# **Annual Report & Financial Statements**

Elite Balanced Trust

For the year ended 31 May 2023





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<sup>\*</sup> Collectively these comprise the AFM's Report.

#### Authorised Fund Manager's ("AFM") Report

We are pleased to present the Annual Report & Audited Financial Statements for Elite Balanced Trust for the year ended 31 May 2023.

#### **Authorised Status**

Elite Balanced Trust (the "Fund") is a Unit Trust authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), with effect from 5 December 1991.

Unitholders will in no event be liable for the debts of the Fund.

Notices served on the Fund should be delivered to the AFM, WAY Fund Managers Limited, at its registered address.

#### Structure of the Fund

The Fund is a non-UCITS retail scheme ("NURS").

Investment of the assets of the Fund must comply with the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the FCA's Investment Funds Sourcebook ("FUND") and the investment objective and policy of the Fund.

Under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ("AIFMD") we are required to disclose remuneration information (see page 34) in regards to those individuals whose actions have a material impact on the risk profile of the Fund.

#### Important events during the year

On 27 June 2022, C. Oliver was appointed as a Director of WAY Fund Managers Limited.

On 10 July 2022, Unit Type B Accumulation USD was closed.

#### **Brexit**

Following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, dialogue between the UK and EU has been ongoing about the future of financial services in an effort to agree and sign a Memorandum of Understanding on post-Brexit regulatory cooperation. During March 2021, HM Treasury confirmed that the UK and the European Union had agreed to a regulatory framework for the financial services industry. However, formal steps still need to be taken before a memorandum of understanding can be signed, which means that the final detailed information could still be a little way off. WFM believes that Elite Balanced Trust is not materially affected by the UK's withdrawal from the EU. However, should these views change in the future, we will endeavour to post updates to our website at <a href="https://www.wayfunds.com">www.wayfunds.com</a>.

#### **COVID-19 pandemic**

Although COVID-19 continues to make its presence felt across the globe, the success of the vaccination programme has meant that the World has accepted that it has to live with the virus. At this moment in time, it appears less likely that there will be further widespread lockdowns, whilst governments keep a watchful eye on the emergence of any more virulent mutations of the virus.

The AFM monitors the markets daily and, should circumstances warrant, fair value pricing of assets will be applied to protect Unitholders. If the situation changes, the AFM will act and inform Unitholders in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Financial Conduct Authority's Handbook of Rules and Guidance.

#### Authorised Fund Manager's ("AFM") Report (continued)

#### **Assessment of Value**

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the regulator for Financial Services, in its goal to provide transparency to investors, requires all Authorised Fund Managers (AFMs) to produce an Assessment of Value (AoV) for money offered by each unit type in each fund or sub-fund under their management. Broadly speaking, an Assessment of Value requires the AFM to consider a combination of factors, including, but not limited to the quality of service provided to investors, the performance of the fund, the cost of investing in the fund, whether economies of scale can be achieved, comparable market rates and services and classes of units. WFM has chosen to publish the AoV separate to the Fund's annual report. This will be available within four months of the annual accounting end date of 31 May 2023, and can be found on WFM's website, at <a href="https://www.wayfunds.com/Sponsors/WMCapitalManagementLimited AOV">https://www.wayfunds.com/Sponsors/WMCapitalManagementLimited AOV</a>.

### **Going concern assessment**

WAY Fund Managers Limited ('WFM') expects the Elite Balanced Trust to be the subject of a scheme of arrangement (a merger with another fund) within the coming months, subject to the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Elite Balanced Trust's unitholders. Whether the scheme of arrangement receives unitholder approval or not, the Elite Balanced Trust will ultimately be wound-up. Therefore, WFM does not believe that it is appropriate for these accounts to be compiled on a going concern basis (i.e. the merger and termination are likely to take place within 12 months).

#### **Base Currency:**

The base currency of the Fund is Pounds Sterling.

#### **Minimum Investment:**

The minimum initial lump sum investment is £5,000/\$5,000 and subsequent investment is a minimum of £5,000/\$5,000.

# Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the AFM For the year ended 31 May 2023

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#### **Directors' Certification**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of COLL and FUND, as issued and amended by the FCA. We hereby certify the report on behalf of the Directors of WAY Fund Managers Limited.

Whilst the Fund consists predominantly of realisable assets, the Directors wish to draw readers' attention to the section entitled 'Going concern assessment' in the Authorised Fund Manager's ("AFM") Report.

V. Hoare CEO

**WAY Fund Managers Limited** 

29 September 2023

# Statement of the AFM's Responsibilities For the year ended 31 May 2023

The Authorised Fund Manager ("AFM") of Elite Balanced Trust ("Fund") is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements in accordance with the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the FCA's Investment Funds Sourcebook ("FUND") and the Fund's Trust Deed.

COLL requires the AFM to prepare Financial Statements for each annual accounting period which:

- are in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law"), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association ("IA SORP") in May 2014; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at the end of that year and the net revenue and the net capital losses on the property of the Fund for that year.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the AFM is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the IA SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Fund will continue in operation.

The AFM is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Fund and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the applicable IA SORP and United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law. The AFM is also responsible for the system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the Fund and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR and FUND 3.3.2R, the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements were approved by the AFM of the Fund and authorised for issue on 29 September 2023.

# Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities For the year ended 31 May 2023

The Depositary in its capacity as Trustee of Elite Balanced Trust (the 'Trust') must ensure that the Trust is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, and the Investment Funds Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Trust Deed 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 Trust and its investors.

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

The Depositary must ensure that:

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

# Report of the Depositary to Unitholders of the Trust For the year ended 31 May 2023

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

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

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

#### **Northern Trust Investor Services Limited**

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Elite Balanced Trust For the year ended 31 May 2023

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Elite Balanced Trust ('the Fund') for the year ended 31 May 2023 which comprise the statement of total return, the statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders, the balance sheet, notes to the financial statement, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the distribution table. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association May 2014 (the Statement of Recommended Practice), the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the FCA's Investment Funds Sourcebook ("FUND") and the Trust Deed.

In our opinion, the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Fund's affairs as at 31 May 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on the property of the Fund for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Statement of Recommended Practice, the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the FCA's Investment Funds Sourcebook ("FUND") and the Trust Deed.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of matter - financial statements prepared on a basis other than going concern

We draw attention to Note 1a to the financial statements which explains that the Authorised Fund Manager (AFM) expects Elite Balanced Trust to be the subject of a scheme of arrangement (a merger with another fund) within the coming months, subject to the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Elite Balanced Trust's unitholders. If approved, this will ultimately lead to the Elite Balanced Trust being wound-up and therefore the AFM does not consider the Fund to be a going concern. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as described in Note 1a.

Our opinion is not modified in this respect of this matter.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Authorised Fund Managers ("AFM") Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The AFM's directors are responsible for the other information contained within the AFM report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Elite Balanced Trust (continued) For the year ended 31 May 2023

#### Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- proper accounting records for the Fund have been kept and the Financial Statements are in agreement with those records;
- we have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- the information disclosed in the report of the Authorised Fund Manager for the year end for the purpose of complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the Financial Statements.

#### Responsibilities of Authorised Fund Manager and Depositary in its capacity as Trustee

As explained more fully in the statement of Depositary's responsibilities and the statement of Authorised Fund Manager's responsibilities, the Trustee is responsible for safeguarding the property of the Fund and the Authorised Fund Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal controls as the Authorised Fund Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable through discussions with management and from industry knowledge. The laws and regulations that we considered significant in this context included FRS102, the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the FCA's Investment Funds Sourcebook ("FUND"), the Trust Deed and relevant tax legislation.
- We designed our audit procedures to ensure the audit team considered whether there were any indications of non-compliance by the Fund with those laws and regulations. These procedures included:
- agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and agreeing that all relevant disclosures under the SORP and COLL were included;
- enquires of management and those charged with governance;
- reviewing correspondence with regulators.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Elite Balanced Trust (continued) For the year ended 31 May 2023

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, from discussions with senior management and obtaining an understanding of the controls and processes in place to prevent, deter and detect fraud. The key areas identified were revenue recognition and management override of the controls in place and our tests to address these included but were not limited to:
- agreement of a sample of revenue receipts to third party evidence to check accuracy and existence.
- agreement of a sample of realised gains and losses to third party evidence and bank statements to check accuracy and existence.
- agreement of calculation of unrealised gains and losses and agreement of the valuation of year end investments to third party sources.
- identifying and testing journal entries made throughout the year which were considered to be large or unusual as well as a sample of others.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Fund's Unitholders, as a body, in accordance with Paragraph 4.5.12R of the Collective Investment Schemes Source book and Paragraph 3.3.7R of the Investment Funds Sourcebook issued by the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's Unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's Unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

PKF Littlejohn LLP

#### **PKF Littlejohn LLP**

Statutory Auditor London, United Kingdom

29 September 2023

# **Investment Manager's Report For the year ended 31 May 2023**

#### **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Fund is to provide a total positive return above the IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares Index, over a 3 year rolling period, with an emphasis on providing capital appreciation. Capital invested in the Fund is at risk and there is no guarantee that the investment objective will be met over the 3 year rolling period or in respect of any other period.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Fund will achieve its objective through investment in a portfolio of collective investment schemes, transferable securities (including investment trusts), warrants, deposits and money market instruments selected from the various world markets. The Fund's maximum exposure to equity securities will not normally exceed 85% of its net asset value. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its net asset value in unregulated collective investment schemes such as hedge funds (where investment in such funds would be consistent with the investment objective and policy of the Fund).

The portfolio will be actively managed and normally remain fully invested save for such operational liquidity as is required from time to time.

The use of derivatives are permitted in connection with the efficient portfolio management of the Fund (typically hedging, which attempts to mitigate against falls in the value of the Fund's assets and the effects of changes in currency exchange rates against the Fund's base currency, which is pounds sterling), and borrowing will be permitted to a limit of 10% of the Fund's net asset value on a permanent basis.

On giving 60 days' notice to Unitholders, the Fund may, in addition to its other investment powers, use derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes. It is not intended that the use of derivatives in this way will change the risk profile of the Fund.

Subject to the above, the Fund may invest in any asset class and adopt any investment technique or strategy permitted under the rules in COLL as such rules are applied to Non-UCITS retail schemes.

#### **Investment Review**

Over the 12-month period from 01/06/2022 to 31/05/2023 the Elite Balanced Trust B Acc Fund generated a total return of -2.34% versus its comparator benchmark of the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector average, which generated a return of -1.65%. Over a three-year rolling period the Elite Balanced Trust B Acc Fund returned +4.52% versus +14.08% for the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector average.

The Fund has undoubtedly had a difficult 18 months, as the quality and growth factors that make up the core of the equity book struggled in the first half of 2022. Since then, and over the last 12 months, the performance of the Fund has been broadly in line with the benchmark and peer group, albeit our more cautious stance has been a small hindrance calendar year to date. However, we do not want to chase returns, and believe we are well positioned for the current environment.

During the 12-month period, the Fund saw negative contributions from both the fixed interest and equity allocation, as stickier than expected inflation figures saw interest rate expectations continue to rise. From a top-down perspective, we benefitted from being underweight fixed interest, and particularly UK Gilts. However, our underweight to equities has been a drag in the last 6 months, as equities have recovered from their October lows. Within alternatives, our gold allocation was a positive contributor, but the absolute return funds were a small drag.

Within the fixed interest space, we saw losses across our strategic bond funds and US treasury positions. However, we benefitted from having zero exposure to UK Gilts, which fell -15.67% over the 12-month period, following a disastrous mini-budget and resignation of the UK Prime Minister, Liz Truss.

# Investment Manager's Report (continued) For the year ended 31 May 2023

#### **Investment Review (continued)**

Within equities, a number of our underperformers from the first half of last year bounced back well, with the BlackRock Continental European Flex fund recovering all of its losses from the first 6 months and posting a 12.2% return for the period. On the negative side, as mentioned above, the issues in the UK led to weakness in UK domestic stocks, with the R&M UK Microcap fund down -20.6%.

During the 12-month period, we trimmed a number of our core equity funds, as we reduced our bias to 'Growth' stocks and US Technology companies and moved more defensive, by going tactically underweight equities. This included sales of MS US Advantage, T Rowe Price US Smaller Companies, Fundsmith Global Equity and the Blackrock Continental European Flex fund. Using the proceeds, we added the Blackrock Natural Resources Growth & Income fund, as we looked to reduce being underweight in the Energy and Materials sectors of the Fund. We see both sectors benefitting from structurally higher inflation, and a lack of supply in the Energy market.

As we head into the second half of 2023, markets continue to be in a tug of war between those who believe inflation will cool down rapidly, as economic growth slows down, and those who think we have moved into a period of structurally higher inflation and interest rates. There have been numerous data points to support both scenarios, but in reality both outcomes are still possible, and the winners and losers from an investment perspective are very different.

As a result, we believe it is prudent to remain relatively defensive, as we were at the start of the year - with tactical underweights to bonds and equities, and more in cash and alternatives - as we wait to see how the macro picture unfolds, in the second half of 2023.

#### **Investment Manager**

LGT Wealth Management UK LLP 16 August 2023

# Performance record As at 31 May 2023

#### **A** Accumulation

#### **B** Accumulation

	31/05/23 (p)	31/05/22 (p)	31/05/21 (p)	31/05/23 (p)	31/05/22 (p)	31/05/21 (p)
Change in net assets per Unit						
Opening net asset value per Unit	185.88	206.50	175.91	161.23	178.21	151.06
Return before operating charges*	(1.34)	(15.72)	35.20	(1.17)	(13.62)	30.29
Operating charges	(4.42)	(4.90)	(4.61)	(3.05)	(3.36)	(3.14)
Return after operating charges*	(5.76)	(20.62)	30.59	(4.22)	(16.98)	27.15
Distributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.38)	0.00	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per Unit	180.12	185.88	206.50	157.01	161.23	178.21
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.05
Performance						
Return after operating charges	(3.10%)	(9.99%)	17.39%	(2.62%)	(9.53%)	17.97%
Other information						
Closing net asset value	1,501,147	2,018,629	2,487,765	13,572,392	19,105,573	21,444,939
Closing number of Units	833,428	1,085,975	1,204,736	8,644,283	11,849,856	12,033,224
Operating charges	2.41%	2.40%	2.39%	1.91%	1.90%	1.89%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%
Prices						
Highest Unit price	191.02	218.59	207.64	166.22	189.09	179.13
Lowest Unit price	174.09	180.62	174.46	151.28	156.63	149.85

#### **B** Accumulation USD\*

#### **C** Accumulation

	31/05/22	31/05/21	31/05/23	31/05/22	31/05/21
	(c)	(c)	(p)	(p)	(p)
et assets per Unit					
sset value per Unit	156.58	115.38	148.03	164.45	140.09
erating charges*	(27.95)	43.80	(1.07)	(12.51)	28.04
	(2.81)	(2.60)	(3.52)	(3.91)	(3.68)
ges*	(30.76)	41.20	(4.59)	(16.42)	24.36
<u> </u>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
s on accumulation units	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
value per Unit	125.82	156.58	143.44	148.03	164.45
on costs of:	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.05
rges	(19.64%)	35.71%	(3.10%)	(9.98%)	17.39%
asset value	\$103,603	\$128,931	3,036,183	5,418,603	7,939,345
of Units	82,340	82,340	2,116,749	3,660,564	4,827,946
	1.90%	1.89%	2.41%	2.40%	2.39%
	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%
	160.09	156.33	152.12	174.07	165.36
	118.43	116.15	138.64	143.84	138.93

<sup>\*</sup>Unit Type B Accumulation USD ceased trading 10 July 2022.

# Performance Information As at 31 May 2023

### **Operating Charges**

Date	AMC* (%)	Other expenses (%)	Synthetic expense ratio (%)	Operating Charges (%)
31/05/23				
Unit Type A	1.50	0.13	0.78	2.41
Unit Type B	1.00	0.13	0.78	1.91
Unit Type C	1.50	0.13	0.78	2.41
31/05/22				
Unit Type A	1.50	0.11	0.79	2.40
Unit Type B	1.00	0.11	0.79	1.90
Unit Type C	1.50	0.11	0.79	2.40

<sup>\*</sup> Annual Management Charge

The Operating Charge is the total expenses paid by the Fund in the year, annualised, against its average Net Asset Value. This will fluctuate as underlying costs change.

The Fund has invested in collective investment schemes during the year and where any such schemes were held at the Fund's accounting reference date, the expenses incurred by these schemes are included in the above as the Synthetic expense ratio.

### Risk and Reward Profile As at 31 May 2023

	Typically lower rewards				Ту	pically high	er rewards
	Lower risk						Higher risk
Unit Type A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Unit Type B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Unit Type C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The risk and reward category was increased from 4 to 5 on 8 February 2023.
- The indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time.
- The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.
- The Fund is ranked as a "5" on the scale. This is because the Fund by its nature invests in a mixture of investments.

#### **Risk Warning**

An investment in a Unit Trust should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of Units and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency of a fund are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which may be favourable or unfavourable.

### Portfolio Statement As at 31 May 2023

Holdings			
or Nominal		Market value	% of Total
Value	Investments	£	Net Assets
	Asia 13.47% [12.70%]		
	Collective Investment Schemes 13.47% [12.70%]		
	Unit Trusts/OEICs 13.47% [12.70%]		
14,710	Baillie Gifford Japanese Smaller Companies	591,637	3.27
34,390	Morgan Stanley Asia Opportunity	759,317	4.19
2,762	Schroder International Selection Asian Total Return	1,088,603	6.01
		2,439,557	13.47
	Europe 3.60% [4.32%]		
	Collective Investment Schemes 3.60% [4.32%]		
	Unit Trusts/OEICs 3.60% [4.32%]		
16,957	BlackRock Continental European Flexible ('D4RF')	651,997	3.60
		651,997	3.60
	Global 49.41% [43.76%]		
	Collective Investment Schemes 49.41% [43.76%]		
700,000	Unit Trusts/OEICs 39.81% [36.75%]	F07 227	2.20
700,000	BlackRock Natural Resources Growth & Income	597,237	3.30
1,082,435	Fidelity Global Dividend	1,097,589	6.06
186,402	Fundsmith Equity	1,049,350	5.79
909,015	Henderson Strategic Bond	1,035,368	5.72
1,154,656	Jupiter Strategic Bond	936,310	5.17
38,530		1,274,958	7.04
690,791	Ruffer Total Return International	1,219,039	6.73 <b>39.81</b>
		7,209,851	39.01
	Investment Companies 0 600/ [7 010/]		
125 000	Investment Companies 9.60% [7.01%] BH Macro	EE0 12E	3.04
135,000		550,125 1,188,180	
25,200	Capital Gearing	1,738,305	6.56 <b>9.60</b>
		1,730,303	9.00
	North America 14.61% [19.31%]		
	Collective Investment Schemes 14.61% [19.31%]		
	Unit Trusts/OEICs 9.39% [15.52%]		
9,500	HC Snyder US All Cap Equity	731,808	4.04
23,746	, , ,	969,055	5.35
23,770	1. Nowe 05 Smaller Companies	1,700,863	9.39
		1,700,003	
	Exchange Traded Funds 5.22% [3.79%]		
210,250	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yr	944,864	5 22
210,230	Total Co y Treadery Dolla / Toyl	944,864	5.22 <b>5.22</b>
		J-1,001	5.22

### Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 31 May 2023

Holdings or Nominal Value	Investments	Market value £	% of Total Net Assets
	United Kingdom 17.92% [15.96%] Collective Investment Schemes 17.92% [15.96%] Unit Trusts/OEICs 11.33% [10.75%]		
323,524	Liontrust Special Situations	1,508,560	8.33
48,000	Polar Capital UK Value Opportunities	543,360	3.00
		2,051,920	11.33
38,490	Exchange Traded Funds 6.59% [4.12%] iShares Physical Gold	1,192,889	6.59
	·	1,192,889	6.59
	Investment Companies 0.00% [1.09%]		
	Portfolio of investments	17,930,246	99.01
	Net other assets	179,476	0.99
	Net assets	18,109,722	100.00

The investments have been valued in accordance with note 1(i) of the Accounting Policies and Financial Instruments.

All investments are collective investment schemes unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown above in square brackets relate to 31 May 2022.

Gross purchases for the year: £1,588,659 [2022: £10,220,414] (See Note 16).

Total sales net of transaction costs for the year: £8,656,496 [2022: £11,789,655] (See Note 16).

### Statement of Total Return For the year ended 31 May 2023

		01/06/22 to 31/05/23		01/06/21 to	31/05/22
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital losses	2		(610,558)		(2,805,814)
Revenue	3	322,682		245,234	
Expenses	4	(296,185)		(380,254)	
Interest paid and similar charges	5	(4,701)		(53)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation		21,796		(135,073)	
Taxation	6	-		-	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation			21,796		(135,073)
Total return before distributions			(588,762)		(2,940,887)
Finance costs: Distributions	7		(40,876)		(811)
Change in net assets attributable to	)				
<b>Unitholders from investment activit</b>	ies		(629,638)		(2,941,698)

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders For the year ended 31 May 2023

	01/06/22 to 31/05/23	01/06/21 to 31/05/22
	£ £	££
Opening net assets attributable		
to Unitholders	26,625,088	31,962,997
Amounts received on issue of Units	899,165	3,690,137
Less: Amounts paid on cancellation of Units	(8,818,658)	(6,088,159)
	(7,919,493)	(2,398,022)
Dilution levy charged	1,176	1,811
Change in net assets attributable to Unitholders		
from investment activities (see above)	(629,638)	(2,941,698)
Retained distribution on accumulation Units	32,589	-
Closing net assets attributable		
to Unitholders	18,109,722	26,625,088

### Balance Sheet As at 31 May 2023

		31/05/23		31/05/	/22
	Note	£	£	£	£
Assets					
Fixed assets:					
Investment			17,930,246		25,572,213
Current assets:					
Debtors	8	39,757		46,881	
Cash and bank balances	9	417,107		2,519,560	
Total current assets			456,864		2,566,441
Total assets			18,387,110		28,138,654
Liabilities					
Creditors:					
Bank overdrafts	11	(87)		-	
Other creditors	10	(277,301)		(1,513,566)	
Total creditors			(277,388)		(1,513,566)
Total liabilities			(277,388)		(1,513,566)
Net assets attributable					
to Unitholders			18,109,722		26,625,088

#### 1 Accounting Basis And Policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standards Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014.

As described in the Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the AFM on page 5, the AFM expects the Elite Balanced Trust to be the subject of a scheme of arrangement (a merger with another fund) within the coming months, subject to the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Elite Balanced Trust's unitholders. Whether the scheme of arrangement receives unitholder approval or not, the Elite Balanced Trust will ultimately be wound-up. Therefore, WFM does not believe that it is appropriate for these accounts to be compiled on a going concern basis (i.e. the merger and termination are likely to take place within 12 months). Accordingly, the Financial Statement have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

#### (b) Realised and unrealised gains and losses

Realised gains or losses have been calculated as the proceeds from disposal less book cost.

Unrealised gain/losses are calculated with reference to the original recorded value of the asset or liability, and only the element of gain/loss within the accounting period is recorded in the Financial Statements. All unrealised and realised gains are capital in nature and do not form part of the Fund's distributable income.

#### (c) Recognition of revenue

Rebates of annual management charges on underlying investments are accounted for on an accruals basis and recognised as revenue or capital in line with the treatment of the charge on the underlying Fund.

Revenue from debt securities is accounted for on a straight line amortization basis. Accrued interest on purchase and sale contracts is recognised as revenue and transferred to revenue or capital as appropriate.

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

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

Any reported revenue from an offshore fund, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting year, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available.

#### (d) Treatment of stock and special dividends

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

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

#### (e) Treatment of expenses

Expenses of the Fund are charged against revenue except for costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments which are allocated to the capital of the Fund.

#### 1 Accounting Basis And Policies (continued)

### (e) Treatment of expenses (continued)

Expenses are recorded on an accrual basis but the Fund may incur additional allowable expenses which are charged as and when they are incurred.

#### (f) Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple Unit Types

Any revenue or expenses not directly attributable to a particular Unit Type will normally be allocated prorata to the net assets of the relevant Unit Types.

### (g) Taxation

Tax is provided for using tax rates and laws which have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Corporation tax is provided for on the income liable to corporation tax less deductible expenses.

Where tax has been deducted from revenue that tax can, in some instances, be set off against the corporation tax payable, by way of double tax relief.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences arising on the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is probable that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

#### (h) Distribution policy

The net revenue after taxation, as disclosed in the Financial Statements, after adjustment for items of a capital nature, is distributable to Unitholders as dividend distributions. Any revenue deficit is deducted from capital.

In addition, the portfolio transaction charges will be charged wholly to the capital of the Fund. Accordingly, the imposition of such charges may constrain the capital growth of the Fund.

The AFM has elected to pay all revenue less expenses charged to revenue and taxation as a final distribution at the end of the annual accounting year.

#### (i) Basis of valuation of investments

Listed investments are valued at close of business bid prices excluding any accrued interest in the case of fixed interest securities, on the last business day of the accounting year.

Market value is defined by the SORP as fair value which is the bid value of each security.

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

All securities with quoted prices in active markets, including open ended funds and all investment trusts are classified as Level 1 in the Fair Value Disclosure described in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

All investments are recognised and derecognised on trade date, and any trades that occur between valuation point and close of business are included in the Financial Statements.

Non-observable entity specific data is only used where relevant observable market data is not available. Typically this category will include single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted close-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

#### 1 Accounting Basis And Policies (continued)

#### (j) Exchange rates

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in Sterling at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the end of the accounting year are translated into Sterling at the closing mid market exchange rates ruling on that date.

#### (k) Dilution levy

The AFM may require a dilution levy on the sale and redemption of Units if, in its opinion, the existing Unitholders (for sales) or remaining Unitholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected. In particular, the dilution levy may be charged in the following circumstances: where the scheme property is in continual decline; on a Fund experiencing large levels of net sales relative to its size; on 'large deals'; in any case where the AFM is of the opinion that the interests of remaining Unitholders require the imposition of a dilution levy.

#### (I) Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to Units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 Units). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the Units.

After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the Units for Capital Gains tax purposes.

#### (m) Derivatives

The Fund may enter into permitted transactions such as derivative contracts or forward foreign currency transactions. Where these transactions are used to protect or enhance revenue, the revenue and expenses are included within net revenue in the Statement of Total Return.

Where the transactions are used to protect or enhance capital, the gains/losses are treated as capital and included within gains/losses on investments in the Statement of Total Return. Any open positions in these types of transactions at the year end are included in the Balance Sheet at their mark to market value. There were no derivative transactions during the year.

#### 2 Derivatives and other financial instruments

Management of risk is a critical responsibility of the AFM in managing the Fund

The Fund for which WAY Fund Managers Limited acts as AFM are exposed to a wide range of risks. The purpose of the AFM's Risk Management Policy ("RMP") is to identify these risks and document the controls and processes in place to manage and mitigate these risks. The specific risks to the Funds are documented in sections (a) to (i) below and are reviewed on a regular basis.

The control environment on which the AFM's RMP has been developed is based on six key characteristics:

- (i) Commitment, from senior management and all employees, to a control ethic based on competence and integrity.
- (ii) Identification and evaluation of risks and control objectives.
- (iii) Control and information procedures that identify and capture relevant and reliable data to monitor risks within pre-determined limits.
- (iv) Formal procedures for monitoring, reporting, escalation and remedial follow-up action.
- (v) An independent and permanent risk management function in regards to portfolio management.
- (vi) An independent and permanent risk management function in regards to the firm.

#### 2 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

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

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the AFM's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed below:

#### (a) Foreign currency risk

A significant portion of the Fund's assets or the underlying assets of the collective investment schemes in which the Fund invests may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund or Type. There is the risk that the value of such assets and/or the value of any distributions from such assets may decrease if the underlying currency in which assets are traded falls relative to the base currency in which Units of the relevant Fund are valued and priced.

The Fund is not required to hedge its foreign currency risk, although it may do so through foreign currency exchange contracts, forward contracts, currency options and other methods. To the extent that the Fund does not hedge its foreign currency risk or such hedging is incomplete or unsuccessful, the value of the Fund's assets and revenue could be adversely affected by currency exchange rate movements. There may also be circumstances in which a hedging transaction may reduce currency gains that would otherwise arise in the valuation of the Fund in circumstances where no such hedging transactions are undertaken.

#### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's investments will fluctuate due to changes in the interest rate. Cashflows from floating rate securities, bank balances, or bank overdrafts will be affected by the changes in interest rates. As the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cashflows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

The Fund did not have any long term financial liabilities at the balance sheet date.

#### (c) Credit risk

The Fund may find that companies in which it invests fail to settle their debts on a timely basis. The value of securities issued by such companies may fall as a result of the perceived increase in credit risk. Adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit credit risk.

#### (d) Liquidity risk

Subject to the Regulations, the Fund may invest up to and including 20% of the Scheme Property of the Fund in transferable securities which are not approved securities (essentially transferable securities which are admitted to official listing in an EEA state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market). Such securities and instruments are generally not publicly traded, may be unregistered for securities law purposes and may only be able to be resold in privately negotiated transactions with a limited number of purchasers. The difficulties and delays associated with such transactions could result in the Fund's inability to realise a favourable price upon disposal of such securities, and at times might make disposition of such securities and instruments impossible. To the extent the Fund invests in securities and instruments the terms of which are privately negotiated, the terms of such securities and instruments may contain restrictions regarding resale and transfer.

#### 2 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (d) Liquidity risk (continued)

In addition, certain listed securities and instruments, particularly securities and instruments of smaller capitalised or less seasoned issuers, may from time to time lack an active secondary market and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than securities of larger, more established companies or stock market averages in general. In the absence of an active secondary market the Fund's ability to purchase or sell such securities at a fair price may be impaired or delayed.

#### (e) Market price risk

The Fund invests principally in collective investment schemes. The value of these investments are not fixed and may go down as well as up. This may be the result of a specific factor affecting the value of an individual equity or be caused by general market factors (such as government policy or the health of the underlying economy) which can affect the entire portfolio. The Investment Manager seeks to minimise these risks by holding a diversified portfolio of collective investment schemes in line with the Fund's objectives. In addition, the management of the Fund complies with the FCA's COLL sourcebook, which includes rules prohibiting a holding greater than 35% of assets in any one Fund.

#### (f) Counterparty risk

Transactions in securities entered into by the Fund give rise to exposure to the risk that the counterparties may not be able to fulfil their responsibility by completing their side of the transaction. The Investment Manager minimises this risk by conducting trades through only the most reputable counterparties.

Counterparty risk is also managed by limiting the exposure to individual counterparties through adherence to the investment spread restrictions included within the Fund's prospectus and COLL.

#### (g) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, fraud or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Fund cannot eliminate operational risks but, through the continual review and assessment of its control environment, by monitoring and responding to potential risks, they can be managed.

High level controls include effective segregation of duties, trade confirmation checking and reconciliation procedures, incident reporting and oversight of delegated functions.

#### (h) Leverage

In accordance with the Alternative Investment Managers Directive ("AIFMD") and the IA SORP issued in May 2014, as AFM we are required to disclose any leverage of the Fund. Leverage is defined as any method by which the Fund increases its exposure through borrowing or the use of derivatives (calculated in accordance with the commitment method approach (AIFMR article 8)) divided by the net asset value.

The Fund's exposure is defined with reference to the 'Commitment' method. Commitment method exposure is calculated as the sum of all positions of the Fund, after netting off derivative and security positions and is disclosed within the Financial Statements Note 15(d).

#### (i) Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

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

### 1 Accounting Basis And Policies

The Fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis detailed on pages 19, 20 and 21.

2	Net capital losses	01/06/22 to 31/05/23	01/06/21 to 31/05/22 £
	The net capital losses during the year	_	_
	Realised currency (losses)/gains	(4,269)	686
	Realised gains on non-derivative securities	168,225	1,906,134
	Transaction charges	(4,056)	(1,988)
	Unrealised losses on non-derivative securities	(770,458)	(4,710,646)
	Net capital losses	(610,558)	(2,805,814)
3	Revenue	01/06/22 to	01/06/21 to
		31/05/23	31/05/22
		£	£
	Bank interest	15,712	255
	Franked dividends from collective investment schemes	110,061	66,828
	Offshore funds dividends	64,769	58,231
	Offshore funds interest	27,321	39,307
	UK dividends	11,592	-
	Unfranked dividends from collective investment schemes	93,227	80,613
	Total revenue	322,682	245,234
1	Evnoncos	01/06/22 to	01/06/21 to
4	Expenses	01/06/22 to	01/06/21 to
4		31/05/23	31/05/22
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of		
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them	31/05/23 £	31/05/22 £
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees	31/05/23 £ 267,676	31/05/22 £ - 349,690
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542	<b>31/05/22 £</b> - 349,690 627
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees  Registration fees	31/05/23 £ 267,676	31/05/22 £ - 349,690
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees  Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee,	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542	<b>31/05/22 £</b> - 349,690 627
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them  Trustee's fees	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218 18,000 3,462	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317 17,971 5,604
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them  Trustee's fees Safe custody fees	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them  Trustee's fees Safe custody fees  Other expenses	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218 18,000 3,462 21,462	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317 17,971 5,604 23,575
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them  Trustee's fees Safe custody fees	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218 18,000 3,462	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317 17,971 5,604 23,575
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them  Trustee's fees Safe custody fees  Other expenses Audit fees* FCA fees	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218 18,000 3,462 21,462 5,796	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317 17,971 5,604 23,575
4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them  Trustee's fees Safe custody fees  Other expenses Audit fees* FCA fees LEI licence fee	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218 18,000 3,462 21,462 5,796 106 79	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317  17,971 5,604 23,575  5,796 106 78
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4	Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of either of them  AMC fees Registration fees  Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee, and agents of either of them  Trustee's fees Safe custody fees  Other expenses Audit fees* FCA fees LEI licence fee MIFID II reporting fee	31/05/23 £ 267,676 542 268,218 18,000 3,462 21,462 5,796 106 79 416	31/05/22 £ - 349,690 627 350,317  17,971 5,604 23,575  5,796 106 78 309

<sup>\*</sup> Audit fees of £4,830 + VAT have been charged in the current year (2022: £4,830 + VAT).

5	Interest paid and similar charges	01/06/22 to	01/06/21 to
		31/05/23	31/05/22
		£	£
	Bank Interest	4,701	53
	Total Interest paid and similar charges	4,701	53
6	Taxation	01/06/22 to	01/06/21 to
		31/05/23	31/05/22
		£	£
	(a) Analysis of the tax charge in the year		
	Corporation tax	-	-
	Total current tax charge (Note 6 (b))	-	-
	Deferred tax (Note 6 (c))	-	-
	Total taxation for the year	-	-

#### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is different from that calculated when the standard rate of corporation tax for an Authorised Unit Trust of 20% (2022: 20%) is applied to the net revenue/(expense) before taxation

The differences are explained below:

	01/06/22 to 31/05/23 £	01/06/21 to 31/05/22 £
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	21,796	(135,073)
Net revenue/(expense) for the year multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	4,359	(27,015)
Effects of:		
Movement in excess management expenses	32,925	52,027
Revenue not subject to corporation tax	(37,284)	(25,012)
Total tax charge for the year	-	-

Unit Trusts are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the reconciliation above.

### (c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

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

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £659,226 (2022: £626,301) in relation to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year.

# 7 Finance costs

### **Distributions**

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

	01/06/22 to 31/05/23	01/06/21 to 31/05/22
	£	£
Final	32,589	-
Add: Revenue paid on cancellation of Units	8,683	2,385
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of Units	(396)	(1,574)
Net distribution for the year	40,876	811
Reconciliation of net revenue/(expense) after taxation to distributions		
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation	21,796	(135,073)
Net movement in revenue account	16	-
Revenue deficit	19,064	135,884
Net distribution for the year	40,876	811

Details of the distributions per Unit are set out in the distribution table on page 32.

8	Debtors	31/05/23	31/05/22
		£	£
	Accrued bank interest	1,125	121
	Accrued revenue	38,632	32,362
	Amounts receivable for creation of Units	-	14,398
	Total debtors	39,757	46,881
9	Cash and bank balances	31/05/23	31/05/22
		£	£
	Cash and bank balances	417,107	2,519,560
	Total cash and bank balances	417,107	2,519,560

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended 31 May 2023

10	Creditors	31/05/23	31/05/22
		£	£
	Amounts payable for cancellation of Units	248,748	173,985
	Purchases awaiting settlement	-	1,300,000
		248,748	1,473,985
	Accrued expenses		
	Manager and Agents		
	AMC fees	18,693	25,616
	Registration fees	83	50
		18,776	25,666
	Trustee and Agents		
	Trustee fees	3,008	5,918
	Safe custody fees	689	1,969
	Transaction charges	577	488
		4,274	8,375
	Other accrued expenses		
	Audit fees	5,796	5,796
	FCA fees	17	16
	LEI licence fee	(45)	(45)
	MIFID II reporting fee	(265)	(227)
		5,503	5,540
	Total creditors	277,301	1,513,566
11	Bank overdrafts	31/05/23	31/05/22
11	Dalik Overulaits	51/05/25 £	31/05/22 £
	Bank overdrafts	(87)	-
	Total bank overdrafts	(87)	-

#### 12 Related party transactions

The monies received and paid by the AFM through the issue and cancellation of Units are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Unitholders' Net Assets and amounts due at the year end are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

The AFM and its associates (including other authorised investment funds managed by the AFM) have no Unitholdings in the Fund at the year end.

#### **Significant Unitholdings**

WAY Fund Managers Limited, as the Fund's Authorised Fund Manager, wishes to disclose to the Fund's Unitholders that 83.61% (2022:85.56%) of the Fund's units in issue are under the control of a single nominee and its related parties.

#### 13 Unit Types

The Unit Type and AFM's Annual Management Charges applicable to the Fund are as follows:

Unit Type	%
A Accumulation	1.50
B Accumulation	1.00
C Accumulation	1.50

Each Unit Type has equal rights in the event of the wind up of the fund.

The reconciliation of the opening and closing numbers of Units of each type is shown below:

	31/05/22	Issued	Cancelled	Converted	31/05/23
A Accumulation	1,085,975	-	(119,597)	(132,950)	833,428
B Accumulation	11,849,856	294,713	(3,554,368)	54,082	8,644,283
B Accumulation USD	82,340	-	(82,340)	-	-
C Accumulation	3,660,564	26,391	(1,677,945)	107,739	2,116,749

#### 14 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2022: nil).

#### 15 Derivatives and other financial instruments

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the AFM's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed in note 2 on pages 21, 22 and 23.

### (a) Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the foreign currency risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	Net foreign	Net foreign currency assets/(liabilities)		
	Monetary	Non-	Total	
Common and	exposures	monetary		
Currency	£	exposures £	£	
31/05/23	_	_	_	
US Dollar	(87)	2,684,014	2,683,927	
Total foreign currency exposure	(87)	2,684,014	2,683,927	
Pound Sterling	179,563	15,246,232	15,425,795	
Total net assets	179,476	17,930,246	18,109,722	
31/05/22				
US Dollar	-	4,488,116	4,488,116	
Total foreign currency exposure	-	4,488,116	4,488,116	
Pound Sterling	1,052,875	21,084,097	22,136,972	
Total net assets	1,052,875	25,572,213	26,625,088	

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#### 15 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (a) Foreign currency risk (continued)

If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had strengthened/increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by £243,993 (2022: £408,011). If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had weakened/decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by £298,214 (2022: £498,680). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The table below shows the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	Floating rate financial	Financial assets not carrying	
Currency	assets	interest	Total
Assets	£	£	£
31/05/23			
Pound Sterling	417,107	15,285,990	15,703,097
US Dollar	-	2,684,013	2,684,013
Total	417,107	17,970,003	18,387,110
31/05/22			
Pound Sterling	2,519,560	21,130,978	23,650,538
US Dollar		4,488,116	4,488,116
Total	2,519,560	25,619,094	28,138,654

Currency Liabilities 31/05/23 Pound Sterling	Floating rate financial liabilities £	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £	<b>Total £</b> 277,301
US Dollar	87	-	277,301 87
Total	87	277,301	277,388
31/05/22 Pound Sterling	-	1,513,566	1,513,566
Total	-	1,513,566	1,513,566

Changes in interest rates would have no material impact to the valuation of floating rate financial assets or liabilities as at the balance sheet date. Consequently, no sensitivity analysis has been presented.

#### 15 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (c) Market Risk

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by the amounts set out in the table below.

If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by the amounts set out in the table below.

These calculations have been applied to non-derivative securities only (see note 2 (h) for an explanation of the Fund's leverage during the period). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

	Increase	Decrease
	£	£
2023	1,793,025	1,793,025
2022	2,557,221	2,557,221

### (d) Leverage

The Fund has not employed any significant leverage during the period covered by this report.

Portfolio transaction costs	01/06/22 to 31/05/23		01/06/21 to 31/05/22	
	£	£	£	£
Analysis of total purchase costs				
Purchases in year before transaction costs				
Collective Investment Schemes	1,	588,659	1	.0,220,413
	1,	588,659	1	.0,220,413
Fees - Collective Investment Schemes	-		1	
Total purchase costs		-		1
Gross purchase total	1,58	88,659	10	,220,414

Analysis of total sale costs		
Gross sales in year before transaction costs		
Collective Investment Schemes	8,656,499	11,789,655
	8,656,499	11,789,655
Fees - Collective Investment Schemes	(3)	-
Total sale costs	(3)	-
Total sales net of transaction cost	s 8,656,496	11,789,655

The portfolio transaction costs table above includes direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year.

#### 16 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

For the Fund's investment in collective investment scheme holdings there will potentially be dealing spread costs applicable to purchases and sales. However additionally there are indirect transaction costs suffered in those underlying funds, throughout the holding period for the instruments, which are not separately identifiable and do not form part of the analysis above.

	01/06/22 to 31/05/23	01/06/21 to 31/05/22
Transaction costs as percentage of principal amounts	%	%
Purchases - Fees Collective Investment Schemes Sales - Fees	0.0000%	0.0000%
Collective Investment Schemes	0.0000%	0.0000%
Transaction costs as percentage	01/06/22 to 31/05/23 %	01/06/21 to 31/05/22 %
of average net asset value		
Commissions Fees	0.0000% 0.0000%	0.0000% 0.0000%

### 17 Post balance sheet events

There are no post balance sheet events which require adjustments at the year end.

#### 18 Fair value disclosure

	31/05/23		31/0	31/05/22	
Valuation technique	Assets £	Liabilities £	Assets £	Liabilities £	
Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities	17,930,246	-	25,572,213	-	
Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly	-	-	-	-	
Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability*	-	-	-	-	
	17,930,246	-	25,572,213	-	

<sup>\*</sup> The valuation techniques and the AFM's policy is disclosed in note 1(i) on page 20.

# Distribution Table As at 31 May 2023

### **Final Distribution in pence per Unit**

Group 1 Units purchased prior to 1 June 2022

Group 2 Units purchased on or after 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023

	Net revenue (p)	Equalisation (p)	Distribution payable 31/07/23 (p)	Distribution paid 31/07/22 (p)
Unit Type A Accumulation Group 1	0.0000	_	0.0000	0.0000
Group 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Unit Type B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.3770 0.3770	0.0000	0.3770 0.3770	0.0000
Unit Type B Accumulation USD Group 1 Group 2	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000
Unit Type C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000

#### **General Information**

#### **Types of Units**

The Fund can issue different classes of Units in respect of the Fund. Holders of Income Units are entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such Units, in respect of each annual accounting period. Holders of Accumulation Units are not entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such Units, but that revenue is retained and accumulated for the benefit of Unitholders and is reflected in the price of Units.

#### **Buying and Selling Units**

The AFM will accept orders to deal in the Units on normal business days between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Instructions to buy or sell Units should be in writing to: WAY Fund Managers Limited - Cedar House, 3 Cedar Park, Cobham Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7SB. A contract note will be issued by close of business on the next business day after the dealing date to confirm the transaction.

#### **Valuation Point**

The valuation point for the Fund is 12 noon on each dealing day (being each day which is a business day in London). Valuations may be made at other times under the terms contained within the Prospectus.

#### **Prices**

The prices of Units for each class in the Fund will be available from WAY Fund Managers Limited on 01202 855856, or by e-mail to customerservice-wayfunds@apexfs.com.

#### Report

The annual report of the Fund will normally be published within four months of each annual accounting period end.

Interim Financial Statements period ended: 30 November Annual Financial Statements year ended: 31 May

#### **Distribution Payment Dates**

Interim Not applicable as the Fund distributes annually

Annual 31 July

#### **General Information (continued)**

#### **Significant Information**

Under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ("AIFMD"), acting as the Alternative Investment Fund Manager ("AIFM"), WAY Fund Managers Limited is required to disclose how those whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

The remuneration strategy across WAY Fund Managers Limited is governed by the WAY Fund Managers Limited Board and WAY Fund Managers Limited has chosen not to establish a Remuneration Committee. The WAY Fund Managers Limited Board has established a Remuneration Policy designed to ensure the AIFM Remuneration Code in the UK Financial Conduct Authority's handbook is met proportionately for all AIFM Remuneration Code Staff.

WAY Fund Managers Limited considers its activities as non complex due to the fact that regulation limits the AIF strategies conducted and the scope of investment in such a way that investor risk is mitigated. The discretion of WAY Fund Managers Limited and the portfolio manager is strictly controlled within certain pre-defined parameters as determined in the prospectus of each Alternative Investment Fund.

In its role as an AIFM, WAY Fund Managers Limited deems itself as lower risk due to the nature of the activities it conducts. WAY Fund Managers Limited does not pay any form of variable remuneration currently. Therefore WAY Fund Managers Limited has provided a basic overview of how staff whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

The only material change to the adopted remuneration policy, since the previous year end, is the identification of new risk takers and inclusion of delegates required by the AIFMD.

May 23	Number of Beneficiaries	Total remuneration paid (GBP)	Fixed remuneration (GBP)	Variable remuneration paid (GBP)	Carried interest paid by the AIF (GBP)
Total remuneration paid by WFM during the financial year	18	629,753	629,753	0	0
Remuneration paid to employees of WFM who have a material impact on the risk profile of the AIF	5	228,442	228,442	0	0

The table above is unaudited.

Due to the size and structure of WAY Fund Managers Limited, it is determined that employees of the AIFM who have a material impact on the risk profile of the AIF include the Board, Head of Finance and Head of Risk and Compliance.

The delegated investment manager is subject to regulatory requirements on remuneration that WAY Fund Managers Limited deem to be equally as effective as those detailed in the AIFMD, which would include the Capital Requirements Directive or Markets in Financial Instruments Directive.

#### **General Information (continued)**

#### **Other Information**

Under normal circumstances the Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document ("NURS-Kii"), the Trust Deed and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the AFM. However, at this time these documents, except for the Trust Deed, can only be viewed on our website, at www. wayfunds.com, or on request, can be received by email or through the post.

Unitholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Fund should contact the AFM or the Trustee in the first instance. In the event that a Unitholder finds the response unsatisfactory they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9SR.

#### **Data Protection**

By completing and submitting an application to invest in any of the Funds that WAY Fund Managers Limited operates, you will be giving your consent to the processing of your personal data (including any anti-money laundering verification check), by us for the administration of services in connection with your investment on a contractual basis. Additionally we may be requested to share your personal data with our regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority, or for wider compliance with any legal or regulatory obligation to which we might be subject.

If you have used an intermediary to submit the application we may also share information about your investment with them, to help them to continue to provide their services to you, unless you request us not to.

We may share your personal data with contracted third parties for the purposes mentioned above (however this does not entitle such third parties to send you marketing or promotional messages) and we do not envisage that this will involve your personal data being transferred outside of the European Economic Area.

We make every effort to maintain the registration of your holdings accurately. However, if you feel that we have incorrectly recorded any of your personal data, you may request its correction. You have the right to request copies of your personal data stored by us and can do so by using our contact details below.

Your data will be stored and processed securely for the period of your contract with us and for a minimum of seven years after our relationship ceases, for regulatory and legislation purposes only.

We are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as a Data Controller and Data Processor for this purpose. Further information on how we manage your personal data can be found within our Privacy Notice which can be found on our website www.wayfunds.com.

Should you wish to make a complaint or request further information on how we collect and process your personal data please contact us at: Data Protection Office, WAY Fund Managers Limited, Cedar House, 3 Cedar Park, Cobham Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7SB. Email: DPO@wayfunds.com Tel: 01202 855856.

Alternatively, if you have any concerns or complaints as to how we have handled your personal data, you may lodge a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office through their website which can be found at https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/how-to-make-a-data-protection-complaint/.

#### **Effects of Personal Taxation**

Investors should be aware that unless their Units are held within an ISA, selling Units is treated as a disposal for the purpose of Capital Gains Tax.

#### **Risk Warning**

An investment in a Unit Trust should be regarded as a long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of Units and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency of a fund are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which may be favourable or unfavourable.

#### **Contact Information**

#### **The Unit Trust**

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C. Oliver (appointed 27 June 2022)

D. Kane (Independent Non-Executive Director)

P. Woodman (Independent Non-Executive Director)

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<sup>\*</sup> Please note that telephone calls may be recorded for monitoring and training purposes, and to confirm investors' instructions.