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## **Acumen OEIC**

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31st October 2019

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# Acumen OEIC

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# Acumen OEIC

## Authorised Status and General Information

### Authorised Status

Acumen OEIC (the Company) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital (ICVC) incorporated under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (OEIC Regulations). The Company is a UCITS Scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC000783. The Company was authorised by an order made by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) with effect from 2nd November 2009.

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

The Company currently has seven sub-funds: Acumen Conservative Portfolio; Acumen Income Portfolio; Acumen Progressive Portfolio; Acumen Adventurous Portfolio; Acumen Bond Portfolio; Acumen Equity Portfolio; and Acumen Strategic Portfolio.

### Rights and Terms Attached to Each Share Class

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

### Assessment of Value

The ACD is required to carry out an assessment of value at least annually and publish its findings in a report to investors. The ACD should publish the report in the annual report of the OEIC, except where the assessment and report are provided as a composite, that is, with other OEICs' sub-funds that may have a different year end date. The sub-funds consisting of the Acumen OEIC will be assessed and reported on, in a composite report which the ACD presently intends to publish by 29th February 2020 on the website.

### Change in Prospectus

On 8th July 2019, the X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation share classes were closed by the ACD and the proceeds were returned to shareholders.

On 11th November 2019, the names of the sub-funds changed as follows:

<b>Name of Fund until 10th November 2019</b>	<b>New Fund Name</b>
Acumen Bond Portfolio	ACUMEN Portfolio 3
Acumen Conservative Portfolio	ACUMEN Portfolio 4
Acumen Income Portfolio	ACUMEN Income Portfolio
Acumen Progressive Portfolio	ACUMEN Portfolio 5
Acumen Adventurous Portfolio	ACUMEN Portfolio 6
Acumen Equity Portfolio	ACUMEN Portfolio 7
Acumen Strategic Portfolio	ACUMEN Portfolio 8

On 11th November 2019 the investment objectives and policies were updated for all of the sub-funds.

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

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## Authorised Status and General Information (continued)

### Remuneration Policy

In line with the requirements of UCITS V, Investment Fund Services Limited, the Authorised Fund Manager (AFM), is subject to a remuneration policy which is consistent with the principles outlined in the European Securities and Markets Authority guidelines on sound remuneration policies under UCITS V. The remuneration policies are designed to ensure that any relevant conflicts of interest can be managed appropriately at all times and that the remuneration of its senior staff is in line with the risk policies and objectives of the UCITS funds it manages.

The quantitative remuneration disclosures as at 30th September 2019 (the AFM's year-end) are set out below:

	Number of Identified Staff	Total Remuneration Paid £	Fixed Remuneration Paid £	Variable Remuneration Paid £
<b><i>Remuneration paid to staff of the UCITS Manager who have a material impact on the risk profile of the Company</i></b>				
Senior management	9	718,790	534,614	184,176
Risk takers and other identified staff	25	1,456,960	1,441,417	15,543
<b><i>Allocation of total remuneration of the employees of the UCITS Manager to the Company</i></b>				
Senior management	0.53	86,177	64,096	22,081
Risk takers and other identified staff	22.18	1,370,537	1,368,674	1,863

The total number of staff employed by the UCITS Manager was 172 at 30th September 2019. The total remuneration paid to those staff was £7,294,016, of which £3,590,957 is attributable to the AFM.

The allocation of remuneration to the UCITS Manager is based on Assets Under Management (AUM), as staff work for two UCITS Managers. The allocation of remuneration to the OEIC is based on AUM where staff are not directly allocated to the OEIC. The way these disclosures are calculated may change in the future.

### Cross Holdings

The sub-funds of the Company do not hold shares in any other sub-funds of the Company.

# Acumen OEIC

## Authorised Corporate Director's Statement

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

Allan Hamer  
Joint Managing Director

Wayne D Green  
Joint Managing Director

**Investment Fund Services Limited (IFSL)**  
Authorised Corporate Director of Acumen OEIC

21st February 2020

## Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) requires the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company comprising of its sub-funds and its net revenue and the net capital gains for the year.

In preparing the Financial Statements the ACD is required to:

- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued in May 2014, and amended in June 2017;
- follow United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and applicable accounting standards;
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is required to keep proper accounting records and to manage the Company in accordance with the COLL, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus. The ACD is responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The ACD is responsible for ensuring that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. It is the responsibility of the ACD to take all necessary steps as a director to familiarise themselves with any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

## Acumen OEIC

# Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the Acumen OEIC (the Company) for the Year Ended 31st October 2019

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) (the OEIC Regulations), 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, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares in the Company is 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") are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the 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.

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21st February 2020

# Acumen OEIC

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Acumen OEIC

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Acumen OEIC (the Company) for the year ended 31st October 2019 which comprise the Statement of Total Return and the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders together with the Balance Sheet for each of the Company's sub-funds, the accounting, distribution and risk management policies to the Company, the related notes to each sub-fund and the Distribution Tables. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company comprising its sub-funds as at 31st October 2019 and of the net revenue/expense and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Company comprising its sub-funds for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

### Basis for Opinion

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

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

### Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

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

### Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The ACD is responsible for the other information.

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

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 the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Opinion on Other Matters Prescribed by the Rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Instrument of Incorporation;
- the information given in the ACD's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- there is nothing to indicate that proper accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records.

### **Matters on which we are Required to Report by Exception**

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

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

### **Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)**

As explained more fully in the ACD's responsibilities statement set out on page 7, 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 the ACD determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclose, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the ACD either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

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

### **Use of our Report**

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
Edinburgh

21st February 2020

### **Notes:**

1. the maintenance and integrity of the Investment Fund Services Limited website is the responsibility of the ACD; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.
2. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# Acumen OEIC

## Investment Manager's Review – Summary of the Markets

for the year ended 31st October 2019

The Acumen Portfolios delivered strong absolute performance over the past 12-month rolling period, during what has proven to be an exciting and rewarding time in markets.

In fixed income, our positions in fallen angel high yield debt and emerging market bonds contributed positively to performance, although our underweight allocation to government bonds detracted slightly. During the year, we increased exposure to European and Japanese government bonds and increased exposure to high yield debt.

In equities, we rotated our core exposure from traditional market-cap weighted indices towards smart beta trading strategies via a combination of single factor and regional multifactor ETFs. This trade has produced positive results thus far. Our satellite allocation, which we use for tactical trading opportunities, has also outperformed the benchmark since inception.

In the alternative space, property equities delivered positive returns, particularly in the US. Whilst our broad basket of physical commodities underperformed, our allocation to commodity equities in the gold producing sector has performed particularly well.

Finally, our currency overlay strategy continues to protect the portfolios from excess levels of volatility. Sterling has been trending erratically lower for more than 3.5 years, but Boris Johnson's success in the UK election has removed some of the uncertainty surrounding Brexit, paving the way for further appreciation.

# Acumen OEIC

## Notes to the Financial Statements – Accounting, Distribution and Risk Management Policies

for the year ended 31st October 2019

### 1.1 Accounting Policies

During the year under review, Acumen OEIC consisted of seven sub-funds: Acumen Conservative Portfolio; Acumen Income Portfolio; Acumen Progressive Portfolio; Acumen Adventurous Portfolio; Acumen Bond Portfolio; Acumen Equity Portfolio; and Acumen Strategic Portfolio.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied throughout the year and in the prior year to all sub-funds.

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Authorised Funds, issued by the Investment Management Association (now known as The Investment Association (IA)) in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of all sub-funds. Monetary amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds.

The financial statements for the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Revenue

Dividends from equities, preference shares and distributions receivable from onshore collective investment schemes are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

Income from offshore collective investment schemes is recorded on the ex-dividend date and additional reported income is recognised when reported.

Bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis. Interest earned from fixed interest securities is accounted for on an effective yield basis.

#### Allocation of Revenue

Revenue, attributable after expenses to multiple share classes, with the exception of the ACD's periodic charges, which are directly attributable to individual share classes, is allocated to share classes' pro-rata to the value of net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the revenue is incurred.

#### Expenses

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

#### Equalisation

Distributions received from investments in collective investment schemes may include an element of equalisation which represents the average amount of revenue included in the price paid for shares. Equalisation is treated as a return of capital for taxation purposes and does not carry a tax credit.

#### Valuation

The valuation point was 12 o'clock midday on 31st October 2019 being the last valuation point of the accounting year. Listed investments are valued at fair value which is the bid price.

Unlisted, unapproved, illiquid or suspended securities are valued at the ACD's best estimate of the amount that would be received from the immediate transfer at arm's length in a manner designed to show fair value. At the balance sheet date the percentage of net assets held in such securities was nil (31st October 2018: nil).

Where applicable, investment valuations exclude any element of accrued revenue.

Investments in collective investment schemes have been valued at cancellation price for dual priced funds or the single price for single priced funds. This price is the last available published price at the year end.

#### Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at 20% on taxable income less expenses. Deferred taxation is provided on a full provision basis on timing differences arising from the different treatment of items for accounting and taxation purposes. Potential future liabilities and assets are recognised where the transactions, or events giving rise to them, occurred before the balance sheet date.

#### Exchange Rates

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at 12 o'clock midday on 31st October 2019 being the last valuation point of the accounting year. Revenue and expenditure transactions are translated at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates of the transactions. Exchange differences on such transactions follow the same treatment at the principal amounts.

# Acumen OEIC

## Notes to the Financial Statements – Accounting, Distribution and Risk Management Policies (continued)

### 1.2 Distribution Policies

The distribution policy of each sub-fund is to distribute or accumulate all available revenue, after deduction of expenses properly chargeable against revenue. Gains and losses on non-derivative instruments and currencies, whether realised or unrealised, are taken to capital and are not available for distributions. Revenue recognised from holdings in accumulation shares in collective investment schemes are included in the amount available for distribution.

As the investment objective of the Acumen Income Portfolio is to concentrate on the generation of revenue as a higher priority than capital growth, the ACD and the Depositary have agreed that 100% of the ACD's periodic charge is to be taken to capital for the purpose of calculating the distribution as permitted by the regulations.

### 1.3 Risk Management Policies

In pursuing the investment objectives set out on pages 15, 29, 44, 58, 72, 86 and 100, the sub-funds may hold a number of financial instruments. These comprise: units and shares in collective investment schemes, listed investments such as UK equities, investment trusts and fixed interest bonds; cash, liquid resources and short-term debtors and creditors that arise from each sub-funds' operations; shareholders' funds which represent investors' monies which are invested on their behalf; and temporary borrowings used to finance investment activity.

The main risks arising from the sub-funds' financial instruments and the ACD's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. The ACD reviews (and agrees with the Depositary) the policies for managing each of these risks. The policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the year to which these financial statements relate.

The sub-funds are managed according to the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) 5 'Investment and Borrowing Powers' which helps achieve the statutory objective of protecting consumers by laying down the minimum standards for the investments that may be held by an authorised fund. In particular: (a) the proportion of transferable securities and derivatives that may be held by the authorised fund is restricted if those transferable securities and derivatives are not listed on an eligible market. The intention of this is to restrict the transferable securities and derivatives that cannot be accurately valued and readily disposed of; and (b) authorised funds are required to comply with a number of investment rules that require the spreading of risk.

#### Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments which the sub-funds hold. It represents the potential loss the sub-funds might suffer through holding positions in the face of price movement. The sub-funds' Investment Manager has responsibility for monitoring the existing portfolio selected in accordance with the overall asset allocation and seeks to ensure that individual stocks also meet the risk and reward profile that is acceptable.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

The sub-funds' financial assets and liabilities are substantially invested in other collective investments schemes, most, but not necessarily all of whose prices are quoted in sterling. The sub-funds may therefore have direct exposure to foreign currency risk in respect of part of the portfolios. In addition, the value of the sub-funds' underlying investments will be affected by movements in exchange rates against sterling in respect of non-sterling denominated assets.

The ACD has identified three areas where foreign currency risk could impact the sub-funds. These are: movements in exchange rates affecting the value of investments; short-term timing differences such as exposure to exchange rate movements in the year between when an investment purchase or sale is entered into and the date when settlement of the investment occurs; and finally, movements in exchange rates affecting revenue received by each sub-fund. The sub-funds convert all receipts of income, received in currency, into sterling on the day of receipt.

To manage foreign currency risk the sub-funds are permitted to invest in forward foreign currency exchange transactions for the purpose of reducing the exposure of the sub-funds to a foreign currency. Forward foreign currency exchange contracts will be listed in the Portfolio Statement for each sub-fund where applicable.

The foreign currency exposure within the sub-funds is monitored to ensure that it is manageable and sensible.

#### Interest Rate Risk

The sub-funds hold various cash positions and any change to the interest rates relevant to those particular positions may result in revenue either increasing or decreasing. There are no material amounts of non-interest bearing financial assets or liabilities, other than collective investment schemes investing in equities which do not have maturity dates or fixed interest investments which mature within one year.

Interest rate risk is managed through a limit framework and investment guidelines with which the sub-funds must comply. These include restrictions on position size, and the level of interest rate risk.

The Investment Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations, the assessment of this may result in a change to the investment strategy.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements – Accounting, Distribution and Risk Management Policies (continued)

### 1.3 Risk Management Policies (continued)

#### Liquidity Risk

The sub-funds' assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the sub-funds are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. Assets of the sub-funds may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions. The liquidity of the sub-funds' assets is regularly reviewed by the ACD.

The ACD has an approved list of counterparties it uses for investment transactions which is revised on a regular basis.

#### Concentration Risk

Some of the underlying collective investment schemes invest solely in certain markets, such as UK shares or fixed interest securities. This allows them to focus on those markets' potential but means that they are not spread amongst a range of markets. Securities in the same market tend to be affected by the same factors, so these collective investment schemes may experience greater fluctuations in price. The asset allocations aim to minimise this risk whenever possible, whilst still meeting the objectives of the sub-funds'.

#### Derivatives and Other Financial Instruments

The ACD is permitted to use derivatives for the purposes of both efficient portfolio management and investment decisions. Forward currency transactions may also be entered into to hedge the portfolios against currency movements. Investment performance of derivatives can be volatile and may present greater risks than more traditional investments.

The ACD is obliged through FCA rules to put in place a risk management policy which sets out how the ACD measures and monitors these risks.

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Fund Information

### Investment Objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

The sub-fund aims to outperform the Market Composite Benchmark over any 3 year period, with income reinvested, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Performance Target: The Market Composite Benchmark for the sub-fund is comprised as follows:

- 50% Bonds –
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (42.5%)
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Bond GBP Hedged Index (7.5%)
- 45% Equities –
  - MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (42%)
  - MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (3%)
- 5% Cash –
  - Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%)

The Market Composite Benchmark has been chosen as it broadly reflects the independent risk profiling company's (Distribution Technology) long-term expected asset class volatility target range.

### Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, on a lowest medium risk strategy. The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 4, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The independent risk profiling company has a risk rating range from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) below.

The sub-fund will invest in a number of different asset classes across global markets, including shares in companies, bonds, property and commodities.

The asset class exposure over an investment cycle will broadly reflect the Market Composite Benchmark as defined above.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will gain exposure to these asset classes by holding exchange traded funds (ETFs) which typically track an index. Through these investments, the sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments.

No more than 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI – all share classes)



The SRRI aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the share classes based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. This SRRI has remained unchanged during the year.

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio Investment Manager's Review

for the year ended 31st October 2019

## Percentage change to 31st October 2019

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Acumen Conservative Portfolio	3.80%	7.39%	8.70%	28.90%

External source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class X Acc – mid to mid)

The performance of the Acumen Conservative Portfolio was positive over the year and the Class X Shares returned 7.39% net of fees. The sub-fund is invested in a total of 39 listed exchange traded funds (ETFs). The portfolio is structured to provide multi-asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity and property markets. We have been very pleased with performance over the year on both an absolute and relative basis to the market composite benchmark.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the year was as follows – 30% Government Bonds, 13% Corporate Bonds, 5% Inflation-Linked Bonds, 2% Emerging Market Bonds, 42% Developed Market Equities, 4% Emerging Market Equities and 4% Cash.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the year was as follows – 54% North America, 9% United Kingdom, 18% Europe ex UK, 4% Asia ex Japan, 10.5% Japan and 4.5% Rest of World.

The sub-fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 4, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The market composite benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (42.5%), Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield GBP Hedged Index (7.5%), MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (42%), MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Markets Index (3%) and the Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%). Benchmark performance is evaluated over a rolling twelve-month investment cycle.

## Portfolio Changes

Largest Purchases	Cost (£'000)	Largest Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	30,004	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	28,653
iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	25,699	iShares Global Inflation Linked Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	28,425
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	22,220	iShares \$ Floating Rate Bond UCITS ETF USD	25,052
iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	21,273	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	24,239
SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	19,184	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	22,632
Xtrackers II Japan Government Bond UCITS ETF 1C	17,045	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	17,137
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	15,309	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	15,076
iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	13,221	iShares Global High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	15,006
iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	13,045	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	14,842
iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	10,343	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	14,632
Other purchases	157,842	Other sales	264,937
Total sales for the year	345,185	Total sales for the year	470,631

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio Comparative Table

	X Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2017 (Pence per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	121.85	124.85	120.39
Return before operating charges*	10.33	(1.68)	5.92
Operating charges	(1.36)	(1.32)	(1.46)
Return after operating charges*	8.97	(3.00)	4.46
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.93)	(1.45)	(1.52)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.93	1.45	1.52
Closing net asset value per share	130.82	121.85	124.85
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.08	0.05	0.10
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	7.36%	(2.40%)	3.70%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	132,453	277,832	234,788
Closing number of shares	101,250,694	228,007,955	188,049,889
Operating charges	1.10%	1.06%	1.19%
Direct transaction costs	0.06%	0.04%	0.08%
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>
Highest share price	131.74	126.95	125.29
Lowest share price	117.97	121.16	116.84

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Comparative Table (continued)

	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Cents [\$] per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	99.90	101.24	100.00
Return before operating charges*	10.39	(0.26)	2.44
Operating charges	(1.15)	(1.08)	(1.20)
Return after operating charges*	9.24	(1.34)	1.24
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.77)	(1.15)	(0.33)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.77	1.15	0.33
Closing net asset value per share	109.14	99.90	101.24
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.04	0.02
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	9.25%	(1.32%)	1.24%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,043	1,171	1,109
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	1,352	1,495	1,466
Closing number of shares	1,238,662	1,496,240	1,448,035
Operating charges	1.10%	1.06%	1.19% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.06%	0.04%	0.08% <sup>C</sup>
Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$)	1.2962	1.2770	1.3221
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>
Highest share price	109.75	103.03	101.60
Lowest share price	97.07	99.37	98.82

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 cents (\$) and commenced pricing on 28th July 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31st October 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
<b>Corporate Bonds (31st October 2018: 31.04%)</b>			
28,674	iShares Core € Corp Bond UCITS ETF EUR	3,318	2.49
1,812,532	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	7,492	5.61
51,642	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	4,019	3.01
603,877	iShares Global High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	2,456	1.84
		<b>17,285</b>	<b>12.95</b>
<b>Government Bonds (31st October 2018: 22.29%)</b>			
23,564	iShares \$ Tips UCITS ETF USD	3,963	2.97
22,551	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF USD	2,304	1.73
10,169	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	1,042	0.78
6,262	iShares € Govt Bond 10-15yr UCITS ETF	1,056	0.79
11,395	iShares € Govt Bond 1-3 yr UCITS ETF EUR	1,416	1.06
286,383	iShares € Govt Bond 20yr Target Duration UCITS ETF	1,529	1.15
18,728	iShares € Govt Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF EUR	2,229	1.67
8,797	iShares € Govt Bond 7-10yr UCITS ETF EUR	1,308	0.98
13,060	iShares € Inflation Linked Govt Bond UCITS EUR	2,486	1.86
321,117	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ET USD	1,217	0.91
109,752	iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF GBP	1,553	1.16
107,843	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	9,369	7.02
284,732	iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF	1,241	0.93
2,997,817	iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	11,402	8.54
665,842	Xtrackers Japan Government Bond UCITS ETF 1C	6,799	5.09
		<b>48,914</b>	<b>36.64</b>
<b>UK Equities (31st October 2018: 0.15%)</b>			
<b>Overseas Equities (31st October 2018: 29.05%)</b>			
55,356	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	2,188	1.64
52,519	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,777	1.33
442,542	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	2,398	1.80
95,617	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	2,850	2.13
33,240	iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	884	0.66
47,988	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,156	0.87
223,902	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	710	0.53
52,346	iShares MSCI EM Latin America UCITS ETF USD	725	0.54
175,312	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	730	0.55
7,606	iShares MSCI Mexico Capped UCITS ETF USD	631	0.47
6,804	iShares MSCI Russia ADR/GDR UCITS ETF USD	743	0.56
766,288	iShares S&P 500 Financials Sector UCITS ETF USD	4,518	3.38
41,845	SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	3,961	2.97
23,907	SciBeta HFE Japan Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF	2,119	1.59
14,099	SciBeta HFE Pacific ex-Japan 6F EW UCITS ETF	1,319	0.99
154,712	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	16,601	12.44
		<b>43,310</b>	<b>32.45</b>
<b>Commodity Equities (31st October 2018: 6.31%)</b>			
125,806	iShares Global Water UCITS ETF USD	4,550	3.41
503,998	iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	4,668	3.50
		<b>9,218</b>	<b>6.91</b>
<b>Specialist Equities (31st October 2018: nil)</b>			
749,270	iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	4,571	3.42
571,106	iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	4,591	3.44
		<b>9,162</b>	<b>6.86</b>

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## Portfolio Statement (continued)

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31st October 2018: (1.22%))

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	29/11/2019	22,731,600	26,300,000	86	0.06
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	29/11/2019	13,443,575	1,874,200,000	69	0.05
BNP Paribas	GBP	CAD	29/11/2019	3,084,882	5,200,000	41	0.03
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	29/11/2019	71,358,194	91,950,000	472	0.35
<b>Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts</b>						<b>668</b>	<b>0.49</b>

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st October 2018: 0.01%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	20/12/2019	21,042	27,150	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	1,379,711	1,107,449	(45)	(0.03)
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	43	32	-	-
<b>Net Unrealised Losses on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes</b>						<b>(45)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>
<b>Portfolio of Investments<sup>A</sup></b>						<b>128,512</b>	<b>96.27</b>
Net Current Assets						4,984	3.73
<b>Total Net Assets</b>						<b>133,496</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>A</sup> Net of investment liabilities.

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		8,971		(10,351)
Revenue	4	3,080		6,152	
Expenses	5	(1,275)		(2,311)	
Net revenue before taxation		1,805		3,841	
Taxation	6	(184)		(463)	
Net revenue after taxation			1,621		3,378
Total return before distributions			10,592		(6,973)
Distributions	7 & 8		(1,621)		(3,378)
<b>Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below)</b>			<b>8,971</b>		<b>(10,351)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		279,064		235,987
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	93,821		100,720	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(249,308)		(50,624)	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(155,487)		50,096
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		948		3,332
<b>Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>133,496</b>		<b>279,064</b>

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Investments	17	128,557	248,015
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	9	7	-
Cash and bank balances		5,386	35,596
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>133,950</b>	<b>283,611</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Investment liabilities	17	45	3,454
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Other creditors	10	409	1,093
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>454</b>	<b>4,547</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>133,496</b>	<b>279,064</b>

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st October 2019

### 1 Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies and Risk Management Policies

For more information please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

### 2 Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Gains/(losses) on non-derivative securities	4,232	(1,665)
Gains/(losses) on forward currency contracts	9,010	(1,312)
Other currency losses	(4,265)	(7,369)
Transaction costs	(6)	(5)
<b>Net Capital Gains/(Losses)</b>	<b>8,971</b>	<b>(10,351)</b>

### 3 Direct Transaction Costs

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Purchases</b>		
Exchange traded funds	345,135	229,942
Commissions	50	63
<b>Total Purchases after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>345,185</b>	<b>230,005</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the purchases before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.03%
<b>Sales</b>		
Exchange traded funds	470,684	205,853
Commissions	53	47
<b>Total Sales after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>470,631</b>	<b>205,806</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the sales before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.02%
<b>Total Purchase and Sales Transaction Costs Expressed as a Percentage of the Average Net Asset Value Over the Year</b>		
Commissions	0.07%	0.04%

There were no significant in-specie transfers or corporate actions identified in the year (31st October 2018: nil).

There were no direct transaction costs associated with derivatives identified during the year (31st October 2018: nil). Direct transaction costs are fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

The average portfolio dealing spread as at 31st October 2019 was 0.27% (31st October 2018: 0.22%).

### 4 Revenue

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Overseas interest distributions	2,161	4,603
Non-taxable overseas dividends	883	1,527
Bank interest	36	22
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>6,152</b>

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 5 Expenses

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Payable to the ACD or Associates of the ACD:</b>		
ACD's periodic charge	1,189	2,162
KIID production costs	2	2
	1,191	2,164
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Depository's fee	48	84
Safe custody charges	28	55
Audit fees <sup>A</sup>	7	8
Report and financial statements production costs	1	-
	84	147
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>2,311</b>

<sup>A</sup> The audit fee net of VAT for the sub-fund for the current year is £6,150 (31 October 2018: £7,000).

### 6 Taxation

#### a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
UK corporation tax	184	463
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (b))</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>463</b>

#### b) Factors affecting the taxation charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is lower than the standard 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to the revenue received by Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). OEICs are also exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

The tax charge actually suffered is analysed below:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Net Revenue Before Tax</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>3,841</b>
Corporation tax at 20% (31st October 2018: 20%)	361	768
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(177)	(305)
<b>Total Tax Charge for Year (note (a))</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>463</b>

#### c) Provision for deferred taxation

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

### 7 Distributions

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

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Final dividend (accumulation)	948	3,332
	948	3,332
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	1,232	293
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of shares	(559)	(247)
<b>Total Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>3,378</b>

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 8 Movement Between Net Revenue and Distributions

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Net revenue after taxation	1,621	3,378
<b>Net Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>3,378</b>

### 9 Debtors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from issue of shares	7	-
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>

### 10 Other Creditors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	279	569
Spot currency deals awaiting settlement	-	58
ACD and KIID fees payable	85	180
Accrued expenses	12	25
Corporation tax payable	33	261
<b>Total Other Creditors</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>1,093</b>

### 11 Related Party Transactions

IFSL, as ACD, a related party, acts as principal on all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through creations and cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and note 7.

The amounts due to the ACD in relation to share transactions and accrued ACD fees are disclosed in notes 9 and 10. As at 31st October 2019 it was £357,000 (31st October 2018: £749,000). Amounts paid to IFSL in respect of ACD's periodic charges are disclosed in note 5.

### 12 Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued revenue included in the price of shares purchased during the distribution year (Group 2 shares) which is refunded as part of the shareholders' first distribution for all shares of the same type. As a repayment of capital, equalisation is not liable to income tax but should be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### 13 Share Classes

During the year, the sub-funds could issue shares in the following share classes: X Accumulation; X USD (Hedged) Accumulation and X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation. The annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

	31st October 2019	31st October 2018
X Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation (share class closed on 8th July 2019)	-	0.75%

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in issue for each share class are given in the Comparative Table on pages 17 to 18.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 14 Risks of Financial Instruments

*Market price risk sensitivity* – a five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £6,394,000 (31st October 2018: £12,396,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Foreign currency risk sensitivity* – a five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies would have the effect of increasing the return and net asset value by £4,032,000 (31st October 2018: £1,547,000). A five per cent increase in the value of sterling would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Interest rate risk sensitivity* – an interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments in the sub-fund are in collective investment schemes. These collective investment schemes may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from their ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets/liabilities as at 31st October 2019 consists of the following:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup>	5,386	35,596
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	66,199	148,859
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	62,366	99,156
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(455)	(4,547)
	<b>133,496</b>	<b>279,064</b>

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets comprise bank balances whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

*Liquidity risk* – the liquidity risk profile of financial liabilities as at 31st October 2019 is as follows:

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2019</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	45	-	-	45
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Other creditors	-	409	-	-	409
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>454</b>

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2018</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	3,454	-	-	3,454
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Other creditors	-	1,093	-	-	1,093
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,547</b>

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

*Derivatives and other financial instruments* – the underlying exposure to forward currency contracts as at 31st October 2019 was £623,000 (31st October 2018: £3,363,000). The counterparty was BNP Paribas.

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 15 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 16 Provisions for Liabilities

There were no provisions for liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 17 Fair Value Hierarchy

Basis of Valuation	31st October 2019	31st October 2019	31st October 2018	31st October 2018
	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1 – quoted prices	127,889	-	247,924	-
Level 2 – observable market data	668	45	91	3,454
Level 3 – unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	<b>128,557</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>248,015</b>	<b>3,454</b>

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or a liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the Fair Value Hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS 102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 – Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 – Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### 18 Shareholders' Fund Reconciliation

	X Accumulation	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation
Opening number of shares	228,007,955	1,496,240	71,060
Creations during the year	72,012,609	1,930	-
Cancellations during the year	(198,769,870)	(259,508)	(71,060)
<b>Closing Shares in Issue</b>	<b>101,250,694</b>	<b>1,238,662</b>	<b>-</b>

### 19 Post Balance Sheet Events

Since 31st October 2019, the net asset value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	31st October 2019 <sup>A</sup>	17th February 2020	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	130.98	137.06	4.64%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation <sup>B</sup>	109.28	114.79	5.04%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

<sup>B</sup> Prices are quoted in cents [\$] per share.

# Acumen Conservative Portfolio Distribution Table

Final dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.9287	-	0.9287	1.4548
2	0.2088	0.7199	0.9287	1.4548

Final dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.7714	-	0.7714	1.1453
2	0.3483	0.4231	0.7714	1.1453

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st November 2018.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019.

# Acumen Income Portfolio

## Fund Information

### Investment Objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to provide income that is money paid out from investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds, with the potential for some increase, over a minimum of 5 years, in the value of an investment.

The sub-fund aims to outperform the Market Composite Benchmark over any 3 year period, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Performance Target: The Market Composite Benchmark for the sub-fund is comprised as follows:

- 40% Bonds –
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (30%)
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Bond GBP Hedged Index (10%)
- 55% Equities –
  - MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (45%)
  - MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (10%)
- 5% Cash –
  - Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%)

The Market Composite Benchmark has been chosen as it broadly reflects the independent risk profiling company's (Distribution Technology) long-term expected asset class volatility target range.

### Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, on a low medium risk strategy. The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 5, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The independent risk profiling company has a risk rating range from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) below.

The sub-fund will invest in a number of different asset classes across global markets, including shares in companies, bonds, property and commodities.

The asset class exposure over an investment cycle will broadly reflect the Market Composite Benchmark as defined above.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will gain exposure to these asset classes by holding exchange traded funds (ETFs) which typically track an index. Through these investments, the sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments.

No more than 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI – all share classes)



The SRRI aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the share classes based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. This SRRI has remained unchanged during the year.

# Acumen Income Portfolio Investment Manager's Review

for the year ended 31st October 2019

## Percentage change to 31st October 2019

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Since Launch*
Acumen Income Portfolio	2.78%	6.13%	8.70%	27.38%

\*25th January 2016

External source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class X Acc – mid to mid)

The performance of the Acumen Income Portfolio was positive over the year and the Class X Shares returned 6.13% net of fees. The sub-fund is invested in a total of 17 listed exchange traded funds (ETFs). The portfolio is structured to provide multi-asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity and property markets. We have been very pleased with performance over the year on both an absolute and relative basis to the market composite benchmark.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the year was as follows – 12.5% Government Bonds, 22% Corporate Bonds, 6.5% Emerging Market Bonds, 44.5% Developed Market Equities, 4% Emerging Market Equities, 6% Property Equities and 4.5% Cash.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the year was as follows – 52% North America, 12.5% United Kingdom, 16.5% Europe ex UK, 6.5% Asia ex Japan, 1.5% Japan and 11% Rest of World.

The sub-fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 5, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The market composite benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (30%), Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield GBP Hedged Index (10%), MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (45%), MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Markets Index (10%) and the Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%). Benchmark performance is evaluated over a rolling twelve-month investment cycle.

## Portfolio Changes

Largest Purchases	Cost (£'000)	Largest Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD	7,923	iShares MSCI USA Quality Dividend UCITS ETF USD	20,263
iShares \$ Floating Rate Bond UCITS ETF USD	7,053	Vanguard FTSE ALL-World High Dividend Yield UCITS ETF	12,524
iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	5,979	iShares \$ Short Duration High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	9,600
iShares US Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF USD	5,614	iShares Euro Dividend UCITS ETF EUR	9,246
Vanguard FTSE ALL-World High Dividend Yield UCITS ETF	4,930	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	8,542
iShares US Property Yield UCITS ETF USD	3,345	iShares \$ High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	8,089
iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	2,809	iShares MSCI Pacific ex. Japan UCITS ETF USD	7,982
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD	2,536	iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	6,732
iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	2,481	iShares JPMorgan EM Local Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	6,032
iShares JPMorgan EM Local Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,984	iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD	5,823
Other purchases	3,545	Other sales	52,490
Total purchases for the year	48,199	Total sales for the year	147,323

# Acumen Income Portfolio Comparative Table

	X Income 31st October 2019 (Pence per Share)	X Income 31st October 2018 (Pence per Share)	X Income 31st October 2017 (Pence per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	109.97	116.30	114.25
Return before operating charges*	7.98	(1.28)	6.92
Operating charges	(1.30)	(1.35)	(1.43)
Return after operating charges*	6.68	(2.63)	5.49
Distributions on income shares	(3.92)	(3.70)	(3.44)
Closing net asset value per share	112.73	109.97	116.30
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.04	0.10
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	6.07%	(2.26%)	4.81%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19,442	20,085	15,669
Closing number of shares	17,246,522	18,264,435	13,472,845
Operating charges	1.17%	1.18%	1.23%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.04%	0.08%
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>
Highest share price	114.91	118.25	118.57
Lowest share price	105.51	109.55	110.54

# Acumen Income Portfolio

## Comparative Table (continued)

	X Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2017 (Pence per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	119.90	122.78	117.10
Return before operating charges*	8.78	(1.44)	7.17
Operating charges	(1.42)	(1.44)	(1.49)
Return after operating charges*	7.36	(2.88)	5.68
Distributions on accumulation shares	(4.31)	(3.99)	(3.56)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.31	3.99	3.56
Closing net asset value per share	127.26	119.90	122.78
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.04	0.10
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	6.14%	(2.35%)	4.85%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	16,833	121,307	120,074
Closing number of shares	13,226,718	101,171,138	97,793,725
Operating charges	1.17%	1.18%	1.23%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.04%	0.08%
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>
Highest share price	127.83	124.83	123.39
Lowest share price	115.04	118.60	113.29

# Acumen Income Portfolio

## Comparative Table (continued)

	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Cents [\$] per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	99.57	100.81	100.00
Return before operating charges*	9.21	(0.05)	2.04
Operating charges	(1.20)	(1.19)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges*	8.01	(1.24)	0.81
Distributions on accumulation shares	(3.60)	(3.28)	(0.64)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.60	3.28	0.64
Closing net asset value per share	107.58	99.57	100.81
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.05	0.02
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	8.04%	(1.23%)	0.81%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,026	1,260	1,268
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	1,330	1,609	1,676
Closing number of shares	1,236,064	1,616,025	1,662,745
Operating charges	1.17%	1.18%	1.23% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.04%	0.08% <sup>C</sup>
Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$)	1.2962	1.2770	1.3221
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>
Highest share price	107.99	103.08	101.30
Lowest share price	95.86	98.21	98.76

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 cents [\$] and commenced pricing on 28th July 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

# Acumen Income Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31st October 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %				
<b>Corporate Bonds (31st October 2018: 31.38%)</b>							
2,518,501	iShares \$ Floating Rate Bond UCITS ETF USD	2,034	5.45				
44,708	iShares \$ Short Duration High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,216	8.62				
4,445	iShares € Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF EUR	490	1.31				
9,081	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	707	1.90				
16,970	iShares Global High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,245	3.34				
20,702	iShares US Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,730	4.64				
		<b>9,422</b>	<b>25.26</b>				
<b>Government Bonds (31st October 2018: 4.33%)</b>							
221,075	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD	900	2.41				
9,956	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	865	2.32				
51,615	iShares JPMorgan EM Local Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	2,424	6.50				
469,271	iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	1,785	4.79				
		<b>5,974</b>	<b>16.02</b>				
<b>UK Equities (31st October 2018: 4.85%)</b>							
299,511	iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	2,295	6.15				
		<b>2,295</b>	<b>6.15</b>				
<b>Overseas Equities (31st October 2018: 41.71%)</b>							
108,538	iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD	2,263	6.07				
70,867	iShares EM Dividend UCITS ETF USD	1,133	3.04				
180,731	iShares Euro Dividend UCITS ETF EUR	3,390	9.09				
197,876	iShares MSCI USA Quality Dividend UCITS ETF USD	5,602	15.02				
80,020	Vanguard FTSE All-World High Dividend Yield UCITS ETF	3,437	9.21				
		<b>15,825</b>	<b>42.43</b>				
<b>Specialist Equities (31st October 2018: 2.70%)</b>							
<b>Property (31st October 2018: 7.61%)</b>							
89,830	iShares US Property Yield UCITS ETF USD	2,221	5.95				
		<b>2,221</b>	<b>5.95</b>				
<b>Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31st October 2018: (0.87%))</b>							
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	29/11/2019	5,099,484	5,900,000	19	0.05
BNP Paribas	GBP	AUD	29/11/2019	1,239,707	2,330,000	-	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	29/11/2019	20,526,637	26,450,000	136	0.36
<b>Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts</b>						<b>155</b>	<b>0.41</b>
<b>Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st October 2018: 0.02%)</b>							
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	47,543	36,913	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	1,270,329	1,019,652	(41)	(0.11)
<b>Net Unrealised Losses on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes</b>						<b>(41)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>
<b>Portfolio of Investments<sup>A</sup></b>						<b>35,851</b>	<b>96.11</b>
Net Current Assets						1,450	3.89
<b>Total Net Assets</b>						<b>37,301</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>A</sup> Net of investment liabilities.

# Acumen Income Portfolio Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		3,186		(7,866)
Revenue	4	3,294		6,222	
Expenses	5	(708)		(1,337)	
Net revenue before taxation		2,586		4,885	
Taxation	6	(145)		(375)	
Net revenue after taxation			2,441		4,510
Total return before distributions			5,627		(3,356)
Distributions	7 & 8		(2,964)		(5,505)
<b>Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below)</b>			<b>2,663</b>		<b>(8,861)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		142,697		137,061
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	6,625		60,834	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(116,610)		(50,801)	
		(109,985)		10,033
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		2,663		(8,861)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1,926		4,464
<b>Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>37,301</b>		<b>142,697</b>

# Acumen Income Portfolio Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Investments	17	35,892	132,195
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	9	39	11
Cash and bank balances		1,732	12,606
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>37,663</b>	<b>144,812</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Investment liabilities	17	41	1,298
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Bank overdraft		39	-
Distributions payable on income shares		105	143
Other creditors	10	177	674
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>362</b>	<b>2,115</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>37,301</b>	<b>142,697</b>

# Acumen Income Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st October 2019

### 1 Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies and Risk Management Policies

For more information please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

### 2 Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Gains/(losses) on non-derivative securities	2,675	(4,947)
Gains on forward currency contracts	2,443	1,095
Other currency losses	(1,929)	(4,011)
Transaction costs	(3)	(3)
<b>Net Capital Gains/(Losses)</b>	<b>3,186</b>	<b>(7,866)</b>

### 3 Direct Transaction Costs

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Purchases</b>		
Exchange traded funds	48,187	121,060
Commissions	12	33
<b>Total Purchases after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>48,199</b>	<b>121,093</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the purchases before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.02%	0.03%
<b>Sales</b>		
Exchange traded funds	147,338	114,511
Commissions	15	27
<b>Total Sales after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>147,323</b>	<b>114,484</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the sales before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.02%
<b>Total Purchase and Sales Transaction Costs Expressed as a Percentage of the Average Net Asset Value Over the Year</b>		
Commissions	0.03%	0.04%

There were no significant in-specie transfers or corporate actions identified in the year (31st October 2018: nil).

There were no direct transaction costs associated with derivatives identified during the year (31st October 2018: nil). Direct transaction costs are fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

The average portfolio dealing spread as at 31st October 2019 was 0.19% (31st October 2018: 0.22%).

### 4 Revenue

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Overseas interest distributions	1,410	3,197
Non-taxable overseas dividends	1,858	3,011
Bank interest	26	14
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,294</b>	<b>6,222</b>

# Acumen Income Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 5 Expenses

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Payable to the ACD or Associates of the ACD:</b>		
ACD's periodic charge	654	1,243
KIID production costs	2	2
	656	1,245
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Depository's fee	28	53
Safe custody charges	16	31
Audit fees <sup>A</sup>	7	8
Report and financial statements production costs	1	-
	52	92
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>1,337</b>

<sup>A</sup> The audit fee net of VAT for the sub-fund for the current year is £6,150 (31 October 2018: £7,000).

### 6 Taxation

#### a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
UK corporation tax	145	375
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (b))</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>375</b>

#### b) Factors affecting the taxation charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is lower than the standard 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to the revenue received by Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). OEICs are also exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

The tax charge actually suffered is analysed below:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Net Revenue Before Tax</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>4,885</b>
Corporation tax at 20% (31st October 2018: 20%)	517	977
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(372)	(602)
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (a))</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>375</b>

#### c) Provision for deferred taxation

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

### 7 Distributions

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

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
First interim dividend (income and accumulation)	1,333	1,386
Second interim dividend (income and accumulation)	194	774
Third interim dividend (income and accumulation)	875	1,884
Final dividend (income and accumulation)	201	1,053
	2,603	5,097
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	397	586
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of shares	(36)	(178)
<b>Total Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>2,964</b>	<b>5,505</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 8 Movement Between Net Revenue and Distributions

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Net revenue after taxation	2,441	4,510
Add: ACD fee borne by capital	654	1,243
Add: Tax effect of ACD fee borne by capital	(131)	(248)
<b>Net Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>2,964</b>	<b>5,505</b>

### 9 Debtors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from issue of shares	39	11
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>

### 10 Other Creditors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	111	371
ACD and KIID fees payable	24	92
Accrued expenses	8	17
Corporation tax payable	34	194
<b>Total Other Creditors</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>674</b>

### 11 Related Party Transactions

IFSL, as ACD, a related party, acts as principal on all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through creations and cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and note 7.

The amounts due to the ACD in relation to share transactions and accrued ACD fees are disclosed in notes 9 and 10. As at 31st October 2019 it was £96,000 (31st October 2018: £452,000). Amounts paid to IFSL in respect of ACD's periodic charges are disclosed in note 5.

### 12 Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued revenue included in the price of shares purchased during the distribution year (Group 2 shares) which is refunded as part of the shareholders' first distribution for all shares of the same type. As a repayment of capital, equalisation is not liable to income tax but should be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### 13 Share Classes

During the year, the sub-funds could issue shares in the following share classes: X Income; X Accumulation; X USD (Hedged) Accumulation and X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation. The annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

	31st October 2019	31st October 2018
X Income	0.75%	0.75%
X Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation (share class closed on 8th July 2019)	-	0.75%

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in issue for each share class are given in the Comparative Table on pages 31 to 33.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

# Acumen Income Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 14 Risks of Financial Instruments

*Market price risk sensitivity* – a five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £1,787,000 (31st October 2018: £6,606,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Foreign currency risk sensitivity* – a five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies would have the effect of increasing the return and net asset value by £474,000 (31st October 2018: £1,162,000). A five per cent increase in the value of sterling would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Interest rate risk sensitivity* – an interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments in the sub-fund are in collective investment schemes. These collective investment schemes may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from their ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets/liabilities as at 31st October 2019 consists of the following:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup>	1,732	12,606
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	15,395	50,940
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	20,536	81,266
Financial liabilities floating rate <sup>A</sup>	(39)	–
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(323)	(2,115)
	<b>37,301</b>	<b>142,697</b>

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and overdrafts, whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

*Liquidity Risk* – the liquidity risk profile of financial liabilities as at 31st October 2019 is as follows:

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2019</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	–	41	–	–	41
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Bank overdraft	39	–	–	–	39
Distribution payable	–	105	–	–	105
Other creditors	–	177	–	–	177
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>362</b>

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2018</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	–	1,298	–	–	1,298
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Distribution payable	–	143	–	–	143
Other creditors	–	674	–	–	674
<b>Total</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,115</b>

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

*Derivatives and other financial instruments* – the underlying exposure to forward currency contracts as at 31st October 2019 was £114,000 (31st October 2018: £1,220,000). The counterparty was BNP Paribas.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 15 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 16 Provisions for Liabilities

There were no provisions for liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 17 Fair Value Hierarchy

Basis of Valuation	31st October 2019	31st October 2019	31st October 2018	31st October 2018
	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1 – quoted prices	35,737	-	132,117	-
Level 2 – observable market data	155	41	78	1,298
Level 3 – unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	<b>35,892</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>132,195</b>	<b>1,298</b>

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or a liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the Fair Value Hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS 102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 – Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 – Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### 18 Shareholders' Fund Reconciliation

	X Income	X Accumulation	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation
Opening number of shares	18,264,435	101,171,138	1,616,025	52,268
Creations during the year	3,339,004	2,351,355	44,038	-
Cancellations during the year	(4,356,917)	(90,295,775)	(423,999)	(52,268)
<b>Closing Shares in Issue</b>	<b>17,246,522</b>	<b>13,226,718</b>	<b>1,236,064</b>	<b>-</b>

### 19 Post Balance Sheet Events

Since 31st October 2019, the net asset value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	31st October 2019 <sup>A</sup>	17th February 2020	Movement (%)
X Income	113.44	114.20	0.67%
X Accumulation	127.38	130.18	2.20%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation <sup>B</sup>	107.68	110.48	2.60%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

<sup>B</sup> Prices are quoted in cents (\$) per share.

# Acumen Income Portfolio Distribution Table

First interim dividend (in pence per share) for X Income shares:

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st March 2019 Income Paid	31st March 2018 Income Paid
1	1.0897	-	1.0897	0.9547
2	0.5795	0.5102	1.0897	0.9547

First interim dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st March 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st March 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	1.1881	-	1.1881	1.0078
2	0.5958	0.5923	1.1881	1.0078

First dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st March 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st March 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	1.0157	-	1.0157	0.8795
2	1.0157	-	1.0157	0.8795

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st November 2018.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st November 2018 to 31st January 2019.

Second interim dividend (in pence per share) for X Income shares:

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (Note 12)	30th June 2019 Income Paid	30th June 2018 Income Paid
1	0.3735	-	0.3735	0.4837
2	0.0472	0.3263	0.3735	0.4837

Second interim dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	30th June 2019 Accumulation Paid	30th June 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.4107	-	0.4107	0.5148
2	0.1959	0.2148	0.4107	0.5148

Second interim dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	30th June 2019 Accumulation Paid	30th June 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.3404	-	0.3404	0.4157
2	0.3404	-	0.3404	0.4157

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st February 2019.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st February 2019 to 30th April 2019.

# Acumen Income Portfolio

## Distribution Table (continued)

Third interim dividend (in pence per share) for X Income shares:

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (Note 12)	30th September 2019 Income Paid	30th September 2018 Income Paid
1	1.8376	-	1.8376	1.4765
2	0.5741	1.2635	1.8376	1.4765

Third interim dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	30th September 2019 Accumulation Paid	30th September 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	2.0302	-	2.0302	1.5772
2	1.0111	1.0191	2.0302	1.5772

Third interim dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	30th September 2019 Accumulation Paid	30th September 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	1.6276	-	1.6276	1.2828
2	1.6276	-	1.6276	1.2828

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st May 2019.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st May 2019 to 31st July 2019.

Final dividend (in pence per share) for X Income shares:

Group	Net Income	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Income Paid	31st December 2018 Income Paid
1	0.6087	-	0.6087	0.7834
2	0.2930	0.3157	0.6087	0.7834

Final dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.6835	-	0.6835	0.8904
2	0.4315	0.2520	0.6835	0.8904

Final dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.6051	-	0.6051	0.7014
2	0.0102	0.5949	0.6051	0.7014

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st August 2019.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st August 2019 to 31st October 2019.

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Fund Information

### Investment Objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

The sub-fund aims to outperform the Market Composite Benchmark over any 3 year period, with income reinvested, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Performance Target: The Market Composite Benchmark for the sub-fund is comprised as follows:

- 35% Bonds –
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (30%)
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Bond GBP Hedged Index (5%)
- 60% Equities –
  - MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (53%)
  - MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (7%)
- 5% Cash –
  - Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%)

The Market Composite Benchmark has been chosen as it broadly reflects the independent risk profiling company's (Distribution Technology) long-term expected asset class volatility target range.

### Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, on a low medium risk strategy. The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 5, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The independent risk profiling company has a risk rating range from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) below.

The sub-fund will invest in a number of different asset classes across global markets, including shares in companies, bonds, property and commodities.

The asset class exposure over an investment cycle will broadly reflect the Market Composite Benchmark as defined above.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will gain exposure to these asset classes by holding exchange traded funds (ETFs) which typically track an index. Through these investments, the sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments.

No more than 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI – all share classes)



The SRRI aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the share classes based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. This SRRI has remained unchanged during the year.

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio Investment Manager's Review

for the year ended 31st October 2019

## Percentage change to 31st October 2019

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Acumen Progressive Portfolio	2.82%	7.90%	17.18%	34.58%

External source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class X Acc – mid to mid)

The performance of the Acumen Progressive Portfolio was positive over the year and the Class X Shares returned 7.90% net of fees. The sub-fund is invested in a total of 39 listed exchange traded funds (ETFs). The portfolio is structured to provide multi-asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity and property markets. We have been very pleased with performance over the year on both an absolute and relative basis to the market composite benchmark.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the year was as follows – 21.5% Government Bonds, 9% Corporate Bonds, 3.5% Inflation-Linked Bonds 1.5% Emerging Market Bonds, 51% Developed Market Equities, 8.5% Emerging Market Equities, and 5% Cash.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the year was as follows – 53.5% North America, 10% United Kingdom, 15% Europe ex UK, 5.5% Asia ex Japan, 9% Japan and 7% Rest of World.

The sub-fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 5, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The market composite benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (30%), Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield GBP Hedged Index (5%), MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (53%), MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Markets Index (7%) and the Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%). Benchmark performance is evaluated over a rolling twelve-month investment cycle.

## Portfolio Changes

Largest Purchases	Cost (£'000)	Largest Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	30,627	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	28,611
SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	24,346	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	24,581
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	23,791	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	21,237
iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	16,743	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	14,387
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	15,849	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	13,702
iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	12,900	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	12,931
iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	11,735	iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	9,044
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	11,403	iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	9,014
SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	10,665	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF USD	8,301
iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	9,924	iShares Diversified Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD	8,277
Other purchases	139,689	Other sales	129,066
Total purchases for the year	307,672	Total sales for the year	279,151

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio Comparative Table

	X Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2017 (Pence per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	127.09	128.96	117.04
Return before operating charges*	11.48	(0.45)	13.43
Operating charges	(1.47)	(1.42)	(1.51)
Return after operating charges*	10.01	(1.87)	11.92
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.29)	(0.79)	(1.29)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.29	0.79	1.29
Closing net asset value per share	137.10	127.09	128.96
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.06	0.12
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	7.88%	(1.45%)	10.18%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	156,611	131,997	72,181
Closing number of shares	114,228,454	103,858,692	55,972,761
Operating charges	1.13%	1.08%	1.22%
Direct transaction costs	0.06%	0.05%	0.10%
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>
Highest share price	139.09	135.80	129.19
Lowest share price	119.95	125.42	114.39

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Comparative Table (continued)

	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Cents [\$] per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	102.29	102.53	100.00
Return before operating charges*	11.17	0.89	3.76
Operating charges	(1.21)	(1.13)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges*	9.96	(0.24)	2.53
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.22)	(0.57)	(0.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.22	0.57	0.09
Closing net asset value per share	112.25	102.29	102.53
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.07	0.02
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	9.74%	(0.23%)	2.53%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,058	797	747
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	1,371	1,017	988
Closing number of shares	1,221,272	994,273	963,718
Operating charges	1.13%	1.08%	1.22% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.06%	0.05%	0.10% <sup>C</sup>
Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$)	1.2962	1.2770	1.3221
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>
Highest share price	113.40	108.09	102.71
Lowest share price	96.89	100.95	98.64

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 cents (\$) and commenced pricing on 28th July 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31st October 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
<b>Corporate Bonds (31st October 2018: 10.44%)</b>			
24,057	iShares Core € Corp Bond UCITS ETF EUR	2,784	1.77
1,432,965	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	5,923	3.76
43,316	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,371	2.14
477,450	iShares Global High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,942	1.23
		<b>14,020</b>	<b>8.90</b>
<b>Government Bonds (31st October 2018: 9.49%)</b>			
19,772	iShares \$ Tips UCITS ETF USD	3,325	2.11
18,919	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF USD	1,933	1.23
8,532	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	874	0.55
5,249	iShares € Govt Bond 10-15yr UCITS ETF	886	0.56
9,558	iShares € Govt Bond 1-3 yr UCITS ETF EUR	1,188	0.75
240,178	iShares € Govt Bond 20yr Target Duration UCITS ETF	1,282	0.81
15,712	iShares € Govt Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF EUR	1,870	1.19
7,377	iShares € Govt Bond 7-10yr UCITS ETF EUR	1,097	0.70
10,953	iShares € Inflation Linked Govt Bond UCITS EUR	2,084	1.32
252,361	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ET USD	957	0.61
92,087	iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF GBP	1,303	0.83
90,456	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	7,859	4.98
225,107	iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF	981	0.62
2,513,597	iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	9,560	6.06
558,331	Xtrackers Japan Government Bond UCITS ETF 1C	5,701	3.62
		<b>40,900</b>	<b>25.94</b>
<b>UK Equities (31st October 2018: 0.27%)</b>			
<b>Overseas Equities (31st October 2018: 54.59%)</b>			
73,642	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	2,911	1.85
69,867	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	2,364	1.50
588,723	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	3,191	2.02
127,201	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	3,792	2.41
44,219	iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,176	0.75
63,839	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,537	0.97
643,520	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	2,042	1.30
150,447	iShares MSCI EM Latin America UCITS ETF USD	2,082	1.32
503,869	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	2,098	1.33
21,834	iShares MSCI Mexico Capped UCITS ETF USD	1,810	1.15
19,556	iShares MSCI Russia ADR/GDR UCITS ETF USD	2,136	1.35
1,250,889	iShares S&P 500 Financials Sector UCITS ETF USD	7,375	4.68
55,678	SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	5,270	3.34
31,810	SciBeta HFE Japan Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF	2,819	1.79
18,761	SciBeta HFE Pacific ex-Japan 6F EW UCITS ETF	1,755	1.11
205,863	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	22,090	14.01
		<b>64,448</b>	<b>40.88</b>
<b>Commodity Equities (31st October 2018: 8.85%)</b>			
205,365	iShares Global Water UCITS ETF USD	7,428	4.71
823,105	iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	7,624	4.83
		<b>15,052</b>	<b>9.54</b>
<b>Specialist Equities (31st October 2018: 2.28%)</b>			
1,223,109	iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	7,462	4.73
932,535	iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	7,497	4.75
		<b>14,959</b>	<b>9.48</b>

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## Portfolio Statement (continued)

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31st October 2018: ((1.23%))

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	29/11/2019	20,760,952	24,020,000	79	0.05
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	29/11/2019	13,909,459	1,939,150,000	71	0.05
BNP Paribas	GBP	CHF	29/11/2019	1,392,294	1,770,000	7	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	CAD	29/11/2019	4,680,716	7,890,000	62	0.04
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	29/11/2019	82,416,968	106,200,000	545	0.35
<b>Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts</b>						<b>764</b>	<b>0.49</b>

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st October 2018: 0.02%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	1,373,038	1,102,093	(44)	(0.03)
<b>Net Unrealised Losses on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes</b>						<b>(44)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>
<b>Portfolio of Investments<sup>A</sup></b>						<b>150,099</b>	<b>95.20</b>
Net Current Assets						7,570	4.80
<b>Total Net Assets</b>						<b>157,669</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>A</sup> Net of investment liabilities.

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		8,720		(3,641)
Revenue	4	1,356		1,485	
Expenses	5	(914)		(861)	
Net revenue before taxation		442		624	
Taxation	6	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation			442		624
Total return before distributions			9,162		(3,017)
Distributions	7 & 8		(442)		(624)
<b>Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below)</b>			<b>8,720</b>		<b>(3,641)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		132,821		72,954
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	122,025		69,149	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(106,229)		(6,463)	
		15,796		62,686
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		8,720		(3,641)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		332		822
<b>Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>157,669</b>		<b>132,821</b>

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Investments	17	150,143	114,184
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	9	303	149
Cash and bank balances		7,416	20,451
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>157,862</b>	<b>134,784</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Investment liabilities	17	44	1,666
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Other creditors	10	149	297
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>193</b>	<b>1,963</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>157,669</b>	<b>132,821</b>

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st October 2019

### 1 Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies and Risk Management Policies

For more information please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

### 2 Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Gains on non-derivative securities	5,928	392
Gains/(losses) on forward currency contract	4,352	(1,313)
Other currency losses	(1,552)	(2,713)
Transaction costs	(8)	(7)
<b>Net Capital Gains/(Losses)</b>	<b>8,720</b>	<b>(3,641)</b>

### 3 Direct Transaction Costs

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Purchases</b>		
Exchange traded funds	307,638	117,623
Commissions	34	34
<b>Total Purchases after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>307,672</b>	<b>117,657</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the purchases before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.03%
<b>Sales</b>		
Exchange traded funds	279,181	72,749
Commissions	30	18
<b>Total Sales after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>279,151</b>	<b>72,731</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the sales before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.02%
<b>Total Purchase and Sales Transaction Costs Expressed as a Percentage of the Average Net Asset Value Over the Year</b>		
Commissions	0.06%	0.05%

There were no significant in-specie transfers or corporate actions identified in the year (31st October 2018: nil).

There were no direct transaction costs associated with derivatives identified during the year (31st October 2018: nil). Direct transaction costs are fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

The average portfolio dealing spread as at 31st October 2019 was 0.28% (31st October 2018: 0.25%).

### 4 Revenue

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Overseas interest distributions	570	482
Non-taxable overseas dividends	766	996
Bank interest	20	7
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>1,485</b>

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 5 Expenses

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Payable to the ACD or Associates of the ACD:</b>		
ACD's periodic charge	848	796
KIID production costs	2	2
	850	798
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Depository's fee	36	35
Safe custody charges	20	20
Audit fees <sup>A</sup>	7	8
Report and financial statements production costs	1	-
	64	63
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>861</b>

<sup>A</sup> The audit fee net of VAT for the sub-fund for the current year is £6,150 (31 October 2018: £7,000).

### 6 Taxation

#### a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (b))</b>	-	-

#### b) Factors affecting the taxation charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is lower than the standard 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to the revenue received by Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). OEICs are also exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

The tax charge actually suffered is analysed below:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Net Revenue Before Tax</b>	442	624
Corporation tax at 20% (31st October 2018: 20%)	88	125
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(153)	(199.2)
Unutilised management expenses	65	74
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (a))</b>	-	-

#### c) Provision for deferred taxation

The sub-fund has unutilised management expenses of £912,000 (31st October 2018: £585,000). A deferred tax asset of £182,000 (31st October 2018: £117,000) has not been recognised as it is unlikely that the sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future.

### 7 Distributions

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

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Final dividend (accumulation)	332	822
	332	822
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	275	21
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of shares	(165)	(219)
<b>Total Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>624</b>

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 8 Movement Between Net Revenue and Distributions

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Net revenue after taxation	442	624
<b>Net Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>624</b>

### 9 Debtors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from issue of shares	303	14
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>149</b>

### 10 Other Creditors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	38	147
Spot currency deals awaiting settlement	-	47
ACD and KIID fees payable	99	85
Accrued expenses	12	18
<b>Total Other Creditors</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>297</b>

### 11 Related Party Transactions

IFSL, as ACD, a related party, acts as principal on all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through creations and cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and note 7.

The amounts due from/[to] from the ACD in relation to share transactions and accrued ACD fees are disclosed in notes 9 and 10. As at 31st October 2019 it was £166,000 (31st October 2018: £[83,000]). Amounts paid to IFSL in respect of ACD's periodic charges are disclosed in note 5.

### 12 Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued revenue included in the price of shares purchased during the distribution year (Group 2 shares) which is refunded as part of the shareholders' first distribution for all shares of the same type. As a repayment of capital, equalisation is not liable to income tax but should be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### 13 Share Classes

During the year, the sub-funds could issue shares in the following share classes: X Accumulation; X USD (Hedged) Accumulation and X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation. The annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

	31st October 2019	31st October 2018
X Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation (share class closed on 8th July 2019)	-	0.75%

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in issue for each share class are given in the Comparative Table on pages 46 to 47.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 14 Risks of Financial Instruments

*Market price risk sensitivity* – a five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £7,469,000 (31st October 2018: £5,706,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Foreign currency risk sensitivity* – a five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies would have the effect of increasing the return and net asset value by £5,010,000 (31st October 2018: £736,000). A five per cent increase in the value of sterling would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Interest rate risk sensitivity* – an interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments in the sub-fund are in collective investment schemes. These collective investment schemes may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from their ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets/liabilities as at 31st October 2019 consists of the following:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup>	7,416	20,451
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	54,919	26,472
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	95,527	87,861
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(193)	(1,963)
	<b>157,669</b>	<b>132,821</b>

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets comprise bank balances whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

*Liquidity risk* – the liquidity risk profile of financial liabilities as at 31st October 2019 is as follows:

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2019</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	44	-	-	44
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Other creditors	-	149	-	-	149
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>193</b>

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2018</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	1,666	-	-	1,666
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Other creditors	-	297	-	-	297
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,963</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,963</b>

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

*Derivatives and other financial instruments* – the underlying exposure to forward currency contracts as at 31st October 2019 was £720,000 (31st October 2018: £1,609,000). The counterparty was BNP Paribas.

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 15 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 16 Provisions for Liabilities

There were no provisions for liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 17 Fair Value Hierarchy

Basis of Valuation	31st October 2019	31st October 2019	31st October 2018	31st October 2018
	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1 – quoted prices	149,379	-	114,127	-
Level 2 – observable market data	764	44	57	1,666
Level 3 – unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	<b>150,143</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>114,184</b>	<b>1,666</b>

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or a liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the Fair Value Hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS 102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 – Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 – Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### 18 Shareholders' Fund Reconciliation

	X Accumulation	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation
Opening number of shares	103,858,692	994,273	30,974
Creations during the year	90,306,365	249,248	-
Cancellations during the year	(79,936,603)	(22,249)	(30,974)
<b>Closing Shares in Issue</b>	<b>114,228,454</b>	<b>1,221,272</b>	<b>-</b>

### 19 Post Balance Sheet Events

Since 31st October 2019, the net asset value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	31st October 2019 <sup>A</sup>	17th February 2020	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	137.28	144.98	5.61%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation <sup>B</sup>	112.40	119.17	6.02%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

<sup>B</sup> Prices are quoted in cents [\$] per share.

# Acumen Progressive Portfolio Distribution Table

Final dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.2891	-	0.2891	0.7868
2	0.1041	0.1850	0.2891	0.7868

Final dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.2237	-	0.2237	0.5742
2	0.2237	-	0.2237	0.5742

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st November 2018.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019.

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Fund Information

### Investment Objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

The sub-fund aims to outperform the Market Composite Benchmark over any 3 year period, with income reinvested, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Performance Target: The Market Composite Benchmark for the sub-fund is comprised as follows:

- 22% Bonds –
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (20%)
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Bond GBP Hedged Index (2%)
- 73% Equities –
  - MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (63%)
  - MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (10%)
- 5% Cash –
  - Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%)

The Market Composite Benchmark has been chosen as it broadly reflects the independent risk profiling company's (Distribution Technology) long-term expected asset class volatility target range.

### Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, on a high medium risk strategy. The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 6, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The independent risk profiling company has a risk rating range from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) below.

The sub-fund will invest in a number of different asset classes across global markets, including shares in companies, bonds, property and commodities.

The asset class exposure over an investment cycle will broadly reflect the Market Composite Benchmark as defined above.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will gain exposure to these asset classes by holding exchange traded funds (ETFs) which typically track an index. Through these investments, the Fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments.

No more than 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI – all share classes)



The SRRI aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the share classes based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. This SRRI has changed from 5 to 4 during the year.

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio Investment Manager's Review

for the year ended 31st October 2019

## Percentage change to 31st October 2019

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Since Launch*
Acumen Adventurous Portfolio	3.22%	8.94%	17.61%	37.60%

\*25th January 2016

External source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class X Acc – mid to mid)

The performance of the Acumen Adventurous Portfolio was positive over the year and the Class X Shares returned 8.94% net of fees. The sub-fund is invested in a total of 39 listed exchange traded funds (ETFs). The portfolio is structured to provide multi-asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity and property markets. We have been very pleased with performance over the year on both an absolute and relative basis to the market composite benchmark.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the year was as follows – 15% Government Bonds, 5% Corporate Bonds, 2.5% Inflation-Linked Bonds, 0.5% Emerging Market Bonds, 61% Developed Market Equities, 11.5% Emerging Market Equities, and 4.5% Cash.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the year was as follows – 54.5% North America, 9% United Kingdom, 12.5% Europe ex UK, 7% Asia ex Japan, 8.5% Japan and 8.5% Rest of World.

The sub-fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 6, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The market composite benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (20%), Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield GBP Hedged Index (2%), MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (63%), MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Markets Index (10%) and the Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%). Benchmark performance is evaluated over a rolling twelve-month investment cycle.

## Portfolio Changes

Largest Purchases	Cost (£'000)	Largest Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	30,354	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	25,455
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	29,306	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	16,659
iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	15,172	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	13,009
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	15,103	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	11,204
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	14,844	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF USD	9,162
iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	12,585	iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	8,346
iShares S&P 500 Financials Sector UCITS ETF USD	12,557	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	6,955
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	11,426	iShares Diversified Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD	6,644
SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	9,937	iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF USD	5,526
iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	9,766	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	5,384
Other purchases	152,467	Other sales	92,854
Total purchases for the year	313,517	Total sales for the year	201,198

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio Comparative Table

	X Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2017 (Pence per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	126.15	128.57	116.90
Return before operating charges*	12.78	(0.95)	13.20
Operating charges	(1.51)	(1.47)	(1.53)
Return after operating charges*	11.27	(2.42)	11.67
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.05)	(0.54)	(1.85)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.05	0.54	1.85
Closing net asset value per share	137.42	126.15	128.57
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.06	0.12
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	8.93%	(1.88%)	9.98%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	193,656	77,872	50,956
Closing number of shares	140,923,007	61,729,340	39,631,412
Operating charges	1.15%	1.12%	1.24%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.10%
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>
Highest share price	139.67	135.47	128.85
Lowest share price	117.09	123.99	114.03

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Comparative Table (continued)

	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Cents [\$] per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	101.86	102.54	100.00
Return before operating charges*	12.29	0.50	3.79
Operating charges	(1.23)	(1.18)	(1.25)
Return after operating charges*	11.06	(0.68)	2.54
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.01)	(0.42)	(0.16)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.01	0.42	0.16
Closing net asset value per share	112.92	101.86	102.54
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.07	0.02
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	10.86%	(0.66%)	2.54%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	514	442	415
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	667	563	549
Closing number of shares	590,398	553,318	535,449
Operating charges	1.15%	1.12%	1.24% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.10% <sup>C</sup>
Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$)	1.2962	1.2770	1.3221
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>
Highest share price	114.29	108.23	102.79
Lowest share price	94.91	100.15	98.55

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 cents [\$] and commenced pricing on 28th July 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31st October 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
<b>Corporate Bonds (31st October 2018: 4.39%)</b>			
20,890	iShares Core € Corp Bond UCITS ETF EUR	2,417	1.24
733,741	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,033	1.56
37,599	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	2,926	1.51
244,501	iShares Global High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	994	0.51
		<b>9,370</b>	<b>4.82</b>
<b>Government Bonds (31st October 2018: 2.65%)</b>			
17,165	iShares \$ Tips UCITS ETF USD	2,887	1.49
16,432	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF USD	1,679	0.86
7,407	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	759	0.39
4,556	iShares € Govt Bond 10-15yr UCITS ETF	768	0.40
8,298	iShares € Govt Bond 1-3 yr UCITS ETF EUR	1,031	0.53
208,476	iShares € Govt Bond 20yr Target Duration UCITS ETF	1,113	0.57
13,645	iShares € Govt Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF EUR	1,624	0.84
6,402	iShares € Govt Bond 7-10yr UCITS ETF EUR	952	0.49
9,512	iShares € Inflation Linked Govt Bond UCITS EUR	1,810	0.93
128,106	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ET USD	486	0.25
79,965	iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF GBP	1,131	0.58
78,525	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	6,822	3.51
115,308	iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF	503	0.26
2,181,369	iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	8,297	4.27
484,551	Xtrackers Japan Government Bond UCITS ETF 1C	4,948	2.55
		<b>34,810</b>	<b>17.92</b>
<b>UK Equities (31st October 2018: 0.31%)</b>			
<b>Overseas Equities (31st October 2018: 67.56%)</b>			
93,654	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	3,702	1.91
88,853	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	3,006	1.55
748,708	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	4,058	2.09
161,768	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	4,822	2.48
56,236	iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,496	0.77
81,187	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,955	1.01
1,124,767	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	3,569	1.84
262,956	iShares MSCI EM Latin America UCITS ETF USD	3,639	1.87
880,680	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	3,667	1.89
38,158	iShares MSCI Mexico Capped UCITS ETF USD	3,164	1.63
34,181	iShares MSCI Russia ADR/GDR UCITS ETF USD	3,734	1.92
2,143,346	iShares S&P 500 Financials Sector UCITS ETF USD	12,637	6.51
70,850	SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	6,706	3.4
40,475	SciBeta HFE Japan Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF	3,587	1.85
23,878	SciBeta HFE Pacific ex-Japan 6F EW UCITS ETF	2,234	1.15
261,806	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	28,093	14.47
		<b>90,069</b>	<b>46.39</b>
<b>Commodity Equities (31st October 2018: 12.08%)</b>			
351,885	iShares Global Water UCITS ETF USD	12,728	6.56
1,410,496	iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	13,065	6.73
		<b>25,793</b>	<b>13.29</b>
<b>Specialist Equities (31st October 2018: 3.96%)</b>			
2,095,747	iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	12,785	6.58
1,597,955	iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	12,846	6.62
		<b>25,631</b>	<b>13.20</b>

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement (continued)

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31st October 2018: (1.31%))

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	29/11/2019	18,919,952	21,890,000	72	0.04
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	29/11/2019	15,642,233	2,180,720,000	80	0.04
BNP Paribas	GBP	CHF	29/11/2019	1,101,250	1,400,000	6	-
BNP Paribas	GBP	CAD	29/11/2019	7,593,556	12,800,000	100	0.05
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	29/11/2019	101,422,539	130,690,000	671	0.35
<b>Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts</b>						<b>929</b>	<b>0.48</b>

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st October 2018: 0.02%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	666,950	535,339	(22)	(0.01)
<b>Net Unrealised Losses on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes</b>						<b>(22)</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>
<b>Portfolio of Investments<sup>A</sup></b>						<b>186,580</b>	<b>96.09</b>
Net Current Assets						7,591	3.91
<b>Total Net Assets</b>						<b>194,171</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>A</sup> Net of investment liabilities.

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		4,860		(2,136)
Revenue	4	749		881	
Expenses	5	(661)		(585)	
Net revenue before taxation		88		296	
Taxation	6	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation			88		296
Total return before distributions			4,948		(1,840)
Distributions	7 & 8		(88)		(296)
<b>Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below)</b>			<b>4,860</b>		<b>(2,136)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		78,332		51,386
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	161,412		32,469	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(50,497)		(3,720)	
		110,915		28,749
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		4,860		(2,136)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		64		333
<b>Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>194,171</b>		<b>78,332</b>

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Investments	17	186,602	71,283
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	9	134	57
Cash and bank balances		7,791	8,250
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>194,527</b>	<b>79,590</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Investment liabilities	17	22	1,050
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Other creditors	10	334	208
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>356</b>	<b>1,258</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>194,171</b>	<b>78,332</b>

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st October 2019

### 1 Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies and Risk Management Policies

For more information please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

### 2 Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Gains on non-derivative securities	1,494	649
Gains/(losses) on forward currency contract	3,557	(961)
Other currency losses	(185)	(1,818)
Transaction costs	(6)	(6)
<b>Net Capital Gains/(Losses)</b>	<b>4,860</b>	<b>(2,136)</b>

### 3 Direct Transaction Costs

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Purchases</b>		
Exchange traded funds	313,494	72,254
Commissions	23	22
<b>Total Purchases after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>313,517</b>	<b>72,276</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the purchases before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.03%
<b>Sales</b>		
Exchange traded funds	201,218	49,737
Commissions	21	12
<b>Total Sales after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>201,198</b>	<b>49,725</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the sales before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.02%
<b>Total Purchase and Sales Transaction Costs Expressed as a Percentage of the Average Net Asset Value Over the Year</b>		
Commissions	0.05%	0.05%

There were no significant in-specie transfers or corporate actions identified in the year (31st October 2018: nil).

There were no direct transaction costs associated with derivatives identified during the year (31st October 2018: nil). Direct transaction costs are fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative or holding costs.

The average portfolio dealing spread as at 31st October 2019 was 0.28% (31st October 2018: 0.28%).

### 4 Revenue

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Overseas interest distributions	137	129
Non-taxable overseas dividends	601	750
Bank interest	11	2
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>881</b>

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 5 Expenses

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Payable to the ACD or Associates of the ACD:</b>		
ACD's periodic charge	611	538
KIID production costs	2	2
	613	540
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Depository's fee	26	24
Safe custody charges	14	14
Audit fees <sup>A</sup>	7	8
Report and financial statements production costs	1	(1)
	48	45
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>585</b>

<sup>A</sup> The audit fee net of VAT for the sub-fund for the current year is £6,150 (31 October 2018: £7,000).

### 6 Taxation

#### a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (b))</b>	-	-

#### b) Factors affecting the taxation charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is lower than the standard 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to the revenue received by Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). OEICs are also exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

The tax charge actually suffered is analysed below:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Net Revenue Before Tax</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>296</b>
Corporation tax at 20% (31st October 2018: 20%)	18	59
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(120)	(150)
Unutilised management expenses	102	91
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (a))</b>	-	-

#### c) Provision for deferred taxation

The sub-fund has unutilised management expenses of £1,069,000 (31st October 2018: £556,000). A deferred tax asset of £214,000 (31st October 2018: £111,000) has not been recognised as it is unlikely that the sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future.

### 7 Distributions

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

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Final dividend (accumulation)	64	333
	64	333
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	115	8
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of shares	(91)	(45)
<b>Total Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>296</b>

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 8 Movement Between Net Revenue and Distributions

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Net revenue after taxation	88	296
<b>Net Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>296</b>

### 9 Debtors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from issue of shares	134	57
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>57</b>

### 10 Other Creditors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	198	121
Spot currency deals awaiting settlement	-	25
ACD and KIID fees payable	122	50
Accrued expenses	14	12
<b>Total Other Creditors</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>208</b>

### 11 Related Party Transactions

IFSL, as ACD, a related party, acts as principal on all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through creations and cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and note 7.

The amounts due to the ACD in relation to share transactions and accrued ACD fees are disclosed in notes 9 and 10. As at 31st October 2019 it was £186,000 (31st October 2018: £114,000). Amounts paid to IFSL in respect of ACD's periodic charges are disclosed in note 5.

### 12 Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued revenue included in the price of shares purchased during the distribution year (Group 2 shares) which is refunded as part of the shareholders' first distribution for all shares of the same type. As a repayment of capital, equalisation is not liable to income tax but should be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### 13 Share Classes

During the year, the sub-funds could issue shares in the following share classes: X Accumulation; X USD (Hedged) Accumulation and X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation. The annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

	31st October 2019	31st October 2018
X Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation (share class closed on 8th July 2019)	-	0.75%

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in issue for each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 60 to 61.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 14 Risks of Financial Instruments

*Market price risk sensitivity* – a five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £9,284,000 (31st October 2018: £3,563,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Foreign currency risk sensitivity* – a five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies would have the effect of increasing the return and net asset value by £6,356,000 (31st October 2018: £454,000). A five per cent increase in the value of sterling would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Interest rate risk sensitivity* – an interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments in the sub-fund are in collective investment schemes. These collective investment schemes may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from their ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets/liabilities as at 31st October 2019 consists of the following:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup>	7,791	8,250
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	44,180	5,520
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	142,556	65,820
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(356)	(1,258)
	<b>194,171</b>	<b>78,332</b>

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets comprise bank balances whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

*Liquidity risk* – the liquidity risk profile of financial liabilities as at 31st October 2019 is as follows:

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2019</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	22	-	-	22
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Other creditors	-	334	-	-	334
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>356</b>

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2018</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	1,050	-	-	1,050
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Other creditors	-	208	-	-	208
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,258</b>

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

*Derivatives and other financial instruments* – the underlying exposure to forward currency contracts as at 31st October 2019 was £907,000 (31st October 2018: £1,017,000). The counterparty was BNP Paribas.

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 15 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 16 Provisions for Liabilities

There were no provisions for liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 17 Fair Value Hierarchy

Basis of Valuation	31st October 2019	31st October 2019	31st October 2018	31st October 2018
	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1 – quoted prices	185,673	-	71,250	-
Level 2 – observable market data	929	22	33	1,050
Level 3 – unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	<b>186,602</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>71,283</b>	<b>1,050</b>

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or a liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the Fair Value Hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS 102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 – Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 – Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### 18 Shareholders' Fund Reconciliation

	X Accumulation	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation
Opening number of shares	61,729,340	553,318	20,634
Creations during the year	117,346,859	39,783	-
Cancellations during the year	(38,153,192)	(2,703)	(20,634)
<b>Closing Shares in Issue</b>	<b>140,923,007</b>	<b>590,398</b>	<b>-</b>

### 19 Post Balance Sheet Events

Since 31st October 2019, the net asset value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	31st October 2019 <sup>A</sup>	17th February 2020	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	137.60	146.54	6.50%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation <sup>B</sup>	113.07	120.90	6.92%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

<sup>B</sup> Prices are quoted in cents [\$] per share.

# Acumen Adventurous Portfolio Distribution Table

Final dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.0455	-	0.0455	0.5368
2	-	0.0455	0.0455	0.5368

Final dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.0065	-	0.0065	0.4192
2	0.0065	-	0.0065	0.4192

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st November 2018.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019.

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Fund Information

### Investment Objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

The sub-fund aims to outperform the Market Composite Benchmark over any 3 year period, with income reinvested, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Performance Target: The Market Composite Benchmark for the sub-fund is comprised as follows:

- 85% Bonds -
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (65%)
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Bond GBP Hedged Index (20%)
- 10% Equities -
  - MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (8%)
  - MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (2%)
- 5% Cash -
  - Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%)

The Market Composite Benchmark has been chosen as it broadly reflects the independent risk profiling company's (Distribution Technology) long-term expected asset class volatility target range.

### Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, on a low risk strategy. The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 3, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The independent risk profiling company has a risk rating range from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) below.

The sub-fund will invest in a number of different asset classes across global markets, including shares in companies, bonds, property and commodities.

The asset class exposure over an investment cycle will broadly reflect the Market Composite Benchmark as defined above.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will gain exposure to these asset classes by holding exchange traded funds (ETFs) which typically track an index. Through these investments, the sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments.

No more than 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI – all share classes)



The SRRI aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the share classes based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. This SRRI has remained unchanged during the year.

# Acumen Bond Portfolio Investment Manager's Review

for the year ended 31st October 2019

## Percentage change to 31st October 2019

	6 Months	1 Year	Since Launch*
Acumen Bond Portfolio	2.98%	5.54%	1.40%

\*1st June 2017

External source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class X Acc – mid to mid)

The performance of the Acumen Bond Portfolio was positive over the year and the Class X Shares returned 5.54% net of fees. The sub-fund is invested in a total of 39 listed exchange traded funds (ETFs). The portfolio is structured to provide multi-asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity and property markets. We have been very pleased with performance over the year on both an absolute and relative basis to the market composite benchmark.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the year was as follows – 43.5% Government Bonds, 27.5% Corporate Bonds, 7% Inflation-Linked Bonds, 5% Emerging Market Bonds, 9.5% Developed Market Equities, 2.5% Emerging Market Equities and 5% Cash.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the year was as follows – 46% North America, 10.5% United Kingdom, 23.5% Europe ex UK, 4.5% Asia ex Japan, 11% Japan and 4.5% Rest of World.

The sub-fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 3, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The market composite benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (65%), Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield GBP Hedged Index (20%), MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (8%), MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Markets Index (2%) and the Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%). Benchmark performance is evaluated over a rolling twelve-month investment cycle.

## Portfolio Changes

Largest Purchases	Cost (£'000)	Largest Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	21,430	iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	26,697
iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	20,152	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	22,228
iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	19,826	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	20,653
iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	19,801	iShares \$ Floating Rate Bond UCITS ETF USD	19,250
Xtrackers II Japan Government Bond UCITS ETF 1C	16,338	iShares \$ Short Duration High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	17,088
iShares \$ Short Duration High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	13,366	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	16,782
iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF	12,135	Xtrackers II Japan Government Bond UCITS ETF 1C	15,841
iShares J.P. Morgan EM Local Government UCITS ETF	9,312	iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF	12,149
iShares Core € Corp Bond UCITS ETF EUR	8,633	iShares \$ Ultrashort Bond UCITS ETF USD	10,641
iShares \$ Floating Rate Bond UCITS ETF USD	8,170	iShares £ Ultrashort Bond UCITS ETF GBP	10,534
Other purchases	95,998	Other sales	121,012
Total purchases for the year	245,161	Total sales for the year	292,875

# Acumen Bond Portfolio Comparative Table

	X Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Pence per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	95.99	99.16	100.00
Return before operating charges*	6.39	(2.15)	0.29
Operating charges	(1.10)	(1.02)	(1.13)
Return after operating charges*	5.29	(3.17)	(0.84)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.29)	(1.67)	(0.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.29	1.67	0.09
Closing net asset value per share	101.28	95.99	99.16
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.04	0.05
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	5.51%	(3.20%)	(0.84%)
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,392	67,178	68,910
Closing number of shares	29,019,210	69,984,157	69,496,074
Operating charges	1.10%	1.04%	1.13% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.05% <sup>C</sup>
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>
Highest share price	103.60	99.47	100.54
Lowest share price	95.79	95.75	99.11

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 26th June 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Comparative Table (continued)

	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Cents [\$] per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	97.97	99.92	100.00
Return before operating charges*	8.18	(0.92)	1.05
Operating charges	(1.13)	(1.03)	(1.13)
Return after operating charges*	7.05	(1.95)	(0.08)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.35)	(1.63)	(0.07)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.35	1.63	0.07
Closing net asset value per share	105.02	97.97	99.92
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.05	0.04
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	7.20%	(1.95%)	(0.08%)
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	155	43	41
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	201	55	54
Closing number of shares	191,750	55,728	53,636
Operating charges	1.10%	1.04%	1.13% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.05% <sup>C</sup>
Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$)	1.2962	1.2770	1.3221
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>
Highest share price	107.24	100.24	101.04
Lowest share price	97.74	97.61	99.00

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 cents [\$] and commenced pricing on 28th July 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31st October 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
<b>Corporate Bonds (31st October 2018: 53.99%)</b>			
9,306	iShares Core € Corp Bond UCITS ETF EUR	1,077	3.65
1,042,359	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	4,309	14.58
16,628	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,294	4.38
352,367	iShares Global High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,433	4.85
		<b>8,113</b>	<b>27.46</b>
<b>Government Bonds (31st October 2018: 38.99%)</b>			
7,503	iShares \$ Tips UCITS ETF USD	1,262	4.27
7,255	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF USD	741	2.51
3,261	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	334	1.13
1,999	iShares € Govt Bond 10-15yr UCITS ETF	337	1.14
3,701	iShares € Govt Bond 1-3 yr UCITS ETF EUR	460	1.56
91,229	iShares € Govt Bond 20yr Target Duration UCITS ETF	487	1.65
6,059	iShares € Govt Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF EUR	721	2.44
2,821	iShares € Govt Bond 7-10yr UCITS ETF EUR	420	1.42
4,193	iShares € Inflation Linked Govt Bond UCITS EUR	798	2.70
185,948	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ET USD	705	2.39
35,449	iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF GBP	502	1.70
34,354	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	2,985	10.10
165,104	iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF	720	2.44
962,579	iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	3,661	12.39
212,121	Xtrackers Japan Government Bond UCITS ETF 1C	2,166	7.33
		<b>16,299</b>	<b>55.17</b>
<b>Overseas Equities (31st October 2018: nil)</b>			
3,714	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	147	0.50
3,524	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	119	0.40
29,690	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	161	0.54
6,415	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	191	0.65
2,230	iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	59	0.20
3,220	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	78	0.26
47,720	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	151	0.51
11,157	iShares MSCI EM Latin America UCITS ETF USD	154	0.52
37,364	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	156	0.53
1,617	iShares MSCI Mexico Capped UCITS ETF USD	134	0.45
1,450	iShares MSCI Russia ADR/GDR UCITS ETF USD	158	0.53
18,012	iShares S&P 500 Financials Sector UCITS ETF USD	106	0.36
2,802	SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	265	0.90
1,601	SciBeta HFE Japan Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF	142	0.48
943	SciBeta HFE Pacific ex-Japan 6F EW UCITS ETF	88	0.30
10,353	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	1,111	3.76
		<b>3,220</b>	<b>10.89</b>
<b>Commodity Equities (31st October 2018: nil)</b>			
2,957	iShares Global Water UCITS ETF USD	107	0.36
11,869	iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	110	0.37
		<b>217</b>	<b>0.73</b>
<b>Specialist Equities (31st October 2018: nil)</b>			
17,612	iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	107	0.36
13,439	iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	108	0.37
		<b>215</b>	<b>0.73</b>

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement (continued)

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31st October 2018: (1.26%))

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	29/11/2019	7,147,921	8,270,000	27	0.09
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	29/11/2019	3,130,211	436,390,000	16	0.05
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	29/11/2019	14,698,469	18,940,000	97	0.33
<b>Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts</b>						<b>140</b>	<b>0.47</b>

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st October 2018: nil)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	20/12/2019	3,487	4,488	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	205,668	165,083	(6)	(0.02)
<b>Net Unrealised Losses on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes</b>						<b>(6)</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>
<b>Portfolio of Investments<sup>A</sup></b>						<b>28,198</b>	<b>95.43</b>
Net Current Assets						1,349	4.57
<b>Total Net Assets</b>						<b>29,547</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>A</sup> Net of investment liabilities.

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		7,032		(4,017)
Revenue	4	1,921		2,140	
Expenses	5	(780)		(661)	
Net revenue before taxation		1,141		1,479	
Taxation	6	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation			1,141		1,479
Total return before distributions			8,173		(2,538)
Distributions	7 & 8		(1,141)		(1,479)
<b>Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below)</b>			<b>7,032</b>		<b>(4,017)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		67,232		68,974
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	150,989		33,456	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(196,083)		(32,354)	
		(45,094)		1,102
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		7,032		(4,017)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		377		1,173
<b>Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>29,547</b>		<b>67,232</b>

# Acumen Bond Portfolio Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Investments	17	28,204	62,513
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	9	-	8
Cash and bank balances		1,405	5,895
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>29,609</b>	<b>68,416</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Investment liabilities	17	6	851
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Other creditors	10	56	333
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>1,184</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>29,547</b>	<b>67,232</b>

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st October 2019

### 1 Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies and Risk Management Policies

For more information please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

### 2 Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Gains/(losses) on non-derivative securities	13,188	(1,303)
Losses on forward currency contracts	(5,601)	(603)
Other currency losses	(549)	(2,109)
Transaction costs	(6)	(2)
<b>Net Capital Gains/(Losses)</b>	<b>7,032</b>	<b>(4,017)</b>

### 3 Direct Transaction Costs

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Purchases</b>		
Exchange traded funds	245,135	60,356
Commissions	26	15
<b>Total Purchases after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>245,161</b>	<b>60,371</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the purchases before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.02%
<b>Sales</b>		
Exchange traded funds	292,889	60,941
Commissions	14	15
<b>Total Sales after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>292,875</b>	<b>60,926</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the sales before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.00%	0.02%
<b>Total Purchase and Sales Transaction Costs Expressed as a Percentage of the Average Net Asset Value Over the Year</b>		
Commissions	0.04%	0.04%

There were no significant in-specie transfers or corporate actions identified in the year (31st October 2018: nil).

There were no direct transaction costs associated with derivatives identified during the year (31st October 2018: nil). Direct transaction costs are fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

The average portfolio dealing spread as at 31st October 2019 was 0.25% (31st October 2018: 0.20%).

### 4 Revenue

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Overseas interest distributions	1,903	2,133
Bank interest	18	7
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>2,140</b>

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 5 Expenses

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Payable to the ACD or Associates of the ACD:</b>		
ACD's periodic charge	719	603
KIID production costs	2	2
	721	605
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Depository's fee	31	27
Safe custody charges	20	15
Audit fee <sup>A</sup>	7	10
Report and financial statements production costs	1	1
Debit bank interest	-	3
	59	56
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>661</b>

<sup>A</sup> The audit fee net of VAT for the sub-fund for the current year is £6,150 (31 October 2018: £7,000).

### 6 Taxation

#### a) Analysis of the tax charge in the year

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (b))</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### b) Factors affecting the taxation charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is lower than the standard 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to the revenue received by Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). OEICs are also exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

The tax charge actually suffered is analysed below:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Net Revenue Before Tax</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>1,479</b>
Corporation tax at 20% (31st October 2018: 20%)	228	296
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Interest distribution allowable for taxation	(228)	(296)
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (a))</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### c) Provision for deferred taxation

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

### 7 Distributions

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

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Final dividend (accumulation)	377	1,173
	377	1,173
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	2,190	489
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of shares	(1,426)	(183)
<b>Total Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>1,479</b>

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 8 Movement Between Net Revenue and Distributions

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Net revenue after taxation	1,141	1,479
<b>Net Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>1,479</b>

### 9 Debtors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from issue of shares	-	10
Other debtors	-	(2)
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>

### 10 Other Creditors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	27	279
ACD and KIID fees payable	19	43
Accrued expenses	10	11
<b>Total Other Creditors</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>333</b>

### 11 Related Party Transactions

IFSL, as ACD, a related party, acts as principal on all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through creations and cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and note 7.

The amounts due to the ACD in relation to share transactions and accrued ACD fees are disclosed in notes 9 and 10. As at 31st October 2019 it was £46,000 (31st October 2018: £312,000). Amounts paid to IFSL in respect of ACD's periodic charges are disclosed in note 5.

### 12 Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued revenue included in the price of shares purchased during the distribution year (Group 2 shares) which is refunded as part of the shareholders' first distribution for all shares of the same type. As a repayment of capital, equalisation is not liable to income tax but should be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### 13 Share Classes

During the year, the sub-funds could issue shares in the following share classes: X Accumulation; X USD (Hedged) Accumulation and X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation. The annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

	31st October 2019	31st October 2018
X Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation (share class closed on 8th July 2019)	-	0.75%

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in issue for each share class are given in the Comparative Table on pages 74 to 75.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 14 Risks of Financial Instruments

*Market price risk sensitivity* – a five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £1,403,000 (31st October 2018: £3,125,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Foreign currency risk sensitivity* – a five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies would have the effect of increasing the return and net asset value by £802,000 (31st October 2018: £663,000) A five per cent increase in the value of sterling would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Interest rate risk sensitivity* – an interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments in the sub-fund are in collective investment schemes. These collective investment schemes may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from their ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets/liabilities as at 31st October 2019 consists of the following:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup>	1,405	5,895
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	24,410	62,506
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	3,794	15
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(62)	(1,184)
	<b>29,547</b>	<b>67,232</b>

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets comprise bank balances whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

*Liquidity risk* – the liquidity risk profile of financial liabilities as at 31st October 2018 is as follows:

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2019</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	6	-	-	6
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Bank overdraft	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	56	-	-	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62</b>

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2018</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	851	-	-	851
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Bank overdraft	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	333	-	-	333
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,184</b>

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

*Derivatives and other financial instruments* – the underlying exposure to forward currency contracts as at 31st October 2019 was £134,000 (31st October 2018: £844,000). The counterparty was BNP Paribas.

# Acumen Bond Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 15 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 16 Provisions for Liabilities

There were no provisions for liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 17 Fair Value Hierarchy

Basis of Valuation	31st October 2019	31st October 2019	31st October 2018	31st October 2018
	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1 – quoted prices	28,064	-	62,506	-
Level 2 – observable market data	140	6	7	851
Level 3 – unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	<b>28,204</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>62,513</b>	<b>851</b>

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or a liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the Fair Value Hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS 102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 – Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 – Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### 18 Shareholders' Fund Reconciliation

	X Accumulation	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation
Opening number of shares	69,984,157	55,728	12,809
Creations during the year	154,661,892	136,022	-
Cancellations during the year	(195,626,839)	-	(12,809)
<b>Closing Shares in Issue</b>	<b>29,019,210</b>	<b>191,750</b>	<b>-</b>

### 19 Post Balance Sheet Events

Since 31st October 2019, the net asset value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	31st October 2019 <sup>A</sup>	17th February 2020	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	101.40	103.71	2.28%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation <sup>B</sup>	105.14	107.89	2.62%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

<sup>B</sup> Prices are quoted in cents [\$] per share.

# Acumen Bond Portfolio Distribution Table

Final dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	1.2916	-	1.2916	1.6744
2	0.3597	0.9319	1.2916	1.6744

Final dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	1.3480	-	1.3480	1.6251
2	1.0267	0.3213	1.3480	1.6251

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st November 2018.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019.

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Fund Information

### Investment Objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

The sub-fund aims to outperform the Market Composite Benchmark over any 3 year period, with income reinvested, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Performance Target: The Market Composite Benchmark for the sub-fund is comprised as follows:

- 10% Bonds –
  - Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (10%)
- 85% Equities –
  - MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (65%)
  - MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (20%)
- 5% Cash –
  - Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%)

The Market Composite Benchmark has been chosen as it broadly reflects the independent risk profiling company's (Distribution Technology) long-term expected asset class volatility target range.

### Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, on a highest medium risk strategy. The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 7, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The independent risk profiling company has a risk rating range from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) below.

The sub-fund will invest in a number of different asset classes across global markets, including shares in companies, bonds, property and commodities.

The asset class exposure over an investment cycle will broadly reflect the Market Composite Benchmark as defined above.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will gain exposure to these asset classes by holding exchange traded funds (ETFs) which typically track an index. Through these investments, the sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments.

No more than 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI – all share classes)



The SRRI aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the share classes based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This sub-fund has been measured as 5 because it has experienced moderate to high volatility historically. This SRRI has remained unchanged during the year.

# Acumen Equity Portfolio Investment Manager's Review

for the year ended 31st October 2019

## Percentage change to 31st October 2019

	6 Months	1 Year	Since Launch*
Acumen Equity Portfolio	2.73%	9.19%	12.13%

\*1st June 2017

External source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class X Acc - mid to mid)

The performance of the Acumen Equity Portfolio was positive over the year and the Class X Shares returned 9.19% net of fees. The sub-fund is invested in a total of 35 listed exchange traded funds (ETFs). The portfolio is structured to provide global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity markets. We have been very pleased with performance over the year on both an absolute and relative basis to the market composite benchmark.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the year was as follows – 8.5% Government Bonds, 1.5% Corporate Bonds, 1.5% Inflation-Linked Bonds, 63% Developed Market Equities, 22% Emerging Market Equities and 3.5% Cash.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the year was as follows – 50.5% North America, 7.5% United Kingdom, 9.5% Europe ex UK, 11% Asia ex Japan, 7% Japan and 14.5% Rest of World.

The sub-fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 7, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The market composite benchmark is the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond GBP Hedged Index (10%), MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (65%), MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Markets Index (20%) and the Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%). Benchmark performance is evaluated over a rolling twelve-month investment cycle.

## Portfolio Changes

Largest Purchases	Cost (£'000)	Largest Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	35,899	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	32,559
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	31,539	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	31,580
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	22,926	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	26,679
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	17,652	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	16,903
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	17,280	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF USD	16,182
iShares MSCI EM Latin America UCITS ETF USD	16,340	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	15,849
SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	16,280	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	15,708
iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF USD	15,981	iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	14,256
iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	15,573	SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	13,845
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	14,384	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	13,327
Other purchases	98,981	Other sales	89,827
Total purchases for the year	302,835	Total sales for the year	286,715

# Acumen Equity Portfolio Comparative Table

	X Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Pence per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	102.56	104.07	100.00
Return before operating charges*	10.70	(0.28)	5.31
Operating charges	(1.29)	(1.23)	(1.24)
Return after operating charges*	9.41	(1.51)	4.07
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.12)	(0.05)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.12	0.05	-
Closing net asset value per share	111.97	102.56	104.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.04	0.07
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	9.18%	(1.45%)	4.07%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	72,752	42,135	27,652
Closing number of shares	64,975,927	41,081,628	26,570,408
Operating charges	1.19%	1.15%	1.23% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.07% <sup>C</sup>
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>
Highest share price	114.82	111.86	104.25
Lowest share price	94.39	100.31	98.51

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 26th June 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Comparative Table (continued)

	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Cents [\$] per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	103.97	104.05	100.00
Return before operating charges*	12.89	1.16	5.29
Operating charges	(1.30)	(1.24)	(1.24)
Return after operating charges*	11.59	(0.08)	4.05
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.10)	(0.06)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.10	0.06	-
Closing net asset value per share	115.56	103.97	104.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.05	0.05
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	11.15%	(0.08%)	4.05%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	325	305	287
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	421	390	380
Closing number of shares	364,005	375,054	365,118
Operating charges	1.19%	1.15%	1.23% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.07% <sup>C</sup>
Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$)	1.2962	1.2770	1.3221
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>
Highest share price	117.90	112.33	104.22
Lowest share price	96.03	101.71	98.53

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 cents [\$] and commenced pricing on 28th July 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31st October 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
<b>UK Equities (31st October 2018: 0.30%)</b>			
<b>Corporate Bonds (31st October 2018: nil)</b>			
4,484	iShares Core € Corp Bond UCITS ETF EUR	519	0.71
8,070	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	628	0.86
		<b>1,147</b>	<b>1.57</b>
<b>Government Bonds (31st October 2018: nil)</b>			
3,685	iShares \$ Tips UCITS ETF USD	620	0.85
3,528	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF USD	360	0.49
1,590	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	163	0.22
978	iShares € Govt Bond 10-15yr UCITS ETF	165	0.23
1,782	iShares € Govt Bond 1-3 yr UCITS ETF EUR	221	0.30
44,736	iShares € Govt Bond 20yr Target Duration UCITS ETF	239	0.33
2,929	iShares € Govt Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF EUR	349	0.48
1,374	iShares € Govt Bond 7-10yr UCITS ETF EUR	204	0.28
2,041	iShares € Inflation Linked Govt Bond UCITS EUR	388	0.53
17,166	iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF GBP	243	0.33
16,852	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,464	2.00
468,001	iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	1,780	2.44
103,961	Xtrackers Japan Government Bond UCITS ETF 1C	1,062	1.45
		<b>7,258</b>	<b>9.93</b>
<b>Overseas Equities (31st October 2018: 88.21%)</b>			
41,214	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	1,629	2.23
39,101	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,323	1.81
329,480	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	1,786	2.44
71,189	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	2,122	2.90
24,748	iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	658	0.90
35,728	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	860	1.18
914,491	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	2,902	3.97
213,796	iShares MSCI EM Latin America UCITS ETF USD	2,959	4.05
716,036	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	2,981	4.08
31,031	iShares MSCI Mexico Capped UCITS ETF USD	2,573	3.52
27,791	iShares MSCI Russia ADR/GDR UCITS ETF USD	3,036	4.15
721,057	iShares S&P 500 Financials Sector UCITS ETF USD	4,251	5.82
31,146	SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	2,948	4.03
17,796	SciBeta HFE Japan Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF	1,577	2.16
10,493	SciBeta HFE Pacific ex-Japan 6F EW UCITS ETF	982	1.34
115,141	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	12,355	16.91
		<b>44,942</b>	<b>61.49</b>
<b>Commodity Equities (31st October 2018: 3.36%)</b>			
118,380	iShares Global Water UCITS ETF USD	4,282	5.86
475,115	iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	4,401	6.02
		<b>8,683</b>	<b>11.88</b>
<b>Specialist Equities (31st October 2018: Nil)</b>			
705,043	iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	4,301	5.89
537,960	iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	4,325	5.92
		<b>8,626</b>	<b>11.81</b>

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement (continued)

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31st October 2018: (1.29%))

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	29/11/2019	4,831,545	5,590,000	18	0.02
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	29/11/2019	5,130,967	715,320,000	26	0.04
BNP Paribas	GBP	CHF	29/11/2019	794,473	1,010,000	5	0.01
BNP Paribas	GBP	CAD	29/11/2019	2,639,947	4,450,000	35	0.05
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	29/11/2019	34,945,726	45,030,000	231	0.32
<b>Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts</b>						<b>315</b>	<b>0.44</b>

### Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st October 2018: 0.02%)

Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	20/12/2019	7,054	8,776	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	422,426	339,068	(14)	(0.02)
<b>Net Unrealised Losses on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes</b>						<b>(14)</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>
<b>Portfolio of Investments<sup>A</sup></b>						<b>70,957</b>	<b>97.10</b>
Net Current Assets						2,120	2.90
<b>Total Net Assets</b>						<b>73,077</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>A</sup> Net of investment liabilities.

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		9,651		(914)
Revenue	4	441		363	
Expenses	5	(891)		(333)	
Net (expense)/revenue before taxation		(450)		30	
Taxation	6	-		-	
Net (expense)/revenue before taxation			(450)		30
Total return before distributions			9,201		(884)
Distributions	7 & 8		450		(30)
<b>Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below)</b>			<b>9,651</b>		<b>(914)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		42,452		27,948
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	196,781		17,786	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(175,886)		(2,389)	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		20,895		15,397
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		79		21
<b>Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>73,077</b>		<b>42,452</b>

# Acumen Equity Portfolio Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Investments	17	70,971	39,029
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	9	66	26
Cash and bank balances		2,128	4,245
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>73,165</b>	<b>43,300</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Investment liabilities	17	14	568
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Bank overdraft		-	158
Other creditors	10	74	122
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>848</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>73,077</b>	<b>42,452</b>

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st October 2019

### 1 Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies and Risk Management Policies

For more information please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

### 2 Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Gains on non-derivative securities	15,116	588
Losses on forward currency contracts	(4,907)	(477)
Other currency losses	(554)	(1,021)
Transaction costs	(4)	(4)
<b>Net Capital Gains/(Losses)</b>	<b>9,651</b>	<b>(914)</b>

### 3 Direct Transaction Costs

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Purchases</b>		
Exchange traded funds	302,806	31,593
Commissions	29	10
<b>Total Purchases after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>302,835</b>	<b>31,603</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the purchases before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.03%
<b>Sales</b>		
Exchange traded funds	286,730	19,606
Commissions	15	5
<b>Total Sales after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>286,715</b>	<b>19,601</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the sales before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.03%
<b>Total Purchase and Sales Transaction Costs Expressed as a Percentage of the Average Net Asset Value Over the Year</b>		
Commissions	0.04%	0.04%

There were no significant in-specie transfers or corporate actions identified in the year (31st October 2018: nil).

There were no direct transaction costs associated with derivatives identified during the year (31st October 2018: nil). Direct transaction costs are fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

The average portfolio dealing spread as at 31st October 2019 was 0.30% (31st October 2018: 0.28%).

### 4 Revenue

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Non-taxable overseas dividends	417	361
Overseas interest distributions	11	-
Bank interest	13	2
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>363</b>

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 5 Expenses

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Payable to the ACD or Associates of the ACD:</b>		
ACD's periodic charge	822	299
KIID production costs	2	1
	824	300
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Depository's fee	35	14
Safe custody charges	24	8
Audit fees <sup>A</sup>	7	10
Report and financial statements production costs	1	1
	67	33
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>333</b>

<sup>A</sup> The audit fee net of VAT for the sub-fund for the current year is £6,150 (31 October 2018: £7,000).

### 6 Taxation

#### a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (b))</b>	-	-

#### b) Factors affecting the taxation charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is lower than the standard 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to the revenue received by Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). OEICs are also exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

The tax charge actually suffered is analysed below:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Net (Expense)/Revenue Before Tax</b>	<b>(450)</b>	<b>30</b>
Corporation tax at 20% (31st October 2018: 20%)	(90)	6
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(83)	(73)
Unutilised management expenses	173	67
<b>Total Tax Charge for Year (note (a))</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### c) Provision for deferred taxation

The sub-funds has unutilised management expenses of £1,272,000 (31st October 2018: £405,000). A deferred tax asset of £254,000 (31st October 2018: £81,000) has not been recognised as it is unlikely that the sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future.

### 7 Distributions

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

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Final dividend (accumulation)	79	21
	79	21
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	209	(3)
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of shares	(738)	12
<b>Total Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>(450)</b>	<b>30</b>

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 8 Movement Between Net (Expense)/Revenue and Distributions

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Net (expense)/revenue after taxation	(450)	30
<b>Net Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>(450)</b>	<b>30</b>

### 9 Debtors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from issue of shares	66	26
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>26</b>

### 10 Other Creditors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	15	70
Spot currency deals awaiting settlement	-	13
ACD and KIID fees payable	46	28
Accrued expenses	13	11
<b>Total Other Creditors</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>122</b>

### 11 Related Party Transactions

IFSL, as ACD, a related party, acts as principal on all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through creations and cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and note 7.

The amounts due from/[to] the ACD in relation to share transactions and accrued ACD fees are disclosed in notes 9 and 10. As at 31st October 2019 it was £5,000 (31st October 2018: £[72,000]). Amounts paid to IFSL in respect of ACD's periodic charges are disclosed in note 5.

### 12 Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued revenue included in the price of shares purchased during the distribution year (Group 2 shares) which is refunded as part of the shareholders' first distribution for all shares of the same type. As a repayment of capital, equalisation is not liable to income tax but should be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### 13 Share Classes

During the year, the sub-fund could issue shares in the following share classes: X Accumulation; X USD (Hedged) Accumulation and X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation. The annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

	31st October 2019	31st October 2018
X Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation (share class closed on 8th July 2019)	-	0.75%

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in issue for each share class are given in the Comparative Table on pages 88 to 89.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 14 Risks of Financial Instruments

*Market price risk sensitivity* – a five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £3,533,000 (31st October 2018: £1,950,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Foreign currency risk sensitivity* – a five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies would have the effect of increasing the return and net asset value by £2,577,000 (31st October 2018: 203,000) A five per cent increase in the value of sterling would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Interest rate risk sensitivity* – an interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments in the sub-fund are in collective investment schemes. These collective investment schemes may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from their ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets/liabilities as at 31st October 2019 consists of the following:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup>	2,128	4,245
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	8,405	–
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	62,632	39,055
Financial liabilities floating rate <sup>A</sup>	–	(158)
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(88)	(690)
	<b>73,077</b>	<b>42,452</b>

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and overdrafts, whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

*Liquidity risk* – the liquidity risk profile of financial liabilities as at 31st October 2019 is as follows:

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2019</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	–	14	–	–	14
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Bank overdraft	–	–	–	–	–
Other creditors	–	74	–	–	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>88</b>

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2018</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	–	568	–	–	–
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Bank overdraft	–	158	–	–	158
Other creditors	–	122	–	–	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>280</b>

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

*Derivatives and other financial instruments* – the underlying exposure to forward currency contracts as at 31st October 2019 was £301,000 (31st October 2018: £543,000). The counterparty was BNP Paribas.

# Acumen Equity Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 15 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 16 Provisions for Liabilities

There were no provisions for liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 17 Fair Value Hierarchy

Basis of Valuation	31st October 2019	31st October 2019	31st October 2018	31st October 2018
	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1 – quoted prices	70,656	-	39,004	-
Level 2 – observable market data	315	14	25	568
Level 3 – unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	<b>70,971</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>39,029</b>	<b>568</b>

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or a liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the Fair Value Hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS 102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 – Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 – Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### 18 Shareholders' Fund Reconciliation

	X Accumulation	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation
Opening number of shares	41,081,628	375,054	13,220
Creations during the year	181,040,287	-	-
Cancellations during the year	(157,145,988)	(11,049)	(13,220)
<b>Closing Shares in Issue</b>	<b>64,975,927</b>	<b>364,005</b>	<b>-</b>

### 19 Post Balance Sheet Events

Since 31st October 2019, the net asset value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	31st October 2019 <sup>A</sup>	17th February 2020	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	112.13	119.48	6.55%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation <sup>B</sup>	115.73	123.76	6.94%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

<sup>B</sup> Prices are quoted in cents [\$] per share.

# Acumen Equity Portfolio Distribution Table

Final dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.1210	-	0.1210	0.0508
2	-	0.1210	0.1210	0.0508

Final dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.0993	-	0.0993	0.0602
2	0.0993	-	0.0993	0.0602

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st November 2018.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019.

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio Fund Information

## Investment Objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

The sub-fund aims to outperform the Market Composite Benchmark over any 3 year period, with income reinvested, after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Performance Target: The Market Composite Benchmark for the sub-fund is comprised as follows:

- 95% Equities –
  - MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (65%)
  - MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (30%)
- 5% Cash –
  - Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%)

The Market Composite Benchmark has been chosen as it broadly reflects the independent risk profiling company's (Distribution Technology) long-term expected asset class volatility target range.

## Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, on a high risk strategy. The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 8, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The independent risk profiling company has a risk rating range from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) below.

The sub-fund will invest in a number of different asset classes across global markets, including shares in companies, bonds, property and commodities.

The asset class exposure over an investment cycle will broadly reflect the Market Composite Benchmark as defined above.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will gain exposure to these asset classes by holding exchange traded funds (ETFs) which typically track an index. Through these investments, the sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments.

No more than 20% of the sub-funds may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

## Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI – all share classes)



The SRRI aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the share classes based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This sub-fund has been measured as 5 because it has experienced moderate to high volatility historically. This SRRI has remained unchanged during the year.

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio Investment Manager's Review

for the year ended 31st October 2019

## Percentage change to 31st October 2019

	6 Months	1 Year	Since Launch*
Acumen Strategic Portfolio	1.74%	7.55%	11.39%

\*1st June 2017

External source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class X Acc - mid to mid)

The performance of the Acumen Strategic Portfolio was positive over the year and the Class X Shares returned 7.55% net of fees. The sub-fund is invested in a total of 20 listed exchange traded funds (ETFs). The portfolio is structured to provide multi-asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, commodity and property markets. We have been very pleased with performance over the year on both an absolute and relative basis to the market composite benchmark.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the year was as follows – 64% Developed Market Equities, 32.5% Emerging Market Equities and 3.5% Cash.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the year was as follows – 44.5% North America, 7% United Kingdom, 6.5% Europe ex UK, 15.5% Asia ex Japan, 5.5% Japan and 21% Rest of World.

The sub-fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 8, as set by an independent risk profiling company. The market composite benchmark is the MSCI World Index GBP Hedged (65%), MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Markets Index (30%) and the Sterling Overnight Index Average (5%). Benchmark performance is evaluated over a rolling twelve-month investment cycle.

## Portfolio Changes

Largest Purchases	Cost (£'000)	Largest Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	9,161	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	7,673
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	8,347	iShares Global Clean Energy UCITS ETF USD	6,591
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	6,477	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	6,479
iShares MSCI Russia ADR/GDR UCITS ETF USD	6,023	iShares Core MSCI EMU UCITS ETF	6,174
iShares Core MSCI EMU UCITS ETF	6,006	iShares MSCI EM SRI UCITS ETF	6,104
iShares MSCI EM SRI UCITS ETF	5,926	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	5,694
iShares MSCI Mexico Capped UCITS ETF USD	5,918	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	5,264
iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	5,879	iShares Global Water UCITS ETF USD	4,606
iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	5,873	iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	4,172
iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	5,803	iShares Diversified Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD	4,086
Other purchases	56,890	Other sales	64,959
Total purchases for the year	122,303	Total sales for the year	121,802

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio Comparative Table

	X Accumulation 31st October 2019 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Pence per Share)	X Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Pence per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	103.46	103.79	100.00
Return before operating charges*	9.08	1.00	5.17
Operating charges	(1.33)	(1.33)	(1.38)
Return after operating charges*	7.75	(0.33)	3.79
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.14)	(0.77)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.14	0.77	-
Closing net asset value per share	111.21	103.46	103.79
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.04	0.06
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	7.49%	(0.32%)	3.79%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	41,331	36,048	20,736
Closing number of shares	37,163,329	34,842,194	19,978,081
Operating charges	1.24%	1.25%	1.37% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.06% <sup>C</sup>
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>	<b>Pence per Share</b>
Highest share price	111.68	110.36	103.98
Lowest share price	95.66	101.56	97.93

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 26th June 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio Comparative Table (continued)

	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th April 2019 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share)	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st October 2017 <sup>A</sup> (Cents [\$] per Share)
<b>Change in Net Assets per Share</b>			
Opening net asset value per share	104.71	103.74	100.00
Return before operating charges*	11.31	2.31	5.13
Operating charges	(1.35)	(1.34)	(1.39)
Return after operating charges*	9.96	0.97	3.74
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.12)	(0.71)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.12	0.71	-
Closing net asset value per share	114.67	104.71	103.74
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.04	0.04
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	9.51%	0.94%	3.74%
<b>Other Information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	235	262	244
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	305	334	323
Closing number of shares	265,736	319,295	311,598
Operating charges	1.24%	1.25%	1.37% <sup>B</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.06% <sup>C</sup>
Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$)	1.2962	1.2770	1.3221
<b>Prices</b>			
	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>	<b>Cents [\$] per Share</b>
Highest share price	115.13	111.50	103.92
Lowest share price	97.21	101.84	98.68

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 1st June 2017 at 100 cents (\$) and commenced pricing on 28th July 2017.

<sup>B</sup> This represents annualised operating charges to 31st October 2017.

<sup>C</sup> This represents annualised direct transaction charges to 31st October 2017.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the year. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the year included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31st October 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %				
<b>Government Bonds (31st October 2018: 0.94%)</b>							
<b>UK Equities (31st October 2018: 0.92%)</b>							
<b>Overseas Equities (31st October 2018: 59.13%)</b>							
26,977	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	1,066	2.56				
25,594	iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF USD	866	2.08				
215,660	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor UCITS ETF USD	1,169	2.81				
46,596	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	1,389	3.34				
16,199	iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF USD	431	1.04				
23,386	iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF USD	563	1.36				
809,355	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	2,568	6.18				
188,728	iShares MSCI EM Latin America UCITS ETF USD	2,612	6.28				
635,978	iShares MSCI India UCITS ETF	2,648	6.37				
27,596	iShares MSCI Mexico Capped UCITS ETF USD	2,288	5.50				
24,680	iShares MSCI Russia ADR/GDR UCITS ETF USD	2,696	6.49				
360,263	iShares S&P 500 Financials Sector UCITS ETF USD	2,124	5.11				
20,354	SciBeta HFE Europe 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	1,927	4.64				
11,632	SciBeta HFE Japan Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF	1,031	2.48				
6,854	SciBeta HFE Pacific ex-Japan 6F EW UCITS ETF	641	1.54				
69,647	SciBeta HFE US Equity 6F EW UCITS ETF EUR	7,473	17.98				
		<b>31,492</b>	<b>75.76</b>				
<b>Commodity Equities (31st October 2018: 18.39%)</b>							
59,213	iShares Global Water UCITS ETF USD	2,142	5.15				
236,785	iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF USD	2,193	5.28				
		<b>4,335</b>	<b>10.43</b>				
<b>Specialist Equities (31st October 2018: 8.42%)</b>							
352,718	iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	2,152	5.18				
268,386	iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	2,158	5.19				
		<b>4,310</b>	<b>10.37</b>				
<b>Property (31st October 2018: 7.91%)</b>							
<b>Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31st October 2018: (1.18%))</b>							
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	EUR	29/11/2019	2,031,151	2,350,000	8	0.02
BNP Paribas	GBP	JPY	29/11/2019	2,241,552	312,500,000	11	0.03
BNP Paribas	GBP	CHF	29/11/2019	487,696	620,000	3	0.01
BNP Paribas	GBP	CAD	29/11/2019	1,293,278	2,180,000	17	0.04
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	29/11/2019	17,740,602	22,860,000	118	0.28
<b>Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts</b>						<b>157</b>	<b>0.38</b>
<b>Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st October 2018: 0.02%)</b>							
Counterparty	Buy	Sell	Settlement	Buy Amount	Sell Amount	Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000	Percentage of Total Net Assets %
BNP Paribas	GBP	USD	20/12/2019	5,290	6,530	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	298,220	239,371	(10)	(0.02)
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	7,729	6,179	-	-
BNP Paribas	USD	GBP	20/12/2019	7,062	5,485	-	-
<b>Net Unrealised Losses on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes</b>						<b>(10)</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>
<b>Portfolio of Investments<sup>A</sup></b>		<b>40,284</b>	<b>96.92</b>				
Net Current Assets		1,282	3.08				
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>41,566</b>	<b>100.00</b>				

<sup>A</sup> Net of investment liabilities.

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		3,183		(632)
Revenue	4	448		478	
Expenses	5	(438)		(267)	
Net revenue before taxation		10		211	
Taxation	6	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation			10		211
Total return before distributions			3,193		(421)
Distributions	7 & 8		(10)		(211)
<b>Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below)</b>			<b>3,183</b>		<b>(632)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 31st October 2019

	31st October 2019		31st October 2018	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		36,318		20,988
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	56,396		17,382	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(54,382)		(1,689)	
		2,014		15,693
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		3,183		(632)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		51		269
<b>Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>41,566</b>		<b>36,318</b>

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2019

	Notes	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Investments	17	40,294	34,782
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	9	79	114
Cash and bank balances		1,336	1,965
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>41,709</b>	<b>36,861</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Investment liabilities	17	10	445
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Bank overdraft		62	-
Other creditors	10	71	98
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>143</b>	<b>543</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders</b>		<b>41,566</b>	<b>36,318</b>

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st October 2019

### 1 Accounting Policies, Distribution Policies and Risk Management Policies

For more information please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 12 to 14.

### 2 Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Gains on non-derivative securities	4,576	534
Losses on forward currency contracts	(846)	(410)
Other currency losses	(544)	(750)
Transaction costs	(3)	(6)
<b>Net Capital Gains/(Losses)</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>(632)</b>

### 3 Direct Transaction Costs

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Purchases</b>		
Exchange traded funds	122,291	27,305
Commissions	12	8
<b>Total Purchases after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>122,303</b>	<b>27,313</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the purchases before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.03%
<b>Sales</b>		
Exchange traded funds	121,812	12,982
Commissions	10	3
<b>Total Sales after Transaction Costs</b>	<b>121,802</b>	<b>12,979</b>
Transaction costs as a percentage of the sales before transaction costs:		
Commissions	0.01%	0.02%
<b>Total Purchase and Sales Transaction Costs Expressed as a Percentage of the Average Net Asset Value Over the Year</b>		
Commissions	0.04%	0.04%

There were no significant in-specie transfers or corporate actions identified in the year (31st October 2018: nil).

There were no direct transaction costs associated with derivatives identified during the year (31st October 2018: nil). Direct transaction costs are fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

The average portfolio dealing spread as at 31st October 2019 was 0.33% (31st October 2018: 0.23%).

### 4 Revenue

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Non-taxable overseas dividends	439	427
Overseas interest distributions	1	48
Bank interest	8	3
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>478</b>

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 5 Expenses

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Payable to the ACD or Associates of the ACD:</b>		
ACD's periodic charge	399	237
KIID production costs	2	2
	401	239
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Depository's fee	18	11
Safe custody charges	11	6
Audit fees <sup>A</sup>	7	10
Report and financial statements production costs	1	1
	37	28
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>267</b>

<sup>A</sup> The audit fee net of VAT for the sub-fund for the current year is £6,150 (31 October 2018: £7,000).

### 6 Taxation

#### a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Total Tax Charge for the Year (note (b))</b>	-	-

#### b) Factors affecting the taxation charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is lower than the standard 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to the revenue received by Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). OEICs are also exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

The tax charge actually suffered is analysed below:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
<b>Net Revenue Before Tax</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>211</b>
Corporation tax at 20% (31st October 2018: 20%)	2	42
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(88)	(85)
Unutilised management expenses	86	43
<b>Total Tax Charge for Year (note (a))</b>	-	-

#### c) Provision for deferred taxation

The sub-funds has unutilised management expenses of £696,000 (31st October 2018: £267,000). A deferred tax asset of £139,000 (31st October 2018: £53,000) has not been recognised as it is unlikely that the sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future.

### 7 Distributions

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

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Final dividend (accumulation)	51	269
	51	269
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	91	9
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of shares	(132)	(67)
<b>Total Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>211</b>

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 8 Movement Between Net Revenue and Distributions

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Net revenue after taxation	10	211
<b>Net Distributions for the Year</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>211</b>

### 9 Debtors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from issue of shares	79	114
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>114</b>

### 10 Other Creditors

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	34	64
ACD and KIID fees payable	27	24
Accrued expenses	10	10
<b>Total Other Creditors</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>98</b>

### 11 Related Party Transactions

IFSL, as ACD, a related party, acts as principal on all transactions of shares in the Company. The aggregate monies received through creations and cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and note 7.

The amounts due from the ACD in relation to share transactions and accrued ACD fees are disclosed in notes 9 and 10. As at 31st October 2019 it was £18,000 (31st October 2018: £26,000). Amounts paid to IFSL in respect of ACD's periodic charges are disclosed in note 5.

### 12 Equalisation

Equalisation is accrued revenue included in the price of shares purchased during the distribution year (Group 2 shares) which is refunded as part of the shareholders' first distribution for all shares of the same type. As a repayment of capital, equalisation is not liable to income tax but should be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### 13 Share Classes

During the year, the sub-fund could issue shares in the following share classes: X Accumulation; X USD (Hedged) Accumulation and X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation. The annual management charge for each share class is as follows:

	31st October 2019	31st October 2018
X Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	0.75%	0.75%
X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation (share class closed on 8th July 2019)	-	0.75%

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in issue for each share class are given in the Comparative Table on pages 102 to 103.

All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

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### 14 Risks of Financial Instruments

*Market price risk sensitivity* – a five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £2,007,000 (31st October 2018: £1,738,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Foreign currency risk sensitivity* – a five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies would have the effect of increasing the return and net asset value by £1,538,000 (31st October 2018: £239,000) A five per cent increase in the value of sterling would have an equal and opposite effect.

*Interest rate risk sensitivity* – an interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments in the sub-fund are in collective investment schemes. These collective investment schemes may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from their ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets/liabilities as at 31st October 2019 consists of the following:

	31st October 2019 £'000	31st October 2018 £'000
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup>	1,336	1,965
Financial assets interest bearing instruments	-	340
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	40,373	34,556
Financial liabilities floating rate <sup>A</sup>	(62)	-
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(81)	(543)
	<b>41,566</b>	<b>36,318</b>

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and overdrafts, whose rates are determined by reference to LIBOR or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

*Liquidity risk* – the liquidity risk profile of financial liabilities as at 31st October 2019 is as follows:

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2019</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	10	-	-	10
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Bank overdraft	62	-	-	-	62
Other creditors	-	71	-	-	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>143</b>

	On Demand £'000	Within One Year £'000	Over One Year but not More Than Five Years £'000	Over Five Years £'000	Total £'000
<b>31st October 2018</b>					
<i>Derivatives</i>					
Investment liabilities	-	445	-	-	445
<i>Non-derivatives</i>					
Bank overdraft	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	98	-	-	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>543</b>

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

*Derivatives and other financial instruments* – the underlying exposure to forward currency contracts as at 31st October 2019 was £147,000 (31st October 2018: £425,000). The counterparty was BNP Paribas.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 15 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 16 Provisions for Liabilities

There were no provisions for liabilities as at 31st October 2019 (31st October 2018: nil).

### 17 Fair Value Hierarchy

Basis of Valuation	31st October 2019	31st October 2019	31st October 2018	31st October 2018
	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1 – quoted prices	40,137	-	34,762	-
Level 2 – observable market data	157	10	20	445
Level 3 – unobservable data	-	-	-	-
	<b>40,294</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>34,782</b>	<b>445</b>

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or a liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the Fair Value Hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS 102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 – Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 – Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### 18 Shareholders' Fund Reconciliation

	X Accumulation	X USD (Hedged) Accumulation	X EUR (Hedged) Accumulation
Opening number of shares	34,842,194	319,295	8,367
Creations during the year	52,480,072	-	-
Cancellations during the year	(50,158,937)	(53,559)	(8,367)
<b>Closing Shares in Issue</b>	<b>37,163,329</b>	<b>265,736</b>	<b>-</b>

### 19 Post Balance Sheet Events

Since 31st October 2019, the net asset value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	31st October 2019 <sup>A</sup>	17th February 2020	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	111.39	119.15	6.97%
X USD (Hedged) Accumulation <sup>B</sup>	114.86	123.26	7.31%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

<sup>B</sup> Prices are quoted in cents [\$] per share.

# Acumen Strategic Portfolio Distribution Table

Final dividend (in pence per share) for X Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.1354	-	0.1354	0.7662
2	-	0.1354	0.1354	0.7662

Final dividend (in cents [\$] per share) for X USD (Hedged) Accumulation shares:

Group	Net Accumulation	Equalisation (Note 12)	31st December 2019 Accumulation Paid	31st December 2018 Accumulation Paid
1	0.1156	-	0.1156	0.7073
2	0.1156	-	0.1156	0.7073

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1st November 2018.

Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019.

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## General Information

It is important to remember that the price of shares, and the income from them, can fall as well as rise and it is not guaranteed that investors will get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Changes in the rate of exchange of currencies, particularly where overseas securities are held, may also affect the value of your investment. The issue of shares may be subject to an initial charge and this is likely to have an impact on the realisable value of your investment, particularly in the short term. You should always regard an ICVC investment as long term.

### **Pricing and Dealing**

Mid prices are always quoted for shares in the sub-funds.

Dealing in all ICVCs operated by IFSL may be carried out between 9 am and 5 pm on any business day. Applications can be made either by completing an application form and delivering it to the ACD at IFSL, Marlborough House, 59 Chorley New Road, Bolton BL1 4QP, or through approved agents.

The Company deals on a forward basis which means that orders received will be dealt with at the price calculated at the next valuation point. Share prices are calculated daily at the valuation point of 12 o'clock midday, and applications for shares should be received by this time to ensure inclusion in the following valuation point.

### **Publication of Prices**

The prices of shares in the sub-funds are currently quoted daily on the following web pages:

[www.ifslfunds.com](http://www.ifslfunds.com)

[www.tavistockwealth.com](http://www.tavistockwealth.com)

[www.fundlistings.com](http://www.fundlistings.com)

Alternatively you can contact the ACD on 0808 178 9321 (between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays, and from 9 am to 12.30 pm on the last valuation day prior to Christmas Day) who will be happy to provide you with the most recent price of your shares.

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