched on 20 November 2020.

Highest share price

Lowest share price

142.35

141.50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class X Accumulation

	30.11.20 <sup>1</sup> (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	por onero,
Opening net asset value per share	211.78
Return before operating charges*	1.04
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.04)
Return after operating charges*	1.00
Distributions	(1.13)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.13
Closing net asset value per share	212.78
* After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup>	0.00
Performance Return after charges <sup>3</sup>	0.47%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,885
Closing number of shares	1,825,798
Operating charges <sup>4</sup> Direct transaction costs	0.73% 0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	213.05
Lowest share price	211.78

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The share class launched on 20 November 2020.

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

ACD's periodic charge	1.40%	1.15%	0.90%	1.40%	0.65%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
	1.45%	1.20%	0.95%	1.45%	0.70%	0.30%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.88%	1.63%	1.38%	1.88%	1.13%	0.73%
As at 30 November 2019						
		Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge		1.40%	1.15%	0.90%	1.40%	0.65%
Other expenses	_	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
	_	1.45%	1.20%	0.95%	1.45%	0.70%

Class A Class B Class C Class D Class S Class X1

Collective investment scheme costs

Ongoing Charges Figure

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

0.47%

1.92%

0.47%

1.67%

0.47%

1.42%

0.47%

1.92%

0.47%

1.17%

The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Share class launched on 20 November 2020.

#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was four.

#### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM Balanced Fund <sup>1</sup>	7.18	9.65	25.66

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 118 to 120.

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
Holaling		~	70
	ALTERNATIVES 13.49% (12.59%) Alternative Strategies 9.29% (10.97%)		
286,038	AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	21,804,857	2.76
106,710	BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund <sup>1</sup>	12,362,316	1.57
	BNP Paribas Issuance 0.00% 2024 <sup>2</sup>	17,731,385	2.24
	Dexion Absolute EUR <sup>3</sup> JPMorgan Structured Products 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup>	21,455,965	2.72
		73,354,523	9.29
	Real Estate 4.20% (1.62%)		
15,845,288	iShares Global Property Securities Index <sup>1</sup>	33,195,878	4.20
	DEBT SECURITIES 32.33% (54.03%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (1.97%)		
	Emerging Market Bonds 7.89% (7.05%)		
	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return <sup>1</sup>	39,363,447	4.98
292,530	UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian High Yield <sup>1</sup>	22,941,557	2.91
		62,305,004	7.89
	Gilts 0.00% (4.01%)		
	Global Corporate Bonds 13.98% (11.76%)		
	Angel Oak Multi-Strategy Income UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	46,852,354	5.93
	Legg Mason Western Asset Structured Opportunities Fund USD Acc <sup>1</sup> PFS TwentyFour Dynamic Bond <sup>1</sup>	36 19,197,202	2.43
	Robeco Global Credits Acc <sup>1</sup>	35,835,500	4.53
66,455	Twentyfour Strategic Income <sup>1</sup>	8,603,959	1.09
		110,489,051	13.98
	Clabal Covernment Bonds 0 009/ /2 029/		
	Global Government Bonds 0.00% (3.93%)		
	Global High Yield Bonds 5.21% (3.91%)		
354,749	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond <sup>1</sup>	41,147,378	5.21
,	•		
	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 0.00% (4.90%)		
	Short Term Sterling Bonds 1.53% (9.59%)		
£300,000	Abbey National Treasury Services 5.125% 2021	305,406	0.04
£1,300,000 £600,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.00% 2022 Barclays Bank 4.25% 2022	1,314,323 626,928	0.17 0.08
£1,000,000	Dexia Credit Local 1.375% 2022	1,023,219	0.00
£1,716,000	Nordea Bank 2.375% 2022	1,769,344	0.22
£1,200,000	Reseau Ferre de France 5.5% 2021	1,263,300	0.16
	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2021	699,929 511,781	0.09
£500,000 £1,000,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 2.375% 2022 Tennessee Valley Authority 5.35% 2021	511,781 1,026,219	0.06 0.13
£1,225,000	Toyota Motor Credit 1% 2022	1,238,985	0.16
£1,000,000	Transport for London 2.25% 2022	1,030,399	0.13

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	Short Term Sterling Bonds (continued)		
£1,300,000	Westpac Securities NZ 2.50% 2021	1,303,432	0.16
		12,113,265	1.53
	Sterling Corporate Bonds 3.72% (6.91%)		
12,515,637	MI TwentyFour - Monument Bond Fund <sup>1</sup>	12,808,252	1.62
7,814,409	Schroder Long Dated Cor. Acc <sup>1</sup>	16,566,548 <b>29,374,800</b>	2.10 3.72
		23,374,000	3.72
	EQUITY 52.25% (31.78%)		
114 112	Asia & Emerging Markets 6.62% (4.27%)	26 405 926	2 24
	RWC Global Emerging Markets <sup>1</sup> Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities <sup>1</sup>	26,405,836 25,907,704	3.34 3.28
		52,313,540	6.62
1 334	Europe (ex UK) 3.94% (4.60%) Euro Stoxx 50 Equity Index Futures December 2023 <sup>4</sup>	1,125,423	0.15
14,342,906	LF Lightman European Fund I Accumulation <sup>1</sup>	15,563,487	1.97
	MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup> Premier Miton European Opportunities <sup>1</sup>	86,799 14,314,930	0.01 1.81
0,100,177	Tromor Milon European Opportunities	31,090,639	3.94
4 005 740	Japan 4.15% (4.14%)	40 570 000	0.40
	Japanese Equities Fund <sup>1</sup> Skyline Umbrella Fund ICAV - Usonian Japan Value Fund <sup>1</sup>	16,572,893 16,164,221	2.10 2.05
		32,737,114	4.15
337 013	North America 18.90% (3.02%) AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	39,130,586	4.95
·	Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF¹	89,748,369	11.36
	Berkshire Hathaway	20,511,443	2.60
200	US Ultra Treasury Bond Index Futures March 2021 <sup>4</sup>	(56,157)	(0.01)
		149,334,241	18.90
	United Kingdom 18.64% (15.75%)		
31,747,144	Majedie UK Focus <sup>1</sup>	64,136,437	8.12
69,202,394 11,375,181	Ninety One Funds Series i <sup>1</sup> UK Mortgages	75,735,100 7,393,868	9.59 0.93
		147,265,405	18.64
€558,619	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.98% (0.69%) Vs £(624,619) Expiry 08.12.2020	(1,973)	_
€(1,720,000)		8,301	_
	Vs £123,905 Expiry 16.04.2021 Vs £699 Expiry 08.12.2020	661	-
US\$(117,276,000)	Vs £93,476,433 Expiry 15.01.2021	5,723,115	0.72
US\$(52,170,000)	• •	2,545,917	0.32
US\$(20,498,000) US\$(20,241,000)	Vs £15,669,397 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £15,417,063 Expiry 15.01.2021	331,497 271,467	0.04 0.03
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### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

		Value	30.11.20
Holding	Portfolio of Investment	£	%
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS (continued)		
US\$(9,394,000)	Vs £7,181,106 Expiry 15.01.2021	151,922	0.02
US\$(17,632,000)	Vs £13,332,123 Expiry 15.01.2021	138,746	0.02
US\$(9,277,000)	Vs £7,066,058 Expiry 15.01.2021	124,421	0.02
US\$(8,500,000)	Vs £6,443,172 Expiry 15.01.2021	82,935	0.01
US\$(7,901,000)	Vs £5,974,201 Expiry 15.01.2021	62,173	0.01
¥142,260,000	Vs £(1,032,265) Expiry 21.05.2021	(6,887)	_
¥419,920,000	Vs £(3,047,016) Expiry 21.05.2021	(20,328)	_
US\$16,977	Vs £(22,542) Expiry 08.12.2020	99	_
US\$10,000,000	Vs £(7,658,234) Expiry 15.01.2021	(175,602)	(0.02)
US\$7,250,000	Vs £(5,724,627) Expiry 15.01.2021	(299,719)	(0.04)
US\$22,000,000	Vs £(16,848,116) Expiry 15.01.2021	(386,325)	(0.05)
US\$19,000,000	Vs £(15,002,472) Expiry 15.01.2021	(785,470)	(0.10)
		7,764,950	0.98
	Portfolio of investment <sup>5</sup>	782,485,788	99.05
	Net other assets <sup>5,6</sup>	7,524,319	0.95
	Net assets	790,010,107	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £5,885,000 which is shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

	30.11.20	30.11.19
Credit Quality	%	%
Investment grade debt securities	1.54	22.67
Non-rated debt securities	4.95	3.10
Other investments	93.00	74.02
Net other assets	0.51	0.21
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Structured product

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Delisted security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Notes	£	30.11.20 £	£	30.11.19 £
Income					
Net capital gains	4		32,312,373		27,228,301
Revenue	5	11,374,626		17,122,568	
Expenses	6	(5,351,925)		(6,359,383)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(74,753)	_	(82,460)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		5,947,948		10,680,725	
Taxation	7	(1,490,228)	_	(1,290,015)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		-	4,457,720	_	9,390,710
Total return before distributions			36,770,093		36,619,011
Distributions	8	-	(7,078,962)	_	(12,319,821)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-	29,691,131	_	24,299,190

### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

		30.11.20		30.11.19
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		602,164,618		720,878,812
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	60,990,351		82,696,219	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transactions	241,052,146		_	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(150,776,677)		(236,162,787)	
		151,265,820		(153,466,568)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		29,691,131		24,299,190
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		6,888,538		10,453,184
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		790,010,107	_	602,164,618

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 106 to 117 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		784,218,248	602,805,313
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	4,059,113	9,917,703
Cash and bank balances	10	7,465,459	8,154,335
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	5,885,000	4,201,000
Total assets		801,627,820	625,078,351
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(1,732,460)	(6,081,670)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(3,929,193)	(10,727,536)
Distribution payable		(727,966)	(926,768)
Other creditors	11	(5,228,094)	(5,177,759)
Total liabilities		(11,617,713)	(22,913,733)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		790,010,107	602,164,618

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 106 to 117 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

#### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

## 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	24,173,706	30,685,955
Derivative contracts	4,279,241	1,135,401
Forward currency contracts	4,024,961	(2,607,108)
Currency losses	(168,975)	(2,060,134)
Transaction charges	(48,556)	(16,811)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	51,996	90,998
Net capital gains	32,312,373	27,228,301

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Non-taxable dividends	2,158,122	7,322,162
Taxable dividends	8,457,931	7,904,642
Unfranked interest	700,184	1,718,748
AMC rebates from underlying investments	34,243	111,850
Bank interest	10,966	17,337
Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	13,180	47,829
Total revenue	11,374,626	17,122,568

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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# 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	5,147,729	6,077,799
Other expenses	10,905	11,211
	5,158,634	6,089,010
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	72,115	85,838
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	27,314	40,515
	103,090	132,353
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	4,750	53,849
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	20,707	22,005
FCA and other Regulatory fees	215	212
Legal and professional fees	547	6,916
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	43,314	39,888
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	90,201	138,020
Total expenses	5,351,925	6,359,383

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
a)	Analysis of charge for the year		
	Corporation tax at 20%	1,318,013	1,140,067
	Overseas tax	145,812	114,576
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax	26,403	35,372
	Current tax charge (note 7b)	1,490,228	1,290,015
	Total taxation	1,490,228	1,290,015
b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	ised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
	Net revenue before taxation	5,947,948	10,680,725
	Corporation tax at 20%	1,189,590	2,136,145
	Effects of:		
	AMC rebates taken to capital	10,399	18,200
	Double taxation relief expensed	_	(6,434)
	Franked CIS revenue	_	(494,857)
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax w/off	26,403	35,372
	Movement in revenue accruals	_	373
	Non-taxable dividends	(418,306)	(662,910)
	Non-taxable overseas dividends	(13,318)	_
	Offshore CIS revenue	_	(306,665)
	Overseas tax	145,812	114,576
	Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds	549,648	456,215
	Current tax charge (note 7a)	1,490,228	1,290,015

#### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

#### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	979,129	4,182,128
Final	6,759,384	7,707,241
	7,738,513	11,889,369
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	236,228	698,740
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(102,615)	(268,288)
Deduct: Revenue received on in-specie transactions	(793,164)	_
Net distributions for the year	7,078,962	12,319,821
Interest payable and similar charges	74,753	82,460
Total distribution	7,153,715	12,402,281

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 118 to 120.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	4,457,720	9,390,710
Allocations to capital:		
Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	2,576,240	3,065,824
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	283	1,886
Net movement in revenue account	(80)	151
Tax relief on Non reporting Offshore Funds	44,799	(138,750)
Net distributions for the year	7,078,962	12,319,821

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	862,099	305,857
Sales awaiting settlement	608,835	7,543,509
Accrued revenue	1,037,707	1,755,719
Income tax recoverable	14,797	20,833
AMC rebates from underlying investments	92,496	133,728
Withholding tax recoverable	11,046	158,057
Receivable from merger	1,432,133	_
Total debtors	4,059,113	9,917,703

## 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Cash and bank balances	3,914,764	8,009,598
Cash held at clearing houses	3,550,695	144,737
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	5,885,000	4,201,000
Total cash and bank balances	13,350,459	12,355,335
Bank overdrafts	(3,895,468)	(7,929,481)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	(33,725)	(2,798,055)
Total bank overdrafts	(3,929,193)	(10,727,536)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	3,650,723	3,226,461
Purchases awaiting settlement	_	212,650
Accrued expenses	525,359	598,501
Corporation tax payable	1,052,012	1,140,067
Currency deals awaiting settlement	_	80
Total other creditors	5,228,094	5,177,759

## 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 104.

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date, the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited

69.36% (2019: 57.31%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled (£206,780,809) (2019: (£59,896,179)).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another Sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has six share classes: 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'S' and 'X'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.40%
Class B	1.15%
Class C	0.90%
Class D	1.40%
Class S	0.65%
Class X	0.25%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

	Opening	Shares	Shares	Shares	Closing
Class	Shares	Created	Liquidated	Converted	Shares
Class A Income	6,058	_	(6,058)	_	_
Class A Accumulation	2,295,967	31,665	(264,882)	_	2,062,750
Class B Accumulation	34,249,914	1,227,569	(5,852,954)	_	29,624,529
Class C Income	35,876,644	11,261,960	(7,212,956)	180,099	40,105,747
Class C Accumulation	169,046,602	108,373,514	(47,738,164)	(609,641)	229,072,311
Class D Income	213,311	2,252	(69,713)	_	145,850
Class D Accumulation	6,932,475	954,569	(1,364,363)	_	6,522,681
Class S Income	4,397,562	267,896	(466,647)	103,685	4,302,496
Class S Accumulation	39,682,042	8,343,783	(10,340,467)	737,741	38,423,099
Class X Income	_	278,508	_	_	278,508
Class X Accumulation	_	2,411,322	(585,524)	_	1,825,798

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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## 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown below.

#### i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Floating Rate Financial	Fixed Rate	Financial Assets	
	Assets	Financial Assets	not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Danish krone	4	_	738	742
Euro	855,436	_	1,772,830	2,628,266
Japanese yen	_	_	4,052,067	4,052,067
Swiss franc	51,388	_	8,223	59,611
US dollar	1,430,241	39,187,350	174,132,450	214,750,041
Pound sterling	11,713,319	11,413,336	803,605,047	826,731,702
	14,050,388	50,600,686	983,571,355	1,048,222,429
		Floating Rate Financial	Financial Liabilities not carrying	
		Liabilities	interest	Total
Euro		<b>£</b> (736,565)	<b>£</b> (1,670,537)	£ (2,407,102)
Swiss franc		(51,388)	(1,070,007)	(51,388)
US dollar		•	(106 766 226)	•
		(1,445,234)	(196,766,326)	(198,211,560)
Pound sterling		(1,696,006)	(55,846,266)	(57,542,272)
		(3,929,193)	(254,283,129)	(258,212,322)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Floating Rate Financial Assets	Fixed Rate Financial Assets	Financial Assets not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Australian dollar	_	_	50,127	50,127
Canadian dollar	_	_	55,307	55,307
Danish krone	4	_	695,898	695,902
Euro	714,565	6,919,083	33,950,616	41,584,264
Japanese yen	_	7,971,238	17,361,545	25,332,783
New Zealand dollar	_	_	154,384	154,384
Norwegian krone	_	_	98,882	98,882
Swedish krona	_	_	640,815	640,815
Swiss franc	48,047	_	2,120,078	2,168,125
US dollar	1,641,502	45,492,803	241,453,005	288,587,310
Pound sterling	32,294,224	72,476,021	558,312,886	663,083,131
	34,698,342	132,859,145	854,893,543	1,022,451,030

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro	(943,436)	(41,029,630)	(41,973,066)
Japanese yen	_	(28,000,485)	(28,000,485)
Swiss franc	(48,046)	_	(48,046)
US dollar	(1,496,765)	(198,324,605)	(199,821,370)
Pound sterling	(8,239,289)	(142,204,156)	(150,443,445)
	(10,727,536)	(409,558,876)	(420,286,412)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

	Fixed Rate Financial Assets				
	Weighted average interest rate			age period	
				ate is fixed	
Currency	30.11.20		30.11.20	30.11.19	
	%	%	Years	Years	
Euro	_	0.13	_	10	
Japanese yen	_	(0.02)	_	11	
Pound sterling	0.22	1.03	1	9	
US dollar	(3.48)	0.66	3	15	

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the average weighted effective duration was 2.20 years (30 November 2019: 2.92 years).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
742	_	742
120,859	100,306	221,165
_	4,052,067	4,052,067
8,223	_	8,223
(14,896)	16,553,376	16,538,480
114,928	20,705,749	20,820,677
7,409,391	761,780,039	769,189,430
7,524,319	782,485,788	790,010,107
	Exposure £ 742 120,859 - 8,223 (14,896) 114,928 7,409,391	Exposure £ £ 742

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Monetary	Non-Monetary	
Currency	Exposure £	Exposure £	Total £
Australian dollar	50,127	_	50,127
Canadian dollar	55,307	_	55,307
Danish krone	20,845	675,057	695,902
Euro	41,061	(429,863)	(388,802)
Japanese yen	3,935	(2,671,637)	(2,667,702)
New Zealand dollar	154,384	_	154,384
Norwegian krone	2,611	96,271	98,882
Swedish krona	161,715	479,100	640,815
Swiss franc	127,468	1,992,611	2,120,079
US dollar	239,097	88,526,843	88,765,940
	856,550	88,668,382	89,524,932
Pound sterling	4,584,426	508,055,260	512,639,686
Net assets	5,440,976	596,723,642	602,164,618

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives (continued)

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 37%, 142% and 60% respectively (30 November 2019: 45%, 131% and 78% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCl's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCl Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCl Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and future contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	929,144
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	(56,157)	13,323
Eurex Deutschland	1,212,222	_
International Monetary Market	_	2,467,283
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	7,764,950	4,188,461
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	8,921,015	7,598,211

Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	_	51,300,615	_	51,300,615
Collective Investment Schemes	497,240,982	197,117,864	_	694,358,846
Derivatives	1,212,222	9,441,254	_	10,653,476
Equities	27,905,311	_	_	27,905,311
Total	526,358,515	257,859,733	_	784,218,248
<b>Liabilities</b> Derivatives	(56,157)	(1,676,303)	_	(1,732,460)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

## iv. Fair value (continued)

30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	63,479,954	91,722,196	_	155,202,150
Collective Investment Schemes	398,689,534	_	11,112,657	409,802,191
Derivatives	3,516,896	10,162,985	_	13,679,881
Equities	22,920,952	1,200,139	_	24,121,091
Total	488,607,336	103,085,320	11,112,657	602,805,313
<b>Liabilities</b> Derivatives	(14,657)	(6,067,013)	_	(6,081,670)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

## 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 87.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

				Total		
	Dringing	Commissions	Taxes	Transaction Costs	Commissions % of	Taxes % of
	£'000		£'000	£'000	principal	principal
Purchases						
Bonds	43,151	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	524,250	_	_	_	_	_
Derivatives	368	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	136,207	2	1	3	_	_
Total	703,976	2	1	3	_	_
				Total		
				Transaction	Commissions	Taxes
	-	Commissions	Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	principal	principal

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	152,543	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	348,069	_	_	_	_	_
Derivatives	2,549	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	43,526	(3)	_	(3)	0.01	-
Total	546,687	(3)	_	(3)	0.01	_

Total as a percentage of the average NAV 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	131,048	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	224,964	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	72,600	10	155	165	0.01	0.21
Total	428,612	10	155	165	0.01	0.21
				Total		

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	125,174	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	280,985	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	182,630	(28)	(2)	(30)	0.02	_
Total	588,789	(28)	(2)	(30)	0.02	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ge NAV	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.08% (2019: 0.09%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 244.64p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 251.98p. This represents an increase of 3.00% from the year end value.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class A Income <sup>1</sup> Group 1 Group 2	- -	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	0.9110 0.9110
Class A Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	0.1824 0.0195	0.1629	0.1824 0.1824	1.0875 1.0875
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.2958 0.1094	0.1864	0.2958 0.2958	1.2453 1.2453
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	0.3354 0.1090	_ 0.2264	0.3354 0.3354	1.1506 1.1506
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.4180 0.1334	_ 0.2846	0.4180 0.4180	1.4079 1.4079
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.1523 0.0195	0.1328	0.1523 0.1523	0.9101 0.9101
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.1825 0.0387	_ 0.1438	0.1825 0.1825	1.0812 1.0812

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.2702 0.1081	- 0.1621	0.2702 0.2702	0.8018 0.8018
	Not Davanua		Allocated	Allocated
Class S Accumulation Group 1	Net Revenue 0.2956	Equalisation –	<b>31.07.20</b> 0.2956	<b>31.07.19</b> 0.8798
Group 2	0.1847	0.1109	0.2956	0.8798
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class A Income <sup>1</sup> Group 1 Group 2	- -	- -	<u>-</u>	2.1162 2.1162
			Allocated	Allocated
Olaca A A communication	Net Revenue	Equalisation	31.01.21	31.01.20
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.7268 0.9585	0.7683	1.7268 1.7268	2.5510 2.5510
Class B Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	1.9094 1.1911	0.7183	1.9094 1.9094	2.7185 2.7185
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6832 0.8581	0.8251	1.6832 1.6832	2.3792 2.3792
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	2.1039 1.1062	0.9977	2.1039 2.1039	2.9298 2.9298

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	1.4357 1.1149	0.3208	1.4357 1.4357	2.1490 2.1490
Class D Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	1.7289 1.3466	0.3823	1.7289 1.7289	2.5353 2.5353
Class S Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	1.1319 0.5600	0.5719	1.1319 1.1319	1.5572 1.5572
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.2420 0.6605	0.5815	1.2420 1.2420	1.6691 1.6691
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid N/A
Class X Income <sup>2</sup> Group 1 Group 2	0.7582 0.4012	0.3570	0.7582 0.7582	_ _
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated N/A
Class X Accumulation <sup>2</sup> Group 1 Group 2	1.1343 0.6001	_ 0.5342	1.1343 1.1343	<u>-</u>

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 1}}$  Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

## **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No comparative figures shown as the share class launched 20 November 2020.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM Moderately Adventurous Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a return primarily by way of capital growth, with some income.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in other funds managed both by the Manager and by selected third party managers, including open-ended and closed—ended funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), and other transferable securities including fixed income, equities and structured products.

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

Investment will focus on assets with scope for capital growth, such as equities, although the Sub-fund may also invest in income generating assets such as corporate debt securities.

The Sub-fund will invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest, economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 7.04%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c. 6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c. 5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c. 20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

Calculated using 7IM Moderately Adventurous C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

After some significant outperformance versus broad US equities, we took some profits on our Healthcare position in higher risk portfolios in the middle of March, reducing the overall size of the active position.

Going into April, we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

We increased our allocation to US Healthcare at the beginning of July after some significant underperformance versus the broad equity index. We felt that the investment case remained strong with the sector remaining particularly well placed to benefit from changing demographics and global trends in technology.

An allocation to European bank AT1 contingent convertible bonds ("AT1s") was made in July, funded through some of our Global High Yield bond allocation. While we see value in both asset classes, we believe AT1s are extremely well positioned to outperform High Yield due to their resilient fundamentals and attractive valuations.

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

Despite some underperformance through the third quarter of 2020, the vaccine news in November led to a significant rally in European dividend futures. Following the rally, expectations of annualised returns for 2022 dividends were estimated to be in the low single digits due to the valuation cap that exists given the well-defined near term cash flows. With the view that this would likely act as something of a headwind versus traditional European equity exposure, the 2022 dividend position was removed from portfolios towards the end of November, being replaced with a broad European equity exposure.

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager December 2020

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 125 to 135 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the Sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	234.69	223.48	232.81
Return before operating charges*	19.90	17.44	(4.17)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.42)	(4.54)	(4.54)
Return after operating charges*	15.48	12.90	(8.71)
Distributions on income shares	(0.36)	(1.69)	(0.62)
Closing net asset value per share	249.81	234.69	223.48
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.07	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.60%	5.77%	(3.74)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	5 2,148 1.92% 0.00%	5 2,181 2.00% 0.03%	30 13,441 1.94% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	250.24 185.99	238.59 211.80	240.87 220.92

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 136.

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class A Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	246.47	233.02	242.08
Return before operating charges*	20.92	18.24	(4.34)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.64)	(4.79)	(4.72)
Return after operating charges*	16.28	13.45	(9.06)
Distributions	(0.24)	(1.76)	(0.63)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.24	1.76	0.63
Closing net asset value per share	262.75	246.47	233.02
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.08	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.61%	5.77%	(3.74)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	850	952	1,354
Closing number of shares	323,630	386,330	581,033
Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	1.92% 0.00%	2.00% 0.03%	1.94% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	262.84	249.17	250.47
Lowest share price	195.34	220.86	229.71

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 136.

# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class B Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	256.50	241.89	250.67
Return before operating charges*	21.68	18.97	(4.52)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.20)	(4.36)	(4.26)
Return after operating charges*	17.48	14.61	(8.78)
Distributions	(0.83)	(2.53)	(1.29)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.83	2.53	1.29
Closing net asset value per share	273.98	256.50	241.89
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.08	0.09
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.81%	6.04%	(3.50)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	16,229 5,923,597 1.67% 0.00%	18,962 7,392,463 1.75% 0.03%	21,293 8,803,075 1.69% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price	274.07	259.10	259.45
Lowest share price	203.44	229.31	238.45

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 136.

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class C Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	236.76	225.64	235.08
Return before operating charges*	19.95	17.68	(4.23)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.31)	(3.49)	(3.41)
Return after operating charges*	16.64	14.19	(7.64)
Distributions on income shares	(1.30)	(3.07)	(1.80)
Closing net asset value per share	252.10	236.76	225.64
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.07	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.03%	6.29%	(3.25)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	40,875 16,213,802 1.42% 0.00%	36,580 15,449,721 1.50% 0.03%	40,609 17,997,407 1.44% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	253.48 187.93	241.34 213.93	243.40 223.65

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	266.77	250.94	259.41
Return before operating charges*	22.46	19.71	(4.71)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.73)	(3.88)	(3.76)
Return after operating charges*	18.73	15.83	(8.47)
Distributions	(1.48)	(3.42)	(1.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.48	3.42	1.99
Closing net asset value per share	285.50	266.77	250.94
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.08	0.09
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.02%	6.31%	(3.27)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	328,777 115,156,744 1.42% 0.00%	247,007 92,592,735 1.50% 0.03%	282,854 112,716,311 1.44% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	285.60 211.75	269.25 237.94	268.59 247.37

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class D Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	235.06	223.83	233.16
Return before operating charges*	19.96	17.52	(4.18)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.43)	(4.60)	(4.55)
Return after operating charges*	15.53	12.92	(8.73)
Distributions on income shares	(0.29)	(1.69)	(0.60)
Closing net asset value per share	250.30	235.06	223.83
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.07	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.61%	5.77%	(3.74)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	300 119,702 1.92% 0.00%	320 136,132 2.00% 0.03%	378 168,693 1.94% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	250.68 186.29	239.19 212.13	241.24 221.25

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	246.64	233.17	242.24
Return before operating charges*	20.93	18.27	(4.35)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.65)	(4.80)	(4.72)
Return after operating charges*	16.28	13.47	(9.07)
Distributions	(0.34)	(1.77)	(0.63)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.34	1.77	0.63
Closing net asset value per share	262.92	246.64	233.17
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.08	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.60%	5.78%	(3.74)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,381	8,940	11,823
Closing number of shares Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	3,187,651 1.92%	3,624,748 2.00%	5,070,400 1.94%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.03%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	263.01	249.35	250.63
Lowest share price	195.47	221.01	229.87

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class S Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	128.04	121.98	127.09
Return before operating charges*	10.74	9.56	(2.29)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.48)	(1.55)	(1.52)
Return after operating charges*	9.26	8.01	(3.81)
Distributions on income shares	(0.94)	(1.95)	(1.30)
Closing net asset value per share	136.36	128.04	121.98
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.04	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.23%	6.57%	(3.00)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	1,604 1,176,185 1.17% 0.00%	735 574,316 1.25% 0.03%	3,171 2,599,881 1.19% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	137.23 101.71	130.53 115.67	131.64 121.05

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	136.93	128.48	132.49
Return before operating charges*	11.50	10.11	(2.42)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.58)	(1.66)	(1.59)
Return after operating charges*	9.92	8.45	(4.01)
Distributions	(1.01)	(2.13)	(1.35)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.01	2.13	1.35
Closing net asset value per share	146.85	136.93	128.48
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.04	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.24%	6.58%	(3.03)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	43,652	47,393	53,669
Closing number of shares	29,726,496	34,611,403	41,771,079
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.17% 0.00%	1.25% 0.03%	1.19% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	146.89	138.09	137.39
Lowest share price	108.77	121.85	126.65

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

Class X Income

	30.11.20 <sup>1</sup> (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	212.44
Return before operating charges*	1.63
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	1.58
Distributions on income shares	(1.15)
Closing net asset value per share	212.87
* After direct transaction costs of:2	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>3</sup>	0.74%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,313
Closing number of shares Operating charges <sup>4</sup>	3,435,499 0.77%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	214.11
Lowest share price	212.44

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The share class launched on 20 November 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class X Accumulation** 

	30.11.20¹ (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	
Opening net asset value per share	238.75
Return before operating charges*	1.86
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	1.81
Distributions	(1.34)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.34
Closing net asset value per share	240.56
* After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup>	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>3</sup>	0.76%
Other Information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,238
Closing number of shares	930,315
Operating charges⁴ Direct transaction costs	0.77% 0.00%
Direct transaction costs	0.0070
Prices	
Highest share price	240.64
Lowest share price	238.75

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The share class launched on 20 November 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

## **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S	Class X <sup>1</sup>
ACD's periodic charge	1.40%	1.15%	0.90%	1.40%	0.65%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%
	1.46%	1.21%	0.96%	1.46%	0.71%	0.31%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.46%	0.46%	0.46%	0.46%	0.46%	0.46%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.92%	1.67%	1.42%	1.92%	1.17%	0.77%

As at 30 November 2019

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.40%	1.15%	0.90%	1.40%	0.65%
Other expenses	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
	1.45%	1.20%	0.95%	1.45%	0.70%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.55%	0.55%	0.55%	0.55%	0.55%
Ongoing Charges Figure	2.00%	1.75%	1.50%	2.00%	1.25%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Share class launched on 20 November 2020.

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was five.

## Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM Moderately Adventurous Fund <sup>1</sup>	7.04	9.94	32.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 155 to 157.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
Holding		~	/0
	ALTERNATIVES 11.96% (7.93%)		
15/1 383	Alternative Strategies 5.59% (5.24%) AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	11,768,736	2.62
	BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund <sup>1</sup>	7,254,041	1.61
	BNP Paribas Issuance 0.00% 2024 <sup>2</sup>	6,138,863	1.36
2,460,508	Dexion Absolute EUR <sup>3</sup>		
		25,161,640	5.59
	Real Estate 6.37% (2.69%)		
13,688,801	iShares Global Property Securities Index <sup>1</sup>	28,678,037	6.37
	DEBT SECURITIES 12.36% (39.29%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (1.99%)		
	(,		
	Emerging Market Bonds 6.36% (7.94%)		
116.199	Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return <sup>1</sup>	13,249,108	2.94
	UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian High Yield <sup>1</sup>	15,371,646	3.42
		28,620,754	6.36
	Gilts 0.00% (4.33%)		
	Global Corporate Bonds 0.00% (3.48%)		
	Global Government Bonds 0.00% (2.91%)		
4	HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	35	
	Global High Yield Bonds 4.21% (2.43%)		
163,612	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond¹	18,977,299	4.21
	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 0.00% (2.50%)		
	,		
	Short Term Sterling Bonds 1.79% (9.87%)		
£810,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.00% 2022	818,925	0.18
£1,050,000	Barclays Bank 4.25% 2022	1,097,124	0.24
£1,000,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank UA 4.00% 2022	1,064,860	0.24
£1,000,000	Dexia Credit Local 1.375% 2022	1,023,219	0.23
£800,000	European Investment Bank 0.875% 2021	801,915	0.18
£825,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 0.375% 2021	826,485	0.18
£1,000,000 £400,000	National Australia Bank 1.125% 2021	1,008,554 399,960	0.22 0.09
£400,000 £1,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2021 Transport for London 2.25% 2022	1,030,399	0.09
		8,071,441	1.79

Sterling Corporate Bonds 0.00% (3.84%)

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	EQUITY 75.08% (50.08%)		
	Asia & Emerging Markets 9.45% (6.30%)		
	RWC Global Emerging Markets <sup>1</sup>	22,323,827	4.96
723,774	Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities <sup>1</sup>	20,225,778	4.49
		42,549,605	9.45
	Europe (ex UK) 9.43% (8.17%)		
821	Euro Stoxx 50 Equity Index Futures December 2023 <sup>4</sup>	618,949	0.14
20,181,173	LF Lightman European Fund I Accumulation <sup>1</sup>	21,898,591	4.86
	MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	26,823	_
7,225,732	Premier Miton European Opportunities <sup>1</sup>	19,928,005	4.43
		42,472,368	9.43
	Frontier Markets Equity 0.00% (3.08%)		
	Global Themes 0.00% (3.34%)		
	Japan 10.49% (6.78%)		
1,781,651	Japanese Equities Fund <sup>1</sup>	24,089,169	5.35
2,244,844	Skyline Umbrella Fund ICAV - Usonian Japan Value Fund <sup>1</sup>	23,115,158	5.14
		47,204,327	10.49
	N. d. A		
265 403	North America 24.52% (4.93%) AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	30,826,343	6.85
	Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF1	64,926,076	14.42
	Berkshire Hathaway	14,654,623	3.25
56	US Ultra Treasury Bond Index Futures March 20214	(14,414)	
		110,392,628	24.52
	United Kingdom 24 400/ (47 400/)		
16 711 994	United Kingdom 21.19% (17.48%) Majedie UK Focus <sup>1</sup>	33,762,021	7.50
	Ninety One Funds Series i <sup>1</sup>	26,233,594	5.83
	Ninety One Global Strategy Fund - UK Alpha Fund <sup>1</sup>	12,025,598	2.67
4,892,746	Threadneedle UK Extended Alpha Fund <sup>1</sup>	23,371,667	5.19
		95,392,880	21.19
	PRIVATE EQUITY 0.00% (1.02%)		
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.75% (0.05%)		
€374,548	Vs £(418,799) Expiry 08.12.2020	(1,323)	_
€2,074,000	Vs £(1,875,757) Expiry 16.04.2021	(10,009)	_
€3,763,000	Vs £(3,403,314) Expiry 16.04.2021	(18,160)	_
¥(383,600,000) ¥(258,000,000)	Vs £2,783,472 Expiry 21.05.2021	18,569 12,489	_
#(258,000,000) US\$(497,747)	Vs £1,872,095 Expiry 21.05.2021 Vs £660,225 Expiry 16.12.2020	(3,400)	_
	Vs £30,297,185 Expiry 15.01.2021	1,854,952	0.41
US\$(18,558,000)	Vs £14,791,907 Expiry 15.01.2021	905,638	0.20
	Vs £10,315,291 Expiry 15.01.2021	218,227	0.05
US\$(13,326,000)	Vs £10,150,080 Expiry 15.01.2021	178,725	0.04

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS (continued)		
US\$(15,803,000)	Vs £11,949,158 Expiry 15.01.2021	124,354	0.03
US\$(7,174,000)	Vs £5,484,060 Expiry 15.01.2021	116,019	0.03
US\$(7,084,000)	Vs £5,395,705 Expiry 15.01.2021	95,009	0.02
US\$(8,559,000)	Vs £6,471,736 Expiry 15.01.2021	67,351	0.01
US\$505,146	Vs £(670,733) Expiry 08.12.2020	2,931	_
US\$6,000,000	Vs £(4,521,784) Expiry 15.01.2021	(32,204)	(0.01)
US\$4,700,000	Vs £(3,653,081) Expiry 15.01.2021	(136,245)	(0.03)
		3,392,923	0.75
	Portfolio of investment <sup>5</sup>	450,913,937	100.15
	Net other liabilities <sup>5,6</sup>	(689,638)	(0.15)
	Net assets	450,224,299	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £3,777,000 which is shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

Credit Quality	30.11.20 %	30.11.19 %
Investment grade debt securities	1.79	23.22
Non-rated debt securities	1.36	2.27
Other investments	97.60	74.94
Net other liabilities	(0.75)	(0.43)
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Structured product

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Delisted security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

			30.11.20		30.11.19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital gains	4		18,579,155		19,620,417
Revenue	5	5,803,158		8,343,179	
Expenses	6	(3,066,097)		(3,686,642)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(58,839)		(82,460)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		2,678,222		4,574,077	
Taxation	7	(685,097)	_	(77,237)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		-	1,993,125	_	4,496,840
Total return before distributions			20,572,280		24,117,257
Distributions	8	-	(2,383,975)	_	(4,947,209)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-	18,188,305	_	19,170,048

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	£	30.11.20	£	30.11.19
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	L	360,893,517	L	415,180,894
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	30,276,339		44,811,250	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transactions	142,916,704		_	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(104,131,126)		(122,547,803)	
		69,061,917		(77,736,553)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		18,188,305		19,170,048
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,080,560		4,279,128
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		450,224,299		360,893,517

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 143 to 154 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
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Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		451,129,692	359,013,987
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	1,417,811	6,537,662
Cash and bank balances	10	4,944,675	3,219,925
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	3,777,000	7,437,000
Total assets		461,269,178	376,208,574
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(215,755)	(4,002,822)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(3,426,528)	(5,165,009)
Distribution payable		(259,613)	(372,155)
Other creditors	11	(7,142,983)	(5,775,071)
Total liabilities		(11,044,879)	(15,315,057)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		450,224,299	360,893,517

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 143 to 154 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

#### 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	13,658,685	19,396,271
Derivative contracts	4,211,251	2,207,393
Forward currency contracts	2,110,097	(1,892,883)
Currency losses	(1,437,567)	(168,959)
Transaction charges	(44,386)	(16,025)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	81,075	94,620
Net capital gains	18,579,155	19,620,417

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Non-taxable dividends	1,701,379	5,080,514
Taxable dividends	3,592,451	2,214,904
Unfranked interest	409,301	861,416
AMC rebates from underlying investments	85,641	106,816
Bank interest	5,003	62,252
Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	9,383	17,277
Total revenue	5,803,158	8,343,179

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	2,914,466	3,488,947
Other expenses	7,796	8,030
	2,922,262	3,496,977
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	44,375	53,593
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	23,602	32,904
	71,638	92,497
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	2,829	31,838
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	16,053	16,179
FCA and other Regulatory fees	215	212
Legal and professional fees	394	4,335
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	32,038	29,454
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	72,197	97,168
Total expenses	3,066,097	3,686,642

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
a)	Analysis of charge for the year		
	Corporation tax at 20%	535,575	_
	Overseas tax	108,434	77,237
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax	41,088	
	Current tax charge (note 7b)	685,097	77,237
	Total taxation	685,097	77,237
b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year  The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	ised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
	Net revenue before taxation	2,678,222	4,574,077
	Corporation tax at 20%	535,644	914,815
	Effects of:		
	AMC rebates taken to capital	16,215	18,924
	Franked CIS revenue	(189,408)	(310,053)
	Franked REIT income	_	(88)
	Indexed gilt edged securities adjustment	(1,905)	_
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax w/off	41,088	_
	Movement in revenue accruals	_	10,078
	Non-taxable dividends	7	(208,499)
	Non-taxable overseas dividends	(13,250)	(193,829)
	Offshore CIS revenue	(130,296)	(314,085)
	Overseas tax	108,434	77,237
	Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds	374,884	_
	Tax effect on offshore funds	_	429,535
	Tax on stock dividends	_	(1,049)
	Unutilised excess management expenses	(56,316)	(345,749)
	Current tax charge (note 7a)	685,097	77,237

#### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

At the year end, there is no potential deferred tax asset (2019: £56,316).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	38,627	1,232,482
Final	2,301,946	3,544,721
	2,340,573	4,777,203
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	47,901	254,715
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(2,690)	(84,709)
Deduct: Revenue received on in-specie transactions	(1,809)	_
Net distributions for the year	2,383,975	4,947,209
Interest payable and similar charges	58,839	82,460
Total distribution	2,442,814	5,029,669
Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 155 to 157.		
Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	1,993,125	4,496,840
Allocations to capital: Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	16,215	448,459
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	(228)	1,834
Net movement in revenue account	(21)	76
Tax relief on Non Reporting Offshore Funds	374,884	_
Net distributions for the year	2,383,975	4,947,209

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20		
	£	£	
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	268,300	205,325	
Sales awaiting settlement	291,412	5,411,891	
Accrued revenue	360,081	682,644	
Income tax recoverable	36,104	16,011	
AMC rebates from underlying investments	152,812	104,436	
Withholding tax recoverable	13,253	117,355	
Receivable from merger	295,849	_	
Total debtors	1,417,811	6,537,662	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	3,444,472	3,172,722
Cash held at clearing houses	1,500,203	47,203
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	3,777,000	7,437,000
Total cash and bank balances	8,721,675	10,656,925
Bank overdrafts	(3,417,090)	(3,086,154)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	(9,438)	(2,078,855)
Total bank overdrafts	(3,426,528)	(5,165,009)

<sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	6,305,169	1,415,932
Purchases awaiting settlement	_	4,000,000
Accrued expenses	302,239	359,139
Corporation tax payable	535,575	_
Total other creditors	7,142,983	5,775,071

#### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 141.

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited

34.58% (2019: 57.68%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled £106,723,326 (2019: (£21,765,708)).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has six share classes: 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'S' and 'X'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.40%
Class B	1.15%
Class C	0.90%
Class D	1.40%
Class S	0.65%
Class X	0.25%

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 13 Classes of Shares (continued)

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Class	Opening Shares	Shares Created	Shares Liquidated	Shares Converted	Closing Shares
Class A Income	2,181	_	(33)	_	2,148
Class A Accumulation	386,330	591	(63,291)	_	323,630
Class B Accumulation	7,392,463	148,248	(1,617,114)	_	5,923,597
Class C Income	15,449,721	3,863,566	(3,090,607)	(8,878)	16,213,802
Class C Accumulation	92,592,735	50,760,694	(28,163,637)	(33,048)	115,156,744
Class D Income	136,132	538	(16,968)		119,702
Class D Accumulation	3,624,748	685,456	(927,216)	(195,337)	3,187,651
Class S Income	574,316	882,800	(297,335)	16,404	1,176,185
Class S Accumulation	34,611,403	3,852,667	(9,153,816)	416,242	29,726,496
Class X Income	_	5,636,499	(2,201,000)	_	3,435,499
Class X Accumulation	_	930,315	_	_	930,315

#### 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown below.

#### i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Floating Rate Financial	Fixed Rate Financial	Financial Assets not carrying	
	Assets	Assets	interest	Total
Danish krone	£	£	<b>£</b> 976	<b>£</b> 976
Euro	705 000	_		
	785,808	_	5,899,912	6,685,720
Swedish krona	_	_	29	29
Swiss franc	32,145	_	9,007	41,152
US dollar	413,123	6,138,863	83,770,689	90,322,675
Pound sterling	7,890,560	7,671,481	459,204,368	474,766,409
	9,121,636	13,810,344	548,884,981	571,816,961
		Floating Rate Financial	Financial Liabilities not carrying	
		Liabilities £	interest £	Total
Euro		(741,850)	£ (375,870)	<b>£</b> (1,117,720)
Japanese yen		_	(4,624,509)	(4,624,509)
Swiss franc		(32,145)	_	(32,145)
US dollar		(411,847)	(91,811,475)	(92,223,322)
Pound sterling		(2,240,687)	(21,354,279)	(23,594,966)
		(3,426,529)	(118,166,133)	(121,592,662)

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Floating Rate Financial Assets	Fixed Rate Financial Assets	Financial Assets not carrying interest	Total
	£	Assets £	£	£
Danish krone	_	_	506,395	506,395
Euro	732,797	3,083,690	19,019,481	22,835,968
Japanese yen	-	3,430,385	14,548,925	17,979,310
Norwegian krone	_	_	82,803	82,803
Swedish krona	_	_	498,422	498,422
Swiss franc	30,055	_	2,312,508	2,342,563
US dollar	473,887	20,363,446	121,189,288	142,026,621
Pound sterling	24,928,785	48,595,756	282,560,840	356,085,381
	26,165,524	75,473,277	440,718,662	542,357,463

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro	(650,016)	(23,121,905)	(23,771,921)
Japanese yen	_	(11,186,034)	(11,186,034)
Swiss franc	(30,055)	_	(30,055)
US dollar	(423,189)	(61,352,964)	(61,776,153)
Pound sterling	(4,061,749)	(80,638,034)	(84,699,783)
	(5,165,009)	(176,298,937)	(181,463,946)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

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	Fixed Rate Financial Assets					
	Weighte	Weighted average period for which rate is fixed				
	inter					
Currency	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19		
	%	%	Years	Years		
Euro	_	0.12	_	10		
Japanese yen	_	(0.04)	_	10		
Pound sterling	0.19	0.99	1	6		
US dollar	(5.06)	0.71	4	16		

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the average weighted effective duration was 1.02 years (30 November 2019: 1.45 years).

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Danish krone	976	_	976
Euro	47,198	5,520,802	5,568,000
Japanese yen	-	(4,624,509)	(4,624,509)
Swedish krona	29	_	29
Swiss franc	9,007	_	9,007
US dollar	1,276	(1,901,923)	(1,900,647)
	58,486	(1,005,630)	(947,144)
Pound sterling	(748,124)	451,919,567	451,171,443
Net assets	(689,638)	450,913,937	450,224,299

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Monetary Exposure	Non-Monetary Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Danish krone	15,062	491,333	506,395
Euro	89,783	(1,025,736)	(935,953)
Japanese yen	_	6,793,276	6,793,276
Norwegian krone	1,066	81,737	82,803
Swedish krona	27	498,395	498,422
Swiss franc	94,228	2,218,280	2,312,508
US dollar	50,698	80,199,771	80,250,469
	250,864	89,257,056	89,507,920
Pound sterling	5,631,488	265,754,109	271,385,597
Net assets	5,882,352	355,011,165	360,893,517

# iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives (continued)

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 27%, 121% and 59% respectively (30 November 2019¹: 33%, 111% and 67% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCl's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCl Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCl Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and future contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	710,672
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	(14,414)	50,263
Eurex Deutschland	645,772	_
International Monetary Market	_	1,872,490
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	3,392,923	161,665
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	4,024,281	2,795,090

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	1,810,469	12,399,835	_	14,210,304
Collective Investment Schemes	376,421,743	41,602,986	_	418,024,729
Derivatives	645,772	3,594,264	_	4,240,036
Equities	14,654,623	_	_	14,654,623
Total	393,532,607	57,597,085	-	451,129,692
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(14,414)	(201,341)		(215,755)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	32,160,262	59,857,709	_	92,017,971
Collective Investment Schemes	245,572,193	_	_	245,572,193
Derivatives	2,715,375	4,082,536	_	6,797,911
Equities	14,111,247	514,665	_	14,625,912
Total	294,559,077	64,454,910	-	359,013,987
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(11,263)	(3,991,559)	_	(4,002,822)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 124.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	7,495	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	291,969	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	79,211	2	1	3	_	_
Total	378,675	2	1	3	_	_
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	90,161	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	194,046	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	16,816	(5)	_	(5)	0.03	_
Total	301,023	(5)	-	(5)	0.03	-
Total as a percentage of the average	ge NAV	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	63,774	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	141,521	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	47,453	6	94	100	0.01	0.20
Total	252,748	6	94	100	0.01	0.20
	Principal	Commissions	Toyoo	Total Transaction	Commissions	Taxes

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	55,068	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	158,707	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	118,003	(24)	(1)	(25)	0.02	_
Total	331,778	(24)	(1)	(25)	0.02	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	age NAV	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%		

Total as a percentage of the average NAV 0.01% 0.02% 0.03%

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.03% (2019: 0.04%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 285.60p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 299.80p. This represents an increase of 4.97% from the year end value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

# Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

Class A Income¹	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	_ _	- -		0.2535 0.2535
Class A Accumulation <sup>1</sup>	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2		-	- -	0.1554 0.1554
Class B Accumulation <sup>1</sup>	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	- -	-	- -	0.4689 0.4689
Class C Income¹	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 2	=	Ξ		0.7258 0.7258
Class C Accumulation <sup>1</sup>	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	-	-	<del>-</del> -	0.8072 0.8072
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	=			0.1513 0.1513
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation¹ Group 1 Group 2	<u>-</u>	- -	_ _	0.1570 0.1570

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.1137 0.1127	_ 0.0010	0.1137 0.1137	0.5577 0.5577
Olace O Accomplation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.1246 0.1132	_ 0.0114	0.1246 0.1246	0.5769 0.5769
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.3626 0.3626	<u>-</u>	0.3626 0.3626	1.4372 1.4372
Class A Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	0.2403 0.2403	- -	0.2403 0.2403	1.6004 1.6004
			Allocated	Allocated
Class B Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	0.8321 0.8321	-	0.8321 0.8321	2.0586 2.0586
			Paid	Paid
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	31.01.21	31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	1.2959 1.1719	0.1240	1.2959 1.2959	2.3432 2.3432
			Allegated	Allegated
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.4803 1.3339	0.1464	1.4803 1.4803	2.6100 2.6100

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	0.2929 0.2929	<u>-</u> -	0.2929 0.2929	1.5351 1.5351
Class D Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	0.3405 0.3405	- -	0.3405 0.3405	1.6080 1.6080
Olean Oleanna	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.8236 0.6215	0.2021	0.8236 0.8236	1.3958 1.3958
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8889 0.7069	0.1820	0.8889 0.8889	1.5580 1.5580
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid N/A
Class X Income <sup>2</sup> Group 1 Group 2	1.1484 0.5749	_ 0.5735	1.1484 1.1484	<del>-</del> -
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated N/A
Class X Accumulation <sup>2</sup> Group 1 Group 2	1.3444 0.6997	_ 0.6447	1.3444 1.3444	_ _

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No comparative figures shown as the share class launched on 20 November 2020.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM Adventurous Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in other funds managed both by the Manager and by selected third party managers, including open-ended and closed–ended funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), and other transferable securities including fixed income, equities and structured products.

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

Investment will be more focused on growth generating assets such as equities.

The Sub-fund will invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments.

### **Comparator Benchmark**

The Sub-fund's performance may be compared to the IA Flexible Investment Shares which has been chosen because it is representative of the Sub-fund's agreed risk profile and the type of assets in which it invests. It is therefore an appropriate comparator for the Sub-fund's performance.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 7.05%.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c. 6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c. 5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c. 20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

After some significant outperformance versus broad US equities, we took some profits on our Healthcare position in higher risk portfolios in the middle of March, reducing the overall size of the active position.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

We increased our allocation to US Healthcare at the beginning of July after some significant under performance versus the broad equity index. We felt that the investment case remained strong with the sector remaining particularly well placed to benefit from changing demographics and global trends in technology.

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 162 to 169 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables Class A Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	249.29	235.40	245.43
Return before operating charges*	20.80	19.02	(4.91)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.76)	(5.13)	(5.12)
Return after operating charges*	16.04	13.89	(10.03)
Distributions	(0.50)	(0.99)	_
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.50	0.99	
Closing net asset value per share	265.33	249.29	235.40
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.09	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.43%	5.90%	(4.09)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30	15	108
Closing number of shares	11,339 1.97%	6,070 2.13%	45,651 2.07%
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.04%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	257.67	252.30	255.26
Lowest share price	191.31	220.96	231.65

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 170.

# **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class B Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share		. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	259.29	244.25	254.09
Return before operating charges*	21.72	19.74	(5.17)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.34)	(4.70)	(4.67)
Return after operating charges*	17.38	15.04	(9.84)
Distributions	(0.48)	(1.65)	(0.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.48	1.65	0.28
Closing net asset value per share	276.67	259.29	244.25
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.09	0.09
Performance Return after charges²	6.70%	6.16%	(3.87)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,788	4,089	5,675
Closing number of shares	1,369,042	1,576,841	2,323,482
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	1.72%	1.88%	1.82%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.04%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	268.12	262.23	264.50
Lowest share price	199.15	229.32	240.35

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	251.83	238.75	248.67
Return before operating charges*	21.14	19.30	(5.08)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.61)	(3.99)	(3.94)
Return after operating charges*	17.53	15.31	(9.02)
Distributions on income shares	(1.54)	(2.23)	(0.90)
Closing net asset value per share	267.82	251.83	238.75
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.09	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.96%	6.41%	(3.63)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	15,093 5,635,680 1.47% 0.00%	16,516 6,558,420 1.63% 0.04%	18,579 7,782,024 1.57% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	260.42 193.57	256.17 224.20	259.28 235.77

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# **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			. ,
Opening net asset value per share	269.72	253.45	262.99
Return before operating charges*	22.67	20.53	(5.37)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.86)	(4.26)	(4.17)
Return after operating charges*	18.81	16.27	(9.54)
Distributions	(1.62)	(2.37)	(0.97)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.62	2.37	0.97
Closing net asset value per share	288.53	269.72	253.45
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.09	0.09
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.97%	6.42%	(3.63)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	102,610	113,027	77,621
Closing number of shares	35,563,604	41,905,225	30,626,213
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.47% 0.00%	1.63% 0.04%	1.57% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	279.00	272.56	274.25
Lowest share price	207.32	237.99	249.39

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 170.

# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	241.51	229.00	238.79
Return before operating charges*	20.16	18.49	(4.81)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.57)	(5.00)	(4.98)
Return after operating charges*	15.59	13.49	(9.79)
Distributions on income shares		(0.98)	_
Closing net asset value per share	257.10	241.51	229.00
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.08	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.46%	5.89%	(4.10)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	4 1,560 1.97% 0.00%	12 4,699 2.13% 0.04%	11 4,935 2.07% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	249.59 185.36	245.44 214.94	248.41 225.35

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 170.

# **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	249.09	235.24	245.32
Return before operating charges*	20.81	18.98	(4.96)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(4.77)	(5.13)	(5.12)
Return after operating charges*	16.04	13.85	(10.08)
Distributions	(0.33)	(0.99)	_
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.33	0.99	
Closing net asset value per share	265.13	249.09	235.24
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.09	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	6.44%	5.89%	(4.11)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,840	12,533	13,302
Closing number of shares	4,842,923	5,031,543	5,654,788
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.97% 0.00%	2.13% 0.04%	2.07% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	257.48	252.13	255.19
Lowest share price	191.17	220.81	231.49

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# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	136.63	129.54	134.92
Return before operating charges*	11.45	10.48	(2.76)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.61)	(1.83)	(1.80)
Return after operating charges*	9.84	8.65	(4.56)
Distributions on income shares	(1.50)	(1.56)	(0.82)
Closing net asset value per share	144.97	136.63	129.54
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.05	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.20%	6.68%	(3.38)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	15 10,275 1.22% 0.00%	66 48,538 1.38% 0.04%	91 70,038 1.32% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	141.34 105.10	139.05 121.67	140.75 128.08

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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# **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	143.46	134.46	139.18
Return before operating charges*	12.09	10.90	(2.86)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.71)	(1.90)	(1.86)
Return after operating charges*	10.38	9.00	(4.72)
Distributions	(1.22)	(1.63)	(0.86)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.22	1.63	0.86
Closing net asset value per share	153.84	143.46	134.46
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.05	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.24%	6.69%	(3.39)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,578	10,726	13,821
Closing number of shares	9,475,885	7,476,614	10,278,758
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.22% 0.00%	1.38% 0.04%	1.32% 0.03%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.04%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	148.44	144.85	145.38
Lowest share price	110.35	126.29	132.30

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 170.

# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

ACD's periodic charge Other expenses	Class A 1.40% 0.11%	Class B 1.15% 0.11%	Class C 0.90% 0.11%	Class D 1.40% 0.11%	Class S 0.65% 0.11%
Collective investment scheme costs	1.51% 0.46%	1.26% 0.46%	1.01% 0.46%	1.51% 0.46%	0.76% 0.46%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.97%	1.72%	1.47%	1.97%	1.22%
As at 30 November 2019					
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.40%	1.15%	0.90%	1.40%	0.65%
Other expenses	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
	1.49%	1.24%	0.99%	1.49%	0.74%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.64%	0.64%	0.64%	0.64%	0.64%
Ongoing Charges Figure	2.13%	1.88%	1.63%	2.13%	1.38%

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

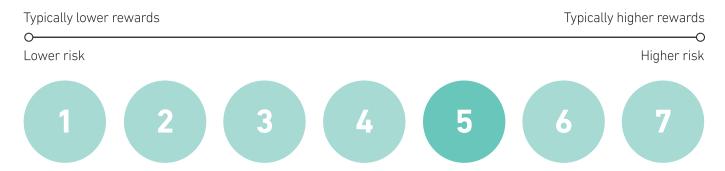
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was five.

#### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM Adventurous Fund	7.05	9.71	34.89

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 188 to 190.

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20
	ALTERNATIVES 6.68% (4.72%) Alternative Strategies 0.00% (3.58%)		
	Real Estate 6.68% (1.14%) Drum Income Plus REIT¹ iShares Global Property Securities Index²	1,599,457 8,348,101 <b>9,947,558</b>	1.07 5.61 <b>6.68</b>
	DEBT SECURITIES 1.74% (28.99%) Emerging Market Bonds 0.00% (7.86%)		
34,990	Global High Yield Bonds 1.74% (2.55%) Xenfin Securitised Debt <sup>2,3</sup>	2,590,093	1.74
	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 0.00% (2.52%)		
	Short Term Sterling Bonds 0.00% (11.71%)		
	Sterling Corporate Bonds 0.00% (4.35%)		
53,464	EQUITY 90.20% (63.63%)  Asia & Emerging Markets 14.69% (8.43%)  APQ Global  RWC Global Emerging Markets <sup>2</sup> Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities <sup>2</sup>	150,000 12,371,618 9,358,688	0.10 8.31 6.28
004,000	Comodor for Asian Opportunities	21,880,306	14.69
9,321,431 2,411,911	Europe (ex UK) 11.25% (8.67%) LF Lightman European Fund I Accumulation <sup>2</sup> Premier Miton European Opportunities <sup>2</sup>	10,114,685 6,651,863 <b>16,766,548</b>	6.79 4.46 <b>11.25</b>
	Frontier Markets Equity 0.00% (4.54%)		
	Global Themes 0.00% (4.77%)		
626,522 871,985	Japan 11.71% (8.93%) Japanese Equities Fund <sup>2</sup> Skyline Umbrella Fund ICAV - Usonian Japan Value Fund <sup>2</sup>	8,471,013 8,978,830 <b>17,449,843</b>	5.68 6.03 <b>11.71</b>
	North America 28.82% (6.41%) AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio <sup>2</sup> Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF <sup>2</sup>	11,850,709 24,807,537	7.96 16.65

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	North America (continued)		
36,145	· · ·	6,267,424	4.21
		42,925,670	28.82
	United Kingdom 23.73% (21.88%)		
7,000,923	Majedie UK Focus <sup>2</sup>	14,143,454	9.50
10,904,961	•	11,934,389	8.01
1,939,605	·	9,265,105	6.22
		35,342,948	23.73
	PRIVATE EQUITY 0.00% (1.37%)		
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS -0.22% (-0.10%)		
€(924,000)	Vs £835,679 Expiry 16.04.2021	4,459	_
¥(288,000,000)		13,942	0.01
US\$(7,516,000)		121,550	0.08
US\$(5,250,000)	• •	120,941	0.08
US\$(7,421,000)		99,529	0.07
US\$(7,770,000)	· ·	61,142	0.04
US\$(7,421,000)		54,050	0.04
US\$3,000,000		(29,271)	(0.02)
US\$10,000,000		(289,882)	(0.20)
US\$9,890,000	Vs £(7,882,959) Expiry 15.01.2021	(482,636)	(0.32)
		(326,176)	(0.22)
	Portfolio of investment <sup>4</sup>	146,576,790	98.40
	Net other assets <sup>4,5</sup>	2,381,535	1.60
	Net assets	148,958,325	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £3,098,000 which is shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

	30.11.20	30.11.19
Credit Quality	%	%
Investment grade debt securities	_	17.99
Non-rated debt securities	_	2.24
Other investments	100.48	79.39
Net other (liabilities)/assets	(0.48)	0.38
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The valuation for this security has been revalued using the latest available Net Asset Value that was not available at the time of the last valuation point of the year end.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The security is currently suspended and liquidating. The valuation for this security has been determined by the 7IM Fair Value Pricing Panel based on latest available information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

			30.11.20		30.11.19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital gains	4		8,407,349		9,030,562
Revenue	5	2,100,388		3,022,805	
Expenses	6	(1,452,333)		(1,604,351)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(28,428)		(26,166)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		619,627		1,392,288	
Taxation	7	(43,845)		(30,468)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year			575,782		1,361,820
Total return before distributions			8,983,131		10,392,382
Distributions	8	_	(822,128)	_	(1,363,283)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			8,161,003		9,029,099

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

		30.11.20		30.11.19
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		156,983,854		129,208,443
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	26,626,141		60,872,196	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transactions	_		42,510,750	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(43,539,393)		(85,862,416)	
		(16,913,252)		17,520,530
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		8,161,003		9,029,099
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		726,720		1,225,782
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	148,958,325		156,983,854

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 176 to 187 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		147,378,579	156,742,063
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	384,612	1,388,250
Cash and bank balances	10	958,311	988,975
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	3,098,000	1,579,000
Total assets		151,819,502	160,698,288
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(801,789)	(1,938,367)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(946,969)	(1,044,713)
Distribution payable		(72,713)	(109,995)
Other creditors	11	(1,039,706)	(621,359)
Total liabilities		(2,861,177)	(3,714,434)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		148,958,325	156,983,854

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 176 to 187 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

### 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	6,462,567	7,573,370
Derivative contracts	1,641,555	1,614,259
Forward currency contracts	309,705	(332,336)
Currency (losses)/gains	(18,973)	146,026
Transaction charges	(36,481)	(10,752)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	48,976	39,995
Net capital gains	8,407,349	9,030,562

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Non-taxable dividends	947,207	2,190,342
Taxable dividends	955,653	550,873
Unfranked interest	157,346	212,584
AMC rebates from underlying investments	34,203	62,537
Bank interest	774	1,114
Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	5,205	5,355
Total revenue	2,100,388	3,022,805

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

# 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	1,339,930	1,479,425
Other expenses	6,756	6,725
	1,346,686	1,486,150
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	22,150	26,020
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	21,229	24,929
	47,040	56,949
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	1,242	12,967
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	10,423	9,799
FCA and other Regulatory fees	214	213
Legal and professional fees	324	2,283
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	25,736	20,840
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	58,607	61,252
Total expenses	1,452,333	1,604,351

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
a)	Analysis of charge for the year		
	Overseas tax	38,835	30,468
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax	5,010	
	Current tax charge (note 7b)	43,845	30,468
	Total taxation	43,845	30,468
b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year  The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	rised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
	Net revenue before taxation	619,627	1,392,288
	Corporation tax at 20%	123,925	278,458
	Effects of:		
	AMC rebates taken to capital	9,795	7,999
	Double taxation relief expensed	_	(309)
	Franked CIS revenue	(101,950)	(147,670)
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax w/off	5,010	_
	Movement in revenue accruals	_	4,445
	Non-taxable dividends	(12,349)	(176,372)
	Offshore CIS revenue	(75,142)	(117,878)
	Overseas tax	38,835	30,468
	Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds	236,779	87,184
	Tax on stock dividends	_	521
	and the same of th	(404.050)	04.004
	Unutilised excess management expenses	(181,058)	64,664

#### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

At the year end there is a potential deferred tax asset of £507,839 (2019: £688,897) due to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore, no deferred tax asset has been recognised.

### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	148,971	364,584
Final	665,879	1,010,538
	814,850	1,375,122
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	10,123	86,110
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(2,845)	(30,904)
Deduct: Revenue received on in-specie transactions		(67,045)
Net distributions for the year	822,128	1,363,283
Interest payable and similar charges	28,428	26,166
Total distribution	850,556	1,389,449

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 188 to 190.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	575,782	1,361,820
Allocations to capital: Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	246,574	_
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup> Income deficit	(254)	(111)
Net movement in revenue account	4 22	(9)
Tax relief on Non Reporting Offshore Funds		1,583
Net distributions for the year	822,128	1,363,283

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	49,537	126,871
Sales awaiting settlement	108,054	919,912
Accrued revenue	151,332	254,060
Income tax recoverable	4,633	6,288
AMC rebates from underlying investments	65,951	41,210
Withholding tax recoverable	5,105	39,909
Total debtors	384,612	1,388,250

#### 10 Cash and bank balances

Cook and hark halances	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Cash hold at clearing bounce	958,311	988,662 313
Cash held at clearing houses	_	
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	3,098,000	1,579,000
Total cash and bank balances	4,056,311	2,567,975
Bank overdrafts	(946,969)	(967,466)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses		(77,247)
Total bank overdrafts	(946,969)	(1,044,713)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	897,011	435,055
Accrued expenses	142,695	180,016
Payable to NT for tax suffered	_	6,288
Total other creditors	1,039,706	621,359

#### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 174.

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited

60.90% (2019: 57.96%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled (£1,280,976) (2019: £34,565,478).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has five share classes: 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'S'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.40%
Class B	1.15%
Class C	0.90%
Class D	1.40%
Class S	0.65%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

	Opening	Shares	Shares	Shares	Closing
Class	Shares	Created	Liquidated	Converted	Shares
Class A Accumulation	6,070	5,562	(293)	_	11,339
Class B Accumulation	1,576,841	317,779	(525,578)	_	1,369,042
Class C Income	6,558,420	200,280	(1,123,020)	_	5,635,680
Class C Accumulation	41,905,225	6,874,898	(13,357,217)	140,698	35,563,604
Class D Income	4,699	_	(3,139)	_	1,560
Class D Accumulation	5,031,543	775,905	(964,525)	_	4,842,923
Class S Income	48,538	1,913	(40,176)	_	10,275
Class S Accumulation	7,476,614	4,035,663	(1,772,012)	(264,380)	9,475,885

#### 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown on below.

## i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020				
	Floating Rate Financial Assets	Fixed Rate Financial Assets	Financial Assets not carrying interest	Total
Danish krone	£	£	<b>£</b> 365	<b>£</b> 365
Euro	_ 155,320	_	699	156,019
		<del>-</del>		
Swiss franc	14,531	<del>-</del>	4,041	18,572
US dollar	14,514	_	32,753,857	32,768,371
Pound sterling	3,871,946	_	161,511,090	165,383,036
	4,056,311	_	194,270,052	198,326,363
		Floating Rate Financial	Financial Liabilities not carrying	
		Liabilities £	interest £	Total £
Euro		(155,320)	(831,220)	(986,540)
Japanese yen		_	(2,075,839)	(2,075,839)
Swiss franc		(14,531)	<u> </u>	(14,531)
US dollar		(3,961)	(26,472,056)	(26,476,017)
Pound sterling		(773,157)	(19,041,954)	(19,815,111)
		(946,969)	(48,421,069)	(49,368,038)
Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019				
	Floating Rate Financial Assets	Fixed Rate Financial Assets	Financial Assets not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Danish krone	_	_	337,369	337,369
Euro	152,498	_	10,000,758	10,153,256
Japanese yen	_	_	2,987,663	2,987,663
Norwegian krone	_	_	47,056	47,056
Swedish krona	_	_	236,397	236,397
Swiss franc	13,586	_	1,014,299	1,027,885
US dollar	21,592	6,545,492	58,873,791	65,440,875
Pound sterling	11,058,130	16,531,927	125,007,130	152,597,187
	11,245,806	23,077,419	198,504,463	232,827,688

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro	(152,498)	(13,762,021)	(13,914,519)
Swiss franc	(13,586)	_	(13,586)
US dollar	_	(17,726,674)	(17,726,674)
Pound sterling	(878,629)	(43,310,426)	(44,189,055)
	(1,044,713)	(74,799,121)	(75,843,834)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

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	Fixed Rate Financial Assets				
	•	ed average est rate	Weighted avera	• .	
Currency	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19	
-	%	%	Years	Years	
Pound sterling	_	0.97	_	2	
US dollar	_	0.50	_	19	

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the weighted average effective duration was none (30 November 2019: 0.50 years).

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Monetary Exposure	Non-Monetary Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Danish krone	365	_	365
Euro	699	(831,220)	(830,521)
Japanese yen	_	(2,075,839)	(2,075,839)
Swiss franc	4,041	_	4,041
US dollar	10,553	6,281,801	6,292,354
	15,658	3,374,742	3,390,400
Pound sterling	2,365,877	143,202,048	145,567,925
Net assets	2,381,535	146,576,790	148,958,325

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### ii. Foreign currency risk (continued)

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Monetary Exposure	Non-Monetary Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Danish krone	5,000	332,369	337,369
Euro	1,820	(3,763,083)	(3,761,263)
Japanese yen	-	2,987,663	2,987,663
Norwegian krone	333	46,723	47,056
Swedish krona	9	236,388	236,397
Swiss franc	32,730	981,569	1,014,299
US dollar	21,609	47,692,592	47,714,201
	61,501	48,514,221	48,575,722
Pound sterling	2,118,656	106,289,476	108,408,132
Net assets	2,180,157	154,803,697	156,983,854

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 31%, 126% and 62% respectively (30 November 2019¹: 27%, 124% and 63% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCI's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCI Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCI Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives (continued)

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date was forward foreign currency contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	375,756
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	_	21,801
International Monetary Market	_	1,013,348
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	(326,176)	(151,319)
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	(326,176)	1,259,586

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Collective Investment Schemes	136,295,992	_	2,590,093	138,886,085
Derivatives	_	475,613	_	475,613
Equities	6,417,424	_	1,599,457	8,016,881
Total	142,713,416	475,613	4,189,550	147,378,579
Liabilities				
Derivatives		(801,789)		(801,789)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	5,028,098	26,727,152	_	31,755,250
Collective Investment Schemes	108,502,820	_	3,971,592	112,474,412
Derivatives	1,454,292	1,743,661	_	3,197,953
Equities	6,538,678	29,094	2,746,676	9,314,448
Total	121,523,888	28,499,907	6,718,268	156,742,063
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(5,863)	(1,932,504)	-	(1,938,367)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 161.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	2,902	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	111,836	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	6,844	1	1	2	0.01	0.01
Total	121,582	1	1	2	0.01	0.01
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	35,558	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	91,203	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	7,999	(2)	_	(2)	0.03	_
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Total	134,760	(2)	_	(2)	0.03	-

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	principal	principal
Bonds	20,875	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	101,454	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	39,630	3	41	44	0.01	0.10
Total	161,959	3	41	44	0.01	0.10

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	4,067	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	81,841	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	57,944	(12)	(1)	(13)	0.02	_
Total	143,852	(12)	(1)	(13)	0.02	_
Total as a percentage of the average	ge NAV	0.01%	0.03%	0.04%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.28% (2019: 0.13%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

On 21 March 2021, the Fair Value Panel reduced the price of Xenfin Securitised Debt by 21.88%. This was a result of a valuation reduction in an underlying asset.

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 288.92p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 305.87p. This represents an increase of 5.86% from the year end value.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class A Accumulation* Group 1 Group 2	Ξ	- -	- -	<u>-</u> -
Class B Accumulation*	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	- -	_ _		0.2625 0.2625
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	0.2495 0.2495	- -	0.2495 0.2495	0.5592 0.5592
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.2517 0.2517	-	0.2517 0.2517	0.5948 0.5948
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class D Income* Group 1 Group 2	<u>-</u> -	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u> -	_ _
Class D Accumulation*	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	<del>-</del> -	_ _	-	- -
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.3348 0.2995	0.0353	0.3348 0.3348	0.4681 0.4681

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.3489 0.3167	0.0322	0.3489 0.3489	0.4863 0.4863
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.5034 0.5034	- -	0.5034 0.5034	0.9853 0.9853
Class B Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	0.4799 0.4799	- -	0.4799 0.4799	1.3922 1.3922
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	1.2881 1.2554	0.0327	1.2881 1.2881	1.6684 1.6684
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.3727 1.3623	0.0104	1.3727 1.3727	1.7748 1.7748
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class D Income* Group 1 Group 2	- -	- -	- -	0.9769 0.9769
Class D Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	0.3273 0.3273	- -	0.3273 0.3273	0.9855 0.9855

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	1.1674 1.1376	0.0298	1.1674 1.1674	1.0894 1.0894
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8707 0.8298	_ 0.0409	0.8707 0.8707	1.1397 1.1397

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM Sustainable Balance Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a balance of income and capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a range of shares and corporate bonds and other funds managed by selected fund managers.

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

The Sub-fund will only invest in individual shares and corporate bonds where the restrictions set out below are applied, as part of a two stage process.

#### 1) Investment Restrictions

Companies from certain industries or with significant exposure to certain activities, taken to be more than 10% of revenues, are precluded from investment at the outset. These include:

Adult entertainment

Alcohol

Armaments

Gambling

Genetically modified organisms ("GMOs") in agriculture

Nuclear power generation

Tobacco

#### 2) Ethical Conduct Screening

Having screened out individual securities with significant exposure to industries which are unacceptable, in accordance with the above criteria, the screening process set out in the Sub-Fund's Screening Process Document (which is available on the Manager's website or which may be obtained from the Manager) is then applied. This screening process includes firstly screening the remaining investment universe to identify securities in those companies which, although in acceptable industries, nonetheless exhibit unacceptable conduct, which may include corruption or poor labour or environmental practices. Positive screening is then applied to identify those securities in companies which exhibit positive ethical conduct (such as sustainable environmental practices and conscientiousness with regard to human rights).

Other funds (which includes exchange traded funds and open or closed ended funds) are selected for the Sub-Fund's portfolio on the basis that they track recognised ethical or socially responsible indices or are managed in accordance with the Manager's judgemental screening which is applied as described in the Screening Document.

An assessment of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues is integrated into the investment process as part of the assessment and valuation work conducted to be made for the Sub-fund by the Manager.

The Sub-fund will comprise a mixture of income-generating assets and assets with scope for capital growth.

The Sub-fund has flexibility to invest in different asset classes depending on market conditions, with most investment in equities and fixed interest securities but with no long term bias to either class.

The Sub-fund will invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments.

ACD'S REPORT (continued) for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 7.68%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c. 6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c. 5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c. 20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using 7IM Sustainable Balance C Acc shares, NAV return. Source: NTRS

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

Going into April, we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager December 2020

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 195 to 203 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the Sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables Class A Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	123.13	116.14	118.18
Return before operating charges*	11.32	11.74	2.51
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.48)	(2.31)	(2.30)
Return after operating charges*	8.84	9.43	0.21
Distributions on income shares	(1.61)	(2.44)	(2.25)
Closing net asset value per share	130.36	123.13	116.14
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.14	0.02	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.18%	8.12%	0.18%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	83	79	86
Closing number of shares	63,620	64,292	74,047
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	2.00%	1.93%	1.94%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	130.99	124.70	121.56
Lowest share price	106.16	111.98	114.74

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 204.

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class A Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	161.18	149.01	148.77
Return before operating charges*	14.96	15.15	3.15
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.29)	(2.98)	(2.91)
Return after operating charges*	11.67	12.17	0.24
Distributions	(2.40)	(3.14)	(2.84)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.40	3.14	2.84
Closing net asset value per share	172.85	161.18	149.01
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.18	0.03	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.24%	8.17%	0.16%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	331	98	99
Closing number of shares	191,749	60,684	66,624
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	2.00%	1.93%	1.94% 0.01%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	172.95	161.71	154.46
Lowest share price	139.01	143.66	144.45

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 204.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class B Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share		•	
Opening net asset value per share	163.29	150.84	150.49
Return before operating charges*	15.14	15.31	3.14
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.14)	(2.86)	(2.79)
Return after operating charges*	12.00	12.45	0.35
Distributions	(2.17)	(3.16)	(2.86)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.17	3.16	2.86
Closing net asset value per share	175.29	163.29	150.84
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.18	0.03	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.35%	8.25%	0.23%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4	4	4
Closing number of shares	2,426	2,426	2,426
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.90% 0.11%	1.83% 0.02%	1.84% 0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	175.37	163.79	156.34
Lowest share price	140.87	145.43	146.15

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	129.71	121.74	123.25
Return before operating charges*	11.68	12.33	2.63
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.64)	(1.80)	(1.79)
Return after operating charges*	10.04	10.53	0.84
Distributions on income shares	(1.84)	(2.56)	(2.35)
Closing net asset value per share	137.91	129.71	121.74
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.14	0.02	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.74%	8.65%	0.68%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	28,692 20,805,315 1.25% 0.11%	26,787 20,651,026 1.43% 0.02%	24,856 20,417,956 1.44% 0.01%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	138.67 112.04	131.25 117.41	127.25 119.86

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	172.19	158.40	157.36
Return before operating charges*	15.62	16.15	3.33
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.19)	(2.36)	(2.29)
Return after operating charges*	13.43	13.79	1.04
Distributions	(2.50)	(3.35)	(3.01)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.50	3.35	3.01
Closing net asset value per share	185.62	172.19	158.40
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.19	0.03	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.80%	8.71%	0.66%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	106,546 57,401,022	66,645 38,704,244	50,342 31,782,224
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.25% 0.11%	1.43% 0.02%	1.44% 0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	185.67 148.73	172.60 152.76	163.98 153.02

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	121.04	114.28	116.41
Return before operating charges*	11.13	11.54	2.46
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.57)	(2.39)	(2.38)
Return after operating charges*	8.56	9.15	0.08
Distributions on income shares	(1.63)	(2.39)	(2.21)
Closing net asset value per share	127.97	121.04	114.28
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.13	0.02	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.07%	8.01%	0.07%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	42 32,784 2.10% 0.11%	28 22,806 2.03% 0.02%	27 23,591 2.04% 0.01%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	128.64 104.35	122.60 110.18	119.64 112.98

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	159.14	147.27	147.18
Return before operating charges*	14.72	14.98	3.12
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.38)	(3.11)	(3.03)
Return after operating charges*	11.34	11.87	0.09
Distributions	(2.01)	(3.10)	(2.81)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.01	3.10	2.81
Closing net asset value per share	170.48	159.14	147.27
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.18	0.03	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	7.13%	8.06%	0.06%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	93	107	77
Closing number of shares	54,748	67,040	52,167
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	2.10% 0.11%	2.03% 0.02%	2.04% 0.01%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	170.58	159.69	152.69
Lowest share price	137.20	141.97	142.85

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	125.91	117.87	119.03
Return before operating charges*	11.34	11.95	2.54
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.27)	(1.43)	(1.43)
Return after operating charges*	10.07	10.52	1.11
Distributions on income shares	(1.84)	(2.48)	(2.27)
Closing net asset value per share	134.14	125.91	117.87
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.14	0.02	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	8.00%	8.93%	0.93%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	470 350,092 1.00% 0.11%	520 413,310 1.18% 0.02%	666 565,225 1.19% 0.01%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	134.92 108.84	127.34 113.70	123.12 115.85

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	141.28	129.64	128.46
Return before operating charges*	12.84	13.23	2.73
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.44)	(1.59)	(1.55)
Return after operating charges*	11.40	11.64	1.18
Distributions	(2.11)	(2.74)	(2.46)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.11	2.74	2.46
Closing net asset value per share	152.68	141.28	129.64
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.16	0.03	0.01
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	8.07%	8.98%	0.92%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,334	11,369	10,191
Closing number of shares Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	10,043,312 1.00%	8,047,554 1.18%	7,861,596 1.19%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest share price	152.70	141.56	134.12
Lowest share price	122.13	125.04	125.02

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class A	Class B	Class C <sup>1</sup>	Class D	Class S <sup>1</sup>
ACD's periodic charge	1.75%	1.65%	1.00%	1.85%	0.75%
Other expenses	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
	1.85%	1.75%	1.10%	1.95%	0.85%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
Ongoing Charges Figure	2.00%	1.90%	1.25%	2.10%	1.00%
As at 30 November 2019					
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.75%	1.65%	1.25%	1.85%	1.00%
Other expenses	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
	1.85%	1.75%	1.35%	1.95%	1.10%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.93%	1.83%	1.43%	2.03%	1.18%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The ACD's periodic charge for Share class C and S was changed to 1.00% and 0.75% effective 2 November 2020.

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was four.

#### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM Sustainable Balance Fund <sup>1</sup>	7.68	17.70	34.82

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 224 to 226.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

Ualdina	Double of Investment	Value £	30.11.20
Holding	Portfolio of Investment	L	%
	ALTERNATIVES 4.82% (6.33%)		
337.642	Alternative Strategies 0.00% (0.13%) Low Carbon Accelerator <sup>1</sup>	_	_
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	Infrastructure 4.12% (5.18%)		
	Greencoat UK Wind	1,946,154	1.28
	Renewables Infrastructure Group SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	2,061,410 2,235,765	1.36 1.48
2,000,000	esec analysis and an action	6,243,329	4.12
	Real Estate 0.70% (1.02%)		
935,307	Target Healthcare REIT	1,058,768	0.70
	DEBT SECURITIES 39.73% (31.23%)		
	Corporate Bonds 0.00% (0.62%)		
	Emerging Market Banda F 009/ (0.009/)		
610.410	Emerging Market Bonds 5.99% (0.00%) BlackRock Global ESG Emerging Markets Blended <sup>2</sup>	6,470,344	4.27
287,459	BlackRock Global ESG Emerging Markets Bond Fund <sup>2</sup>	2,604,359	1.72
		9,074,703	5.99
	Gilts 2.02% (7.18%)		
70,618	Invesco UK Gilts UCITS ETF <sup>2</sup>	3,066,940	2.02
	Olahal Oamaanda Banda 45 00% (5 00%)		
360 702	Global Corporate Bonds 15.99% (5.28%) Amundi Index US Corp SRI UCITS ETF <sup>2</sup>	17,359,148	11.45
	iShares II PLC Euro Corporate Bond UCITS ETF <sup>3</sup>	6,878,007	4.54
		24,237,155	15.99
	Global Government Bonds 3.47% (7.29%)		
473,532	Global Government Bond Index Fund <sup>2</sup>	5,257,155	3.47
75.547	Global High Yield Bonds 5.64% (0.00%) Bluebay Global High Yield Bond Fund <sup>2</sup>	8,552,653	5.64
10,041	Bluebay Global Flight field Bolld Fulld		3.04
	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 2.06% (3.82%)		
272,511	iShares Global Inflation-Linked Bond Index <sup>2</sup>	3,128,609	2.06
	Short Term Sterling Bonds 0.00% (0.69%)		
6,011,708	Sterling Corporate Bonds 4.56% (6.35%) Threadneedle UK Social Bond <sup>2</sup>	6,914,065	4.56
0,011,700	Threadhleade ON Goolal Bolla		4.50
	EQUITY 51.46% (50.81%)		
	Asia & Emerging Markets 5.25% (2.54%)		
7,075	Credicorp	820,309	0.54
17,744	HDFC Bank	901,051	0.59

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

			30.11.20
Holding	Portfolio of Investment	£	%
	Asia & Emerging Markets (continued)		
	Samsonite International	725,829	0.48
492,915	UBS MSCI Emerging Markets Socially Responsible UCITS ETF <sup>2</sup>	5,513,254	3.64
		7,960,443	5.25
	Europe (ex UK) 6.12% (6.80%)		
9,893	Air Liquide	1,230,619	0.81
25,690		1,035,013	0.68
	Alstom Rights <sup>4</sup>	65,221	0.04
	ASML Holding	1,476,173	0.98
	Dassault Systemes <sup>3</sup>	563,866	0.37
7,493 263	Essilor International Givaudan	815,398 807,748	0.54 0.53
32,597		1,462,953	0.53
6,151	Orsted	830,171	0.55
9,294	Schneider Electric	983,025	0.65
0,20	35		
		9,270,187	6.12
07.000	Far East (ex Japan) 1.01% (1.63%)	710.001	0.47
87,000	AIA	713,894	0.47
5,002	CSL	822,018	0.54
		1,535,912	1.01
	Japan 5.83% (4.01%)		
6,300	Daikin Industries	1,068,361	0.70
	Shimano	866,922	0.57
	Shionogi	716,455	0.47
315,005	UBS MSCI Japan Socially Responsible UCITS ETF <sup>2</sup>	6,192,998	4.09
		8,844,736	5.83
005	North America 15.93% (16.74%)	4 000 040	0.74
805	Alphabet 'C'	1,080,046	0.71
372 4,250	Amazon.com	890,017 715,392	0.59 0.47
50,794	Amgen Aramark	1,373,725	0.47
680	Booking Holdings	1,045,124	0.69
1,861	Charter Communications	895,657	0.59
7,384	CME	966,270	0.64
14,983	Colgate-Palmolive	952,010	0.63
5,585	Deere & Co	1,095,798	0.72
4,044	Ecolab	678,961	0.45
1,657	Equinix	868,717	0.57
10,006	First Republic Bank	976,513	0.64
	Home Depot <sup>3</sup>	900,010	0.59
7,826	iShares MSCI USA SRI UCITS ETF <sup>2</sup> Jack Henry & Associates	1,602,620 922,912	1.06 0.61
4,260	MasterCard	1,081,818	0.01
15,589	Merck & Co	932,620	0.62
10,955	Middleby	1,135,816	0.75
4,203	Moody's	872,416	0.58
	Otis Worldwide	786,726	0.52
	Service International	885,957	0.58
6,156	Splunk	940,443	0.62

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	North America (continued)		
3,619	SVB Financial Group	957,461	0.63
8,803	TE Connectivity	760,042	0.50
•	Zebra Technologies	831,034	0.55
_,~		24,148,105	15.93
	United Kingdom 17.32% (19.09%)		
85,664	3i Group	925,599	0.61
27,771	Abcam	400,736	0.27
25,327	AstraZeneca	2,003,872	1.32
160,157	Barratt Developments	1,007,388	0.67
60,117	Compass Group	826,308	0.55
12,265	Cranswick	425,841	0.28
238,016	DS Smith	800,924	0.53
13,946	Genus	584,895	0.39
95,408	GlaxoSmithKline	1,320,447	0.87
37,473	Halma	837,147	0.55
78,529	Howden Joinery Group	499,130	0.33
272,203	HSBC Holdings	1,073,433	0.71
48,503	IMI	546,144	0.36
12,568	InterContinental Hotels Group	590,947	0.39
9,756	Intertek Group	547,312	0.36
311,081	Legal & General Group	793,257	0.52
14,607	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,173,818	0.77
191,331	Man Group	226,345	0.15
12,546	Medtronic	1,077,196	0.71
42,125	Ocado Group	941,915	0.62
	Prudential	866,449	0.57
18,225	Reckitt Benckiser Group	1,198,111	0.79
67,108		1,186,805	0.78
1,000,000	Residential Secure Income	900,000	0.59
750,961	RM Secured Direct Lending	593,259	0.39
108,385	Sage Group	660,281	0.44
47,672	Smith & Nephew	707,691	0.47
37,477	Softcat	431,360	0.29
	UBS (Irl) MSCI United Kingdom IMI Socially Responsible <sup>2</sup>	815,824	0.54
38,045	Unilever	1,748,548	1.15
26,073	Unite Group	261,773	0.17
19,799	WH Smith	277,384	0.18
		26,250,139	17.32
<b>*</b> ** -= :	PROPERTY 0.58% (0.42%)	***	_ ==
860,876	Civitas Social Housing	884,981	0.58
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.88% (0.87%)		
€(8,303,000)	Vs £7,509,358 Expiry 16.04.2021	40,070	0.03
¥(2,400,000)	Vs £17,415 Expiry 21.05.2021	40,070	0.03
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Vs £18,420,140 Expiry 15.01.2021	1,127,777	0.74
	Vs £6,967,761 Expiry 15.01.2021	158,566	0.74
ουφ(ο, 1ου,ουυ)	10 20,007,701 Expiry 10.01.2021	-	
		1,326,529	0.88

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	Portfolio of investment <sup>5</sup>	147,754,409	97.47
	Net other assets <sup>5</sup>	3,840,311	2.53
	Net assets	151,594,720	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

	30.11.20	30.11.19
Credit Quality	%	%
Investment grade debt securities	_	23.14
Other investments	97.47	73.16
Net other assets	2.53	3.70
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Delisted security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rights held due to corporate action

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Notes	c	30.11.20	c	30.11.19
Income	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net capital gains	4		9,791,520		7,154,291
Revenue	5	1,974,391		2,193,055	
Expenses	6	(1,566,165)		(1,256,558)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(7,934)		(7,649)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		400,292		928,848	
Taxation	7	(56,514)		(48,052)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		-	343,778	_	880,796
Total return before distributions			10,135,298		8,035,087
Distributions	8	_	(1,720,317)	_	(1,935,724)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-	8,414,981	_	6,099,363

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	£	30.11.20 £	£	30.11.19 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	_	105,637,162	_	86,348,495
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	57,205,665		25,753,875	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(21,113,454)		(14,020,030)	
		36,092,211		11,733,845
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,414,981		6,099,363
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,450,366		1,455,459
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	151,594,720		105,637,162

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 212 to 223 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		147,754,409	95,307,279
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	898,123	762,210
Cash and bank balances	10	4,779,199	4,439,855
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	-	7,019,000
Total assets		153,431,731	107,528,344
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		-	(596,146)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(140,063)	(160,363)
Distribution payable		(154,117)	(258,591)
Other creditors	11	(1,542,831)	(876,082)
Total liabilities		(1,837,011)	(1,891,182)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		151,594,720	105,637,162

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 212 to 223 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

### 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
The net capital gains during the year comprise:	~	~
Non-derivative securities	9,607,033	8,153,064
Derivative contracts	(415,204)	(1,290,545)
Forward currency contracts	278,393	468,376
Currency gains/(losses)	342,349	(158,178)
Transaction charges	(19,210)	(4,426)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	(1,841)	(14,000)
Net capital gains	9,791,520	7,154,291

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Non-taxable dividends	1,454,967	1,532,128
Taxable dividends	252,676	217,652
Unfranked interest	264,391	440,904
AMC rebates from underlying investments	1,670	244
Bank interest	687	2,127
Total revenue	1,974,391	2,193,055

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	1,459,004	1,168,994
Other expenses	5,251	5,135
	1,464,255	1,174,129
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	19,834	15,844
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	16,617	13,640
	40,112	35,484
Other Expenses:		
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	14,403	9,886
FCA and other Regulatory fees	215	212
Legal and professional fees	394	1,604
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	26,118	20,093
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	61,798	46,945
Total expenses	1,566,165	1,256,558

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
a)	Analysis of charge for the year		
	Overseas tax	56,514	48,052
	Current tax charge (note 7b)	56,514	48,052
	Total taxation	56,514	48,052
b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year  The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	rised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
	Net revenue before taxation	400,292	928,848
	Corporation tax at 20%	80,058	185,770
	Effects of:		
	Double taxation relief expensed	(416)	(698)
	FX loss non taxable	(1,583)	(1,570)
	Indexed gilt edged securities adjustment	_	(1,447)
	Movement in revenue accruals	(1,337)	207
	Non-taxable dividends	(289,410)	(304,856)
	Overseas tax	56,514	48,052
	Unutilised excess management expenses	212,688	122,594
	Current tax charge (note 7a)	56,514	48,052

#### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

At the year end there is a potential deferred tax asset of £671,716 (2019: £459,028) due to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore, no deferred tax asset has been recognised.

#### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	1,006,753	1,009,743
Final	831,178	989,608
	1,837,931	1,999,351
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	86,897	81,569
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(204,511)	(145,196)
Net distributions for the year	1,720,317	1,935,724
Interest payable and similar charges	7,934	7,649
Total distribution	1,728,251	1,943,373

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 224 to 226.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	343,778	880,796
Allocations to capital: Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	1,376,555	1,054,965
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	(8)	(8)
Net movement in revenue account	(8)	(29)
Net distributions for the year	1,720,317	1,935,724

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20	30.11.19	
	£	£	
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	763,947	434,650	
Accrued revenue	114,787	293,243	
AMC rebates from underlying investments	1,914	2,085	
Withholding tax recoverable	17,475	32,232	
Total debtors	898,123	762,210	

#### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Cash and bank balances	4,779,199	4,160,436
Cash held at clearing houses	_	279,419
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	-	7,019,000
Total cash and bank balances	4,779,199	11,458,855
Bank overdrafts	(140,063)	(137,259)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	-	(23,104)
Total bank overdrafts	(140,063)	(160,363)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	556,371	615,868
Purchases awaiting settlement	835,263	115,637
Accrued expenses	151,197	144,577
Total other creditors	1,542,831	876,082

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 210.

7IM and its associates (including other authorised investment funds managed by 7IM) had no shareholdings in the Sub-fund (2019: none).

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited

56.50% (2019: 54.11%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled £28,255,470 (2019: £8,260,519).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has five share classes: 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'S'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.75%
Class B	1.65%
Class C	1.00%
Class D	1.85%
Class S	0.75%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Class	Opening Shares	Shares Created	Shares Liquidated	Shares Converted	Closing Shares
		0.00.00	•		
Class A Income	64,292	_	(672)	_	63,620
Class A Accumulation	60,684	145,314	(14,249)	_	191,749
Class B Accumulation	2,426	_	_	_	2,426
Class C Income	20,651,026	1,174,596	(1,056,755)	36,448	20,805,315
Class C Accumulation	38,704,244	29,233,529	(10,433,874)	(102,877)	57,401,022
Class D Income	22,806	15,190	(5,212)	_	32,784
Class D Accumulation	67,040	10,816	(23,108)	_	54,748
Class S Income	413,310	37,985	(63,718)	(37,485)	350,092
Class S Accumulation	8,047,554	2,978,664	(1,107,997)	125,091	10,043,312

#### 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown next page.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

### i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020	Floating	Fixed	Financial	
	Rate	Rate	Assets	
	Financial	Financial	not carrying	
	Assets	Assets	interest	Total
A storPer Leller	£	£	£	£
Australian dollar	_	_	822,017	822,017
Danish krone	_	_	831,249	831,249
Euro	21,419	_	13,059,899	13,081,318
Hong Kong dollar	_	_	1,439,723	1,439,723
Japanese yen	_	_	2,651,738	2,651,738
Swiss franc	79,861	_	810,935	890,796
US dollar	44,654	_	50,039,409	50,084,063
Pound sterling	4,633,265	_	110,585,706	115,218,971
	4,779,199	_	180,240,676	185,019,875
		Floating	Financial	
		Rate	Liabilities	
		Financial Liabilities	not carrying interest	Total
		£	£	£
Euro		(15,626)	(7,469,287)	(7,484,913)
Japanese yen		_	(17,299)	(17,299)
Swiss franc		(79,861)	_	(79,861)
US dollar		(44,576)	(24,101,558)	(24,146,134)
Pound sterling		-	(1,696,948)	(1,696,948)
	_	(140,063)	(33,285,092)	(33,425,155)
Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019				
	Floating	Fixed	Financial	
	Rate	Rate	Assets	
	Financial Assets	Financial Assets	not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Australian dollar	_	_	1,084,929	1,084,929
Danish krone	_	_	510,348	510,348
Euro	20,737	2,285,150	8,810,581	11,116,468
Hong Kong dollar	_	_	1,041,116	1,041,116
Japanese yen	_	2,582,771	2,565,309	5,148,080
Swiss franc	74,668	_	877,377	952,045
US dollar	41,984	5,006,312	25,941,763	30,990,059
Pound sterling	12,055,703	13,836,748	64,469,765	90,362,216
	12,193,092	23,710,981	105,301,188	141,205,261

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro	(43,818)	(6,293,633)	(6,337,451)
Japanese yen	_	(3,143,417)	(3,143,417)
Swiss franc	(74,669)	_	(74,669)
US dollar	(41,877)	(16,241,427)	(16,283,304)
Pound sterling	_	(9,729,258)	(9,729,258)
	(160,364)	(35,407,735)	(35,568,099)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

Fixed Pate Financial Accets

	Fixed Rate Finalicial Assets				
	Weighte	Weighted average		Weighted average period	
	inter	est rate	for which ra	ate is fixed	
Currency	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19	
	%	%	Years	Years	
Euro	_	0.10	_	10	
Japanese yen	_	(0.03)	_	10	
Pound sterling	_	1.46	_	18	
US dollar	_	1.38	_	17	

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the average weighted effective duration was 2.15 years (30 November 2019: 2.88 years).

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Monetary	Non-Monetary	
	Exposure	Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Australian dollar	_	822,017	822,017
Danish krone	1,078	830,171	831,249
Euro	18,370	5,578,035	5,596,405
Hong Kong dollar	_	1,439,723	1,439,723
Japanese yen	-	2,634,439	2,634,439
Swiss franc	3,187	807,748	810,935
US dollar	711	25,937,218	25,937,929
	23,346	38,049,351	38,072,697
Pound sterling	3,816,965	109,705,058	113,522,023
Net assets	3,840,311	147,754,409	151,594,720

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### ii. Foreign currency risk (continued)

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Australian dollar	_	1,084,929	1,084,929
Danish krone	3,560	506,788	510,348
Euro	(7,366)	4,786,383	4,779,017
Hong Kong dollar	_	1,041,116	1,041,116
Japanese yen	_	2,004,663	2,004,663
Swiss franc	12,956	864,420	877,376
US dollar	107	14,706,648	14,706,755
	9,257	24,994,947	25,004,204
Pound sterling	10,916,772	69,716,186	80,632,958
Net assets	10,926,029	94,711,133	105,637,162

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 21%, 78% and 41% respectively (30 November 2019¹: 27%, 71% and 45% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCI's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCI Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCI Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives (continued)

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date was forward foreign currency contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	141,149
Futures		
Chicago Board of Trade	_	12,111
Eurex Deutschland	_	(62,258)
International Monetary Market	_	(186,205)
Forward Currency Contracts		
Brokeondons	116	_
Northern Trust	1,326,413	919,908
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	1,326,529	824,705

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Collective Investment Schemes	41,270,892	27,670,030	_	68,940,922
Derivatives	8,341,883	1,326,529	_	9,668,412
Equities	69,145,075	_	_	69,145,075
Total	118,757,850	28,996,559	-	147,754,409
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	15,051,193	9,394,023	_	24,445,216
Collective Investment Schemes	24,739,471	_	_	24,739,471
Derivatives	170,044	1,250,807	_	1,420,851
Equities	44,701,741	_	_	44,701,741
Total	84,662,449	10,644,830	_	95,307,279
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(250,314)	(345,832)	_	(596,146)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 194.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	17,962	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	32,499	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	122,333	102	15	117	0.08	0.01
Total	172,794	102	15	117	0.08	0.01
			_	Total	Commissions	Taxes
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Costs £'000	% of principal	% of principal
Sales	-		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
<b>Sales</b> Bonds	-		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
	£'000		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
Bonds	<b>£'000</b> 44,178		Taxes	Costs	% of	% of
Bonds Collective Investment Schemes	<b>£'000</b> 44,178 9,443	£'000 - -	Taxes £'000 _	Costs £'000 - -	% of principal – –	% of

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

				Total	0	<b>T</b>
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	7,099	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	13,946	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	16,515	11	3	14	0.07	0.02
Total	37,560	11	3	14	0.07	0.02

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	3,593	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	8,829	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	18,039	(4)	_	(4)	0.02	_
Total	30,461	(4)	-	(4)	0.02	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ige NAV	0.02%	0.00%	0.02%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.21% (2019: 0.21%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 185.56p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 187.18p. This represents an increase of 0.87% from the year end value.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	1.0567 1.0567	_ _	1.0567 1.0567	1.2745 1.2745
Class A Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	1.3830 1.3830	- -	1.3830 1.3830	1.6339 1.6339
Class B Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	1.3991 1.3991	- -	1.3991 1.3991	1.6320 1.6320
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	1.1138 0.6045	0.5093	1.1138 1.1138	1.3364 1.3364
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.4814 0.7206	0.7608	1.4814 1.4814	1.7392 1.7392
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	1.0365 0.5114	_ 0.5251	1.0365 1.0365	1.2510 1.2510
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.3654 0.4576	0.9078	1.3654 1.3654	1.6146 1.6146

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	1.0807 1.0807	<del>-</del>	1.0807 1.0807	1.2948 1.2948
Olace O Accomputation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.2142 0.6202	_ 0.5940	1.2142 1.2142	1.4242 1.4242
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.5535 0.5535	_ _	0.5535 0.5535	1.1629 1.1629
Class A Assumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.0165 0.3543	0.6622	1.0165 1.0165	1.5067 1.5067
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.7704 0.7704	<u>-</u> -	0.7704 0.7704	1.5294 1.5294
			Paid	Paid
Class C Income Group 1	Net Revenue 0.7254	Equalisation _	<b>31.01.21</b> 0.7254	<b>31.01.20</b> 1.2236
Group 2	0.3921	0.3333	0.7254	1.2236
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.0194 0.4799	0.5395	1.0194 1.0194	1.6094 1.6094

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	0.5913 0.5163	0.0750	0.5913 0.5913	1.1415 1.1415
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6416 0.2596	_ 0.3820	0.6416 0.6416	1.4861 1.4861
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7567 0.2644	0.4923	0.7567 0.7567	1.1848 1.1848
			Allocated	Allocated
Class S Accumulation	Net Revenue  0.8921	Equalisation	<b>31.01.21</b> 0.8921	<b>31.01.20</b> 1.3192
Group 1 Group 2	0.4468	0.4453	0.8921	1.3192

## **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM AAP (Asset Allocated Passives) Income Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide income, while seeking to maintain capital over the long term (5 years or more).

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in fixed interest and equity instruments that, for the most part, use passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes). The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity, indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments.

The Sub-fund's investments will be more focused on income generating assets such as corporate debt securities but there will be an allocation to growth generating assets such as global equities.

The Sub-fund is likely to invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020 the portfolio delivered a total return of -0.46%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c. 6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c. 5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c. 20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Calculated using 7IM AAP Income C Acc shares, NAV return. Source: NTRS

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

Going into April, we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

Forced selling and liquidity pressures opened up an opportunity in residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) relative to our SAA Index equivalent risks at the beginning of June. We were able to take advantage of this opportunity by selling some of our Global Corporate bond allocation and buying the Angel Oaks Multi Strategy Income Fund.

An allocation to European bank AT1 contingent convertible bonds ("AT1s") was made in July, funded through some of our Global High Yield bond allocation. While we see value in both asset classes, we believe AT1s are extremely well positioned to outperform High Yield due to their resilient fundamentals and attractive valuations.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

A valuation opportunity together with improving fundamentals meant that we increased our allocation to RMBS at the start of October funded from Global Corporate bonds and cash. With the investment case surrounding RMBS strengthening while Global Corporate bonds continued to trade around long run average spreads (despite credit downgrades and a deterioration in fundamentals), RMBS looked well positioned to deliver outperformance across the range of scenarios we modelled against.

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager December 2020

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 231 to 239 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables Class A Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	97.20	96.37	101.42
Return before operating charges*	0.56	5.88	(0.05)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.74)	(1.81)	(1.80)
Return after operating charges*	(1.18)	4.07	(1.85)
Distributions on income shares	(2.72)	(3.24)	(3.20)
Closing net asset value per share	93.30	97.20	96.37
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.02
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(1.21)%	4.22%	(1.82)%
Neturn arter charges	(1.21)/0	4.22/0	(1.02)/0
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	549	218	206
Closing number of shares	588,074	224,129	213,139
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	1.88%	1.84%	1.80%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	99.43	101.02	103.40
Lowest share price	80.91	95.00	96.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 240.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class A Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	167.83	161.00	164.09
Return before operating charges*	1.11	9.92	(0.13)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.04)	(3.09)	(2.96)
Return after operating charges*	(1.93)	6.83	(3.09)
Distributions	(4.76)	(5.47)	(5.21)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.76	5.47	5.21
Closing net asset value per share	165.90	167.83	161.00
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(1.15)%	4.24%	(1.88)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	284	300	72
Closing number of shares	171,408	178,603	44,927
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.88% 0.01%	1.84% 0.01%	1.80% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	171.68	171.56	167.29
Lowest share price	140.62	158.74	159.90
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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class B Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	172.05	164.85	167.81
Return before operating charges*	1.09	10.08	(0.19)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.87)	(2.88)	(2.77)
Return after operating charges*	(1.78)	7.20	(2.96)
Distributions	(4.88)	(5.62)	(5.36)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.88	5.62	5.36
Closing net asset value per share	170.27	172.05	164.85
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(1.03)%	4.37%	(1.76)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,453	4,464	4,731
Closing number of shares	2,027,680	2,594,338	2,869,868
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.73% 0.01%	1.69% 0.01%	1.65% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	176.04	175.81	171.11
Lowest share price	144.21	162.54	163.69

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	,	, ,
Opening net asset value per share	106.86	105.11	109.74
Return before operating charges*	0.45	6.21	(0.28)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.90)	(0.91)	(0.87)
Return after operating charges*	(0.45)	5.30	(1.15)
Distributions on income shares	(3.01)	(3.55)	(3.48)
Closing net asset value per share	103.40	106.86	105.11
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(0.42)%	5.04%	(1.05)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	27,742 26,830,145	35,623 33,334,885	40,969 38,977,158
Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	0.88% 0.01%	0.84% 0.01%	0.80% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	109.49 89.19	110.77 103.69	111.98 105.02

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	, ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	184.23	175.31	177.25
Return before operating charges*	0.91	10.45	(0.52)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.57)	(1.53)	(1.42)
Return after operating charges*	(0.66)	8.92	(1.94)
Distributions	(5.24)	(6.00)	(5.68)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.24	6.00	5.68
Closing net asset value per share	183.57	184.23	175.31
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(0.36)%	5.09%	(1.09)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	14,982 8,161,771 0.88% 0.01%	18,849 10,231,434 0.84% 0.01%	16,902 9,641,049 0.80% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	188.76	187.83	180.89
Lowest share price	154.74	172.98	173.93

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	97.47	96.68	101.79
Return before operating charges*	0.57	5.91	(0.04)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.79)	(1.86)	(1.86)
Return after operating charges*	(1.22)	4.05	(1.90)
Distributions on income shares	(2.73)	(3.26)	(3.21)
Closing net asset value per share	93.52	97.47	96.68
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.02
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(1.25)%	4.19%	(1.87)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	252 268,936 1.93% 0.01%	268 275,040 1.89% 0.01%	451 466,708 1.85% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	99.70 81.13	101.32 95.30	103.77 96.71

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	, ,	• ,
Opening net asset value per share	166.46	159.76	162.89
Return before operating charges*	1.12	9.82	(0.12)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(3.09)	(3.12)	(3.01)
Return after operating charges*	(1.97)	6.70	(3.13)
Distributions	(4.72)	(5.44)	(5.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.72	5.44	5.20
Closing net asset value per share	164.49	166.46	159.76
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(1.18)%	4.19%	(1.92)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	736	663	864
Closing number of shares	447,253	398,082	541,025
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.93% 0.01%	1.89% 0.01%	1.85% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	170.28	170.20	166.07
Lowest share price	139.47	157.51	158.68

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	,	, ,	1
Opening net asset value per share	105.10	103.17	107.49
Return before operating charges*	0.39	6.05	(0.32)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.63)	(0.63)	(0.59)
Return after operating charges*	(0.24)	5.42	(0.91)
Distributions on income shares	(2.96)	(3.49)	(3.41)
Closing net asset value per share	101.90	105.10	103.17
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(0.23)%	5.25%	(0.85)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	10,771 10,569,436 0.63% 0.01%	13,262 12,618,635 0.59% 0.01%	14,362 13,920,770 0.55% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	107.73 87.77	108.87 101.79	109.71 103.06

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	126.33	119.98	121.06
Return before operating charges*	0.57	7.09	(0.41)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.77)	(0.74)	(0.67)
Return after operating charges*	(0.20)	6.35	(1.08)
Distributions	(3.60)	(4.11)	(3.88)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.60	4.11	3.88
Closing net asset value per share	126.13	126.33	119.98
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.01	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	(0.16)%	5.29%	(0.89)%
Other Information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	3,173 2,515,427 0.63% 0.01%	3,828 3,030,472 0.59% 0.01%	4,037 3,364,652 0.55% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	129.49 106.18	128.71 118.40	123.57 119.00

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.50%	1.35%	0.50%	1.55%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%
	1.66%	1.51%	0.66%	1.71%	0.41%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.22%	0.22%	0.22%	0.22%	0.22%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.88%	1.73%	0.88%	1.93%	0.63%
As at 30 November 2019					
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.50%	1.35%	0.50%	1.55%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
	1.61%	1.46%	0.61%	1.66%	0.36%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.23%	0.23%	0.23%	0.23%	0.23%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.84%	1.69%	0.84%	1.89%	0.59%

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting period.

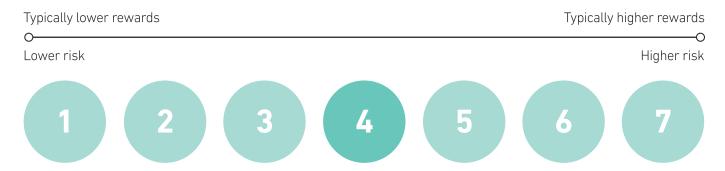
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was four.

#### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM AAP Income Fund <sup>1</sup>	(0.46)	3.39	18.85

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 258 to 262.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
Holding		~	70
	ALTERNATIVES 4.42% (5.36%) Alternative Strategies 0.00% (0.10%)		
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	Infrastructure 2.87% (3.23%)		
522,532	BBGI	900,845	1.46
694,026	Renewables Infrastructure	875,861	1.41
		1,776,706	2.87
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828,578	Real Estate 1.55% (2.03%) LXI REIT	962,808	1.55
,			
	DEBT SECURITIES 64.86% (69.87%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (3.02%)		
0.3240	NN (L) Global Convertible Opportunities Dist <sup>1</sup>	1,598	
8,142,421	Emerging Market Bonds 16.80% (15.85%) Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency		
	Index Fund Dist <sup>1</sup>	4,369,223	7.05
5,876,711	Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	4,397,543	7.10
20,890	UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian High Yield <sup>1</sup>	1,638,291	2.65
		10,405,057	16.80
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	Gilts 0.00% (3.04%)		
	Global Corporate Bonds 22.42% (21.83%)		
27,936	Angel Oak Multi-Strategy Income UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	3,223,558	5.21
3,650,060	BlackRock Overseas Corporate Bond Tracker <sup>1</sup>	6,292,703	10.16
39,186	Robeco Global Credits Inc <sup>1</sup>	4,367,321	7.05
		13,883,582	22.42
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	Global Government Bonds 0.00% (8.18%)		
	Global High Yield Bonds 17.53% (10.10%)		
45,184	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond <sup>1</sup>	5,240,934	8.46
183,122	Xtrackers II EUR High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF1	2,852,314	4.60
244,539	Xtrackers USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF1	2,766,272	4.47
		10,859,520	17.53
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	Short Term Sterling Bonds 0.00% (1.39%)		
	Sterling Corporate Bonds 8.11% (6.46%)		
4,908,223	MI TwentyFour - Monument Bond Fund¹	5,022,977	8.11
	EQUITY 29.28% (21.78%)		
000 000	Asia & Emerging Markets 5.36% (6.76%)	<b></b> -	
300,268	SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Dividend UCITS ETF <sup>1</sup>	3,317,325	5.36

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	Europe (ex UK) 6.17% (3.80%)		
2,604,503	Fidelity Investment Funds - Index Europe ex UK Fund P Income <sup>1</sup>	3,823,932	6.17
	North America 3.14% (0.17%)		
3,250,000	Legal & General Global Health and Pharmaceuticals Index Trust <sup>1</sup>	1,950,650	3.15
13	US Ultra Treasury Bond Index Futures March 2021 <sup>2</sup>	(3,346)	(0.01)
		1,947,304	3.14
	United Kingdom 14.61% (11.05%)		
1,347,129	iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF1	8,454,581	13.65
915,278	UK Mortgages	594,931	0.96
		9,049,512	14.61
C/F 042 000\	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 1.59% (1.45%)	20.004	0.05
€(5,943,000)	Vs £5,374,938 Expiry 16.04.2021 Vs £16,162,856 Expiry 15.01.2021	28,681 989,574	0.05 1.60
	Vs £646,183 Expiry 15.01.2021	10,159	0.02
• • • • •	Vs £(757,908) Expiry 21.05.2021	(5,056)	(0.01)
US\$3,000,000	Vs £(2,286,638) Expiry 15.01.2021	(41,848)	(0.07)
		981,510	1.59
	Portfolio of investment <sup>3</sup>	62,031,831	100.15
	Net other liabilities³	(90,030)	(0.15)
	Net assets	61,941,801	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

Credit Quality	30.11.20 %	30.11.19 %
Investment grade debt securities	_	4.43
Non-rated debt securities	_	_
Other investments	100.15	96.36
Net other liabilities	(0.15)	(0.79)
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Derivative contract

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

			30.11.20		30.11.19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital (losses)/gains	4		(2,515,188)		1,787,654
Revenue	5	2,375,864		3,155,202	
Expenses	6	(436,589)		(502,151)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(2,690)		(903)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		1,936,585		2,652,148	
Taxation	7	(267,767)		(341,550)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		_	1,668,818	_	2,310,598
Total return before distributions			(846,370)		4,098,252
Distributions	8		(2,023,017)	_	(2,718,168)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		_	(2,869,387)	_	1,380,084

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

		30.11.20		30.11.19
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		77,474,633		82,593,661
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	6,543,907		15,052,162	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(19,930,105)		(22,465,018)	
		(13,386,198)		(7,412,856)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		(2,869,387)		1,380,084
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		722,753		913,744
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		61,941,801		77,474,633

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 246 to 257 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments		62,078,735	76,647,515
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	996,640	525,969
Cash and bank balances	10	434,878	546,734
Cash equivalents	10	_	1,806,000
Total assets		63,510,253	79,526,218
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(46,904)	(369,494)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(517,031)	(524,733)
Distribution payable		(291,783)	(364,639)
Other creditors	11	(712,734)	(792,719)
Total liabilities		(1,568,452)	(2,051,585)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		61,941,801	77,474,633

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 246 to 257 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

#### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

### 4 Net capital (losses)/gains

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
The net capital (losses)/gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	(2,344,247)	2,237,472
Derivative contracts	(137,718)	(372,946)
Forward currency contracts	(41,399)	368,650
Currency gains/(losses)	6,401	(464,493)
Transaction charges	(22,843)	(10,290)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	24,618	29,261
Net capital (losses)/gains	(2,515,188)	1,787,654

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Non-taxable dividends	739,224	1,021,505
Taxable dividends	1,595,155	2,026,251
Unfranked interest	32,230	62,672
AMC rebates from underlying investments	3,910	41,771
Bank interest	691	946
Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	4,654	2,057
Total revenue	2,375,864	3,155,202

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

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## 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:	_	
ACD's periodic charge	350,952	419,288
Other expenses	5,297	5,181
	356,249	424,469
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	11,762	13,976
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	12,929	15,169
	28,352	35,145
Other Expenses:		
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	8,607	7,736
FCA and other Regulatory fees	233	195
Legal and professional fees	394	1,405
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	22,086	18,051
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	51,988	42,537
Total expenses	436,589	502,151

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mbox{The Audit fee}$  is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
a) Analys	sis of charge for the year		
Corpo	ration tax at 20%	244,500	334,476
Overs	eas tax	23,267	7,074
Currer	nt tax charge (note 7b)	267,767	341,550
Total to	axation	267,767	341,550
The ta	s affecting current tax charge for the year x assessed for the year the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author reasons explained below.	orised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
Net re	venue before taxation	1,936,585	2,652,148
Corpo	ration tax at 20%	387,317	530,430
Effects	s of:		
AMC r	ebates taken to capital	4,923	5,462
Franke	ed CIS revenue	(47,668)	(94,193)
Franke	ed REIT income	_	(297)
Mover	nent in revenue accruals	_	2,495
Non-ta	exable dividends	(27,381)	(54,413)
Offsho	re CIS revenue	(72,691)	(55,008)
Overs	eas tax	23,267	7,074
Currer	nt tax charge (note 7a)	267,767	341,550

### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

## 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
First Interim	479,222	700,875
Second Interim	559,291	656,257
Third Interim	459,406	752,125
Final	458,525	570,721
	1,956,444	2,679,978
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	99,163	122,560
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(32,590)	(84,370)
Net distributions for the year	2,023,017	2,718,168
Interest payable and similar charges	2,690	903
Total distribution	2,025,707	2,719,071

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 258 to 262.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	1,668,818	2,310,598
Allocations to capital: Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup> Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	354,195 1	407,573 3
Net movement in revenue account	3	(6)
Net distributions for the year	2,023,017	2,718,168

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	3,482	80,139
Sales awaiting settlement	753,576	-
Accrued revenue	178,683	365,182
Income tax recoverable	208	_
AMC rebates from underlying investments	57,370	58,255
Withholding tax recoverable	3,321	22,393
Total debtors	996,640	525,969

### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	335,793	546,734
Cash held at clearing houses	99,085	_
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>		1,806,000
Total cash and bank balances	434,878	2,352,734
Bank overdrafts	(514,827)	(524,728)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	(2,204)	(5)
Total bank overdrafts	(517,031)	(524,733)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

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#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	466,271	362,563
Purchases awaiting settlement	86,108	158,289
Accrued expenses	51,855	71,391
Corporation tax payable	108,500	200,476
Total other creditors	712,734	792,719

#### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 244.

The Sub-fund has the following shareholdings in the 7IM Specialist Investment Funds ICVC:

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} Held at \\ 30.11.20 \end{tabular} & Held at \\ 30.11.20 \end{tabular} & 30.11.19 \end{tabular}$  7IM UK Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc  $& - & 8,352,414 \end{tabular}$ 

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited 48.74% (2019: 46.40%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled (£5,644,547) (2019: (£642,584)).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has five share classes: 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'S'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.50%
Class B	1.35%
Class C	0.50%
Class D	1.55%
Class S	0.25%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

	Opening	Shares	Shares	Shares	Closing
Class	Shares	Created	Liquidated	Converted	Shares
Class A Income	224,129	380,642	(16,697)	_	588,074
Class A Accumulation	178,603	559	(7,754)	_	171,408
Class B Accumulation	2,594,338	197,354	(764,012)	_	2,027,680
Class C Income	33,334,885	2,080,009	(8,298,971)	(285,778)	26,830,145
Class C Accumulation	10,231,434	1,460,129	(3,599,185)	69,393	8,161,771
Class D Income	275,040	6,597	(12,701)	_	268,936
Class D Accumulation	398,082	80,498	(31,327)	_	447,253
Class S Income	12,618,635	693,347	(2,939,809)	197,263	10,569,436
Class S Accumulation	3,030,472	254,768	(746,254)	(23,559)	2,515,427

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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## 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown below.

#### i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Floating Rate Financial	Fixed Rate Financial	Financial Assets not carrying	
	Assets	Assets	interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Canadian dollar	220	_	_	220
Danish krone	5	_	333	338
Euro	18,164	_	2,852,466	2,870,630
Japanese yen	_	_	752,852	752,852
Swiss franc	26,185	_	2,836	29,021
US dollar	85,182	_	9,968,276	10,053,458
Pound sterling	305,122	_	73,655,163	73,960,285
	434,878	-	87,231,926	87,666,804
		Floating Rate Financial	Financial Liabilities not carrying	
		Liabilities £	interest £	Total £
Canadian dollar		(220)	<b>~</b> -	(220)
Danish krone		(5)	_	(5)
Euro		(18,158)	(5,346,257)	(5,364,415)
Swiss franc		(26,185)	_	(26,185)
US dollar		(86,748)	(15,812,652)	(15,899,400)
Pound sterling		(385,715)	(4,049,063)	(4,434,778)
	_	(517,031)	(25,207,972)	(25,725,003)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019

Fixed Rate Financial	Financial Assets not carrying	
Assets	interest	Total
t. _	£ _	£ 222
_	157 276	157,281
_	•	5,149,713
_		1,107,276
		26,311
_		156,939
		738,879
_		13,195,172
2 421 506		
3,431,590	95,951,160	101,604,426
3,431,596	116,351,888	122,136,219
Floating Rate	Financial Liabilities	
Financial	not carrying	<b>T.4.1</b>
		Total £
	_	(222)
, ,	_	(5)
	(8,030,695)	(8,047,944)
• • • •	_	(24,483)
, , ,	(24,222,727)	(24,311,856)
(393,645)	(11,883,431)	(12,277,076)
(524,733)	(44,136,853)	(44,661,586)
	Rate Financial Assets £	Rate Financial Assets         Assets not carrying interest           £         £           -         -           -         157,276           -         5,132,462           -         1,107,276           -         26,311           -         156,939           -         714,396           -         13,106,048           3,431,596         95,951,180           3,431,596         116,351,888           Floating Rate Financial Liabilities not carrying interest           £         £           (222)         -           (5)         -           (17,249)         (8,030,695)           (24,483)         -           (89,129)         (24,222,727)           (393,645)         (11,883,431)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

		Fixed Rate Financial Assets				
	Weighte	Weighted average interest rate		Weighted average period for which rate is fixed		
Currency	inter					
	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19		
	%	%	Years	Years		
Pound sterling	_	0.93	_	14		

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the weighted average effective duration was Nil (30 November 2019: 3.48 years).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Danish krone	333	_	333
Euro	158	(2,493,943)	(2,493,785)
Japanese yen	_	752,852	752,852
Swiss franc	2,836	_	2,836
US dollar	(1,566)	(5,844,376)	(5,845,942)
	1,761	(7,585,467)	(7,583,706)
Pound sterling	(91,791)	69,617,298	69,525,507
Net assets	(90,030)	62,031,831	61,941,801

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Danish krone	2,472	154,804	157,276
Euro	1,092	(2,899,323)	(2,898,231)
Japanese yen	_	1,107,276	1,107,276
Norwegian krone	_	26,311	26,311
Swedish krona	34	156,905	156,939
Swiss franc	18,797	695,599	714,396
US dollar	(5)	(11,116,678)	(11,116,683)
	22,390	(11,875,106)	(11,852,716)
Pound sterling	1,174,224	88,153,125	89,327,349
Net assets	1,196,614	76,278,019	77,474,633

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 39%, 118% and 53% respectively (30 November 2019¹: 12%, 132% and 62% respectively).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives (continued)

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCI's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCI Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCI Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and future contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	81,769
Futures Contracts		
Citigroup Global Market	(3,346)	_
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	981,510	1,120,068
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	978,164	1,201,837

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Collective Investment Schemes	31,904,670	25,814,552	_	57,719,222
Derivatives	_	1,028,414	_	1,028,414
Equities	3,334,445	_	_	3,334,445
Total	35,239,115	26,842,966	-	62,082,081
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(3,346)	(46,904)	_	(50,250)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	2,355,081	1,076,515	_	3,431,596
Collective Investment Schemes	59,992,681	_	_	59,992,681
Derivatives	91,328	1,480,003	_	1,571,331
Equities	11,392,155	259,752	_	11,651,907
Total	73,831,245	2,816,270	_	76,647,515
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(1,234)	(368,260)	-	(369,494)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 230.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

Purchases Collective Investment Schemes	<b>£'000</b> 39,757	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Equities	1,545	1	_	1	0.06	
Total	41,302	1	_	1	0.06	
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	3,531	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	40,718	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	8,510	(4)	_	(4)	0.05	_
Total	52,759	(4)	_	(4)	0.05	_
Total as a percentage of the average	ge NAV	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%		

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	548	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	15,354	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	8,026	1	3	4	0.01	0.04
Total	23,928	1	3	4	0.01	0.04

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	2,750	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	18,181	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	10,762	(3)	_	(3)	0.03	_
Total	31,693	(3)	-	(3)	0.03	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ge NAV	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.18% (2019: 0.29%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 183.70p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 184.58p. This represents an increase of 0.48% from the year end value.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

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## First Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019
Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 29 February 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 30.04.20	Paid 30.04.19
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6262 0.6262	_ _	0.6262 0.6262	0.8261 0.8261
Class A Assumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 30.04.20	Allocated 30.04.19
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.0805 0.2956	_ 0.7849	1.0805 1.0805	1.3802 1.3802
Class B Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 30.04.20	Allocated 30.04.19
Group 2	1.0995 0.3184	_ 0.7811	1.0995 1.0995	1.4132 1.4132
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 30.04.20	Paid 31.04.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.6843 0.1032	_ 0.5811	0.6843 0.6843	0.9018 0.9018
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 30.04.20	Allocated 30.04.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.1746 0.3639	_ 0.8107	1.1746 1.1746	1.5043 1.5043
Class D Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 30.04.20	Paid 30.04.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.6304 0.0427	_ 0.5877	0.6304 0.6304	0.8310 0.8310
Class D Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 30.04.20	Allocated 30.04.19
Group 1 Group 2	1.0782 0.1779	0.9003	1.0782 1.0782	1.3726 1.3726
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 30.04.20	Paid 30.04.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6727 0.0594	0.6133	0.6727 0.6727	0.8849 0.8849

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 30.04.20	Allocated 30.04.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8073 0.0501	0.7572	0.8073 0.8073	1.0287 1.0287
Second Interim - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 March 2020 and on or befo	re 31 May 2020			
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.7532 0.7532	<u>-</u> -	0.7532 0.7532	0.7826 0.7826
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.3093 0.4160	0.8933	1.3093 1.3093	1.3198 1.3198
Class B Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	1.3518 0.3446	_ 1.0072	1.3518 1.3518	1.3517 1.3517
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	0.8361 0.3189	_ 0.5172	0.8361 0.8361	0.8569 0.8569
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.4508 0.6172	_ 0.8336	1.4508 1.4508	1.4415 1.4415
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7527 0.0432	0.7095	0.7527 0.7527	0.7848 0.7848
Olaca D.A	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.2943 0.4444	0.8499	1.2943 1.2943	1.3075 1.3075

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.8229 0.3494	0.4735	0.8229 0.8229	0.8417 0.8417
Class S Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.9954 0.4374	0.5580	0.9954 0.9954	0.9872 0.9872
Third Interim - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 31 August 2020			
Class A Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.10.20	Paid 31.10.19
Group 2	0.6520 0.0044	0.6476	0.6520 0.6520	0.9160 0.9160
Class A Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.10.20	Allocated 31.10.19
Group 2	1.1428 0.4164	0.7264	1.1428 1.1428	1.5361 1.5361
Class B Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.10.20	Allocated 31.10.19
Group 2	1.1740 0.3373	0.8367	1.1740 1.1740	1.5941 1.5941
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.10.20	Paid 31.10.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.7211 0.0489	0.6722	0.7211 0.7211	1.0037 1.0037
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.10.20	Allocated 31.10.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.2627 0.6353	0.6274	1.2627 1.2627	1.6987 1.6987
Class D Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.10.20	Paid 31.10.19
Group 2	0.6536 0.0044	0.6492	0.6536 0.6536	0.9217 0.9217

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.10.20	Allocated 31.10.19
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.1336 0.1384	0.9952	1.1336 1.1336	1.5406 1.5406
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.10.20	Paid 31.10.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7090 0.4080	0.3010	0.7090 0.7090	0.9850 0.9850
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.10.20	Allocated 31.10.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8651 0.4684	0.3967	0.8651 0.8651	1.1659 1.1659

## Final - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2020

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 September 2020 and on or before 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6933 0.3117	0.3816	0.6933 0.6933	0.7189 0.7189
Class A Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.2238 0.5281	0.6957	1.2238 1.2238	1.2322 1.2322
Class B Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.2557 1.2557		1.2557 1.2557	1.2629 1.2629
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7675 0.2946	_ 0.4729	0.7675 0.7675	0.7893 0.7893
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.3525 0.8492	0.5033	1.3525 1.3525	1.3508 1.3508

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6950 0.1405	_ 0.5545	0.6950 0.6950	0.7207 0.7207
Class B. Assumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.2134 0.4936	0.7198	1.2134 1.2134	1.2181 1.2181
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	Net Revenue 0.7561 0.4212	Equalisation - 0.3349		
Group 1	0.7561	_	<b>31.01.21</b> 0.7561	<b>31.01.20</b> 0.7761

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a return by way of income with some capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in fixed interest and equity instruments that, for the most part, use passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes). The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments.

The Sub-fund's investments will be more focused on income generating assets such as corporate debt securities but there will be an allocation to growth generating assets such as global equities.

The Sub-fund is likely to invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 5.52%1.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c. 6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c. 5% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c. 20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Calculated using 7IM AAP Moderately Cautious C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

Going into April we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

In the middle of April we sold our remaining holdings in the LGT Dynamic Protection fund after an initial reduction in March following some very strong performance. Rotating into the AQR Managed Futures fund meant that we were able to maintain our defensive stance whilst take profits on a position that had outperformed from the beginning of January.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

Forced selling and liquidity pressures opened up an opportunity in residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) relative to our SAA Index equivalent risks at the beginning of June. We were able to take advantage of this opportunity by selling some of our Global Corporate bond allocation and buying the Angel Oaks Multi Strategy Income Fund.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

An allocation to European bank AT1 contingent convertible bonds ("AT1s") was made in July, funded through some of our Global High Yield bond allocation. While we see value in both asset classes, we believe AT1s are extremely well positioned to outperform High Yield due to their resilient fundamentals and attractive valuations.

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

A valuation opportunity together with improving fundamentals meant that we increased our allocation to RMBS at the start of October funded from Global Corporate bonds and cash. With the investment case surrounding RMBS strengthening while Global Corporate bonds continued to trade around long run average spreads (despite credit downgrades and a deterioration in fundamentals), RMBS looked well positioned to deliver outperformance across the range of scenarios we modelled against.

Despite some underperformance through the third quarter of 2020, the vaccine news in November led to a significant rally in European dividend futures. Following the rally, expectations of annualised returns for 2022 dividends were estimated to be in the low single digits due to the valuation cap that exists given the well-defined near term cash flows. With the view that this would likely act as something of a headwind versus traditional European equity exposure, the 2022 dividend position was removed from portfolios towards the end of November, being replaced with a broad European equity exposure.

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 268 to 275 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables Class A Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share		•	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	115.24	111.80	117.31
Return before operating charges*	7.02	6.67	(2.35)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.38)	(1.35)	(1.32)
Return after operating charges*	5.64	5.32	(3.67)
Distributions on income shares	(1.92)	(1.88)	(1.84)
Closing net asset value per share	118.96	115.24	111.80
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.02	0.02
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.89%	4.76%	(3.13)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	87 73,011 1.20% 0.00%	137 118,698 1.18% 0.01%	271 242,015 1.13% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	120.31	117.92	119.15
Lowest share price	103.61	109.64	112.15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 276.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class A Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	144.57	137.98	142.48
Return before operating charges*	8.86	8.26	(2.90)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.75)	(1.67)	(1.60)
Return after operating charges*	7.11	6.59	(4.50)
Distributions	(2.41)	(2.32)	(2.25)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.41	2.32	2.25
Closing net asset value per share	151.68	144.57	137.98
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.02	0.03
Performance Return after charges²	4.92%	4.78%	(3.16)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	1,912 1,260,577 1.20% 0.00%	2,219 1,534,634 1.18% 0.01%	3,119 2,260,700 1.13% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	152.04 129.98	146.52 135.32	144.71 137.19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,		
Opening net asset value per share	121.81	117.69	123.01
Return before operating charges*	7.32	6.92	(2.61)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.86)	(0.82)	(0.77)
Return after operating charges*	6.46	6.10	(3.38)
Distributions on income shares	(2.03)	(1.98)	(1.94)
Closing net asset value per share	126.24	121.81	117.69
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.02	0.02
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.30%	5.18%	(2.75)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	24,660 19,533,109 0.70% 0.00%	28,205 23,154,092 0.68% 0.01%	40,738 34,613,197 0.63% 0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	127.68 109.65	124.53 115.46	124.99 118.05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	151.97	144.45	148.57
Return before operating charges*	9.17	8.53	(3.19)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.07)	(1.01)	(0.93)
Return after operating charges*	8.10	7.52	(4.12)
Distributions	(2.54)	(2.44)	(2.35)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.54	2.44	2.35
Closing net asset value per share	160.07	151.97	144.45
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.02	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.33%	5.21%	(2.77)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	398,824 249,151,233 0.70% 0.00%	386,308 254,206,052 0.68% 0.01%	470,233 325,528,217 0.63% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price	160.46	153.86	150.97
Lowest share price	136.79	141.71	143.61

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	110.87	107.89	113.57
Return before operating charges*	6.82	6.51	(2.18)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.78)	(1.74)	(1.72)
Return after operating charges*	5.04	4.77	(3.90)
Distributions on income shares	(1.84)	(1.79)	(1.78)
Closing net asset value per share	114.07	110.87	107.89
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.01	0.02
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.55%	4.42%	(3.43)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	320 280,275 1.60% 0.00%	397 358,200 1.58% 0.01%	546 506,128 1.53% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	115.37 99.57	113.49 105.77	115.30 108.20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 276.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	139.08	133.17	137.95
Return before operating charges*	8.61	8.07	(2.68)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.24)	(2.16)	(2.10)
Return after operating charges*	6.37	5.91	(4.78)
Distributions	(2.31)	(2.22)	(2.17)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.31	2.22	2.17
Closing net asset value per share	145.45	139.08	133.17
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.02	0.03
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.58%	4.44%	(3.47)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	25,902 17,807,997 1.60% 0.00%	28,941 20,808,914 1.58% 0.01%	36,918 27,722,615 1.53% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	145.80 124.92	141.06 130.56	140.05 132.41

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	109.39	105.47	110.01
Return before operating charges*	6.52	6.16	(2.39)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.50)	(0.46)	(0.42)
Return after operating charges*	6.02	5.70	(2.81)
Distributions on income shares	(1.82)	(1.78)	(1.73)
Closing net asset value per share	113.59	109.39	105.47
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.00	0.01	0.02
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.50%	5.40%	(2.55)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	5,896 5,190,727 0.45% 0.00%	11,755 10,745,998 0.43% 0.01%	13,877 13,156,936 0.38% 0.02%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	114.88 98.53	111.77 103.49	111.82 105.79

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	120.15	113.98	117.00
Return before operating charges*	7.22	6.67	(2.58)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.55)	(0.50)	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	6.67	6.17	(3.02)
Distributions	(2.02)	(1.93)	(1.85)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.02	1.93	1.85
Closing net asset value per share	126.82	120.15	113.98
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.02	0.02
Performance Return after charges²	5.55%	5.41%	(2.58)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	70,638	80,060	100,158
Closing number of shares	55,701,058	66,631,404	87,870,256
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	0.45%	0.43%	0.38%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.01%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	127.12	121.60	118.92
Lowest share price	108.23	111.84	113.32

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class A	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.00%	0.50%	1.40%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
	1.05%	0.55%	1.45%	0.30%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.20%	0.70%	1.60%	0.45%
As at 30 November 2019				
	Class A	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.00%	0.50%	1.40%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
	1.05%	0.55%	1.45%	0.30%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.18%	0.68%	1.58%	0.43%

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

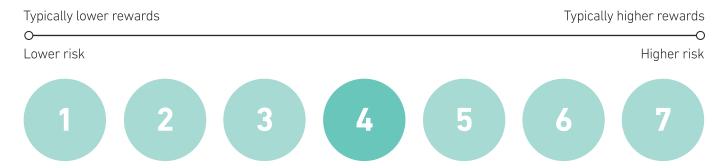
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was four.

#### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund <sup>1</sup>	5.52	7.84	17.87

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 296 to 298.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

llaldin u	Double in all investment		30.11.20
пошинд	Portfolio of Investment	£	%
	ALTERNATIVES 13.83% (9.58%)		
70,546 13,721,000	Alternative Strategies 9.58% (9.58%)  AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund¹  BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund¹  BNP Paribas Issuance 0.00% 2024²  Dexion Absolute EUR³	14,879,637 8,172,765 12,386,962	2.82 1.55 2.34
	Dexion Equity Alternative <sup>3</sup>	_	_
	JPMorgan Structured Products 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup>	15,180,369	2.87
		50,619,733	9.58
10,718,222	Real Estate 4.25% (0.00%) iShares Global Property Securities Index <sup>1</sup>	22,454,675	4.25
	DEBT SECURITIES 66.82% (77.33%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (3.04%)		
19,702,208	Emerging Market Bonds 7.53% (8.08%) Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency Index Fund Acc¹ Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index Fund¹	13,549,208 13,687,782	2.57 2.59
	UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian High Yield <sup>1</sup>	12,536,830	2.39
	•	39,773,820	7.53
£100,000	Gilts 1.96% (8.63%) UK Gilt 4.25% 2046 UK Gilt 4.25% 2055 UK Gilt 4.50% 2034	3,249,349 205,861 6,885,674	0.62 0.04 1.30
		10,340,884	1.96
	Global Corporate Bonds 24.38% (16.28%)  Angel Oak Multi-Strategy Income UCITS Fund¹  BlackRock Overseas Corporate Bond Tracker¹  HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Corporate Bond Index Fund¹	37,317,161 62,568,338 28,921,062	7.06 11.84 5.48
		128,806,561	24.38
2,479,429	Global Government Bonds 3.84% (5.02%) HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	20,283,957	3.84
	Global High Yield Bonds 6.23% (4.77%) Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF¹ Most Diversified TOBAM Anti-Benchmark Global High Yield¹ Robeco Quant High Yield¹	22,137,442 3,052,512 7,707,636 32,897,590	4.19 0.58 1.46 <b>6.23</b>
1,327,672	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 3.36% (6.49%) iShares Global Inflation-Linked Bond Index <sup>1</sup>	15,242,554	2.89

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Haldin -	Double lie of Investment		30.11.20
Holding	Portfolio of Investment	£	%
US\$2,322,000	Global Inflation Linked Bonds (continued) US Treasury Inflation-Indexed Bonds 1.00% 2049	2,502,088	0.47
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		17,744,642	3.36
	Short Term Sterling Bonds 11.44% (17.38%)		
£3,000,000	Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 2023	2,998,140	0.57
£3,400,000	Barclays Bank UK FRN 2023	3,416,456	0.65
£3,200,000	Bayerische Landesbank 1.25% 2021	3,234,010	0.61
£2,280,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 1.125% 2021	2,301,528	0.44
£1,930,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025	1,948,447	0.37
£3,382,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 2.75% 2022	3,512,505	0.67
£300,000	European Investment Bank 0.875% 2021	300,718	0.06
£20,000	Federal National Mortgage 5.375% 2021	20,531	_
£1,100,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 0.375% 2021	1,101,980	0.21
£2,631,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 5.40% 2021	2,703,568	0.51
£205,000	Kommunalbanken AS 1.125% 2022	208,859	0.04
£15,000	Landeskreditbank 1.125% 2021	15,069	-
£20,000	Landwirtschaftlic 1.125% 2021	20,094	_
£3,370,000	Lloyds Bank 1.75% 2022	3,439,692	0.65
£2,306,000	Municipality Finance 1.25% 2022	2,353,799	0.45
£200,000	National Australia Bank 5.125% 2021	209,939	0.04
£15,000	Nestle Holdings 1.75% 2020	15,005	_
£4,000,000	Nordea Bank 2.375% 2022	4,124,344	0.78
£2,000,000	NRW Bank 1.00% 2022	2,024,736	0.38
£1,700,000	Oversea-Chinese Banking FRN 2023	1,692,938	0.32
£4,500,000	Rabobank Nederland 2.25% 2022	4,615,794	0.87
£200,000	Rabobank Nederland 4.875% 2023	218,884	0.04
£3,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada 1.125% 2021	3,028,392	0.57
£600,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2025	603,720	0.12
£4,500,000	Santander UK FRN 2022	4,500,945	0.85
£300,000	Skipton Building Society FRN 2023	301,149	0.06
£2,582,000	SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS FRN 2022	2,581,716	0.49
£2,800,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 5.35% 2021	2,873,413	0.54
£3,700,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank FRN 2023	3,696,855	0.70
£2,000,000	Westpac Banking 2.625% 2022	2,090,400 283.102	0.40 0.05
£280,000	Yorkshire Building Society FRN 2023	60,436,728	11.44
			11.44
	Sterling Corporate Bonds 8.08% (7.64%)		
10,088,379	HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds - Sterling Corporate Bond Index		
	Fund <sup>1</sup>	10,592,798	2.00
273,234	UBS Sterling Corporate Bond Indexed <sup>1</sup>	32,111,892	6.08
		42,704,690	8.08
	EQUITY 6.13% (10.63%)		
	Asia & Emerging Markets 0.00% (1.51%)		
	E ( IUC) 0 700/ (0 770/)		
000	Europe (ex UK) 0.76% (2.77%)	101 710	0.00
	Euro Stoxx 50 Equity Index Futures December 2023 <sup>4</sup>	481,740	0.09
694	FTSE 100 Index Futures December 2020⁴	2,977,260	0.56

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

		Valor	00 44 00
Holding	Portfolio of Investment	value £	30.11.20 %
580	Europe (ex UK) (continued) MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	569,964	0.11
	·	4,028,964	0.76
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	Lamara 0 200/ (0 220/)		
131	Japan 0.20% (0.23%) TOPIX Index Futures December 2020⁴	1,035,517	0.20
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	North Amorica 4 009/ (0 229/)		
250,320	North America 4.99% (0.32%) Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF <sup>1</sup>	12,606,115	2.39
	Berkshire Hathaway	11,617,579	2.39
	E-mini Health Care Select Sector Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	524,728	0.10
	MSCI Emerging Markets Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	1,611,276	0.10
47		(12,097)	0.00
		26,347,601	4.99
		20,547,001	7.55
	United Kingdom 0.18% (5.80%)		
303	FTSE 250 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	954,753	0.18
303	1 TOE 250 Index 1 didles December 2020	934,733	0.10
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 4 000/ /4 200/		
€125,665	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 1.90% (1.29%) Vs £(140,512) Expiry 08.12.2020	(444)	
	Vs £(847,437) Expiry 16.04.2021	(4,522)	_
	Vs £(2,982,530) Expiry 16.04.2021	(13,886)	_
	Vs £13,677,649 Expiry 16.04.2021	72,985	0.01
	Vs £153,853,603 Expiry 15.01.2021	9,419,721	1.78
	Vs £20,663,077 Expiry 15.01.2021	1,265,101	0.24
-	Vs £8,440,781 Expiry 15.01.2021	209,885	0.04
	Vs £3,134,185 Expiry 15.01.2021	66,306	0.01
	Vs £3,084,022 Expiry 15.01.2021	54,304	0.01
	Vs £3,059,208 Expiry 15.01.2021	29,491	0.01
	Vs £1,691,468 Expiry 15.01.2021	17,603	_
	Vs £261,437 Expiry 15.01.2021	5,531	_
US\$(337,000)	Vs £256,685 Expiry 15.01.2021	4,520	_
US\$(337,000)	Vs £254,619 Expiry 15.01.2021	2,454	_
US\$(303,000)	Vs £229,108 Expiry 15.01.2021	2,384	_
¥85,594	Vs £(11,796,429) Expiry 08.12.2020	685	_
¥214,624,000	Vs £(1,557,351) Expiry 21.05.2021	(10,390)	_
¥1,752,562,000	Vs £(12,716,911) Expiry 21.05.2021	(84,838)	(0.02)
US\$229,574	Vs £(304,829) Expiry 08.12.2020	1,332	_
US\$600,000	Vs £(461,183) Expiry 15.01.2021	(12,225)	_
US\$650,000	Vs £(504,991) Expiry 15.01.2021	(18,620)	_
US\$1,000,000	Vs £(772,045) Expiry 15.01.2021	(23,782)	_
US\$1,200,000	Vs £(922,365) Expiry 15.01.2021	(24,449)	(0.04)
US\$1,397,000	Vs £(1,085,820) Expiry 15.01.2021	(40,497)	(0.01)
US\$2,000,000	Vs £(1,542,764) Expiry 15.01.2021	(46,237)	(0.01)
US\$5,000,000	Vs £(3,925,436) Expiry 15.01.2021	(184,119)	(0.03)
US\$12,500,000 US\$12,383,000	Vs £(9,650,565) Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £(9,624,704) Expiry 15.01.2021	(297,274) (358,961)	(0.06)
00012,000,000	V 3 Δ(0,027,107) LAPITY 10.01.2021		(0.07)
		10,032,058	1.90

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

	Net assets	528,238,513	100.00
	Net other assets <sup>5,6</sup>	59.776.340	11.32
	Portfolio of investment <sup>5</sup>	468,462,173	88.68
Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

- <sup>1</sup> Collective investment scheme
- <sup>2</sup> Structured product
- 3 Delisted security
- <sup>4</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Includes shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £29,300,000 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £34,308,000 which are shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

Credit Quality	30.11.20 %	30.11.19 %
Investment grade debt securities	13.87	34.73
Non-rated debt securities	5.21	3.59
Other investments	81.65	62.67
Net other liabilities	(0.73)	(0.99)
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

			30.11.20		30.11.19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital gains	4		17,803,088		24,705,285
Revenue	5	10,551,353		11,905,145	
Expenses	6	(2,710,615)		(3,388,123)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(73,835)		(63,077)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		7,766,903		8,453,945	
Taxation	7	(1,607,983)		(1,196,338)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		-	6,158,920	_	7,257,607
Total return before distributions			23,962,008		31,962,892
Distributions	8	-	(8,210,429)		(9,817,996)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-	15,751,579	_	22,144,896

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

		30.11.20	_	30.11.19
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		538,021,629		665,859,714
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	45,095,020		74,689,473	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transactions	52,096,171		1,218,427	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(130,477,931)		(234,388,021)	
		(33,286,740)		(158,480,121)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		15,751,579		22,144,896
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		7,752,045		8,497,140
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		528,238,513	_	538,021,629

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 284 to 295 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		469,594,514	537,571,106
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	2,171,655	4,008,104
Cash and bank balances	10	3,753,077	6,316,897
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	63,608,000	11,623,000
Total assets		539,127,246	559,519,107
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(1,132,341)	(5,866,797)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(6,883,916)	(9,923,378)
Distribution payable		(276,569)	(391,336)
Other creditors	11	(2,595,907)	(5,315,967)
Total liabilities		(10,888,733)	(21,497,478)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		528,238,513	538,021,629

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 284 to 295 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

#### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

#### 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.19 £
2	2
17,923,132	24,280,230
576,060	2,963,412
2,635,928	814,963
(3,370,129)	(3,460,245)
(38,313)	(15,547)
76,410	122,472
17,803,088	24,705,285
	576,060 2,635,928 (3,370,129) (38,313) 76,410

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Non-taxable dividends	654,421	2,787,543
Taxable dividends	8,446,070	5,863,016
Unfranked interest	1,238,776	2,928,621
AMC rebates from underlying investments	189,069	245,977
Bank interest	6,317	25,219
Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	16,700	54,769
Total revenue	10,551,353	11,905,145

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

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#### 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	2,522,044	3,119,780
Other expenses	6,480	6,480
	2,528,524	3,126,260
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	64,562	80,235
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	21,517	35,621
	89,740	121,856
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	3,976	50,121
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	26,523	25,727
FCA and other Regulatory fees	215	212
Legal and professional fees	394	6,544
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	40,575	42,253
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	92,351	140,007
Total expenses	2,710,615	3,388,123

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
a)	Analysis of charge for the year		
	Corporation tax at 20%	1,454,787	1,144,985
	Overseas tax	138,725	51,326
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax	14,471	27
	Current tax charge (note 7b)	1,607,983	1,196,338
	Total taxation	1,607,983	1,196,338
b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year  The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	ised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
	Net revenue before taxation	7,766,903	8,453,945
	Corporation tax at 20% Effects of:	1,553,381	1,690,789
	AMC rebates taken to capital	15,282	24,494
	Double taxation relief expensed	_	(2,570)
	Indexed gilt edged securities adjustment	_	(10,355)
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax w/off	14,471	27
	Movement in revenue accruals	109	135
	Non-taxable dividends	(129,319)	(557,508)
	Overseas tax	138,725	51,326
	Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds	15,334	_
	Current tax charge (note 7a)	1,607,983	1,196,338
c)	Deferred tax		

### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	3,571,798	4,077,816
Final	4,684,954	5,144,918
	8,256,752	9,222,734
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	399,465	850,963
Add: Revenue deducted on in-specie transactions	_	1,490
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(136,912)	(257,191)
Deduct: Revenue received on in-specie transactions	(308,876)	_
Net distributions for the year	8,210,429	9,817,996
Interest payable and similar charges	73,835	63,077
Total distribution	8,284,264	9,881,073

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 296 to 298.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	6,158,920	7,257,607
Allocations to capital: Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	2,051,433	2,560,416
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	(2)	(39)
Net movement in revenue account	78	12
Net distributions for the year	8,210,429	9,817,996

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20	30.11.20 30.11.19	30.11.19
	£	£	
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	279,678	862,642	
Accrued revenue	1,227,530	2,741,373	
Income tax recoverable	13,381	33	
AMC rebates from underlying investments	330,969	248,818	
Withholding tax recoverable	7,989	155,238	
Receivable from merger	312,108	_	
Total debtors	2,171,655	4,008,104	

### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Cash and bank balances	3,608,228	6,314,952
Cash held at clearing houses	144,849	1,945
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	63,608,000	11,623,000
Total cash and bank balances	67,361,077	17,939,897
Bank overdrafts	(3,574,988)	(6,293,487)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	(3,308,928)	(3,629,891)
Total bank overdrafts	(6,883,916)	(9,923,378)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

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#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	1,148,203	3,364,147
Purchases awaiting settlement	370,215	807,807
Accrued expenses	257,702	349,050
Corporation tax payable	819,787	794,963
Total other creditors	2,595,907	5,315,967

### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 282.

The Sub-fund has the following shareholdings in the 7IM Specialist Investment Funds ICVC:

	Held at 30.11.20	Held at 30.11.19
7IM European (ex UK) Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	_	9,933,437
7IM UK Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	_	6,673,176

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited 35.62% (2019: 28.72%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totaled £38,787,659 (2019: -£22,526,135).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has four share classes: 'A', 'C', 'D', and 'S'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.00%
Class C	0.50%
Class D	1.40%
Class S	0.25%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Class	Opening Shares	Shares Created	Shares Liquidated	Shares Converted	Closing Shares
OldSS	Onarcs	Orcatoa	Liquidated	Converted	Onaics
Class A Income	118,698	_	(45,687)	_	73,011
Class A Accumulation	1,534,634	43,445	(288,414)	(29,088)	1,260,577
Class C Income	23,154,092	2,469,804	(6,558,843)	468,056	19,533,109
Class C Accumulation	254,206,052	53,968,512	(59,583,183)	559,852	249,151,233
Class D Income	358,200	5,723	(83,648)	_	280,275
Class D Accumulation	20,808,914	765,201	(3,766,118)	_	17,807,997
Class S Income	10,745,998	459,183	(3,006,546)	(3,007,908)	5,190,727
Class S Accumulation	66,631,404	6,806,634	(19,332,492)	1,595,512	55,701,058

### 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown below.

## i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Floating Rate Financial Assets £	Fixed Rate Financial Assets £	Financial Assets not carrying interest £	Total £
Danish krone	_	_	300	300
Euro	647,887	_	4,865,393	5,513,280
Hong Kong dollar	1	_	_	1
Japanese yen	15,992	_	15,214,551	15,230,543
Swiss franc	27,890	_	3,258	31,148
US dollar	509,699	30,069,420	143,861,574	174,440,693
Pound sterling	88,183,077	48,754,144	450,342,734	587,279,955
	89,384,546	78,823,564	614,287,810	782,495,920
		Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro		(503,035)	(13,730,774)	(14,233,809)
Hong Kong dollar		(1)	_	(1)
Japanese yen		(21,585)	(84,909)	(106,494)
Swiss franc		(27,890)	_	(27,890)
US dollar		(734,656)	(184,091,231)	(184,825,887)
Pound sterling		(5,596,749)	(49,466,577)	(55,063,326)
	_	(6,883,916)	(247,373,491)	(254,257,407)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019

Floating Rate Financial	Fixed Rate Financial	Financial Assets not carrying	
Assets	Assets	interest	Total
£	£	£	£
_	_	289,847	289,847
493,149	8,024,940	36,161,942	44,680,031
1	_	_	1
8,605	8,689,343	19,916,611	28,614,559
_	_	38,872	38,872
_	_	190,310	190,310
26,076	_	915,371	941,447
190,719	48,443,561	153,043,896	201,678,176
47,873,307	110,446,375	527,741,628	686,061,310
48,591,857	175,604,219	738,298,477	962,494,553
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	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro	(493,424)	(59,434,153)	(59,927,577)
Hong Kong dollar	(1)	_	(1)
Japanese yen	(9,456)	(14,797,608)	(14,807,064)
Swiss franc	(26,076)	_	(26,076)
US dollar	(169,829)	(210,007,947)	(210,177,776)
Pound sterling	(9,224,591)	(130,309,839)	(139,534,430)
	(9,923,377)	(414,549,547)	(424,472,924)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

	Fixed Rate Financial Assets				
	Weighted average interest rate		Weighted average perio for which rate is fixe		
Currency	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19	
	%	%	Years	Years	
Euro	_	0.12	_	10	
Japanese yen	_	(0.02)	_	11	
Pound sterling	0.27	0.94	5	8	
US dollar	(3.12)	0.69	5	15	

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the weighted average effective duration was 4.41 years (30 November 2019: 4.47 years).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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## 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

## ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile: Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Monetary Exposure	Non-Monetary Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Danish krone	300	_	300
Euro	146,982	(8,867,511)	(8,720,529)
Japanese yen	(5,593)	15,129,642	15,124,049
Swiss franc	3,258	_	3,258
US dollar	(224,862)	(10,160,332)	(10,385,194)
	(79,915)	(3,898,201)	(3,978,116)
Pound sterling	59,856,255	472,360,374	532,216,629
Net assets	59,776,340	468,462,173	528,238,513

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Danish krone	21,623	268,224	289,847
Euro	6,544	(15,254,090)	(15,247,546)
Japanese yen	(851)	13,808,346	13,807,495
Norwegian krone	1,203	37,669	38,872
Swedish krona	_	190,310	190,310
Swiss franc	122,793	792,578	915,371
US dollar	20,998	(8,520,598)	(8,499,600)
	172,310	(8,677,561)	(8,505,251)
Pound sterling	6,145,009	540,381,871	546,526,880
Net assets	6,317,319	531,704,310	538,021,629

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 69%, 180% and 87% respectively (30 November 2019¹: 61%, 156% and 89% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCI's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCI Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCI Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and future contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	597,287
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	(12,097)	105,975
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	524,728	654,763
Eurex Deutschland	1,051,704	2,463
International Monetary Market	_	947,260
London International Financial Futures Exchange	3,932,013	213,819
New York Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa	1,611,276	80,714
Tokyo Stock Exchange	1,035,517	1,226,818
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	10,032,058	6,931,910
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	18,175,199	10,761,009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	15,465,312	85,381,719	_	100,847,031
Collective Investment Schemes	250,874,546	86,947,818	_	337,822,364
Derivatives	8,155,238	11,152,302	_	19,307,540
Equities	11,617,579	_	_	11,617,579
Total	286,112,675	183,481,839	-	469,594,514
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(12,097)	(1,120,244)	_	(1,132,341)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets <sup>1</sup>				
Bonds	91,920,972	114,335,207	_	206,256,179
Collective Investment Schemes	298,072,908	_	_	298,072,908
Derivatives	3,897,912	12,729,894	_	16,627,806
Equities	16,614,213			16,614,213
Total	410,506,005	127,065,101	-	537,571,106
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(9,488)	(5,857,309)	_	(5,866,797)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 267.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

	Principal	Commissions	Taxes	Total Fransaction Costs	Commissions % of	Taxes % of
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	principal	principal
Purchases						
Bonds	38,881	_	_	-	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	214,479	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	80,697	2	13	15	_	0.02
Total	334,057	2	13	15	_	0.02
			-	Total	Commissions	Towas
				iransaction	Commissions	Taxes
	Principal	Commissions			% of	% of
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Costs £'000	% of principal	% of principal
Sales	-		Taxes	Costs		
Sales Bonds	-		Taxes	Costs		
	£'000		Taxes	Costs		
Bonds	<b>£'000</b> 154,632		Taxes	Costs		
Bonds Collective Investment Schemes	£'000 154,632 207,967	£'000 - -	Taxes	Costs £'000 - -	principal - -	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	67,576	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	138,008	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	35,835	5	67	72	0.01	0.19
Total	241,419	5	67	72	0.01	0.19

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	194,632	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	98,927	_	_	_	_	_
Derivatives	13,391	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	86,283	(8)	(1)	(9)	0.01	_
Total	393,233	(8)	(1)	(9)	0.01	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ge NAV	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.11% (2019: 0.10%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 160.46p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 161.10p. This represents an increase of 0.40% from the year end value.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

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## Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.8490 0.8490	- -	0.8490 0.8490	0.7618 0.7618
Class A Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	1.0644 0.5010	0.5634	1.0644 1.0644	0.9363 0.9363
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.8986 0.4304	0.4682	0.8986 0.8986	0.8046 0.8046
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.1206 0.6708	0.4498	1.1206 1.1206	0.9873 0.9873
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	0.8157 0.5735	0.2422	0.8157 0.8157	0.7638 0.7638
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.0230 0.5629	0.4601	1.0230 1.0230	0.9423 0.9423
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.8095 0.6671	- 0.1424	0.8095 0.8095	0.7221 0.7221

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

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	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8862 0.6956	_ 0.1906	0.8862 0.8862	0.7802 0.7802
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	1.0663 1.0663	- -	1.0663 1.0663	1.1146 1.1146
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.3439 1.0228	0.3211	1.3439 1.3439	1.3843 1.3843
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 2	1.1278 0.5287	_ 0.5991	1.1278 1.1278	1.1777 1.1777
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.4173 0.5946	0.8227	1.4173 1.4173	1.4551 1.4551
			Paid	Paid
Class D Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	31.01.21	31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	1.0213 0.7237	0.2976	1.0213 1.0213	1.0297 1.0297
Class D Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.2898 0.8310	_ 0.4588	1.2898 1.2898	1.2821 1.2821

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

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	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	1.0140 0.6725	0.3415	1.0140 1.0140	1.0575 1.0575
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.1320 0.4980	_ 0.6340	1.1320 1.1320	1.1505 1.1505

## **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM AAP (Asset Allocated Passives) Balanced Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a balance of income and capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in fixed interest and equity instruments that, for the most part, use passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes). The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), it may not be appropriate for the Sub-fund to be invested in funds and other assets as noted above and the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments. Examples of extraordinary market conditions include periods of heightened volatility caused by a sudden economic downturn or events such as political unrest, war or bankruptcy of large financial institutions.

The Sub-fund's investments will comprise a mixture of income generating assets such as corporate debt securities and growth generating assets such as global equities.

The Sub-fund is likely to invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 5.28%<sup>1</sup>.

### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c. 6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c. 5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c. 20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using 7IM AAP Balanced C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

After some significant outperformance versus broad US equities, we took some profits on our Healthcare position in higher risk portfolios in the middle of March, reducing the overall size of the active position.

Going into April we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

In the middle of April we sold our remaining holdings in the LGT Dynamic Protection fund after an initial reduction in March following some very strong performance. Rotating into the AQR Managed Futures fund meant that we were able to maintain our defensive stance whilst take profits on a position that had outperformed from the beginning of January.

# ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

Forced selling and liquidity pressures opened up an opportunity in residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) relative to our SAA Index equivalent risks at the beginning of June. We were able to take advantage of this opportunity by selling some of our Global Corporate bond allocation and buying the Angel Oaks Multi Strategy Income Fund.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

We increased our allocation to US Healthcare at the beginning of July after some significant underperformance versus the broad equity index. We felt that the investment case remained strong with the sector remaining particularly well placed to benefit from changing demographics and global trends in technology.

An allocation to European bank AT1 contingent convertible bonds ("AT1s") was made in July, funded through some of our Global High Yield bond allocation. While we see value in both asset classes, we believe AT1s are extremely well positioned to outperform High Yield due to their resilient fundamentals and attractive valuations.

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

A valuation opportunity together with improving fundamentals meant that we increased our allocation to RMBS at the start of October funded from Global Corporate bonds and cash. With the investment case surrounding RMBS strengthening while Global Corporate bonds continued to trade around long run average spreads (despite credit downgrades and a deterioration in fundamentals), RMBS looked well positioned to deliver outperformance across the range of scenarios we modelled against.

Despite some underperformance through the third quarter of 2020, the vaccine news in November led to a significant rally in European dividend futures. Following the rally, expectations of annualised returns for 2022 dividends were estimated to be in the low single digits due to the valuation cap that exists given the well-defined near term cash flows. With the view that this would likely act as something of a headwind versus traditional European equity exposure, the 2022 dividend position was removed from portfolios towards the end of November, being replaced with a broad European equity exposure.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager December 2020

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 304 to 311 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,		
Opening net asset value per share	134.59	129.25	134.47
Return before operating charges*	7.79	8.66	(1.93)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.58)	(1.52)	(1.50)
Return after operating charges*	6.21	7.14	(3.43)
Distributions on income shares	(1.33)	(1.80)	(1.79)
Closing net asset value per share	139.47	134.59	129.25
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.04	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.61%	5.52%	(2.55)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	129 92,401 1.18% 0.01%	146 108,366 1.15% 0.03%	275 212,367 1.12% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	140.69 114.56	137.12 125.02	137.92 128.93

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 312.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class A Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share		. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	160.87	152.41	156.44
Return before operating charges*	9.34	10.26	(2.27)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.89)	(1.80)	(1.76)
Return after operating charges*	7.45	8.46	(4.03)
Distributions	(1.59)	(2.14)	(2.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.59	2.14	2.09
Closing net asset value per share	168.32	160.87	152.41
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.05	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.63%	5.55%	(2.58)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	2,991 1,777,194 1.18% 0.01%	4,544 2,824,981 1.15% 0.03%	5,708 3,745,187 1.12% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	168.93 136.92	162.75 147.43	160.47 150.92

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	138.38	132.62	137.70
Return before operating charges*	7.88	8.78	(2.12)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.93)	(88.0)	(0.85)
Return after operating charges*	6.95	7.90	(2.97)
Distributions on income shares	(1.65)	(2.14)	(2.11)
Closing net asset value per share	143.68	138.38	132.62
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.04	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.02%	5.96%	(2.16)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	63,900 44,475,446 0.68% 0.01%	75,787 54,769,085 0.65% 0.03%	95,622 72,102,343 0.62% 0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	145.07 117.92	140.93 128.32	141.32 132.44

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	169.06	159.52	163.09
Return before operating charges*	9.69	10.61	(2.55)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.15)	(1.07)	(1.02)
Return after operating charges*	8.54	9.54	(3.57)
Distributions	(2.01)	(2.58)	(2.51)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.01	2.58	2.51
Closing net asset value per share	177.60	169.06	159.52
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.05	0.06
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.05%	5.98%	(2.19)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	996,192 560,906,260 0.68% 0.01%	906,450 536,177,020 0.65% 0.03%	1,088,635 682,425,390 0.62% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	178.23 144.07	170.81 154.36	167.38 157.96

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class D Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	131.48	126.52	131.88
Return before operating charges*	7.69	8.57	(1.77)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.06)	(2.01)	(2.00)
Return after operating charges*	5.63	6.56	(3.77)
Distributions on income shares	(1.09)	(1.60)	(1.59)
Closing net asset value per share	136.02	131.48	126.52
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.04	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.28%	5.18%	(2.86)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	802 589,540 1.58% 0.01%	933 709,598 1.55% 0.03%	1,336 1,055,790 1.52% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	137.10 111.80	133.98 122.34	135.22 126.11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,		. ,
Opening net asset value per share	154.73	147.07	151.45
Return before operating charges*	9.09	10.00	(2.08)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.43)	(2.34)	(2.30)
Return after operating charges*	6.66	7.66	(4.38)
Distributions	(1.28)	(1.86)	(1.83)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.28	1.86	1.83
Closing net asset value per share	161.39	154.73	147.07
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.05	0.05
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.30%	5.21%	(2.89)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	38,289 23,724,479 1.58% 0.01%	43,479 28,099,370 1.55% 0.03%	51,773 35,202,709 1.52% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	161.95 131.57	156.71 142.22	155.28 145.64

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 312.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class S Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	118.11	113.08	117.30
Return before operating charges*	6.68	7.43	(1.87)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.50)	(0.46)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	6.18	6.97	(2.30)
Distributions on income shares	(1.53)	(1.94)	(1.92)
Closing net asset value per share	122.76	118.11	113.08
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.04	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.23%	6.16%	(1.96)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	14,616 11,906,442 0.43% 0.01%	28,015 23,720,168 0.40% 0.03%	33,656 29,762,850 0.37% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	124.01 100.72	120.27 109.44	120.42 112.98

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

**Comparative Tables** (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	130.14	122.55	125.04
Return before operating charges*	7.41	8.09	(2.03)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.56)	(0.50)	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	6.85	7.59	(2.49)
Distributions	(1.68)	(2.11)	(2.05)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.68	2.11	2.05
Closing net asset value per share	136.99	130.14	122.55
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.04	0.04
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	5.26%	6.19%	(1.99)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	186,301 135,993,830 0.43% 0.01%	200,873 154,351,715 0.40% 0.03%	240,577 196,305,353 0.37% 0.03%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	137.47 110.97	131.40 118.60	128.37 121.34

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 312.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class A	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.00%	0.50%	1.40%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
	1.03%	0.53%	1.43%	0.28%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.18%	0.68%	1.58%	0.43%
As at 30 November 2019				
	Class A	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.00%	0.50%	1.40%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%
	1.04%	0.54%	1.44%	0.29%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.15%	0.65%	1.55%	0.40%

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was four.

### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM AAP Balanced Fund <sup>1</sup>	5.28	9.01	25.43

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 332 to 334.

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

llaldin v	Double in a film restaurant		30.11.20
Holding	Portfolio of Investment	£	%
	ALTERNATIVES 13.67% (9.82%) Alternative Strategies 9.47% (8.14%)		
476,504	AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	36,324,296	2.79
	BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund <sup>1</sup>	19,884,924	1.53
	BNP Paribas Issuance 0.00% 2024 <sup>2</sup> Dexion Absolute EUR <sup>3</sup>	29,996,472	2.30
	Dexion Equity Alternative <sup>3</sup>	_	_
47,510,000	JPMorgan Structured Products 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup>	37,176,255	2.85
		123,381,947	9.47
26 126 724	Real Estate 4.20% (1.68%) iShares Global Property Securities Index <sup>1</sup>	EA 756 A26	4.20
20,130,724	ishares Global Property Securities index	54,756,436	4.20
	DEBT SECURITIES 49.78% (71.11%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (2.01%)		
	Emerging Market Bonds 7.91% (6.97%)		
47,740,155	Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency Index Fund Acc <sup>1</sup>	32,830,905	2.52
43,104,579	Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index	32,030,903	2.52
105 151	Fund <sup>1</sup>	32,255,156	2.47
485,171	UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian High Yield <sup>1</sup>	38,049,378	2.92
		103,135,439	7.91
	Gilts 0.03% (4.70%)		
£8,000	UK Gilt 1.50% 2021	8,017	_
£406,961	UK Gilt 3.75% 2021	418,703	0.03
		426,720	0.03
070 400	Global Corporate Bonds 13.44% (12.44%)	70 004 000	0.04
	Angel Oak Multi-Strategy Income UCITS Fund¹ BlackRock Overseas Corporate Bond Tracker¹	78,291,820 81,601,490	6.01 6.26
	HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Corporate Bond Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	15,194,689	1.17
		175,087,999	13.44
	Global Government Bonds 0.00% (3.99%)		
1,287,265	Global High Yield Bonds 6.11% (5.17%) Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF1	53,987,894	4.14
637		5,954,991	0.46
181,337	Robeco Quant High Yield <sup>1</sup>	19,714,798	1.51
		79,657,683	6.11
	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 0.00% (5.04%)		
	Short Torm Storling Ronds 49 229/ /24 049/		
£30,000	Short Term Sterling Bonds 18.32% (21.04%) African Development Bank 0.875% 2021	30,233	_
£3,880,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.00% 2022	3,922,750	0.30

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
J	Short Torm Starling Bonds (continued)		
£5,830,000	Short Term Sterling Bonds (continued) Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.125% 2021	5,858,474	0.45
£2,465,000	Bank of Montreal FRN 2023	2,465,261	0.43
£1,265,000	Bank of Nova Scotia 1.25% 2022	1,282,495	0.10
£7,625,000	Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 2023	7,620,273	0.59
£1,800,000	Barclays Bank 4.25% 2022	1,880,784	0.39
£4,300,000	Barclays Bank UK FRN 2023	4,320,812	0.14
£2,200,000	Bayerische Landesbank 1.25% 2021	2,223,382	0.33
£170,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce FRN 2022	170,449	0.17
£500,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 1.125% 2021	504,721	0.04
£3,860,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025	3,896,894	0.30
£566,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 2.75% 2022	587,841	0.05
£1,000,000	Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 1.00% 2020	1,000,050	0.08
£5,000,000	Dexia Credit Local 1.375% 2022	5,116,094	0.39
£9,907,000	European Investment Bank 0.875% 2021	9,930,717	0.76
	European Investment Bank 4.25% 2021	781,898	0.06
	Federal National Mortgage 5.375% 2021	20,531	0.00
£3,500,000	FMS Wertmanagement 1.00% 2022	3,553,746	0.27
£4,199,000	ING Bank 5.375% 2021	4,278,823	0.33
£7,000,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 0.375% 2021	7,012,600	0.54
£6,578,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 5.40% 2021	6,759,434	0.52
£6,000,000	Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau 1.00% 2022	6,111,420	0.47
£20,000	Landeskreditbank 0.875% 2022	20,183	U.41 —
	Landeskreditbank 1.125% 2021	834,846	0.06
	Landwirtschaftlic 1.125% 2021	30,142	-
	Landwirtschaftlic 1.375% 2020	500,241	0.04
	Leeds Building Society FRN 2025	5,052,920	0.39
	Lloyds Bank 1.75% 2022	5,233,026	0.40
£2,600,000	Lloyds Bank FRN 2022	2,612,813	0.20
£5,632,000	Municipality Finance 1.25% 2022	5,748,740	0.44
£5,000,000	National Australia Bank 1.125% 2021	5,042,770	0.39
£8,077,000	Nestle Holdings 1.00% 2021	8,109,146	0.62
£515,000	Nestle Holdings 1.75% 2020	515,155	0.04
	Nordic Investment Bank 0.625% 2021	25,125	-
•	NRW Bank 1.00% 2022	8,605,128	0.66
	Oesterreichische 1.125% 2022	509,641	0.04
,	Oversea-Chinese Banking FRN 2023	7,966,768	0.61
£8,220,000	Rabobank Nederland 4.625% 2021	8,261,922	0.63
£1,058,000	Reseau Ferre de France 5.5% 2021	1,113,810	0.09
£670,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2021	669,932	0.05
£7,400,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2025	7,445,880	0.57
£6,000,000	Santander UK FRN 2022	6,001,260	0.46
£6,700,000	Santander UK FRN 2024	6,802,376	0.52
£7,893,000	Skipton Building Society FRN 2023	7,923,230	0.61
£6,633,000	SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS FRN 2022	6,632,270	0.51
£9,499,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 1.625% 2022	9,696,484	0.74
£1,454,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 2.375% 2022	1,488,259	0.11
£7,688,000	Swedbank 1.25% 2021	7,773,683	0.60
£5,800,000	Swedbank FRN 2021	5,806,670	0.45
£8,100,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank FRN 2023	8,093,115	0.62
£4,072,000	Total Capital International 2.25% 2020	4,075,412	0.31
£1,709,000	Transport for London 2.25% 2022	1,760,953	0.14
£6,000,000	TSB Bank FRN 2024	6,112,752	0.47
£877,000	Wellcome Trust Finance 4.75% 2021	895,871	0.07
£12,000,000	Westpac Banking FRN 2023	11,995,080	0.92

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
£5,990,000	Short Term Sterling Bonds (continued) Yorkshire Building Society FRN 2023	6,056,369	0.47
		238,741,654	18.32
7,327,973	Sterling Corporate Bonds 3.97% (9.75%) HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds - Sterling Corporate Bond		
374 543	Index Fund <sup>1</sup> UBS Sterling Corporate Bond Indexed <sup>1</sup>	7,694,371 44,018,278	0.59
374,043	OBS Sterning Corporate Bond Indexed	51,712,649	3.38 3.97
	EQUITY 14.51% (16.50%)		
	Asia & Emerging Markets 0.00% (2.00%)		
2,994	Europe (ex UK) 1.40% (3.69%) Euro Stoxx 50 Equity Index Futures December 2023 <sup>4</sup> FTSE 100 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup> MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	1,841,014 12,844,260 3,568,815	0.14 0.99 0.27
		18,254,089	1.40
421	Japan 0.24% (0.39%) TOPIX Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	3,166,617	0.24
2,583,935	North America 12.58% (0.71%) Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF <sup>1</sup>	130,126,967	9.98
	Berkshire Hathaway	26,644,658	2.04
	E-mini Health Care Select Sector Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup> MSCI Emerging Markets Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	2,049,717 5,166,987	0.16 0.40
	US Ultra Treasury Bond Index Futures March 2021 <sup>4</sup>	(48,903)	0.40
		163,939,426	12.58
1,192 872	United Kingdom 0.29% (9.71%) FTSE 250 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup> Thames River Multi Hedge preference shares <sup>3</sup>	3,755,992 	0.29
		3,755,992	0.29
€11,513,000 €29,052,000 US\$(181,544,000) US\$(42,590,000) US\$(37,579,000) US\$(37,109,000) US\$(37,109,000) US\$(32,265,000) US\$(7,174,000)	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.66% (0.60%) Vs £(7) Expiry 08.12.2020 Vs £(967,634) Expiry 08.12.2020 Vs £(5,061,263) Expiry 16.04.2021 Vs £(10,412,530) Expiry 16.04.2021 Vs £(26,275,065) Expiry 16.04.2021 Vs £144,702,117 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £33,946,939 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £28,726,718 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £28,037,581 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £28,037,581 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £24,396,607 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £5,484,060 Expiry 15.01.2021	- (3,418) (23,565) (55,562) (140,205) 8,859,420 2,078,409 607,735 497,696 270,281 253,894 116,019	(0.01) 0.68 0.16 0.05 0.04 0.02 0.02
US\$(7,084,000) US\$(7,084,000)	Vs £5,395,705 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £5,352,293 Expiry 15.01.2021	95,009 51,596	0.01

### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

		Value	30.11.20
Holding	Portfolio of Investment	£	%
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS (continued)		
US\$(6,053,000)		47,631	_
¥(63,578,672)	Vs £(461,320) Expiry 08.12.2020	3,691	_
¥1,199,522,000	Vs £(8,703,951) Expiry 21.05.2021	(58,066)	(0.01)
¥5,147,185,000	Vs £(37,348,917) Expiry 21.05.2021	(249,165)	(0.02)
US\$(1,515,270)	Vs £(1,141,189) Expiry 08.12.2020	6,622	-
US\$2,700,000	Vs £(2,075,322) Expiry 15.01.2021	(55,011)	_
US\$1,800,000	Vs £(1,413,157) Expiry 15.01.2021	(66,283)	(0.01)
US\$4,200,000	Vs £(3,242,590) Expiry 15.01.2021	(99,884)	(0.01)
US\$5,435,000	Vs £(4,224,361) Expiry 15.01.2021	(157,551)	(0.01)
US\$13,000,000	Vs £(9,975,468) Expiry 15.01.2021	(248,046)	(0.02)
US\$28,368,000	Vs £(22,049,068) Expiry 15.01.2021	(822,337)	(0.06)
US\$38,000,000	Vs £(29,337,716) Expiry 15.01.2021	(903,714)	(0.07)
US\$73,000,000	Vs £(56,016,090) Expiry 15.01.2021	(1,392,875)	(0.11)
		8,612,321	0.66
	Portfolio of investment⁵	1,024,628,972	78.62
	Net other assets <sup>5,6</sup>	278,591,119	21.38
	Net assets	1,303,220,091	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Includes shares in the Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Sterling Fund Platinum to the value of £937, shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £116,865,497, shares in the Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds - Sterling Liquidity Fund to the value of £40,000,308 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £87,410,000 which are shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

Credit Quality	30.11.20 %	30.11.19 %
Investment grade debt securities	18.26	39.61
Non-rated debt securities	5.23	3.00
Other investments	73.79	58.71
Net other assets/(liabilities)	2.72	(1.32)
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Structured product

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Delisted security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

			30.11.20		30.11.19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital gains	4		39,469,647		64,632,809
Revenue	5	21,407,123		29,166,207	
Expenses	6	(5,871,192)		(7,415,619)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(488,319)		(101,632)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		15,047,612		21,648,956	
Taxation	7	(3,371,465)		(2,566,207)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		-	11,676,147	-	19,082,749
Total return before distributions			51,145,794		83,715,558
Distributions	8	_	(13,978,526)	_	(21,948,054)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-	37,167,268	-	61,767,504

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	£	30.11.20 £	£	30.11.19 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,260,227,424		1,517,581,586
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	115,069,276		177,508,167	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transactions	204,638,410		_	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(327,187,001)		(515,730,860)	
		(7,479,315)		(338,222,693)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from		07.407.000		04 707 504
investment activities		37,167,268		61,767,504
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		13,304,714		19,101,027
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	1,303,220,091	_	1,260,227,424

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 320 to 331 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		1,028,953,557	1,248,423,747
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	6,828,405	10,729,306
Cash and bank balances	10	36,948,235	9,870,830
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	244,276,741	41,466,937
Total assets		1,317,006,938	1,310,490,820
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(4,324,585)	(13,043,897)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(3,838,399)	(25,505,897)
Distribution payable		(495,434)	(857,687)
Other creditors	11	(5,128,429)	(10,855,915)
Total liabilities		(13,786,847)	(50,263,396)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		1,303,220,091	1,260,227,424

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 320 to 331 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

## 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20	30.11.19
The net capital gains during the year comprise:	£	£
Non-derivative securities	33,444,356	47,054,187
Derivative contracts	15,089,478	20,236,727
Forward currency contracts	1,655,406	2,678,489
Currency losses	(10,822,676)	(5,592,452)
Transaction charges	(46,691)	(14,692)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	149,774	270,550
Net capital gains	39,469,647	64,632,809

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Non-taxable dividends	2,099,311	10,726,345
Taxable dividends	15,528,068	11,359,455
Unfranked interest	3,308,523	6,324,148
AMC rebates from underlying investments	406,841	604,890
Bank interest	26,832	34,952
Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	37,548	116,417
Total revenue	21,407,123	29,166,207
AMC rebates from underlying investments  Bank interest  Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	406,841 26,832 37,548	604,890 34,952 116,417

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

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# 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	5,558,134	6,910,423
Other expenses	6,509	6,445
	5,564,643	6,916,868
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	141,941	176,180
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	32,584	68,254
	178,186	250,434
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	9,570	115,880
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	40,991	40,514
FCA and other Regulatory fees	215	212
Legal and professional fees	547	14,231
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	56,372	62,330
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	128,363	248,317
Total expenses	5,871,192	7,415,619

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>text{The}$  Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

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#### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20	30.11.19
	And the first and first and	£	£
a)	Analysis of charge for the year	2 665 000	2 200 270
	Corporation tax at 20% Overseas tax	2,665,988 705,477	2,208,270 278,467
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax	705,477	79,470
	inecoverable CIS income tax		79,470
	Current tax charge (note 7b)	3,371,465	2,566,207
	Total taxation	3,371,465	2,566,207
b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
Í	The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	ised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
	Net revenue before taxation	15,047,612	21,648,956
	Corporation tax at 20%	3,009,522	4,329,791
	Effects of:		
	AMC rebates taken to capital	29,955	54,110
	Double taxation relief expensed	_	(11,542)
	Franked CIS revenue	(122,760)	(290,970)
	Franked REIT income	_	(295)
	Indexed gilt edged securities adjustment	_	(19,255)
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax w/off	_	79,470
	Movement in revenue accruals	516	435
	Non-taxable dividends	(67,679)	(874,703)
	Non-taxable overseas dividends	(49,837)	(620,377)
	Offshore CIS revenue	(179,586)	(358,924)
	Overseas tax	705,477	278,467
	Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds	45,857	_
	Current tax charge (note 7a)	3,371,465	2,566,207

#### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

## 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	6,219,711	10,775,529
Final	8,010,969	10,108,228
	14,230,680	20,883,757
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	850,231	1,668,713
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(316,239)	(604,416)
Deduct: Revenue received on in-specie transactions	(786,146)	_
Net distributions for the year	13,978,526	21,948,054
Interest payable and similar charges	488,319	101,632
Total distribution	14,466,845	22,049,686

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#### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 332 to 334.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	11,676,147	19,082,749
Allocations to capital:		
Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	2,302,894	2,864,631
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	(834)	628
Income deficit	_	1
Net movement in revenue account	319	45
Net distributions for the year	13,978,526	21,948,054

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	1,482,133	2,944,839
Accrued revenue	2,786,434	6,455,099
Income tax recoverable	136,167	43,828
AMC rebates from underlying investments	630,882	503,321
Withholding tax recoverable	54,035	782,219
Receivable from merger	1,738,754	_
Total debtors	6,828,405	10,729,306

#### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Cash and bank balances	3,833,282	9,864,742
Cash held at clearing houses	33,114,953	6,088
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	244,276,741	41,466,937
Total cash and bank balances	281,224,976	51,337,767
Bank overdrafts	(3,806,747)	(9,829,215)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	(31,652)	(15,676,682)
Total bank overdrafts	(3,838,399)	(25,505,897)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

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#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	2,990,653	6,969,468
Purchases awaiting settlement	824,339	1,620,612
Accrued expenses	550,449	752,565
Corporation tax payable	762,988	1,513,270
Total other creditors	5,128,429	10,855,915

#### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 318.

The Sub-fund has the following shareholdings in the 7IM Specialist Investment Funds ICVC:

	neiu at	neid at
	30.11.20	30.11.19
7IM European (ex UK) Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	_	10,975,904
7IM UK Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	_	19,788,943

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited 48.12% (2019: 37.70%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled £166,609,109 (2019: -£45,765,589).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has four share classes: 'A', 'C', 'D' and 'S'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.00%
Class C	0.50%
Class D	1.40%
Class S	0.25%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Class	Opening	Shares	Shares	Shares	Closing
Class	Shares	Created	Liquidated	Converted	Shares
Class A Income	108,366	30	(15,995)	_	92,401
Class A Accumulation	2,824,981	15,078	(1,049,511)	(13,354)	1,777,194
Class C Income	54,769,085	6,978,257	(16,977,546)	(294,350)	44,475,446
Class C Accumulation	536,177,020	165,035,773	(142,281,881)	1,975,348	560,906,260
Class D Income	709,598	44,603	(164,661)	_	589,540
Class D Accumulation	28,099,370	816,739	(5,191,630)	_	23,724,479
Class S Income	23,720,168	392,084	(3,449,420)	(8,756,390)	11,906,442
Class S Accumulation	154,351,715	17,338,415	(41,412,025)	5,715,725	135,993,830

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## 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown below.

#### i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Floating Rate Financial	Fixed Rate Financial	Financial Assets not carrying	
	Assets £	Assets £	interest £	Total £
Canadian dollar	8,167	£ _	£ _	8,167
Danish krone	24	_	3,711	3,735
Euro	1,550,305	_	47,920,829	49,471,134
Japanese yen	100,422	_	49,373,574	49,473,996
South African rand	222	_	-	222
Swedish krona		_	134	134
Swiss franc	8	_	32,275	32,283
US dollar	2,395,814	67,172,727	274,829,663	344,398,204
Pound sterling	384,815,140	131,523,249	867,709,941	1,384,048,330
-	388,870,102	198,695,976	1,239,870,127	1,827,436,205
		Floating Rate Financial Liabilities	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest	Total
		£	£	£
Canadian dollar		(8,167)	_	(8,167)
Danish krone		(2)	_	(2)
Euro		(1,219,839)	_	(1,219,839)
Japanese yen		(52,743)	_	(52,743)
South African rand		(60)	_	(60)
US dollar		(2,407,921)	(296,055,099)	(298,463,020)
Pound sterling	_	(149,667)	(224,322,616)	(224,472,283)
		(3,838,399)	(520,377,715)	(524,216,114)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Floating Rate Financial	Fixed Rate Financial	Financial Assets not carrying	
	Assets	Assets	interest	Total
O con Para della	£	£	£	£
Canadian dollar	8,240	_	_	8,240
Danish krone	22	_	2,689,416	2,689,438
Euro	1,230,902	14,509,761	83,993,070	99,733,733
Japanese yen	25,554	16,871,934	61,290,802	78,188,290
Norwegian krone	_	_	375,945	375,945
South African rand	239	_	_	239
Swedish krona	_	_	1,877,870	1,877,870
Swiss franc	7	_	8,479,408	8,479,415
US dollar	2,588,292	93,913,982	332,278,563	428,780,837
Pound sterling	160,355,222	298,792,190	930,746,705	1,389,894,117
	164,208,478	424,087,867	1,421,731,779	2,010,028,124

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest	Total
Canadian dollar	<b>£</b> (8,240)	£	<b>£</b> (8,240)
Danish krone	(2)	_	(2)
Euro	(1,231,476)	(100,959,385)	(102,190,861)
Japanese yen	(28,795)	(31,986,606)	(32,015,401)
South African rand	(65)	_	(65)
US dollar	(2,554,411)	(290,691,376)	(293,245,787)
Pound sterling	(21,682,907)	(300,657,437)	(322,340,344)
	(25,505,896)	(724,294,804)	(749,800,700)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

	Fixed Rate Financial Assets				
	•	Weighted average interest rate		age period ate is fixed	
Currency	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19	
	%	%	Years	Years	
Euro	_	0.11	_	10	
Japanese yen	_	(0.02)	_	11	
Pound sterling	0.15	0.94	1	5	
US dollar	(3.46)	0.67	3	15	

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the weighted average effective duration was 2.47 years (30 November 2019: 3.27 years).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Monetary Exposure	Non-Monetary Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Danish krone	3,733	_	3,733
Euro	344,306	47,906,989	48,251,295
Japanese yen	47,679	49,373,574	49,421,253
South African rand	162	_	162
Swedish krona	134	_	134
Swiss franc	32,276	7	32,283
US dollar	(11,218)	45,946,403	45,935,185
	417,072	143,226,973	143,644,045
Pound sterling	278,174,046	881,402,000	1,159,576,046
Net assets	278,591,118	1,024,628,973	1,303,220,091

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Monetary Exposure	Non-Monetary Exposure	Total
Currency	£	£	£
Danish krone	40,515	2,648,921	2,689,436
Euro	71,714	(2,528,842)	(2,457,128)
Japanese yen	(3,241)	46,176,130	46,172,889
Norwegian krone	_	375,945	375,945
South African rand	174	_	174
Swedish krona	_	1,877,870	1,877,870
Swiss franc	660,038	7,819,377	8,479,415
US dollar	34,518	135,500,532	135,535,050
	803,718	191,869,933	192,673,651
Pound sterling	24,043,855	1,043,509,918	1,067,553,773
Net assets	24,847,573	1,235,379,851	1,260,227,424

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives (continued)

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 60%, 146% and 90% respectively (30 November 2019<sup>1</sup>: 47%, 133% and 89% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCl's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCl Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCl Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and future contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	1,983,728
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	(48,903)	208,923
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	2,049,717	2,506,976
Eurex Deutschland	5,409,829	20,457
International Monetary Market	_	5,248,481
London International Financial Futures Exchange	16,600,252	886,983
New York Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa	5,166,987	241,334
Tokyo Stock Exchange	3,166,617	4,884,761
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	8,612,320	7,491,736
Total net exposure <sup>1</sup>	40,956,819	23,473,379

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	36,973,909	269,367,192	_	306,341,101
Collective Investment Schemes	499,265,582	151,420,811	_	650,686,393
Derivatives	32,393,402	12,888,003	_	45,281,405
Equities	26,644,658	_	_	26,644,658
Total	595,277,551	433,676,006	_	1,028,953,557
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(48,903)	(4,275,682)	_	(4,324,585)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	181,639,445	355,319,132	_	536,958,577
Collective Investment Schemes	577,686,007	_	_	577,686,007
Derivatives	16,210,171	20,307,105	_	36,517,276
Equities	97,261,887	_	_	97,261,887
Total	872,797,510	375,626,237	_	1,248,423,747
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(31,396)	(13,012,501)	-	(13,043,897)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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Derivatives

Equities

**Total** 

#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 303.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	136,091	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	427,315	_	_	_	_	_
Derivatives	789	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	302,887	8	60	68	_	0.02
Total	867,082	8	60	68	_	0.02
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	383,596	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	485,616	_	_	_	_	_

Total as a percentage of the average NAV 0.00% 0.01% 0.01%

5,464

253,836

1,128,512

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

				Total		
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	175,574	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	262,852	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	183,778	23	390	413	0.01	0.21
Total	622,204	23	390	413	0.01	0.21
Bonds Collective Investment Schemes Equities	175,574 262,852 183,778	- - 23	- - 390	- - 413	- - 0.01	0

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	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	340,218	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	223,403	_	_	_	_	_
Derivatives	25,532	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	367,942	(44)	(3)	(47)	0.01	_
Total	957,095	(44)	(3)	(47)	0.01	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ge NAV	0.00%	0.03%	0.03%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.10% (2019: 0.10%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 178.17p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 182.54p. This represents an increase of 2.45% from the year end value.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

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## Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6063 0.5526	0.0537	0.6063 0.6063	0.8557 0.8557
Class A Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	0.7230 0.2962	- 0.4268	0.7230 0.7230	1.0101 1.0101
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 2	0.7593 0.4374	0.3219	0.7593 0.7593	1.0208 1.0208
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.9270 0.4560	0.4710	0.9270 0.9270	1.2280 1.2280
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class D Income Group 1 Group 2	0.4922 0.3245	0.1677	0.4922 0.4922	0.7875 0.7875
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.5735 0.3125	0.2610	0.5735 0.5735	0.9133 0.9133
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7181 0.5104	0.2077	0.7181 0.7181	0.9298 0.9298

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

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	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.7761 0.5517	_ 0.2244	0.7761 0.7761	1.0076 1.0076
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7235 0.7235	-	0.7235 0.7235	0.9447 0.9447
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8669 0.3583	_ 0.5086	0.8669 0.8669	1.1258 1.1258
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 2	0.8858 0.3524	0.5334	0.8858 0.8858	1.1154 1.1154
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	1.0878 0.4295	_ 0.6583	1.0878 1.0878	1.3515 1.3515
			Paid	Paid
Class D Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	31.01.21	31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	0.6022 0.2648	0.3374	0.6022 0.6022	0.8095 0.8095
Class D Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	0.7092 0.4328	0.2764	0.7092 0.7092	0.9470 0.9470

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	0.8168 0.4222	0.3946	0.8168 0.8168	1.0119 1.0119
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.9047 0.3691	_ 0.5356	0.9047 0.9047	1.1054 1.1054

## **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with them 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.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM AAP (Asset Allocated Passives) Moderately Adventurous Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a return primarily by way of capital growth with some income.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in equity and fixed interest instruments that, for the most part, use passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes). The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity, indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), it may not be appropriate for the Sub-fund to be invested in funds and other assets as noted above and the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments. Examples of extraordinary market conditions include periods of heightened volatility caused by a sudden economic downturn or events such as political unrest, war or bankruptcy of large financial institutions.

The Sub-fund's investments will focus on assets with scope for capital growth, such as equities, although the Sub-fund may also invest in income generating assets such as corporate debt securities.

The Sub-fund is likely to invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 4.87%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c. 6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c. 5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c. 20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

Calculated using 7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

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

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

After some significant outperformance versus broad US equities, we took some profits on our Healthcare position in higher risk portfolios in the middle of March, reducing the overall size of the active position.

Going into April, we increased our allocation to Corporate bonds, funded from Global Government bonds. Despite an equity sell off that remained well inside the Global Financial Crisis, credit spreads were at levels not seen since that same period. Overall, this looked like an opportunity to rotate out of low-yielding Government bonds into higher yielding Corporates, taking advantage of elevated spreads despite policy support from central banks that reduced (already low) chances of default.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

#### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

We increased our allocation to US Healthcare at the beginning of July after some significant underperformance versus the broad equity index. We felt that the investment case remained strong with the sector remaining particularly well placed to benefit from changing demographics and global trends in technology.

An allocation to European bank AT1 contingent convertible bonds ("AT1s") was made in July, funded through some of our Global High Yield bond allocation. While we see value in both asset classes, we believe AT1s are extremely well positioned to outperform High Yield due to their resilient fundamentals and attractive valuations.

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

Despite some underperformance through the third quarter of 2020, the vaccine news in November led to a significant rally in European dividend futures. Following the rally, expectations of annualised returns for 2022 dividends were estimated to be in the low single digits due to the valuation cap that exists given the well-defined near term cash flows. With the view that this would likely act as something of a headwind versus traditional European equity exposure, the 2022 dividend position was removed from portfolios towards the end of November, being replaced with a broad European equity exposure.

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery, though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 339 to 346 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

**Comparative Tables Class A Income** 

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	154.04	146.57	150.39
Return before operating charges*	8.03	10.80	(0.64)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.73)	(1.76)	(1.72)
Return after operating charges*	6.30	9.04	(2.36)
Distributions on income shares	(0.42)	(1.57)	(1.46)
Closing net asset value per share	159.92	154.04	146.57
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.05	0.07
Performance Return after charges²	4.09%	6.17%	(1.57)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	201	259	253
Closing number of shares	125,859	168,363	172,419
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	1.15%	1.17%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.04%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	161.06	157.38	156.30
Lowest share price	125.30	139.97	144.78

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 347.

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class A Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	174.02	163.87	166.54
Return before operating charges*	9.09	12.12	(0.77)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.96)	(1.97)	(1.90)
Return after operating charges*	7.13	10.15	(2.67)
Distributions	(0.48)	(1.76)	(1.62)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.48	1.76	1.62
Closing net asset value per share	181.15	174.02	163.87
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.06	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.10%	6.19%	(1.60)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,064	1,272	1,347
Closing number of shares	587,571	730,846	822,135
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.15% 0.01%	1.17% 0.04%	1.13% 0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	182.15	176.97	173.75
Lowest share price	141.55	156.49	161.12

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	155.19	147.66	151.53
Return before operating charges*	8.05	10.74	(0.83)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.99)	(1.01)	(0.96)
Return after operating charges*	7.06	9.73	(1.79)
Distributions on income shares	(1.12)	(2.20)	(2.08)
Closing net asset value per share	161.13	155.19	147.66
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.05	0.07
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.55%	6.59%	(1.18)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	24,578 15,253,408 0.65% 0.01%	29,355 18,915,121 0.67% 0.04%	33,916 22,968,211 0.63% 0.05%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	162.58 126.39	158.67 141.06	157.59 146.11

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#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	183.71	172.30	174.40
Return before operating charges*	9.46	12.60	(0.99)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.17)	(1.19)	(1.11)
Return after operating charges*	8.29	11.41	(2.10)
Distributions	(1.22)	(2.58)	(2.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.22	2.58	2.41
Closing net asset value per share	192.00	183.71	172.30
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.06	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.51%	6.62%	(1.20)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	490,320	428,456	468,681
Closing number of shares		233,221,782	
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	0.65% 0.01%	0.67% 0.04%	0.63% 0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	193.05	186.57	182.46
Lowest share price	149.62	164.59	169.35

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#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	153.67	146.22	150.04
Return before operating charges*	8.01	10.90	(0.54)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.33)	(2.36)	(2.32)
Return after operating charges*	5.68	8.54	(2.86)
Distributions on income shares	_	(1.09)	(0.96)
Closing net asset value per share	159.35	153.67	146.22
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.05	0.07
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	3.70%	5.84%	(1.91)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	974	997	985
Closing number of shares	610,952	648,583	673,748
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	1.55%	1.57%	1.53%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.04%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	160.24	156.92	155.85
Lowest share price	124.85	139.60	144.25

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## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	166.84	157.61	160.69
Return before operating charges*	8.69	11.77	(0.60)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.53)	(2.54)	(2.48)
Return after operating charges*	6.16	9.23	(3.08)
Distributions	_	(1.17)	(1.03)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1.17	1.03
Closing net asset value per share	173.00	166.84	157.61
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.06	0.07
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	3.69%	5.86%	(1.92)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	18,862 10,903,065 1.55% 0.01%	20,605 12,350,587 1.57% 0.04%	21,582 13,693,283 1.53% 0.05%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	173.96 135.55	169.84 150.47	167.28 155.01
Lowest share price	135.55	150.47	155.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 347.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	127.19	121.02	124.18
Return before operating charges*	6.47	8.75	(0.72)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.50)	(0.52)	(0.48)
Return after operating charges*	5.97	8.23	(1.20)
Distributions on income shares	(1.10)	(2.06)	(1.96)
Closing net asset value per share	132.06	127.19	121.02
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.01	0.04	0.06
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.69%	6.80%	(0.97)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,037	6,899	7,658
Closing number of shares	3,056,790	5,424,562	6,327,878
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	0.40%	0.42%	0.38%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.04%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	133.38	130.08	129.20
Lowest share price	103.65	115.62	119.84

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	140.25	131.27	132.60
Return before operating charges*	7.17	9.55	(0.82)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.55)	(0.57)	(0.51)
Return after operating charges*	6.62	8.98	(1.33)
Distributions	(1.21)	(2.24)	(2.10)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.21	2.24	2.10
Closing net asset value per share	146.87	140.25	131.27
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.05	0.06
Performance Return after charges²	4.72%	6.84%	(1.00)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	94,276	102,702	114,268
Closing number of shares	64,190,661	73,229,633	87,049,944
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	0.40%	0.42%	0.38%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.04%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	147.67	142.34	138.92
Lowest share price	114.29	125.41	128.99

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 347.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class A	Class C	Class	Class 3
ACD's periodic charge	1.00%	0.50%	1.40%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
	1.05%	0.55%	1.45%	0.30%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.15%	0.65%	1.55%	0.40%
As at 30 November 2019				
	Class A	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.00%	0.50%	1.40%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
	1.05%	0.55%	1.45%	0.30%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.17%	0.67%	1.57%	0.42%

Class A Class C Class D Class S

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

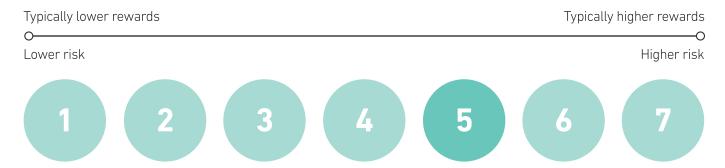
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

#### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was five.

#### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous Fund <sup>1</sup>	4.87	10.26	32.62

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 367 to 369.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 November 2020

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Holding	Portfolio of Investment	£	%
	ALTERNATIVES 11.89% (8.65%)		
220 240	Alternative Strategies 5.62% (5.11%) AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund <sup>1</sup>	17 407 220	2.75
228,349 82 353	BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund¹	17,407,229 9,540,646	2.75 1.50
	BNP Paribas Issuance 0.00% 2024 <sup>2</sup>	8,683,784	1.37
	Dexion Absolute EUR <sup>3</sup>	_	_
30,098	Dexion Absolute GBP <sup>3</sup>		
		35,631,659	5.62
	Real Estate 6.27% (3.54%)		
18,974,637	iShares Global Property Securities Index <sup>1</sup>	39,751,865	6.27
	DEBT SECURITIES 36.82% (61.83%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (2.00%)		
10 047 007	Emerging Market Bonds 6.35% (7.85%)		
13,847,967	Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency Index Fund Acc <sup>1</sup>	9,523,247	1.50
12,521,117	Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	9,369,552	1.48
272,479	UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian High Yield <sup>1</sup>	21,369,093	3.37
		40,261,892	6.35
	Gilts 0.01% (4.37%)		
£40,000	UK Gilt 1.50% 2021	40,085	0.01
	Global Corporate Bonds 0.00% (3.85%)		
0.050	Global Government Bonds 0.00% (2.96%)	00.000	
3,256	HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	26,636	
	OL L. LUI' L. W. LUB L. 4 070/ (0 070/)		
466,024	Global High Yield Bonds 4.07% (2.65%) Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF1	19,545,046	3.08
58,009	Robeco Quant High Yield <sup>1</sup>	6,306,695	0.99
,		25,851,741	4.07
		20,001,141	4.01
	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 0.00% (2.55%)		
	21.05a. 1.11.a. 2.11.05 2.11.05 (2.1007.0)		
	Short Term Sterling Bonds 26.39% (28.51%)		
£5,800,000	Abbey National Treasury Services 5.125% 2021	5,904,516	0.93
£45,000	African Development Bank 0.875% 2021	45,349	0.01
£50,000	Asian Development Bank 0.75% 2022	50,432	0.01
£500,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.00% 2022	505,509	0.08
£3,239,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.125% 2021	3,254,819	0.51
£5,000,000 £1,000,000	Bank of Nova Scotia 0.75% 2021 Bank of Nova Scotia 1.25% 2022	5,020,930 1,013,830	0.79 0.16
£4,580,000	Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 2023	4,577,160	0.10
£2,550,000	Barclays Bank 4.25% 2022	2,664,444	0.72
£3,100,000	Barclays Bank UK FRN 2023	3,115,004	0.49
£5,000,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce FRN 2022	5,013,210	0.79

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	Short Term Sterling Bonds (continued)		
£2,320,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025	2,342,174	0.37
£30,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 2.75% 2022	31,158	0.01
£1,600,000	Dexia Credit Local 0.875% 2021	1,608,922	0.25
£13,700,000	European Investment Bank 0.875% 2021	13,732,798	2.17
£5,500,000	European Investment Bank 1.125% 2021	5,545,540	0.87
£30,000	Federal National Mortgage 5.375% 2021	30,796	-
£4,000,000	FMS Wertmanagement 1.00% 2022	4,061,424	0.64
£10,000	Inter-American Development Bank 0.625% 2021	10,055	_
£12,802,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 0.375% 2021	12,825,044	2.02
£3,641,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 5.40% 2021	3,741,426	0.59
£6,000,000	JPMorgan Chase Bank FRN 2021	5,999,964	0.95
£650,000	KFW 1.375% 2021	651,456	0.10
£25,000	Landeskreditbank 0.875% 2022	25,229	_
£25,000	Landeskreditbank 1.125% 2021	25,116	_
£45,000	Landwirtschaftlic 1.125% 2021	45,213	0.01
£3,991,000	Landwirtschaftlic 1.375% 2020	3,992,924	0.63
£3,000,000	Leeds Building Society FRN 2025	3,031,752	0.48
£2,778,000	Lloyds Bank 1.75% 2022	2,835,449	0.45
£300,000	Lloyds Bank FRN 2020	300,021	0.05
£1,600,000	Lloyds Bank FRN 2022	1,607,885	0.25
£1,500,000	Lloyds Bank FRN 2024	1,514,445	0.24
£453,000	Municipality Finance 1.25% 2022	462,390	0.07
£2,000,000	National Australia Bank 1.125% 2021	2,017,108	0.32
£1,500,000	National Westminster Bank FRN 2023	1,514,490	0.24
£1,630,000	Nestle Holdings 1.00% 2021	1,636,487	0.26
£17,000	Nestle Holdings 1.75% 2020	17,005	_
£1,500,000	NRW Bank 1.00% 2022	1,518,552	0.24
£4,000,000	NRW Bank FRN 2024	4,008,591	0.63
£4,100,000	Oesterreichische 1.125% 2022	4,179,056	0.66
£3,200,000	Oversea-Chinese Banking FRN 2023	3,186,707	0.50
£115,000	Rabobank Nederland 4.875% 2023	125,858	0.02
£940,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2021	939,905	0.15
£1,500,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2024	1,516,032	0.24
£4,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2025	4,024,800	0.63
£4,000,000	Santander UK FRN 2022	4,000,840	0.63
£1,100,000		1,116,808	0.18
£5,500,000	Skipton Building Society FRN 2023	5,521,065	0.87
£2,001,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 1.625% 2022	2,042,601	0.32
£4,886,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 2.375% 2022	5,001,124	0.79
£2,300,000	Swedbank FRN 2021	2,302,645	0.36
£300,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 5.35% 2021	307,866	0.05
£1,500,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank FRN 2021	1,501,155	0.24
£3,600,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank FRN 2023	3,596,940	0.57
£6,500,000	Toyota Motor Credit 1.125% 2021	6,544,174	1.03
£1,100,000	Transport for London 2.25% 2022	1,133,439	0.18
£1,500,000	TSB Bank FRN 2022	1,504,365	0.24
£2,800,000	TSB Bank FRN 2024	2,852,618	0.45
£700,000	Wellcome Trust Finance 4.75% 2021	715,063	0.11
£6,100,000	Westpac Banking FRN 2023	6,097,499	0.96
£2,870,000	Yorkshire Building Society FRN 2023	2,901,800	0.46
		167,410,977	26.39

Sterling Corporate Bonds 0.00% (7.09%)

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
			,-
	EQUITY 18.62% (26.21%)		
	Asia & Emerging Markets 0.00% (3.26%)		
	Europe (ex UK) 1.92% (7.03%)		
	Euro Stoxx 50 Equity Index Futures December 2023 <sup>4</sup>	869,996	0.14
· ·	FTSE 100 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup> MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	7,413,120	1.17
2,972	MSCI Europe ex-on index rutures becember 2020	3,864,284	0.61
		12,147,400	1.92
	Frontier Markets Equity 0.00% (2.95%)		
	Japan 0.59% (0.63%)		
507	TOPIX Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	3,716,820	0.59
	North America 15.76% (1.09%)		
1,560,289	Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF <sup>1</sup>	78,576,154	12.39
93,601	Berkshire Hathaway	16,230,105	2.56
	E-mini Health Care Select Sector Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	1,443,001	0.22
	MSCI Emerging Markets Index Futures December 20204	3,758,635	0.59
37	US Ultra Treasury Bond Index Futures March 20214	(9,523)	
		99,998,372	15.76
	United Kingdom 0.35% (11.25%)		
711	FTSE 250 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>4</sup>	2,240,361	0.35
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS -0.66% (-0.27%)		
€13,033,000	Vs £(11,787,241) Expiry 16.04.2021	(62,897)	(0.01)
· · ·	Vs £(47,996,490) Expiry 16.04.2021	(256,111)	(0.04)
€(600,000)	Vs £543,404 Expiry 16.04.2021	3,651	_
	Vs £16,452,943 Expiry 15.01.2021	348,074	0.06
	Vs £16,187,878 Expiry 15.01.2021	285,040	0.05
	Vs £16,057,633 Expiry 15.01.2021	154,795	0.02
US\$(19,079,000) US\$(5,295,000)	Vs £14,426,247 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £4,047,685 Expiry 15.01.2021	150,133 85,632	0.02 0.01
US\$(5,228,000)	Vs £3,982,037 Expiry 15.01.2021	70,116	0.01
US\$(5,004,000)	Vs £3,783,686 Expiry 15.01.2021	39,376	0.01
US\$(5,228,000)	Vs £3,949,998 Expiry 15.01.2021	38,078	0.01
¥1,543,500,000	Vs £(11,199,919) Expiry 21.05.2021	(74,718)	(0.01)
¥6,229,804,000	Vs £(45,204,599) Expiry 21.05.2021	(301,573)	(0.05)
US\$1,500,000	Vs £(1,157,073) Expiry 15.01.2021	(34,678)	(0.01)
US\$2,000,000	Vs £(1,537,275) Expiry 15.01.2021	(40,749)	(0.01)
US\$2,000,000	Vs £(1,570,174) Expiry 15.01.2021	(73,648)	(0.01)
US\$5,000,000 US\$8,900,000	Vs £(3,856,909) Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £(6,840,876) Expiry 15.01.2021	(115,593) (181,333)	(0.02) (0.03)
US\$6,468,000	Vs £(5,027,262) Expiry 15.01.2021	(187,496)	(0.03)
US\$11,718,000	Vs £(9,339,991) Expiry 15.01.2021	(571,843)	(0.09)
US\$26,290,000	Vs £(20,433,939) Expiry 15.01.2021	(762,099)	(0.12)
US\$54,815,500	Vs £(43,691,441) Expiry 15.01.2021	(2,675,018)	(0.42)
		(4,162,861)	(0.66)

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	Portfolio of investment⁵	422,914,947	66.67
	Net other assets <sup>5,6</sup>	211,397,064	33.33
	Net assets	634,312,011	100.00

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Includes shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £85,500,000, shares in the Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds - Sterling Liquidity Fund to the value of £45,419,358 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £54,413,000 which are shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

Credit Quality	30.11.20 %	30.11.19 %
Investment grade debt securities	26.39	45.73
Non-rated debt securities	1.37	2.44
Other investments	68.13	53.83
Net other assets/(liabilities)	4.11	(2.00)
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Structured product

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Delisted security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

			30.11.20		30.11.19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital gains	4		16,583,181		31,603,494
Revenue	5	7,998,759		13,474,401	
Expenses	6	(2,807,568)		(3,330,545)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(311,703)		(182,008)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		4,879,488		9,961,848	
Taxation	7	(1,057,821)		(808,591)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		_	3,821,667	_	9,153,257
Total return before distributions			20,404,848		40,756,751
Distributions	8	_	(3,880,209)	_	(9,167,170)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		_	16,524,639	_	31,589,581

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

		30.11.20	•	30.11.19
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		590,544,838		648,689,855
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	72,453,761		91,182,608	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transactions	118,262,882		1,765,922	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(167,183,129)		(190,918,610)	
		23,533,514		(97,970,080)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		16,524,639		31,589,581
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,709,020		8,235,482
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		634,312,011		590,544,838

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 355 to 366 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
ASSETS			
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		428,262,226	577,129,552
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	2,966,028	4,658,405
Cash and bank balances	10	32,927,330	3,323,331
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	185,332,358	32,947,000
Total assets		649,487,942	618,058,288
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(5,347,279)	(7,747,724)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(5,541,612)	(14,283,633)
Distribution payable		(119,536)	(254,341)
Other creditors	11	(4,167,504)	(5,227,752)
Total liabilities		(15,175,931)	(27,513,450)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		634,312,011	590,544,838

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 355 to 366 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

#### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

#### 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	(2,923,226)	14,897,806
Derivative contracts	27,702,461	16,273,903
Forward currency contracts	(1,430,496)	345,676
Currency (losses)/gains	(6,765,902)	34,117
Transaction charges	(44,157)	(15,347)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	44,501	67,339
Net capital gains	16,583,181	31,603,494

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Non-taxable dividends	1,901,482	6,945,972
Taxable dividends	3,952,424	2,909,499
Unfranked interest	1,897,698	3,065,895
AMC rebates from underlying investments	208,629	377,338
Bank interest	18,110	90,358
Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	20,416	85,339
Total revenue	7,998,759	13,474,401

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

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#### 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	2,606,859	3,054,584
Other expenses	6,389	6,376
	2,613,248	3,060,960
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	69,289	82,239
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	25,416	36,873
	98,366	125,112
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	4,669	51,448
Audit fee <sup>1</sup>	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	28,393	27,258
FCA and other Regulatory fees	215	212
Legal and professional fees	547	6,798
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	41,462	43,607
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	95,954	144,473
Total expenses	2,807,568	3,330,545

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

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#### 7 Taxation

		30.11.20	30.11.19
۵۱	Analysis of charge for the year	£	£
a)	Analysis of charge for the year  Corporation tax at 20%	635,901	610,143
	Overseas tax	421,920	166,045
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax	421,020 _	32,403
	modevolable die modifie tax		02,100
	Current tax charge (note 7b)	1,057,821	808,591
	Total taxation	1,057,821	808,591
b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year  The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	ised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
	Net revenue before taxation	4,879,488	9,961,848
	Corporation tax at 20%	975,898	1,992,370
	Effects of:		
	AMC rebates taken to capital	_	13,468
	Double taxation relief expensed	8,900	(5,148)
	Franked CIS revenue	107,687	(156,934)
	Franked REIT income	_	(156)
	Indexed gilt edged securities adjustment	_	(1,522)
	Irrecoverable CIS income tax w/off	_	32,403
	Movement in revenue accruals	233	18,372
	Non-taxable dividends	(56,535)	(467,615)
	Non-taxable overseas dividends	(427,462)	(782,692)
	Overseas tax	421,920	166,045
	Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds	27,180	_
	Current tax charge (note 7a)	1,057,821	808,591
c)	Deferred tax		

#### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

#### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	1,649,080	4,845,236
Final	2,277,174	3,963,522
	3,926,254	8,808,758
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	290,644	661,598
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(131,330)	(301,226)
Deduct: Revenue received on in-specie transactions	(205,359)	(1,960)
Net distributions for the year	3,880,209	9,167,170
Interest payable and similar charges	311,703	182,008
Total distribution	4,191,912	9,349,178

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### 8 Distributions (continued)

Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 367 to 369.

Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	3,821,667	9,153,257
Allocations to capital:		
Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	36,080	13,468
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	(1,193)	373
Income deficit	23,639	_
Net movement in revenue account	16	72
Net distributions for the year	3,880,209	9,167,170

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	778,782	749,430
Accrued revenue	1,150,690	3,232,374
Income tax recoverable	65,690	32,432
AMC rebates from underlying investments	166,863	198,715
Withholding tax recoverable	51,925	445,454
Receivable from merger	752,078	_
Total debtors	2,966,028	4,658,405

#### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Cash and bank balances	5,597,394	3,320,101
Cash held at clearing houses	27,329,936	3,230
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	185,332,358	32,947,000
Total cash and bank balances	218,259,688	36,270,331
Bank overdrafts	(5,535,448)	(3,267,002)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	(6,164)	(11,016,631)
Total bank overdrafts	(5,541,612)	(14,283,633)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

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#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	3,278,402	3,639,662
Purchases awaiting settlement	233,413	848,954
Accrued expenses	275,788	363,993
Corporation tax payable	379,901	375,143
Total other creditors	4,167,504	5,227,752

### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 353.

The Sub-fund has the following shareholdings in the 7IM Specialist Investment Funds ICVC:

	Held at 30.11.20	Held at 30.11.19
7IM European (ex UK) Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	_	4,839,578
7IM UK Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	_	9,398,382

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited 55.79% (2019: 43.84%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled (£102,879,229) (2019: £131,454).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has four share classes: 'A', 'C', 'D', and 'S'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.00%
Class C	0.50%
Class D	1.40%
Class S	0.25%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Class	Opening Shares	Shares Created	Shares Liquidated	Shares Converted	Closing Shares
Class A Income	168,363	367	(42,871)	_	125,859
Class A Accumulation	730,846	507	(65,958)	(77,824)	587,571
Class C Income	18,915,121	2,135,065	(5,587,293)	(209,485)	15,253,408
Class C Accumulation	233,221,782	90,909,594	(70,353,646)	1,594,283	255,372,013
Class D Income	648,583	4,215	(41,846)	_	610,952
Class D Accumulation	12,350,587	675,137	(2,122,659)	_	10,903,065
Class S Income	5,424,562	121,210	(1,497,907)	(991,075)	3,056,790
Class S Accumulation	73,229,633	11,939,763	(20,119,203)	(859,532)	64,190,661

## 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown on the below.

## i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Floating Rate Financial Assets	Fixed Rate Financial Assets	Financial Assets not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Canadian dollar	7,419	_	_	7,419
Danish krone	_	_	3,981	3,981
Euro	806,824	_	64,210,244	65,017,068
Japanese yen	43,783	_	59,745,047	59,788,830
South African rand	3	_	_	3
Swedish krona	_	_	125	125
Swiss franc	498,826	_	34,104	532,930
US dollar	2,029,346	8,683,784	155,354,583	166,067,713
Pound sterling	288,961,363	93,363,186	258,307,372	640,631,921
	292,347,564	102,046,970	537,655,456	932,049,990
		Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Canadian dollar		(7,419)	_	(7,419)
Euro		(667,520)	(539,753)	(1,207,273)
Japanese yen		(43,735)	_	(43,735)
South African rand		(3)	_	(3)
Swiss franc		(498,825)	_	(498,825)
US dollar		(1,998,593)	(77,726,385)	(79,724,978)
Pound sterling		(2,325,517)	(213,930,229)	(216,255,746)
	_	(5,541,612)	(292,196,367)	(297,737,979)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

i. Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019

	Floating Rate	Fixed Rate	Financial Assets	
	Financial	Financial	not carrying	
	Assets	Assets	interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
Australian dollar	_	_	139,552	139,552
Canadian dollar	7,486	_	56,032	63,518
Danish krone	_	_	2,847,349	2,847,349
Euro	716,583	5,200,514	44,534,739	50,451,836
Japanese yen	18,382	5,772,733	44,082,748	49,873,863
New Zealand dollar	_	_	7,705	7,705
Norwegian krone	_	_	478,997	478,997
Singapore dollar	_	_	5,692	5,692
South African rand	3	_	_	3
Swedish krona	_	_	2,127,867	2,127,867
Swiss franc	466,391	_	8,710,735	9,177,126
US dollar	2,024,532	32,815,655	191,123,874	225,964,061
Pound sterling	109,295,850	164,430,236	290,232,994	563,959,080
	112,529,227	208,219,138	584,348,284	905,096,649

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities £	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Canadian dollar	(7,486)	_	(7,486)
Euro	(694,638)	(36,551,331)	(37,245,969)
Japanese yen	(20,828)	_	(20,828)
South African rand	(3)	_	(3)
Swiss franc	(466,390)	_	(466,390)
US dollar	(1,994,157)	(74,810,646)	(76,804,803)
Pound sterling	(11,100,131)	(188,906,201)	(200,006,332)
	(14,283,633)	(300,268,178)	(314,551,811)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

	Fixed Rate Financial Assets				
	Weighte	ed average	Weighted aver	age period	
	inter	est rate	for which r	ate is fixed	
Currency	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19	
	%	%	Years	Years	
Euro	_	0.16	_	10	
Japanese yen	_	(0.04)	_	10	
Pound sterling	0.08	0.93	1	4	
US dollar	(5.06)	0.72	4	17	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

### i. Interest rate risk (continued)

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the weighted average effective duration was 1.07 years (30 November 2019 1.99 years).

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Danish krone	3,981	_	3,981
Euro	150,546	63,659,249	63,809,795
Japanese yen	48	59,745,047	59,745,095
Swedish krona	125	_	125
Swiss franc	34,105	_	34,105
US dollar	31,458	86,311,277	86,342,735
	220,263	209,715,573	209,935,836
Pound sterling	211,176,800	213,199,375	424,376,175
Net assets	211,397,063	422,914,948	634,312,011

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Australian dollar	139,552	_	139,552
Canadian dollar	56,032	_	56,032
Danish krone	48,159	2,799,190	2,847,349
Euro	834,540	12,371,327	13,205,867
Japanese yen	191	49,852,844	49,853,035
New Zealand dollar	7,705	_	7,705
Norwegian krone	81,681	397,316	478,997
Singapore dollar	5,692	_	5,692
Swedish krona	143,194	1,984,673	2,127,867
Swiss franc	446,560	8,264,176	8,710,736
US dollar	132,603	149,026,655	149,159,258
	1,895,909	224,696,181	226,592,090
Pound sterling	19,267,101	344,685,647	363,952,748
Net assets	21,163,010	569,381,828	590,544,838

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 57%, 141% and 109% respectively (30 November 2019¹: 22%, 131% and 88% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCI's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCI Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCI Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and future contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	1,162,307
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	1,433,478	83,569
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	_	1,610,364
Eurex Deutschland	4,734,280	138,596
International Monetary Market	_	3,618,312
London International Financial Futures Exchange	9,653,481	478,044
New York Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa	3,758,635	188,063
Tokyo Stock Exchange	3,716,820	3,736,730
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	(4,162,861)	(1,584,314)
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	19,133,833	9,431,671

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	25,287,019	150,847,827	_	176,134,846
Collective Investment Schemes	180,506,424	30,909,739	_	211,416,163
Derivatives	23,306,217	1,174,895	_	24,481,112
Equities	16,230,105	_	_	16,230,105
Total	245,329,765	182,932,461	-	428,262,226
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(9,523)	(5,337,756)		(5,347,279)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	83,145,753	201,332,282	_	284,478,035
Collective Investment Schemes	203,397,423	_	_	203,397,423
Derivatives	11,150,796	6,028,599	_	17,179,395
Equities	72,074,699	_	_	72,074,699
Total	396,768,671	207,360,881	_	577,129,552
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(17,743)	(7,729,981)		(7,747,724)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

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### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 338.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

Purchases	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Bonds	61,986	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	120,874	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	149,477	5	36	41	_	0.02
Total	332,337	5	36	41	_	0.02
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	176,959	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	179,112	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	133,856	(17)	_	(17)	0.01	_
Total	489,927	(17)	-	(17)	0.01	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ge NAV	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%		

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#### 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	96,826	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	109,269	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	102,382	13	187	200	0.01	0.18
Total	308,477	13	187	200	0.01	0.18

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	111,225	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	79,302	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	185,684	(22)	(2)	(24)	0.01	_
Total	376,211	(22)	(2)	(24)	0.01	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ge NAV	0.01%	0.03%	0.04%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.08% (2019: 0.09%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 192.87p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 200.86p. This represents an increase of 4.14% from the year end value.

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

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## Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.1605 0.0857	0.0748	0.1605 0.1605	0.8503 0.8503
Class A Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 2	0.1817 0.0368	0.1449	0.1817 0.1817	0.9498 0.9498
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 2	0.4616 0.0917	0.3699	0.4616 0.4616	1.1609 1.1609
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.5461 0.1750	0.3711	0.5461 0.5461	1.3545 1.3545
Class D Income*	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	_ _	- -	<u>-</u>	0.6106 0.6106
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation* Group 1 Group 2	- -	_ _	- -	0.6573 0.6573
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.5013 0.2337	- 0.2676	0.5013 0.5013	1.0752 1.0752

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

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	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.5519 0.3279	_ 0.2240	0.5519 0.5519	1.1667 1.1667
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.2601 0.2601	-	0.2601 0.2601	0.7237 0.7237
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.2951 0.2094	_ 0.0857	0.2951 0.2951	0.8135 0.8135
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 2	0.6621 0.3899	0.2722	0.6621 0.6621	1.0406 1.0406
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	0.6788 0.3184	0.3604	0.6788 0.6788	1.2237 1.2237
			Paid	Paid
Class D Income*	Net Revenue	Equalisation	31.01.21	31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2			<del>-</del>	0.4777 0.4777
Class D Accumulation*	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	- -	- -	<u>-</u> -	0.5163 0.5163

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.5959	_	0.5959	0.9806
	0.2689	0.3270	0.5959	0.9806
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6581	–	0.6581	1.0727
	0.3089	0.3492	0.6581	1.0727

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM AAP (Asset Allocated Passives) Adventurous Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in equity and fixed interest instruments that, for the most part, use passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes). The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in liquid assets such as cash, deposits, money market funds and money market instruments, as well as warrants.

In extraordinary market conditions (such as political unrest economic instability, war, the bankruptcy of large financial institutions or closure of a relevant market(s)), the Sub-fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in deposits, cash, near cash, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments.

The Sub-fund's investments will be more focused on growth generating assets such as equities.

The Sub-fund is likely to invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or cost and, or to generate extra income) as well as for investment purposes.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, the portfolio delivered a total return of 4.81%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

The coronavirus that emerged in mid-January 2020 from the Chinese city of Wuhan caught the attention of global markets. Initial research suggested that the virus is less deadly than the SARS virus that hit China in 2003 but is markedly more contagious. Trying to untangle tabloid hyperbole from scientific facts was a near impossibility. Amongst this, the UK finally left the EU on 31 January 2020. Negotiations to reach a trade deal were to continue until the end of the calendar year.

February saw headlines dominated by the growing concern of coronavirus. Equity markets initially shrugged off the potential effects of the virus, with MSCI World up c.6% from the start of February to the 20th. However, investors panicked towards the end of the month causing equities to experience some of the largest one-day down moves since 2011, and the largest one-week move since the financial crisis.

For investors who believed that the end of February was the worst of the market turmoil, March was a severe reality check. Coronavirus and an oil price shock caused a sharp revision of future growth expectations that resulted in a global recession. Equity markets throughout March experienced volatility not seen since the 2008 financial crisis with average daily moves (up or down) of c.5.0% causing a drawdown comparable to the crash in October 1987. Markets recovered strongly towards the end of the month with a c.20% rally, but were still some 20% away from where they started the year.

Investors enjoyed positive returns in April as both risky and defensive assets rebounded following the initial shock of a global shutdown in March. It is clear that governments around the world were conscious of the implications caused by lockdown on both economies and families. They started to discuss ways in which we can delicately move from a period of lockdown to a re-opening of businesses. The UK chose to extend its lockdown period until early May.

Equities continued their winning streak in May, following optimism over economies beginning to re-open. The US returned around 5%, with the Technology sector leading the way, and generating over 7% throughout the month. In fact, markets around the world were positive - with the UK, Japanese and European markets all gaining over 4%.

In June, we saw the government in England relax COVID-19 restrictions. This was a key development in the economy as it allowed businesses to start to plot a path back to normal. Asia was busy dealing with isolated second waves, while Europe was starting to open up, albeit cautiously.

In July, we saw a major shift in the UK Government's guidance with more encouragement for workers to return to the office. Central Bank stimulus set the stage for a sharp economic recovery towards the end of 2020 into the beginning of 2021. New cases continued to rise worldwide, and death rates fell due partly to a better understanding of the virus.

During August, there was a sense that the world was returning to normal and markets signalled confidence in the economy's recovery. Higher risk investments provided strong returns, while more defensive assets were negative over the period. Manufacturing and non-manufacturing data across the US, UK, Europe and China all showed promising signs of expansion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using 7IM AAP Adventurous C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

In September, more optimistic views on the outlook for risky assets were challenged by the political and media narrative of a second wave of COVID-19. However, outside of the UK, the US economy was starting to get going and unemployment was falling sharply, as the largest policy stimulus in history took effect. Chinese authorities were talking about whether the recovery was too strong and European manufacturers saw demand for goods rise strongly, although the tourism sector continued to struggle.

Equities were mixed throughout the month of October. Emerging Markets were positive, while the Developed World declined due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As the colder months begin to settle in to Europe, governments started to bring in further restrictions to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Despite this, many countries in Asia had the virus under control and continued to see economic recoveries take hold.

The US election kicked off November with Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump. Markets responded well despite Trump's ongoing attempts to claim victory via the courts. Only days after the election, Pfizer-BioNTech announced trials of their COVID-19 vaccine had been highly effective, followed a week later by an identical announcement from Moderna. This fuelled a renewed sense of optimism, which pushed the S&P 500 to new all-time highs, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average made headlines for reaching 30,000.

Within the overall rally, the big story was the bounce back of cyclical stocks and sectors that were worst affected by the pandemic, while the large tech businesses lagged. Companies like Carnival Cruises and HSBC generated returns of around 50% and 25%, whereas Apple and Amazon were broadly flat or declined. European equities, which are more exposed to manufacturing, finance and exports, had one of the strongest months in history.

#### **Portfolio Review**

At the very beginning of March, we reduced our exposure to broad equity markets as the chances of a longer slowdown in the global economy increased. Concerns mounted over the drastic measures governments were having to take to slow the spread of COVID-19, alongside the fall in oil price following an escalation in tensions between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

As well as reducing our equity exposure, we reduced our allocation to Emerging Market and High Yield bonds. This decision was motivated by the knowledge that the correlation between credit and equity increases during stressed periods, with credit becoming more risky. With significant exposure to Energy, Materials and Consumer sectors, it was also thought that both asset classes would struggle if consumer demand fell in response to widespread lockdowns.

European dividends futures were hit hard by COVID-19. Extremes in valuations together with technical supply/demand features of the market meant that the risk to capital on any reasonable maturity only occurred in a world where the COVID-19 crisis was deeper than the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, which we thought was a very low probability. On this basis, we added to our position, diversifying across the 2021 and 2022 maturities.

After some significant outperformance versus broad US equities, we took some profits on our Healthcare position in higher risk portfolios in the middle of March, reducing the overall size of the active position.

Portfolios reduced their exposure to broad equity markets at the end of April as we moved to a more neutral view versus our Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA). Although we recognised the benefits of the significant stimulus coming from central banks, this was counteracted by a negative view on the health of the economy. Together with a neutral view on manufacturing and equity valuations, this meant that the overweight to equities in portfolios was removed.

As we went into the summer months, countries such as a China, South Korea and Taiwan showed it was possible to reopen an economy without causing large outbreaks. We wanted to take exposure to the domestic growth recovery in China – where industrial production and retail sales were quickly rebounding back to pre-crisis levels. Over half of the Asia High Yield index is exposed to China, which also pays a higher yield than the US equivalent but with better growth prospects and lower defaults.

At the end of June, we increased our allocation to 2022 and 2023 dividend futures versus European Equity. With the view that dividend payments should resume to a more normal outlook by 2022, there was a potential opportunity for the dividends to keep adding value over the equity market as we played the pull to par and monetised the overreaction in the pricing of the dividend market.

We increased our allocation to US Healthcare at the beginning of July after some significant underperformance versus the broad equity index. We felt that the investment case remained strong with the sector remaining particularly well placed to benefit from changing demographics and global trends in technology.

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

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

Towards the end of July, portfolios were tilted towards a more pro-risk stance on the basis that the peak impact of the virus had passed, and that fears over a second wave were overdone. This meant an increase in our allocation to broad equities as well as the construction of a basket of positions that would benefit from a rapid (or "V plus") economic recovery.

In September, portfolios increased their pro-risk stance on the basis of increased confidence in a global economic recovery. This meant an increase in our allocation to equities, favouring cyclical non-US equity markets, as well as the addition of Emerging Market equities to our V plus basket.

Across portfolios, we increased our exposure to Sterling versus the US Dollar in mid-March after some significant Sterling weakness. Since our entry, the pound had rallied strongly and as we headed into the end of 2020, we saw an increased likelihood of volatility in both currencies as markets tried to price the outcome of the US election and the outcome of Brexit. Although Sterling remained undervalued, with no obvious catalyst for a reversion to mean over the medium term we took profit on the position at the start of September and returned to our long-term SAA neutral weight.

#### **Investment Outlook**

At 7IM, we have a number of long-term core views that help to guide our investment decisions and allocations within portfolios:

- 1. The recovery is already happening The world has never seen as much coordinated stimulus as in the past five months. A V-shaped economic recovery is our base-case; with some areas like China already nearly back to normal. As the recovery continues, and turns into an expansion, we want to be exposed to it. Positive for credit and equity.
- 2. Our portfolios are positioned for the new economic cycle Much of the first stage of the recovery rally has been concentrated in well-known technology and understandably so, given their resilience to coronavirus, and their balance sheet strength. In a more conventional economic recovery though, other parts of the market could start to rally too. Positive for lagging equity.
- 3. The virus won't derail this growth Lockdowns are unlikely to be as severe.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager December 2020

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 374 to 381 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the Sub-fund's performance disclosed in the ACD's report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the Sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables
Class A Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share		•	
Opening net asset value per share	158.04	149.98	154.12
Return before operating charges*	7.98	11.85	(0.73)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.73)	(1.84)	(1.84)
Return after operating charges*	6.25	10.01	(2.57)
Distributions on income shares	(0.20)	(1.95)	(1.57)
Closing net asset value per share	164.09	158.04	149.98
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.07	0.09
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	3.95%	6.67%	(1.67)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	179 109,342 1.13% 0.01%	183 115,551 1.19% 0.05%	201 133,420 1.18% 0.06%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	165.38 123.76	162.40 141.27	161.34 147.37

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 382.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class A Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	176.42	165.33	168.19
Return before operating charges*	8.91	13.12	(0.85)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.93)	(2.03)	(2.01)
Return after operating charges*	6.98	11.09	(2.86)
Distributions	(0.23)	(2.15)	(1.72)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.23	2.15	1.72
Closing net asset value per share	183.40	176.42	165.33
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.08	0.10
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	3.96%	6.71%	(1.70)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	590	622	858
Closing number of shares	321,718	352,770	518,929
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.13% 0.01%	1.19% 0.05%	1.18% 0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	184.61	180.32	176.98
Lowest share price	138.15	155.74	161.66

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### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	157.92	149.86	154.01
Return before operating charges*	8.01	11.86	(0.74)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.97)	(1.07)	(1.06)
Return after operating charges*	7.04	10.79	(1.80)
Distributions on income shares	(0.98)	(2.73)	(2.35)
Closing net asset value per share	163.98	157.92	149.86
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.07	0.09
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.46%	7.20%	(1.17)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	6,130 3,738,274 0.63% 0.01%	8,401 5,319,996 0.69% 0.05%	7,558 5,043,769 0.68% 0.06%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	165.67 123.85	162.42 141.22	161.37 147.56

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class C Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	186.80	174.18	176.30
Return before operating charges*	9.50	13.87	(0.90)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.14)	(1.25)	(1.22)
Return after operating charges*	8.36	12.62	(2.12)
Distributions	(1.16)	(3.18)	(2.70)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.16	3.18	2.70
Closing net asset value per share	195.16	186.80	174.18
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.03	0.08	0.11
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.48%	7.25%	(1.20)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	154,857 79,347,351 0.63% 0.01%	164,151 87,875,823 0.69% 0.05%	179,169 102,864,562 0.68% 0.06%
Prices Highest share price	196.44	190.61	186.16
Lowest share price	146.51	164.14	170.23

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	158.35	150.28	153.91
Return before operating charges*	8.07	11.85	(0.18)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.32)	(2.47)	(2.46)
Return after operating charges*	5.75	9.38	(2.64)
Distributions on income shares		(1.31)	(0.99)
Closing net asset value per share	164.10	158.35	150.28
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.07	0.09
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	3.63%	6.24%	(1.72)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	1 679 1.53% 0.01%	4 2,661 1.59% 0.05%	5 3,081 1.58% 0.06%
Prices Highest share price Lowest share price	165.13 123.83	162.61 141.50	161.55 147.44

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# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class D Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			. ,
Opening net asset value per share	168.62	158.65	162.03
Return before operating charges*	8.46	12.57	(0.79)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(2.49)	(2.60)	(2.59)
Return after operating charges*	5.97	9.97	(3.38)
Distributions	_	(1.41)	(1.00)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	_	1.41	1.00
Closing net asset value per share	174.59	168.62	158.65
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.08	0.10
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	3.54%	6.28%	(2.09)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,463	7,513	7,869
Closing number of shares	3,702,013	4,455,409	4,960,118
Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs	1.53% 0.01%	1.59% 0.05%	1.58% 0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	175.75	172.57	170.04
Lowest share price	131.88	149.40	155.19

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## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Income

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share	. ,	. ,	. ,
Opening net asset value per share	131.85	125.12	128.59
Return before operating charges*	6.70	9.90	(0.62)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.49)	(0.57)	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	6.21	9.33	(1.18)
Distributions on income shares	(1.14)	(2.60)	(2.29)
Closing net asset value per share	136.92	131.85	125.12
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.06	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.71%	7.46%	(0.92)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges³ Direct transaction costs	812 593,406 0.38% 0.01%	2,050 1,554,462 0.44% 0.05%	2,536 2,026,709 0.43% 0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price Lowest share price	138.49 103.50	135.65 117.93	134.80 123.33

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# FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued)
Class S Accumulation

	30.11.20 (pence per share)	30.11.19 (pence per share)	30.11.18 (pence per share)
Change in Net Asset Value Per Share			
Opening net asset value per share	146.16	135.94	137.25
Return before operating charges*	7.46	10.84	(0.71)
Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.54)	(0.62)	(0.60)
Return after operating charges*	6.92	10.22	(1.31)
Distributions	(1.26)	(2.84)	(2.46)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.26	2.84	2.46
Closing net asset value per share	153.08	146.16	135.94
* After direct transaction costs of:1	0.02	0.07	0.08
Performance Return after charges <sup>2</sup>	4.73%	7.52%	(0.95)%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,319	39,284	44,732
Closing number of shares	19,805,714	26,878,572	32,906,091
Operating charges <sup>3</sup>	0.38%	0.44%	0.43%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.05%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	154.08	149.01	145.17
Lowest share price	114.72	128.13	132.82

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The return after charges is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a Sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 382.

## **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 30 November 2020

	Class A	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.00%	0.50%	1.40%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
	1.08%	0.58%	1.48%	0.33%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.13%	0.63%	1.53%	0.38%
As at 30 November 2019				
	Class A	Class C	Class D	Class S
ACD's periodic charge	1.00%	0.50%	1.40%	0.25%
Other expenses	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%
	1.07%	0.57%	1.47%	0.32%
Collective investment scheme costs	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.19%	0.69%	1.59%	0.44%

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') represents the total operating expenses of the Sub-fund, expressed as a percentage of the average net assets during the accounting year.

The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures.

### **FUND INFORMATION** (continued)

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## **Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator**



This indicator shows how much a sub-fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a sub-fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a sub-fund's volatility. The higher a sub-fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that sub-fund may have made losses as well as gains. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a sub-fund is risk free.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the annual report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the year end date 30 November 2020 was five.

### Fund performance to 30 November 2020 (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years
7IM AAP Adventurous Fund <sup>1</sup>	4.81	10.85	36.05

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg.

The performance of the Sub-fund is based on the published price per 'C' Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

Details of the distributions per share for the year are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 402 to 404.

## **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT**

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
g		~	,,
	ALTERNATIVES 6.69% (6.14%)		
20,321	Alternative Strategies 0.00% (3.62%) Dexion Equity Alternative <sup>1</sup>	_	_
20,321	Dexion Equity Alternative		
	Real Estate 6.69% (2.52%)		
6,366,196	· · ·	13,337,181	6.69
	DEBT SECURITIES 28.02% (58.33%)		
	Convertible Bonds 0.00% (2.04%)		
	·		
	Emerging Market Bonds 0.00% (8.03%)		
	Global Corporate Bonds 0.00% (0.30%)		
	Global High Yield Bonds 0.00% (2.15%)		
	Global Inflation Linked Bonds 0.00% (2.55%)		
	Short Term Sterling Bonds 28.02% (33.49%)		
£2,391,000	Abbey National Treasury Services 5.125% 2021	2,434,086	1.22
£1,500,000		1,516,527	0.76
	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1.125% 2021	1,055,128	0.53
	Bank of Montreal FRN 2023	800,085	0.40
	Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 2023	2,598,388	1.30
£1,100,000		1,149,368	0.58
	Barclays Bank UK FRN 2023 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce FRN 2022	3,014,520 1,905,020	1.51 0.96
	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 1.125% 2021	1,514,163	0.96
	Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025	782,407	0.70
	Dexia Credit Local 0.875% 2021	2,011,152	1.01
£3,500,000	European Investment Bank 1.125% 2021	3,528,980	1.77
£1,500,000	FMS Wertmanagement 1.00% 2022	1,523,034	0.76
£1,184,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 5.40% 2021	1,216,657	0.61
£3,000,000	Leeds Building Society FRN 2025	3,031,752	1.52
£4,000,000	Lloyds Bank FRN 2024	4,038,520	2.03
£4,000,000	National Westminster Bank FRN 2023	4,038,640	2.03
£670,000	Nestle Holdings 1.00% 2021	672,667	0.34
£1,600,000	NRW Bank FRN 2024	1,603,437	0.80
£1,000,000 £1,000,000	Oesterreichische 1.125% 2022 Oversea-Chinese Banking FRN 2023	1,019,282 995,846	0.51 0.50
£2,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2025	2,012,400	1.01
£1,050,000	Skipton Building Society FRN 2023	1,054,021	0.53
£2,445,000	SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS FRN 2022	2,444,731	1.23
£1,700,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 1.625% 2022	1,735,343	0.87
£700,000	Swedbank FRN 2021	700,805	0.35
£501,000	Temasek Financial 4.625% 2022	535,744	0.27
£1,200,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank FRN 2023	1,198,980	0.60
£1,800,000 £2,700,000	Toyota Motor Credit 1.125% 2021	1,812,233	0.91
£2,100,000	Westpac Banking FRN 2023	2,698,893	1.35

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

Holding	Portfolio of Investment	Value £	30.11.20 %
	Short Term Sterling Bonds (continued)		
£1,200,000	Yorkshire Building Society FRN 2023	1,213,296	0.61
		55,856,105	28.02
	Sterling Corporate Bonds 0.00% (9.77%)		
	EQUITY 22.64% (34.29%)		
	Asia & Emerging Markets 0.00% (4.46%)		
	Europe (ex UK) 2.14% (8.68%)		
	FTSE 100 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup> MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	2,779,920	1.39
1,102	MSCI Europe ex-ok index rutures December 2020	1,493,450 <b>4,273,370</b>	0.75 <b>2.14</b>
		4,213,310	2.14
	Frontier Markets Equity 0.00% (4.62%)		
	Japan 0.86% (0.84%)		
199	TOPIX Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	1,704,520	0.86
	North America 19.22% (1.35%)		
587,358	Amundi Asset Management S&P 500 UCITS ETF <sup>2</sup>	29,579,349	14.84
	Berkshire Hathaway	6,317,362	3.17
	E-mini Health Care Select Sector Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup> MSCI Emerging Markets Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	573,921 1,841,459	0.29 0.92
		38,312,091	19.22
	United Kingdom 0.42% (14.34%)		
266	FTSE 250 Index Futures December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	838,166	0.42
	FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS -1.67% (-0.49%)		
€23,845,000	Vs £(21,565,776) Expiry 16.04.2021	(115,076)	(0.06)
US\$(9,736,000)	Vs £7,442,543 Expiry 15.01.2021	157,453	0.08
US\$(9,614,000) US\$(9,079,000)	Vs £7,322,743 Expiry 15.01.2021 Vs £6,864,924 Expiry 15.01.2021	128,940 71,443	0.06
US\$(9,614,000)		70,023	0.04 0.04
	Vs £(19,664,256) Expiry 21.05.2021	(131,186)	(0.07)
	Vs £(4,604,062) Expiry 15.01.2021	(114,483)	(0.06)
US\$10,400,000	Vs £(8,111,312) Expiry 15.01.2021	(329,375)	(0.16)
US\$12,438,000		(360,555)	(0.18)
US\$55,479,000	Vs £(44,220,293) Expiry 15.01.2021	(2,707,397)	(1.36)
		(3,330,213)	(1.67)
	Portfolio of investment⁴	110,991,220	55.68
	Net other assets <sup>4,5</sup>	88,360,029	44.32
	Net assets	199,351,249	100.00
parative figures sh	own in brackets relate to 30 November 2019		

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2019.

All investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 30 November 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Includes shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £31,000,000, shares in the Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds - Sterling Liquidity Fund to the value of £29,878,643 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £20,089,000 which are shown as a Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

Credit Quality	30.11.20 %	30.11.19
Investment grade debt securities	28.02	46.10
Non-rated debt securities	_	1.70
Other investments	68.27	53.00
Net other assets/(liabilities)	3.71	(0.80)
	100.00	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Delisted security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Collective investment scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Derivative contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Prior year percentage of Portfolio of investments and Net other assets have been restated to show the liquidity funds as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 30 November 2020

			30.11.20		30.11.19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital gains	4		6,876,763		12,468,518
Revenue	5	2,718,514		5,714,576	
Expenses	6	(1,104,263)		(1,307,354)	
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(148,115)		(103,579)	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		1,466,136		4,303,643	
Taxation	7	(206,367)		(77,513)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year		_	1,259,769	_	4,226,130
Total return before distributions			8,136,532		16,694,648
Distributions	8	_	(1,291,543)		(4,232,505)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		_	6,844,989	_	12,462,143

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

		30.11.20		30.11.19
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		222,207,765		242,927,941
Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>	27,733,758		37,724,310	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>	(58,648,133)		(74,782,824)	
		(30,914,375)		(37,058,514)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		6,844,989		12,462,143
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,212,870		3,876,195
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		199,351,249		222,207,765

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price.

The notes on pages 389 to 401 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2020

ASSETS	Notes	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Fixed assets:			
Investments <sup>1</sup>		114,749,292	222,444,937
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	569,795	1,845,162
Cash and bank balances	10	11,432,402	2,535,723
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	10	80,967,643	5,630,000
Total assets		207,719,132	232,455,822
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(3,758,072)	(4,082,286)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(3,229,999)	(3,724,889)
Distribution payable		(27,057)	(86,101)
Other creditors	11	(1,352,755)	(2,354,781)
Total liabilities		(8,367,883)	(10,248,057)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		199,351,249	222,207,765

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts of Investments and Cash equivalents have been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

The notes on pages 389 to 401 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 November 2020

### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Statement of Compliance disclosed on page 10.

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Sub-fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the same basis as the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies disclosed on pages 10 to 13.

#### 3 Risk Management Policies

The Sub-fund's Risk Management Policies are the same as the Risk Management Policies disclosed on pages 13 to 15.

### 4 Net capital gains

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	(4,016,859)	5,192,823
Derivative contracts	12,519,686	6,859,916
Forward currency contracts	(307,665)	73,650
Currency (losses)/gains	(1,294,328)	322,408
Transaction charges	(37,673)	(11,378)
AMC rebates from underlying investments	13,602	31,099
Net capital gains	6,876,763	12,468,518

#### 5 Revenue

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Non-taxable dividends	785,874	3,657,742
Taxable dividends	1,146,011	801,266
Unfranked interest	665,789	966,554
AMC rebates from underlying investments	96,679	206,774
Bank interest	4,147	33,906
Stock lending revenue <sup>1</sup>	20,014	48,334
Total revenue	2,718,514	5,714,576

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Stock lending revenue is disclosed net of the security agent's share of income.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## 6 Expenses

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	974,458	1,144,813
Other expenses	4,886	4,769
	979,344	1,149,582
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	29,212	39,445
Market risk fees	3,661	6,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	16,272	23,179
	49,145	68,624
Other Expenses:		
Advisory fees	1,717	19,262
Audit fee1	9,616	9,000
Dealing and exchange fees	20,215	19,152
FCA and other Regulatory fees	215	212
Legal and professional fees	394	2,940
Market data fees	4,103	_
Printing, postage and distribution costs	32,565	32,432
Risk analysis fees	6,949	6,150
	75,774	89,148
Total expenses	1,104,263	1,307,354

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Audit fee is inclusive of 20% VAT and 2.50% support cost.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 7 Taxation

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
a) Analysis of charge for the year		
Overseas tax	22,526	64,461
Irrecoverable CIS income tax	25,466	13,052
Prior year adjustment	158,375	
Current tax charge (note 7b)	206,367	77,513
Total taxation	206,367	77,513
b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an author for the reasons explained below.	ised fund (20%)	(2019: 20%)
Net revenue before taxation	1,466,136	4,303,643
Corporation tax at 20%	293,227	860,729
Effects of:		
AMC rebates taken to capital	2,720	6,220
Double taxation relief expensed	_	(357)
FX loss non taxable	763	_
Indexed gilt edged securities adjustment	_	(570)
Irrecoverable CIS income tax w/off	25,466	13,052
Movement in revenue accruals	151	119
Non-taxable dividends	(157,937)	(699,033)
Overseas tax	22,526	64,461
Prior year adjustment	158,375	_
Tax effect on non-reporting offshore funds	11,938	_
Tax on stock dividends	_	(32,516)
Unutilised excess management expenses	(150,862)	(134,592)
Current tax charge (note 7a)	206,367	77,513

### c) Deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (2019: none).

At the year end, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £93,619 (2019: £244,481) due to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore, no deferred tax asset has been recognised.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 8 Distributions

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

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Interim	508,620	2,310,900
Final	749,947	1,755,153
	1,258,567	4,066,053
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	74,594	312,500
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(41,618)	(146,048)
Net distributions for the year	1,291,543	4,232,505
Interest payable and similar charges	148,115	103,579
Total distribution	1,439,658	4,336,084
Details of the distributions per share are set out in the table on pages 402 to 404.		
Distributions represented by: Net revenue after taxation	1,259,769	4,226,130
Allocations to capital: Capitalised expenses, net of tax relief <sup>1</sup>	14,659	6,220
Equalisation on conversions <sup>2</sup>	(2,011)	233
Income deficit	19,078	_
Net movement in revenue account	48	(78)
Net distributions for the year	1,291,543	4,232,505

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to Note 2(i) Distributions policy on page 11 for further details.

#### 9 Debtors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	175,004	243,264
Accrued revenue	257,758	1,271,623
Income tax recoverable	13,088	9,919
AMC rebates from underlying investments	95,106	119,641
Withholding tax recoverable	28,839	200,715
Total debtors	569,795	1,845,162

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Where an investor converts to a class with a higher income yield, the investor will pay or receive an equalisation as if they had held the new class throughout the period from the last distribution to the conversion date. The yield differential at the point of conversion is an equalisation which will be offset by capital erosion for the converted investor.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 10 Cash and bank balances

	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Cash and bank balances	3,266,815	2,489,823
Cash held at clearing houses	8,165,587	45,900
Cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	80,967,643	5,630,000
Total cash and bank balances	92,400,045	8,165,723
Bank overdrafts	(3,229,999)	(2,468,712)
Cash overdraft at clearing houses	_	(1,256,177)
Total bank overdrafts	(3,229,999)	(3,724,889)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amount of Cash equivalents has been restated to include liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

#### 11 Other Creditors

	30.11.20	30.11.19
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	1,234,692	1,870,638
Purchases awaiting settlement	2,482	326,629
Accrued expenses	115,581	157,514
Total other creditors	1,352,755	2,354,781

#### 12 Related party transactions

ACD's periodic charge and other expenses payable to 7IM (the 'ACD') are disclosed in note 6.

The aggregate monies received by the ACD through the issue of shares and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders on page 387.

The Sub-fund has the following shareholdings in the 7IM Specialist Investment Funds ICVC:

	30.11.20	30.11.19
7IM Emerging Markets Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	-	-
7IM European (ex UK) Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	-	2,161,671
7IM UK Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	-	3,337,004
7IM US Equity Value Fund 'Z' Inc	-	-

A shareholder may be able to exercise significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the Sub-fund and as such is deemed to be a related party. At the balance sheet date, the following shareholder held in excess of 20% of the shares in issue of the Sub-fund:

Pershing Nominees Limited 39.48% (2019: 40.03%)

The net value of creations and cancellations for Pershing Nominees Limited during the year totalled (£8,133,169) (2019: (£248,763)).

Where the Sub-fund invests in another sub-fund of the ICVC or any other collective investment scheme managed by the ACD it is referenced in the Portfolio Statement of the Sub-fund.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 13 Classes of Shares

The Sub-fund has four share classes: 'A', 'C', 'D', and 'S'. The annual management charge on each class are as follows:

Class A	1.00%
Class C	0.50%
Class D	1.40%
Class S	0.25%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Class	Opening Shares	Shares Created	Shares Liquidated	Shares Converted	Closing Shares
Class A Income	115,551	_	(6,209)	_	109,342
Class A Accumulation	352,770	2,624	(33,676)	_	321,718
Class C Income	5,319,996	1,273,249	(1,668,279)	(1,186,692)	3,738,274
Class C Accumulation	87,875,823	13,227,828	(24,187,781)	2,431,481	79,347,351
Class D Income	2,661	622	(2,604)	_	679
Class D Accumulation	4,455,409	125,682	(879,077)	(1)	3,702,013
Class S Income	1,554,462	33,344	(391,228)	(603,172)	593,406
Class S Accumulation	26,878,572	1,683,236	(7,478,382)	(1,277,712)	19,805,714

# 14 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no contingent liabilities or unrecorded outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: none).

## 15 Risks Disclosures

The main risks from the Sub-fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks are detailed in note 3 on pages 13 to 15. Further analysis and numeric disclosure of interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives are shown next page.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

# 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

# i. Interest rate risk

The table below shows the direct interest rate risk profile:

Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2020

	Floating Rate Financial Assets £	Rate Financial Assets £	Assets not carrying interest £	Total £
Canadian dollar	3,815	_	_	3,815
Danish krone	_	_	1,802	1,802
Euro	287,767	_	22,955,082	23,242,849
Japanese yen	60,161	_	21,237,591	21,297,752
Swedish krona	_	_	38	38
Swiss franc	154,289	_	15,442	169,731
US dollar	1,315,369	_	71,824,183	73,139,552
Pound sterling	124,710,384	21,724,365	75,970,102	222,404,851
	126,531,785	21,724,365	192,004,240	340,260,390
		Floating Rate Financial	Financial Liabilities not carrying	
		Liabilities	interest	Total
Canadian dollar		<b>£</b> (3,815)	£	<b>£</b> (3,815)
Euro		(279,194)	_	(279,194)
Japanese yen		(23,351)	_	(23,351)
Swiss franc		(154,289)	_	(154,289)
US dollar		(1,244,179)	(28,466,178)	(29,710,357)
Pound sterling		(1,525,171)	(109,212,964)	(110,738,135)
	_	(3,229,999)	(137,679,142)	(140,909,141)
Interest rate exposure as at 30 November 2019				
	Floating Rate Financial Assets	Fixed Rate Financial Assets	Financial Assets not carrying interest	Total
Canadian dollar	<b>£</b> 3,850	£	£	<b>£</b> 3,850
Danish krone	-	_	1,323,957	1,323,957
Euro	334,464	_	20,068,362	20,402,826
Japanese yen	10,160	_	25,019,208	25,029,368
Norwegian krone	-	_	185,377	185,377
Swedish krona	_	_	936,017	936,017
Swiss franc	144,257	_	4,013,601	4,157,858
US dollar	1,316,826	9,405,453	105,830,022	116,552,301
Pound sterling	29,989,760	73,172,027	111,868,880	215,030,667
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31,799,317

82,577,480

269,245,424

**Floating** 

**Fixed** 

**Financial** 

383,622,221

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

## i. Interest rate risk (continued)

	Floating Rate Financial Liabilities	Financial Liabilities not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£
Canadian dollar	(3,850)	_	(3,850)
Euro	(286,913)	(15,335,679)	(15,622,592)
Japanese yen	(11,409)	_	(11,409)
Swiss franc	(144,257)	_	(144,257)
US dollar	(1,298,901)	(34,221,601)	(35,520,502)
Pound sterling	(1,979,559)	(108,132,287)	(110,111,846)
	(3,724,889)	(157,689,567)	(161,414,456)

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and bank overdraft positions which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the Bank of England base rate or its international equivalents, index-linked securities that earn interest at rates adjusted by changes in the UK Retail Prices Index (RPI) or its international equivalent and collective investment schemes that pay UK interest distributions.

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		Fixed Rate Financial Assets					
Currency	Weighte	Weighted average					
	inter	interest rate		ate is fixed			
	30.11.20	30.11.19	30.11.20	30.11.19			
	%	%	Years	Years			
Pound sterling	0.13	0.98	1	2			
US dollar	_	0.50	_	19			

The average effective duration of the Sub-fund's portfolio is a measure of the sensitivity of the fair value of the Sub-fund's bond portfolio (excludes all other investments) to changes in market interest rates. As at 30 November 2020, the weighted average effective duration was 0.18 years (30 November 2019: 1.05 years).

#### ii. Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the direct foreign currency risk profile:

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2020

Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
1,802	_	1,802
19,505	22,944,150	22,963,655
36,810	21,237,591	21,274,401
38	_	38
15,442	_	15,442
71,321	43,357,873	43,429,194
144,918	87,539,614	87,684,532
88,215,112	23,451,605	111,666,717
88,360,030	110,991,219	199,351,249
	1,802 19,505 36,810 38 15,442 71,321 144,918 88,215,112	Exposure £       Exposure £         1,802       -         19,505       22,944,150         36,810       21,237,591         38       -         15,442       -         71,321       43,357,873         144,918       87,539,614         88,215,112       23,451,605

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

## ii. Foreign currency risk (continued)

Foreign currency risk exposure as at 30 November 2019

Currency	Monetary Exposure £	Non-Monetary Exposure £	Total £
Danish krone	17,657	1,306,300	1,323,957
Euro	61,407	4,718,827	4,780,234
Japanese yen	(1,249)	25,019,208	25,017,959
Norwegian krone	_	185,377	185,377
Swedish krona	9,958	926,059	936,017
Swiss franc	158,115	3,855,486	4,013,601
US dollar	17,925	81,013,873	81,031,798
	263,813	117,025,130	117,288,943
Pound sterling	3,581,301	101,337,521	104,918,822
Net assets	3,845,114	218,362,651	222,207,765

#### iii. Derivatives

The derivatives held by the Sub-fund during the year were for the purposes of meeting the investment objectives of the Sub-fund and for efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-fund must at any time, be capable of meeting all of its payment and delivery obligations incurred in respect of its Financial Derivatives Instruments transactions. The Investment Manager uses a risk management technique known as absolute value-at-risk ('VaR') to measure the Sub-fund's global exposure. VaR is an advanced risk measurement methodology used to assess the Sub-fund's global exposure as set out in the Sub-fund's Risk Management Process.

The Sub-fund measures risk using the absolute value at risk approach. The Sub-fund's expected level of leverage (calculated as the sum of the notionals) under normal market circumstances is expected to be generally in the range of 100% to 230% of the Sub-fund's Net Asset Value and is not expected to exceed 360%. It is possible that there may be higher leverage levels from time to time during abnormal market conditions.

The lowest, highest and average leverage utilisation in the accounting year ended 30 November 2020 was 72%, 199% and 144% respectively (30 November 2019<sup>1</sup>: 42%, 166% and 106% respectively).

VaR is calculated for the funds under the parametric method. The time horizon for the calculation is 1 day, using a 99% confidence level. The methodology is derived from MSCI's Barra risk engine and blends the VaR produced from two different risk models, namely MSCI Barra Integrated Model: Long Version (BIM303L) and MSCI Barra Ultra-Short Model (BIM303 51d HL). The former applies a 1 year half-life (exponential weighting) for calculating volatilities and 3 years for correlations; the latter applies a 10 week half-life for both volatilities and correlations. Both models natively cover around 104K global equity securities; 500K sovereign and corporate bonds; 900K municipal, 2,200K structured products (MBS/ABS/CMO); around 290K mutual funds; 161 currencies, 34 commodities.

The reported VaR is calculated formulaically as follows: VaR = 0.3\*VaR(BIM303L) + 0.7\*MAX[VaR(BIM303L), VaR(BIM303 51d HL)].

The Barra models map individual portfolio positions onto the Barra set of risk factors in order to backfill for a time series of volatility. The VaR numbers calculated by BIM303L and BIM303 51d HL are derived from daily volatility numbers, multiplied by an appropriate 99% confidence interval scaling factor under the assumption of a normal distribution.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

## iii. Derivatives (continued)

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date were forward foreign currency contracts and futures contracts. Details of individual contracts are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	30.11.20 £	30.11.19 £
Options		
Chicago Board Options Exchange	_	541,244
Futures Contracts		
Chicago Board of Trade	573,921	31,490
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	_	784,536
Eurex Deutschland	1,493,450	102,498
International Monetary Market	_	1,652,198
London International Financial Futures Exchange	3,618,086	230,079
New York Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa	1,841,459	96,857
Tokyo Stock Exchange	1,704,520	1,868,365
Forward Currency Contracts		
Brokeondons	(131,186)	_
Northern Trust	(3,199,027)	(1,083,018)
Total net exposure <sup>2</sup>	5,901,223	4,224,249

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year was restated to show Notional Leverage as it is more accurate representation as it only shows the Derivatives used in a fund as a percentage of its NAV while the Notional Exposure adds 100% to the Notional Leverage Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net exposure represents the mark to market value of derivative contracts less any cash collateral held. Positive exposure represents the Subfund's exposure to that counterparty.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

#### 15 Risks Disclosures (continued)

#### iv. Fair value

Investments are categorised into the following levels based on their fair value measurement:

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, for example interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, implied volatilities, credit spreads, inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means ('market-corroborated inputs').

The Sub-fund may have corporate bonds which fall in to this category as despite quoted prices being available, trading can be irregular and there are often significant lengths of time between traded arm's length transactions.

#### Level 3

Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. An entity develops unobservable inputs using the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the entity's own data, taking into account all information about market participant assumptions that is reasonably available.

Where assets are subject to administration, liquidation or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what they consider a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently by the Fair Value Pricing Panel.

30 November 2020	Level 1 £	Level 2 £	Level 3 £	Total £
Assets				
Bonds	2,569,291	53,286,814	_	55,856,105
Collective Investment Schemes	42,916,530	_	_	42,916,530
Derivatives	9,231,436	427,859	_	9,659,295
Equities	6,317,362	_	_	6,317,362
Total	61,034,619	53,714,673	_	114,749,292
Liabilities				
Derivatives		(3,758,072)	_	(3,758,072)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 November 2019 <sup>1</sup>	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bonds	19,829,426	86,381,649	_	106,211,075
Collective Investment Schemes	72,727,305	_	_	72,727,305
Derivatives	5,370,013	2,936,522	_	8,306,535
Equities	35,200,022	_		35,200,022
Total	133,126,766	89,318,171	_	222,444,937
Liabilities				
Derivatives	(8,177)	(4,074,109)	_	(4,082,286)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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# 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 373.

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 2020:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	principal	principal
Bonds	15,519	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	28,513	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	48,990	2	18	20	_	0.04
Total	93,022	2	18	20	_	0.04
	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	67,069	_	-	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	75,508	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	57,262	(8)	-	(8)	0.01	_
Total	199,839	(8)	_	(8)	0.01	_
Total as a percentage of the average	ge NAV	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%		

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

## 16 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs (continued)

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30 November 20191:

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	39,401	_	-	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	36,305	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	43,607	6	93	99	0.01	0.21
Total	119,313	6	93	99	0.01	0.21

	Principal £'000	Commissions £'000	Taxes £'000	Total Transaction Costs £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Sales						
Bonds	21,533	_	_	_	_	_
Collective Investment Schemes	33,344	_	_	_	_	_
Equities	87,250	(11)	(1)	(12)	0.01	_
Total	142,127	(11)	(1)	(12)	0.01	_
Total as a percentage of the avera	ige NAV	0.01%	0.04%	0.05%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior year amounts have been restated to exclude liquidity funds held by the Sub-fund.

## Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.06% (2019: 0.08%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

## 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the balance sheet date, the Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation was 196.01p. The Net Asset Value price per share of Class C Accumulation for the Sub-fund on 23 March 2021 was 206.29p. This represents an increase of 5.24% from the year end value.

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the year ended 30 November 2020

# Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2019 and on or before 31 May 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class A Income* Group 1 Group 2	- -	- -	=	1.0966 1.0966
Class A Accumulation*	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	_ _		-	1.2033 1.2033
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class C Income Group 1 Group 2	0.3684 0.0366	0.3318	0.3684 0.3684	1.4799 1.4799
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.4374 0.1197	0.3177	0.4374 0.4374	1.7203 1.7203
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Class D Income* Group 1 Group 2	- -	- -	<u>-</u> -	0.7643 0.7643
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class D Accumulation* Group 1 Group 2	<u>-</u> -			0.8371 0.8371
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.07.20	Paid 31.07.19
Group 1 Group 2	0.4718 0.1279	0.3439	0.4718 0.4718	1.3956 1.3956

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.07.20	Allocated 31.07.19
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.5155 0.2651	_ 0.2504	0.5155 0.5155	1.5164 1.5164
Final - in pence per share Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2020 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 June 2020 and on or before	e 30 November 20	20		
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.1991 0.1991	- -	0.1991 0.1991	0.8534 0.8534
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.2315 0.2169	_ 0.0146	0. 2315 0. 2315	0.9468 0.9468
Class C Income	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	0.6115 0.4882	0.1233	0. 6115 0. 6115	1.2481 1.2481
Class C Accumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Group 2	0.7233 0.5896	0.1337	0.7233 0.7233	1.4620 1.4620
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Class D Income* Group 1 Group 2	<del>-</del> -	· - -	- -	0.5482 0.5482
Class D. Assumulation	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class D Accumulation* Group 1 Group 2	- -	- -	- -	0.5729 0.5729

# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the year ended 30 November 2020

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Paid 31.01.21	Paid 31.01.20
Group 1 Group 2	0.6707 0.5854	0.0853	0.6707 0. 6707	1.2031 1.2031
	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Allocated 31.01.21	Allocated 31.01.20
Class S Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.7484 0.5677	_ 0.1807	0.7484 0.7484	1.3224 1.3224

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue 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.

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED

The European Regulation on reporting and transparency of securities financing transactions and reuse ('SFTR'), which aims to improve the transparency and monitoring of the financial system, became effective on 13 January 2016. The SFTR applies to the 7IM Investment Funds ('the Company') as a UCITS scheme and requires the ACD to comply with a series of obligations. In particular, the ACD is required to provide investors with information on the use of securities financing transactions ('SFT's) and total return swaps ('TRS') by the Company in all interim and annual reports for the Company published from 13 January 2017.

The following details the SFTR activities of the Sub-funds during the year ended 30 November 2020 and as at the balance sheet date.

#### 7IM Cautious Fund

#### **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £10,658,771 and net asset value of £40,142,992 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
10.53%	2.80%	2,945	883

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable or terminable on a daily basis.

The following table details the value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by counterparty as at 30 November 2020.

	Counterparty's country of	Amount on loan	Collateral received
Counterparty	establishment	£	£
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	US	103,153	211,519
J.P. Morgan Securities (Europe)	UK	607,961	624,852
Merrill Lynch International	UK	411,574	450, 683
Total		1,122,688	1,287,054

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the cash and underlying non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Sub-fund, in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Collateral
	received
Currency	£
Australian dollar	179
Euro	338,251
Pound sterling	948,623
US dollar	799
Total	1,287,852

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

#### 7IM Cautious Fund (continued)

#### Collateral (continued)

The Sub-fund is the legal owner of inbound collateral and can sell the assets and withhold the cash in the case of default. All cash received or posted as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it is not subject to a contractual maturity date.

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received and posted by the Sub-fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	M	aturity Tenor				
Collateral type and quality	0 – 30 days £	31 – 90 days £	91 – 365 days £	More than 365 days £	Open £	Total £
Collateral received Fixed Income						
Investment grade Equities	_	-	_	1,287,852	_	1,287,852
Recognised equity index					_	
Total	_	_	_	1,287,852	_	1,287,852

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received or posted as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while equity securities are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

As at 30 November 2020, all non-cash collateral received by the Sub-fund in respect of securities lending transactions is held by the Sub-fund's Depositary or through its delegates.

Non-cash collateral received

Custodian

Northern Trust

1,287,852

## **7IM Moderately Cautious Fund**

#### **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £34,676,789 and net asset value of £233,043,369 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		income	income to
Securities on loan, % of lendable		earned	Agent
assets	% of NAV	£	£
3.45%	0.51%	10,576	3,172

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable or terminable on a daily basis.

The following table details the value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by counterparty as at 30 November 2020.

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

7IM Moderately Cautious Fund (continued)

Securities Lending (continued)

	Counterparty's country of	Amount on loan	Collateral received
Counterparty	establishment	£	£
J.P. Morgan Securities (Europe)	UK	618,232	636,233
Merrill Lynch International	UK	579,591	590,444
Total		1,197,823	1,226,677

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the cash and underlying non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Sub-fund, in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Collateral
	received
Currency	£
Pound sterling	636,233
US dollar	590,444
Total	1,226,677

The Sub-fund is the legal owner of inbound collateral and can sell the assets and withhold the cash in the case of default. All cash received or posted as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it is not subject to a contractual maturity date.

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received and posted by the Sub-fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Ma	turity Tenor				
Called and town and small to	0 – 30 days	31 – 90 days	91 – 365 days	More than 365 days	Open	Total
Collateral type and quality	£	£	£	£	£	£
Collateral received						
Fixed Income						
Investment grade	_	_	_	1,226,677	_	1,226,677
Equities						
Recognised equity index	_	-	_	_	_	_
Total	_	_	-	1,226,677	_	1,226,677

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received or posted as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while equity securities are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

As at 30 November 2020, all non-cash collateral received by the Sub-fund in respect of securities lending transactions is held by the Sub-fund's Depositary or through its delegates.

Non-cash collateral received

Custodian

Northern Trust

Northern 1,226,677

Collatoral

# SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

#### 7IM Balanced Fund

#### **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £– and net asset value of £792,429,383 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
0%	0%	18,826	5,645

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty. As at 30 November 2020, no collateral arrangements were in place in respect of securities lending transactions.

# **7IM Moderately Adventurous Fund**

## **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £– and net asset value of £451,310,016 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
0%	0%	13,402	4,019

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty. As at 30 November 2020, no collateral arrangements were in place in respect of securities lending transactions.

#### **7IM Adventurous Fund**

## **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £– and net asset value of £148,958,325 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

7IM Adventurous Fund (continued)

Securities Lending (continued)

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
0%	0%	7,434	2,229

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty. As at 30 November 2020, no collateral arrangements were in place in respect of securities lending transactions.

#### 7IM Sustainable Balance Fund

# **Securities Lending**

The Sub-fund may engage in securities lending activities. During the year ended 30 November 2020 securities lending was not undertaken and as at the year end, 30 November 2020, no securities were on loan.

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund may engage in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty. As at the year end, 30 November 2020, no collateral arrangements were in place in respect of securities lending transactions.

#### 7IM AAP Income Fund

#### **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £18,067,103 and net asset value of £61,941,801 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
1.59%	0.47%	6,646	1,992

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable or terminable on a daily basis.

# SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

#### 7IM AAP Income Fund (continued)

#### Securities Lending (continued)

The following table details the value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by counterparty as at 30 November 2020.

Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Amount on Ioan £	Collateral received £
Credit Suisse (Dublin)	UK	125,254	131,205
HSBC Bank	UK	162,824	173,067
Total		288,078	304,272

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the cash and underlying non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Sub-fund, in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

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	received
Currency	£
Danish krone	436
Euro	83,843
Pound sterling	81,944
Japanese yen	130,725
Norwegian krone	4,905
Swedish krona	1,939
US dollar	480
Total	304,272

The Sub-fund is the legal owner of inbound collateral and can sell the assets and withhold the cash in the case of default. All cash received or posted as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it is not subject to a contractual maturity date.

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received and posted by the Sub-fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Ma	turity Tenor				
Collateral type and quality	0 <b>–</b> 30 days £	31 – 90 days £	91 – 365 days £	More than 365 days £	Open £	Total £
Collateral received						
Fixed Income						
Investment grade Equities	991	-	29,826	273,455	_	304,272
Recognised equity index	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total	991	_	29,826	273,455	_	304,272

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received or posted as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while equity securities are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

#### 7IM AAP Income Fund (continued)

#### Collateral (continued)

As at 30 November 2020, all non-cash collateral received by the Sub-fund in respect of securities lending transactions is held by the Sub-fund's Depositary or through its delegates.

Non-cash collateral received

Custodian £
Northern Trust 304,272

#### **7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund**

#### **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £138,370,062 and net asset value of £528,238,512 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
0%	0%	23,854	7,154

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable or terminable on a daily basis.

The following table details the value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by counterparty as at 30 November 2020.

	Counterparty's	Amount	Collateral
	country of	on Ioan	received
Counterparty	establishment	£	£
J.P. Morgan Securities (Europe)	UK	1,535	1,573
Total		1,535	1,573

# Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the cash and underlying non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Sub-fund, in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Collateral
	received
Currency	£
Pound sterling	1,573
Total	1,573

The Sub-fund is the legal owner of inbound collateral and can sell the assets and withhold the cash in the case of default. All cash received or posted as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it is not subject to a contractual maturity date.

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# SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

## 7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund (continued)

#### Collateral (continued)

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received and posted by the Sub-fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Ma	aturity Tenor				
Collateral type and quality	0 – 30 days £	31 – 90 days £	91 – 365 days £	More than 365 days £	Open £	Total £
Collateral received	_			~	_	
Fixed Income						
Investment grade <b>Equities</b>	_	_	_	1,573	_	1,573
Recognised equity index	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total	_	_	_	1,573	_	1,573

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received or posted as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while equity securities are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

As at 30 November 2020, all non-cash collateral received by the Sub-fund in respect of securities lending transactions is held by the Sub-fund's Depositary or through its delegates.

Non-cash collateral received

Custodian

Northern Trust

Northern Trust

#### 7IM AAP Balanced Fund

#### **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £518,024,621 and net asset value of £1,304,348,559 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
0.55%	0.22%	53,636	16,087

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable or terminable on a daily basis.

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

#### 7IM AAP Balanced Fund (continued)

#### Securities Lending (continued)

The following table details the value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by counterparty as at 30 November 2020.

Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Amount on Ioan £	Collateral received £
Barclays Bank	UK	210,547	220,266
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	UK	1	1
Credit Suisse (Europe)	UK	2,622,731	2,772,566
J.P. Morgan Securities (Europe)	UK	8,058	8,286
Total		2,841,337	3,001,119

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the cash and underlying non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Sub-fund, in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Collateral
	received
Currency	£
Euro	2,947,830
Pound sterling	53,289
Total	3,001,119

The Sub-fund is the legal owner of inbound collateral and can sell the assets and withhold the cash in the case of default. All cash received or posted as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it is not subject to a contractual maturity date.

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received and posted by the Sub-fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Ma	aturity Tenor				
Collateral type and quality	0 – 30 days £	31 – 90 days £	91 – 365 days £	More than 365 days £	Open £	Total £
Collateral received	٢	2	2	2	2	2
Fixed Income Investment grade Equities	-	_	11,612	2,989,507	-	3,001,119
Recognised equity index	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total	_	_	11,612	2,989,507	_	3,001,119

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received or posted as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while equity securities are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

# SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

#### 7IM AAP Balanced Fund (continued)

#### Collateral (continued)

As at 30 November 2020, all non-cash collateral received by the Sub-fund in respect of securities lending transactions is held by the Sub-fund's Depositary or through its delegates.

Non-cash collateral received £ 3,001,119

Custodian
Northern Trust

# **7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous Fund**

#### **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £291,107,725 and net asset value of £634,328,315 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
0.48%	0.22%	29,161	8,745

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable or terminable on a daily basis.

The following table details the value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by counterparty as at 30 November 2020.

	Counterparty's	Amount	Collateral
O constant and the	country of	on loan	received
Counterparty	establishment	Ł	Ł
Barclays Bank	UK	204,078	213,513
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	UK	20,150	41,495
J.P. Morgan Securities (Europe)	UK	10,076	10,360
Merrill Lynch International	UK	1,176,194	1,319,767
Total		1,410,498	1,585,135

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty.

# SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

## 7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous Fund (continued)

#### Collateral (continued)

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the cash and underlying non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Sub-fund, in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

Currency	Collateral received £
Australian dollar	700
Euro	1,488,957
Pound sterling	95,477
US dollar	157
Total	1,585,291

The Sub-fund is the legal owner of inbound collateral and can sell the assets and withhold the cash in the case of default. All cash received or posted as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it is not subject to a contractual maturity date.

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received and posted by the Sub-fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	M	aturity Tenor				
Collateral type and quality	0 – 30 days £	31 – 90 days £	91 – 365 days £	More than 365 days £	Open £	Total £
Collateral received						
Fixed Income						
Investment grade <b>Equities</b>	_	_	-	1,585,291	_	1,585,291
Recognised equity index	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total	_	_	_	1,585,291	_	1,585,291

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received or posted as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while equity securities are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

As at 30 November 2020, all non-cash collateral received by the Sub-fund in respect of securities lending transactions is held by the Sub-fund's Depositary or through its delegates.

Non-cash collateral received

Custodian

Northern Trust

1,585,291

# 7IM AAP Adventurous Fund

#### **Securities Lending**

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-fund's total lendable assets of £91,860,098 and net asset value of £199,351,249 as at 30 November 2020 and the income earned for the year ended 30 November 2020. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

# SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

7IM AAP Adventurous Fund (continued)

Securities Lending (continued)

		Income	Income to
		earned	Agent
Securities on loan, % of lendable assets	% of NAV	£	£
0.23%	0.11%	20,014	6,002

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the Sub-fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Securities Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share.

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable or terminable on a daily basis. The following table details the value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by counterparty as at 30 November 2020.

	Counterparty's country of	Amount on loan	Collateral received
Counterparty	establishment	£	£
Morgan Stanley (London Branch)	UK	210,091	216,911
Total		210,091	216,911

#### Collateral

The Sub-fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ('collateral posted') or may hold collateral received ('collateral received') from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the cash and underlying non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Sub-fund, in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Collateral
	received
Currency	£
Australian dollar	60
Danish krone	17,871
Euro	2,453
Pound sterling	196,171
US dollar	356
Total	216,911

The Sub-fund is the legal owner of inbound collateral and can sell the assets and withhold the cash in the case of default. All cash received or posted as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it is not subject to a contractual maturity date.

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received and posted by the Sub-fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions as at 30 November 2020.

	Ma	turity Tenor				
Collateral type and quality	0 – 30 days £	31 – 90 days £	91 – 365 days £	More than 365 days £	Open £	Total £
Collateral received Fixed Income						
Investment grade Equities	-	7	_	216,904	_	216,911
Recognised equity index			_	_	_	
Total	_	7	-	216,904	-	216,911

# SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR) - UNAUDITED (continued)

# 7IM AAP Adventurous Fund (continued)

## Collateral (continued)

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received or posted as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while equity securities are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

As at 30 November 2020, all non-cash collateral received by the Sub-fund in respect of securities lending transactions is held by the Sub-fund's Depositary or through its delegates.

Non-cash collateral received £

Custodian £
Northern Trust 216,911

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Head Office**

3rd Floor 55 Bishopsgate London EC2N 3AS

#### **Address for Service**

The Head Office is the address in the United Kingdom for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

#### **Base Currency**

The base currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling. Each sub-fund and class is designated in Pounds Sterling.

#### **Share Capital**

The minimum share capital of the company is £1 and the maximum is £100,000,000,000.

Shares in the Company have no par value. The share capital of the Company at all times equals the sum of the net asset values of each of the sub-funds.

#### Structure of the Company

The Company is structured as an umbrella company in that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA. On the introduction of any new sub-fund or class of share, a revised prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each sub-fund or class.

The assets of each sub-fund will be treated as separate from those of every other sub-fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that sub-fund. The sub-funds which are currently available are:

7IM Cautious Fund

7IM Moderately Cautious Fund

7IM Balanced Fund

7IM Moderately Adventurous Fund

7IM Adventurous Fund

7IM Sustainable Balance Fund

7IM AAP Income Fund

7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund

7IM AAP Balanced Fund

7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous Fund

7IM AAP Adventurous Fund

In the future there may be other sub-funds of the Company.

#### **Classes of Shares**

The Company has the following active shares classes 'A' Income, 'A' Accumulation, 'B' Income, 'B' Accumulation, 'C' Income, 'C' Accumulation, 'D' Income, 'D' Accumulation, 'S' Income, 'S' Accumulation, 'X' Income and 'X' Accumulation. The Company can issue any share class in accordance with the Prospectus.

Holders of Income shares are entitled to be paid the income attributable to such shares in respect of each annual or interim accounting period, as applicable to the relevant sub-fund.

Holders of Accumulation shares are not entitled to be paid the income attributable to such shares, but that income is retained and accumulated for the benefit of shareholders and is reflected in the price of shares.

#### **Valuation Point**

The valuation point of the Company is 12:00pm London time on each business day. Valuations may be made at other times under the terms contained within the Prospectus.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)**

## **Buying and Selling Shares**

The dealing office of the Manager is normally open from 9.00am to 5.30pm London time on each business day. The Manager may vary these times at its discretion. Requests to deal in shares may also be made by telephone on each business day (at the Manager's discretion) between 9.00am and 5.30pm London time directly to the office of the Manager (telephone: 0870 870 7431 or such other number as published from time to time). The initial purchase must, at the discretion of the Manager, be accompanied by an application form.

#### **Prices**

The prices of all shares are published on: www.fundlistings.com and the Manager's website: www.7im.co.uk. Alternatively, the prices of all shares may be obtained by calling 0870 870 7431 during the Manager's normal business hours.

#### Other Information

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the Manager which is also the Head Office. Copies of these may be obtained upon application and, excepting the Instrument of Incorporation, can be found on our website, www.7im.co.uk.

Shareholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Company should contact the Manager 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 South Quay Plaza, 183 Marsh Wall, London E14 9SR.

#### **Data Protection Act**

Shareholders' names will be added to a mailing list which may be used by the Manager, its associates or third parties to inform investors of other products by sending details of such products. Shareholders who do not want to receive such details should write to the Manager requesting their removal from any such mailing list.

## **Risk Warning**

An investment in an open-ended investment company 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. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

#### **Assessment of Value**

For each of its sub-funds, Seven Investment Management LLP, will publish an Assessment of Value covering the financial year ended 30 November 2020. These statements will be available on Seven Investment Management's website no later than 31 March 2021.