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### **AUTHORISED STATUS**

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

It is a 'UCITS Scheme' and the currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling.

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

### **REMUNERATION DISCLOSURE**

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

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

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

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

The total remuneration of those individuals who are fully or partly involved in the activities of the UCITS scheme for the financial year ending 31 December 2022, is analysed below:

| Fixed Remuneration Variable Remuneration | £3,255,548<br>£752,500 |
|--|------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>£4,008,048</b>      |
| FTE Number of staff:                     | 30                     |

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

Aggregate remuneration of:

| Other   | £1,161,465 |
|---|------------|
| Staff whose actions may have a material impact on the funds | £2,064,083 |
| Senior management   | £782,500   |
|   |            |

#### Total

£4,008,048

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

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

#### SUB-FUND CROSS-HOLDINGS

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

### DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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

Duncan R Walker

D. Walker On behalf of Seven Investment Management LLP ACD of 7IM Investment Funds 28 July 2023

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

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

The Sub-fund invests, directly and indirectly, to achieve exposure of at least 80% to fixed interest and equity instruments. This exposure is, for the most part, obtained through passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes) but may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds.

The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-Fund will be invested in assets such as cash and deposits and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

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

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

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (1.98)%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

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

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In December 2022, we also increased our headline bond exposure. Since the start of 2022, treasury yields had risen significantly. This means they have a much more attractive base return before any price movement. On top of this, we believe that rate hikes are already priced in. In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we began reducing AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions and have been carefully reducing the allocation in tranches.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

During May 2023, we split our intraday trend strategy such that it now uses both the S&P and Nasdaq 100 Index. This further diversifies our alternatives basket.

#### Investment Outlook

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 9 to 12 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class C Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                      | <b>P ,</b>                           | <b>1</b> ,                             |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 95.96                                | 106.03                               | 105.50                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.64)                               | (8.31)                               | 2.58                                   |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.38)                               | (0.89)                               | (0.99)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.02)                               | (9.20)                               | 1.59                                   |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.81)                               | (0.87)                               | (1.06)                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 93.13                                | 95.96                                | 106.03                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (2.11)%                              | (8.68)%                              | 1.51%                                  |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 8,527<br>9,155,397<br>0.80%<br>0.00% | 9,142<br>9,526,934<br>0.89%<br>0.00% | 13,154<br>12,405,921<br>0.93%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |  |
| Highest share price   | 98.54                                | 107.04                               | 107.79                                 |
| Lowest share price  | 93.61                                | 92.11                                | 104.43                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 105.68                                 | 115.74                                 | 114.02                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.80)                                 | (9.09)                                 | 2.79                                   |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.42)                                 | (0.97)                                 | (1.07)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.22)                                 | (10.06)                                | 1.72                                   |
| Distributions   | (0.90)                                 | (0.95)                                 | (1.15)                                 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 0.90                                   | 0.95                                   | 1.15                                   |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 103.46                                 | 105.68                                 | 115.74                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (2.10)%                                | (8.69)%                                | 1.51%                                  |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 12,021<br>11,619,135<br>0.80%<br>0.00% | 13,788<br>13,046,317<br>0.89%<br>0.00% | 16,967<br>14,659,722<br>0.93%<br>0.00% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 108.52<br>103.09                       | 116.81<br>100.77                       | 117.02<br>112.85                       |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              | . ,                              | . ,                              | • •                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 97.49                            | 107.51                           | 106.76                           |
| Return before operating charges*                 | (1.68)                           | (8.48)                           | 2.55                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (0.27)                           | (0.65)                           | (0.73)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (1.95)                           | (9.13)                           | 1.82                             |
| Distributions on income shares                   | (0.83)                           | (0.89)                           | (1.07)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 94.71                            | 97.49                            | 107.51                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (2.00)%                          | (8.49)%                          | 1.70%                            |
| Other Information                                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 347                              | 363                              | 284                              |
| Closing number of shares                         | 366,742                          | 372,160                          | 263,850                          |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 0.55%                            | 0.64%                            | 0.68%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |

 Highest share price
 100.15
 108.53
 109.24

 Lowest share price
 95.19
 93.56
 105.72

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 107.20                           | 117.16                           | 115.19                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | (1.86)                           | (9.25)                           | 2.76                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (0.29)                           | (0.71)                           | (0.79)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (2.15)                           | (9.96)                           | 1.97                             |
| Distributions  | (0.91)                           | (0.96)                           | (1.16)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 0.91                             | 0.96                             | 1.16                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 105.05                           | 107.20                           | 117.16                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | (2.01)%                          | (8.50)%                          | 1.71%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 1,859                            | 2,487                            | 4,268                            |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 1,769,492                        | 2,320,122                        | 3,642,770                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 0.55%<br>0.00%                   | 0.64%<br>0.00%                   | 0.68%<br>0.00%                   |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 110.12                           | 118.25                           | 118.41                           |
| Lowest share price   | 104.67                           | 102.19                           | 114.07                           |
|  |                                  |                                  |                                  |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class C | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 0.50%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses <sup>1</sup>        | 0.15%   | 0.15%   |
|                                    | 0.65%   | 0.40%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.15%   | 0.15%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 0.80%   | 0.55%   |

#### As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class C | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 0.50%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.24%   | 0.24%   |
|                                    | 0.74%   | 0.49%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.15%   | 0.15%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 0.89%   | 0.64%   |

<sup>1</sup> Effective 1 May 2023, other expenses is capped at 0.15%.

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

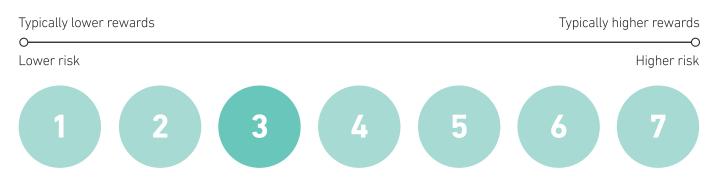
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was three.

#### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|                                | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM Cautious Fund <sup>1</sup> | (1.98)   | (5.53) | (5.40)  | (0.97)  |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on page 21.

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding Portfolio of Investment   | 31.05.23 |
|---|----------|
| ALTERNATIVES 8.62% (7.69%) <sup>1</sup>   | . ,0     |
| Alternative Strategies 8.62% (7.69%) <sup>1</sup>   |          |
| 690,000 JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 10/09/2024 <sup>2</sup> 585,306   |          |
| 890,000         JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 2025 <sup>2</sup> 688,231           420,000         SG Defensive Short Term Equity Strategy 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup> 344,180 |          |
| 415,000 SG Issuer 0.00% 2025 <sup>2</sup> 343,538   |          |
| 1,961,250   | 8.62     |
| DEBT SECURITIES 1.98% (7.99%) <sup>1</sup>  |          |
| Short Term Sterling Bonds 1.98% (7.99%) <sup>1</sup>  |          |
| £200,000 Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025 200,180  |          |
| £250,000 Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2025 249,905  | 1.10     |
| 450,085   | 1.98     |
| EQUITY 6.51% (7.04%) <sup>1</sup>   |          |
| North America 1.66% (1.68%) <sup>1</sup>  |          |
| 1,451 Berkshire Hathaway 378,135  | 1.66     |
| United Kingdom 4.85% (5.36%) <sup>1</sup>   |          |
| 661 Goldman Sachs International 2024 495,664  | 2.18     |
| 6,549 UBS AG London 2027 608,182  | 2.67     |
| 1,103,846   | 4.85     |
| FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.14% (0.35%) <sup>1</sup>  |          |
| Germany 0.13% (0.14%) <sup>1</sup>  |          |
| 24       MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures June 2023       22,025         4       MSCI EUX Futures June 2023       2002   |          |
| 4 MSCI EUX Eurobund Futures June 2023 8,004   |          |
|   | 0.13     |
| Japan 0.16% (0.09%)¹  |          |
| 4 TOPIX Index Futures June 2023 35,515  | 0.16     |
| United Kingdom -0.22% (0.17%) <sup>1</sup>  |          |
| 19 FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2023 (31,575   |          |
| 4Long Gilt ICF Futures September 20236,80020MSCI World Health Care Index Futures December 2023(23,796)  |          |
|   |          |
| (48,571   | (0.22)   |
| United States 0.07% (-0.05%) <sup>1</sup>   |          |
| 11MSCI ICUS Emerging Futures June 20233,225101010   |          |
| 13US 10-Year Note CBT Futures September 20236,6545US Ultra CBT Futures September 20235,813  |          |
| 15,692  |          |
|   |          |
| FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.36% (-0.03%) <sup>1</sup>  |          |
| €950,000 Vs £(843,220) Expiry 20.10.2023 (17,885  |          |
| €(1,679,415) Vs £1,490,649 Expiry 20.10.2023 31,617<br>US\$(11,800,000) Vs £9,662,034 Expiry 14.07.2023 127,110   |          |
| US\$(950,000) Vs £776,112 Expiry 14.07.2023 8,470   |          |
| US\$(473,681) Vs £379,609 Expiry 14.07.2023 (3,146  | (0.01)   |

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding         | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£           | 31.05.23<br>% |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|---------------|
| nonding         |   | ~                    | 70            |
| US\$(1,630,000) | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.36% (-0.03%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)<br>Vs £1,309,873 Expiry 14.07.2023 | (7,239)              | (0.03)        |
| · · · · ·       | Vs £1,607,207 Expiry 14.07.2023   | (8,882)              | (0.03)        |
|                 | Vs £(1,683,837) Expiry 17.11.2023   | (7,245)              | (0.03)        |
|                 | Vs £(2,812,612) Expiry 14.07.2023   | 15,544               | 0.07          |
| US\$2,000,000   | Vs £(1,637,633) Expiry 14.07.2023   | (21,544)             | (0.10)        |
| US\$2,103,681   | Vs £(1,735,564) Expiry 14.07.2023   | (35,697)             | (0.16)        |
|                 |   | 81,103               | 0.36          |
|                 | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 63.29% (69.51%) <sup>1</sup>  |                      |               |
|                 | Ireland 28.60% (34.43%) <sup>1</sup>  |                      |               |
| 22,493          | Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF  | 696,158              | 3.06          |
|                 | iShares Global Inflation-Linked Bond Index  | 1,388,519            | 6.10          |
|                 | Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index Fund                                       | 342,314              | 1.50          |
|                 | VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF  | 105,726              | 0.46          |
|                 | Vanguard Investment Series - Euro Government Bond Index Fund  | 1,173,473            | 5.16          |
| •               | Vanguard Investment Series - US Government Bond Index Fund<br>WisdomTree AT1 CoCo Bond UCITS ETF      | 2,654,751<br>147,671 | 11.67<br>0.65 |
| 1,079           | Wisdommee ATT COCO Bond OCITS ETF   |                      |               |
|                 |   | 6,508,612            | 28.60         |
|                 | Luxembourg 19.29% (17.90%) <sup>1</sup>   |                      |               |
| 3,443           | AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund  | 371,664              | 1.63          |
|                 | BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund  | 572,843              | 2.52          |
|                 | Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral  | 521,425              | 2.29          |
|                 | Fulcrum Equity Dispersion Fund  | 804,815              | 3.54          |
| 20,962          | Lyxor Core UK Government Bond (DR) UCITS ETF  | 2,118,629            | 9.31          |
|                 |   | 4,389,376            | 19.29         |
|                 | United Kingdom 15.40% (17.18%) <sup>1</sup>   |                      |               |
| 1,392,100       | iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK)   | 1,475,284            | 6.48          |
| 81,393          | iShares Global Property Securities Index  | 172,501              | 0.76          |
|                 | Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency                                       |                      |               |
| 579,501         |   | 372,561              | 1.64          |
| 2,181,654       |   | 1,210,600            | 5.32          |
| 170,020         | Ninety One Funds Series III - Global Environment Fund   | 272,370              | 1.20          |
|                 |   | 3,503,316            | 15.40         |
|                 | Portfolio of investment   | 18,408,394           | 80.90         |
|                 | Net other assets <sup>3</sup>   | 4,345,894            | 19.10         |
|                 | Net assets  | 22,754,288           | 100.00        |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> Includes shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £1,800,000 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £1,593 which are shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** (continued) as at 31 May 2023

| Credit Quality                   | 31.05.23<br>% | 30.11.22<br>% |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| -                                |               |               |
| Investment grade debt securities | 1.98          | 7.99          |
| Non-rated debt securities        | 8.62          | 7.69          |
| Other investments                | 70.30         | 76.87         |
| Net other assets                 | 19.10         | 7.45          |
|                                  | 100.00        | 100.00        |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   | £        | 31.05.23<br>£ | £         | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|---|----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Income  | 2        | L             | 2         | 2             |
| Net capital losses  |          | (647,397)     |           | (1,833,871)   |
| Revenue   | 289,174  |               | 123,791   |               |
| Expenses  | (85,007) |               | (110,187) |               |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (1,687)  |               | (81)      |               |
| Net revenue before taxation for the period                                      | 202,480  |               | 13,523    |               |
| Taxation  | (40,749) |               | (5,539)   |               |
| Net revenue after taxation for the period                                       |          | 161,731       |           | 7,984         |
| Total return before distributions   |          | (485,666)     |           | (1,825,887)   |
| Distributions   |          | (208,879)     |           | (71,495)      |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities |          | (694,545)     |           | (1,897,382)   |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  |             | 31.05.23    |             | 31.05.22    |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | £           | £           | £           | £           |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders        |             | 25,779,755  |             | 34,672,621  |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | 1,223,651   |             | 1,737,192   |             |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | (3,675,023) |             | (4,944,012) |             |
|  |             | (2,451,372) |             | (3,206,820) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from |             |             |             |             |
| investment activities                                  |             | (694,545)   |             | (1,897,382) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares           |             | 120,450     |             | 41,021      |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders        |             | 22,754,288  |             | 29,609,440  |

<sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

### **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23<br>£ | 30.11.22<br>£ |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| ASSETS                                  |               |               |
| Fixed assets:                           |               |               |
| Investments                             | 18,565,403    | 23,968,492    |
| Current assets:                         |               |               |
| Debtors                                 | 710,660       | 940,356       |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 2,573,803     | 1,289,359     |
| Cash equivalents                        | 1,801,593     | 1,203,678     |
| Total assets                            | 23,651,459    | 27,401,885    |
| LIABILITIES                             |               |               |
| Investment liabilities                  | (157,009)     | (110,458)     |
| Creditors:                              |               |               |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (13)          | (267,258)     |
| Distribution payable                    | (77,629)      | (63,255)      |
| Other creditors                         | (662,520)     | (1,181,159)   |
| Total liabilities                       | (897,171)     | (1,622,130)   |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 22,754,288    | 25,779,755    |

### NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

|                                      | Net Revenue                     | Equalisation                       | Payable<br>31.07.23                       | Paid<br>31.07.22                          |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Class C Income                       |                                 |                                    |   |   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2                   | 0.8147<br>0.4224                | 0.3923                             | 0.8147<br>0.8147                          | 0.2278<br>0.2278                          |
|                                      |                                 |                                    |   |   |
|                                      | Net Revenue                     | Equalisation                       | Allocated<br>31.07.23                     | Allocated 31.07.22                        |
| Class C Accumulation                 |                                 |                                    |   |   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2                   | 0.8979<br>0.3314                | _<br>0.5665                        | 0.8979<br>0.8979                          | 0.2485<br>0.2485                          |
| Gloup 2                              | 0.5514                          | 0.5005                             | 0.0979                                    | 0.2405                                    |
|                                      |                                 |                                    |   |   |
|                                      |                                 |                                    | Payable                                   | Paid                                      |
|                                      | Net Revenue                     | Equalisation                       | Payable<br>31.07.23                       | Paid<br>31.07.22                          |
| Class S Income<br>Group 1            |                                 | Equalisation                       | 31.07.23                                  | 31.07.22                                  |
| Class S Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | Net Revenue<br>0.8290<br>0.3405 | <b>Equalisation</b><br>_<br>0.4885 |   |   |
| Group 1                              | 0.8290                          | -                                  | <b>31.07.23</b><br>0.8290                 | <b>31.07.22</b><br>0.2366                 |
| Group 1                              | 0.8290<br>0.3405                | 0.4885                             | 31.07.23<br>0.8290<br>0.8290<br>Allocated | 31.07.22<br>0.2366<br>0.2366<br>Allocated |
| Group 1<br>Group 2                   | 0.8290                          | -                                  | <b>31.07.23</b><br>0.8290<br>0.8290       | <b>31.07.22</b><br>0.2366<br>0.2366       |
| Group 1                              | 0.8290<br>0.3405                | 0.4885                             | 31.07.23<br>0.8290<br>0.8290<br>Allocated | 31.07.22<br>0.2366<br>0.2366<br>Allocated |

#### Equalisation

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

### ACD'S REPORT

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

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

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in other funds managed both by the Manager and by selected third party managers, including open-ended and closed–ended funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), and other transferable securities, including fixed income, equities, warrants and structured products. This exposure may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash, and deposits, and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments, for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

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

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

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (0.57)%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

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

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta underweight. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In December 2022, we also increased our headline bond exposure. Since the start of 2022, treasury yields had risen significantly. This means they have a much more attractive base return before any price movement. On top of this, we believe that rate hikes are already priced in. In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we began reducing AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions and have been carefully reducing the allocation in tranches.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 25 to 34 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Income** 

|   | 30.11.22¹<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | <b>1</b>                          | <b>P ,</b>                       |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 138.92                            | 137.54                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | (5.17)                            | 6.20                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.27)                            | (2.65)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (5.44)                            | 3.55                             |
| Distributions on income shares  |                                   | (2.17)                           |
| Last quoted share price   | 133.48                            | _                                |
| Closing net asset value per share   | _                                 | 138.92                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup>   | 0.00                              | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>3</sup>  | (3.92)%                           | 2.58%                            |
| Other Information   |                                   |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>4</sup> | -<br>-<br>1.88%                   | 47<br>33,873<br>1.88%            |
| Direct transaction costs  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |                                   |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 141.15                            | 143.77                           |
| Lowest share price  | 130.96                            | 137.44                           |
| <sup>1</sup> Share class became inactive last 28 March 2022.                                  |                                   |                                  |

<sup>2</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class A Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share  | • •                              | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 180.48                           | 197.66                           | 192.63                           |
| Return before operating charges*   | 0.19                             | (13.66)                          | 8.72                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (1.69)                           | (3.52)                           | (3.69)                           |
| Return after operating charges*  | (1.50)                           | (17.18)                          | 5.03                             |
| Distributions  | (1.01)                           | (2.85)                           | (3.08)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares  | 1.01                             | 2.85                             | 3.08                             |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 178.98                           | 180.48                           | 197.66                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1  | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.83)%                          | (8.69)%                          | 2.61%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)  | 77                               | 80                               | 137                              |
| Closing number of shares   | 42,878                           | 44,039                           | 69,084                           |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>   | 1.86%                            | 1.88%                            | 1.88%                            |
| Direct transaction costs   | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 187.73                           | 200.71                           | 202.16                           |
| Lowest share price   | 177.32                           | 171.53                           | 192.60                           |
| <sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from di | lution adjustments               | or dilution levie                | s that relate to                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class B Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | ,                                | · ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 187.78                           | 205.35                           | 199.76                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.18                             | (14.42)                          | 8.93                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.52)                           | (3.15)                           | (3.34)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.34)                           | (17.57)                          | 5.59                             |
| Distributions   | (1.04)                           | (2.95)                           | (3.17)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.04                             | 2.95                             | 3.17                             |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 186.44                           | 187.78                           | 205.35                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.71)%                          | (8.56)%                          | 2.80%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)   | 22,440                           | 23,643                           | 29,059                           |
| Closing number of shares  | 12,036,142                       | 12,591,073                       | 14,150,830                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>  | 1.61%                            | 1.63%                            | 1.63%                            |
| Direct transaction costs  | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 195.47                           | 208.54                           | 210.15                           |
| Lowest share price  | 184.69                           | 178.48                           | 199.74                           |
| <sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from d | ilution adjustments              | or dilution levie                | s that relate to                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | • ,                                    | . ,                                    | . ,                                    |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 136.98                                 | 151.87                                 | 149.75                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.11                                   | (10.73)                                | 6.62                                   |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.94)                                 | (1.98)                                 | (2.12)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.83)                                 | (12.71)                                | 4.50                                   |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.75)                                 | (2.18)                                 | (2.38)                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 135.40                                 | 136.98                                 | 151.87                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.61)%                                | (8.37)%                                | 3.01%                                  |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 27,233<br>20,112,848<br>1.36%<br>0.00% | 30,768<br>22,462,495<br>1.38%<br>0.00% | 38,758<br>25,521,246<br>1.38%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |  |  |  |
| Highest share price   | 142.65                                 | 154.33                                 | 157.13                                 |
| Lowest share price  | 134.83                                 | 132.02                                 | 149.65                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)        | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)        |
|---|--|---|---|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |   | . ,                                     |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 195.40                                 | 213.26                                  | 207.05                                  |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.16                                   | (15.09)                                 | 9.15                                    |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.34)                                 | (2.77)                                  | (2.94)                                  |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.18)                                 | (17.86)                                 | 6.21                                    |
| Distributions   | (1.07)                                 | (3.07)                                  | (3.30)                                  |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.07                                   | 3.07                                    | 3.30                                    |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 194.22                                 | 195.40                                  | 213.26                                  |
| * After direct transaction costs of: <sup>1</sup>   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                    | 0.00                                    |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.60)%                                | (8.37)%                                 | 3.00%                                   |
| Other Information   |  |   |   |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 74,585<br>38,401,599<br>1.36%<br>0.00% | 105,504<br>53,994,155<br>1.38%<br>0.00% | 120,600<br>56,549,978<br>1.38%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |  |   |   |
| Highest share price   | 203.49                                 | 216.59                                  | 218.23                                  |
| Lowest share price  | 192.33                                 | 185.67                                  | 207.03                                  |
| 1 Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the preparties of the amounts collected from d                      | ilution adjustments                    | or dilution lovia                       | a that ralata ta                        |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | , , , , , , ,                    | <b>P ,</b>                       | , · · · · ,                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 126.96                           | 141.32                           | 139.91                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.17                             | (9.91)                           | 6.31                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.19)                           | (2.52)                           | (2.69)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.02)                           | (12.43)                          | 3.62                             |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.71)                           | (1.93)                           | (2.21)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 125.23                           | 126.96                           | 141.32                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.80)%                          | (8.80)%                          | 2.59%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 34<br>27,370<br>1.86%<br>0.00%   | 33<br>26,304<br>1.88%<br>0.00%   | 127<br>89,750<br>1.88%<br>0.00%  |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 132.12                           | 143.59                           | 146.24                           |
| Lowest share price  | 124.80                           | 122.46                           | 139.81                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | • /                              | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 180.00                           | 197.23                           | 192.25                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.19                             | (13.74)                          | 8.69                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.68)                           | (3.49)                           | (3.71)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.49)                           | (17.23)                          | 4.98                             |
| Distributions   | (1.01)                           | (2.83)                           | (3.05)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.01                             | 2.83                             | 3.05                             |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 178.51                           | 180.00                           | 197.23                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.83)%                          | (8.74)%                          | 2.59%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)   | 6,521                            | 7,155                            | 8,848                            |
| Closing number of shares  | 3,652,960                        | 3,974,724                        | 4,486,168                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>  | 1.86%                            | 1.88%                            | 1.88%                            |
| Direct transaction costs  | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 187.29                           | 200.28                           | 201.86                           |
| Lowest share price  | 176.91                           | 171.13                           | 192.22                           |
| <sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from d | ilution adjustments              | or dilution levie                | s that relate to                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                                  | . ,                                  | . ,                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 101.28                               | 112.07                               | 110.29                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.07                                 | (8.04)                               | 4.81                                 |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.57)                               | (1.19)                               | (1.28)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.50)                               | (9.23)                               | 3.53                                 |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.55)                               | (1.56)                               | (1.75)                               |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 100.23                               | 101.28                               | 112.07                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.49)%                              | (8.24)%                              | 3.20%                                |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1,787<br>1,782,278<br>1.11%<br>0.00% | 1,858<br>1,834,591<br>1.13%<br>0.00% | 3,504<br>3,127,023<br>1.13%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Highest share price   | 105.53                               | 113.89                               | 115.92                               |
| Lowest share price  | 99.77                                | 97.59                                | 110.22                               |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share  |                                  | <b>P ,</b>                       | <b>1 ,</b>                       |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 119.08                           | 129.71                           | 125.68                           |
| Return before operating charges*   | 0.07                             | (9.25)                           | 5.49                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (0.66)                           | (1.38)                           | (1.46)                           |
| Return after operating charges*  | (0.59)                           | (10.63)                          | 4.03                             |
| Distributions  | (0.65)                           | (1.87)                           | (2.00)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares  | 0.65                             | 1.87                             | 2.00                             |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 118.49                           | 119.08                           | 129.71                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1  | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.50)%                          | (8.20)%                          | 3.21%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)  | 37,067                           | 11,880                           | 15,293                           |
| Closing number of shares   | 31,282,492                       | 9,976,471                        | 11,789,747                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>   | 1.11%                            | 1.13%                            | 1.13%                            |
| Direct transaction costs   | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 124.07                           | 131.74                           | 132.69                           |
| Lowest share price   | 117.31                           | 113.13                           | 125.67                           |
| <sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from di | lution adjustments               | or dilution levie                | s that relate to                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class X Accumulation** 

|   | 30.11.22 <sup>1</sup><br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share               |   |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                 | 116.54  | 112.56                           |
| Return before operating charges*                  | 7.67  | 4.83                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.06)  | (0.85)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                   | 7.61  | 3.98                             |
| Distributions                                     | _   | (1.80)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares     |   | 1.80                             |
| Last quoted share price                           | 124.15  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value per share                 |   | 116.54                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup> | 0.00  | 0.00                             |
| Performance                                       |   |                                  |
| Return after charges <sup>3</sup>                 | 6.53%   | 3.54%                            |
| Other Information                                 |   |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                   | _   | 395                              |
| Closing number of shares                          | _   | 339,331                          |
| Operating charges⁴                                | 0.73%   | 0.73%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                          | 0.00%   | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |   |                                  |
| Highest share price                               | 126.24  | 119.13                           |
| Lowest share price                                | 111.65  | 112.55                           |

<sup>1</sup> Share class became inactive last 7 March 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.40%   | 1.15%   | 0.90%   | 1.40%   | 0.65%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.10%   | 0.10%   | 0.10%   | 0.10%   | 0.10%   |
|                                    | 1.50%   | 1.25%   | 1.00%   | 1.50%   | 0.75%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.36%   | 0.36%   | 0.36%   | 0.36%   | 0.36%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.86%   | 1.61%   | 1.36%   | 1.86%   | 1.11%   |

#### As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class S | Class X <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.40%   | 1.15%   | 0.90%   | 1.40%   | 0.65%   | 0.25%                |
| Other expenses                     | 0.07%   | 0.07%   | 0.07%   | 0.07%   | 0.07%   | 0.07%                |
|                                    | 1.47%   | 1.22%   | 0.97%   | 1.47%   | 0.72%   | 0.32%                |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.41%   | 0.41%   | 0.41%   | 0.41%   | 0.41%   | 0.41%                |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.88%   | 1.63%   | 1.38%   | 1.88%   | 1.13%   | 0.73%                |

<sup>1</sup> The share class became inactive last 7 March 2022.

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

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

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was four.

#### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|   | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|---|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM Moderately Cautious Fund <sup>1</sup> | (0.57)   | (3.75) | 0.28    | 0.53    |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 42 and 43.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding          | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£             | 31.05.23<br>%  |
|------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|
| C C              | ALTERNATIVES 4.44% (4.19%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
|                  | Alternative Strategies 4.44% (4.19%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
|                  | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 10/09/2024 <sup>2</sup><br>SG Defensive Short Term Equity Strategy 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup> | 4,283,759<br>3,256,597 | 2.52<br>1.92   |
|                  |  | 7,540,356              | 4.44           |
|                  | DEBT SECURITIES 0.00% (0.28%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |                |
|                  | Short Term Sterling Bonds 0.00% (0.28%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |                |
|                  | EQUITY 7.42% (7.77%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
| 12 201           | North America 2.04% (2.21%) <sup>1</sup>   | 2 464 072              | 2.04           |
| 13,281           | Berkshire Hathaway   | 3,461,073              | 2.04           |
|                  | United Kingdom 5.38% (5.56%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
|                  | Goldman Sachs International 2024   | 5,456,052              | 3.22           |
| 39,500           | UBS AG London 2027   | 3,668,222              | 2.16           |
|                  |  | 9,124,274              | 5.38           |
|                  | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.11% (-0.06%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
|                  | Germany 0.04% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |                |
|                  | MSCI EUX Eurobund Futures June 2023  | 48,080                 | 0.03           |
| 58               | MSCI EUX Futures June 2023   | 10,593                 | 0.01           |
|                  |  | 58,673                 | 0.04           |
|                  | United Kingdom 0.02% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
| 25               | Long Gilt ICF Futures September 2023   | 42,500                 | 0.02           |
|                  | United States 0.05% (-0.06%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
| 76               | US 10-Year Note CBT Futures September 2023   | 38,898                 | 0.02           |
| 48               | US Ultra CBT Futures September 2023  | 55,807                 | 0.03           |
|                  |  | 94,705                 | 0.05           |
|                  | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.34% (-0.19%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |                |
| €1,153,393       | Vs £(1,026,554) Expiry 20.10.2023  | (24,517)               | (0.01)         |
| €2,700,000       |  | (50,831)               | (0.03)         |
| €(2,700,000)     |  | 57,392                 | 0.03           |
| €(1,153,393)     |  | 21,714                 | 0.01           |
| US\$(60,973,000) |  | 656,802                | 0.39           |
| US\$(4,500,000)  | Vs £3,676,320 Expiry 14.07.2023<br>Vs £(13,436,051) Expiry 17.11.2023  | 40,121<br>(57,811)     | 0.02<br>(0.03) |
| US\$4,973,000    |  | 76,588                 | 0.05           |
| US\$4,500,000    |  | 24,295                 | 0.01           |
| US\$15,250,000   | Vs £(12,486,950) Expiry 14.07.2023   | (164,273)              | (0.10)         |
|                  |  | 579,480                | 0.34           |
|                  | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 76.54% (82.02%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |                |
|                  | Ireland 13.74% (14.49%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |                |
| 89,165           | Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return   | 10,164,795             | 5.99           |
| 954,553          | HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund   | 7,778,054              | 4.58           |

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding          | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£  | 31.05.23<br>% |
|------------------|---|-------------|---------------|
|                  | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 76.54% (82.02%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)                      |             |               |
|                  | Ireland 13.74% (14.49%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)  |             |               |
| 486,851          |   | 5,380,005   | 3.17          |
|                  |   | 23,322,854  | 13.74         |
|                  | Langer b and 20, 20% (40, 24%)1   |             |               |
| 41.056           | Luxembourg 36.39% (42.91%) <sup>1</sup><br>AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio | 6,018,010   | 3.54          |
|                  | AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund  | 5,363,749   | 3.34<br>3.16  |
| 49,007<br>27,797 |   | 1,513,802   | 0.89          |
| 29.929           |   | 3,398,447   | 2.00          |
| 29,929<br>68,164 | 5   | 6,282,686   | 2.00          |
| ,                | Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral  | 3,472,662   | 2.05          |
| 43,470           |   | 5,413,807   | 2.05          |
| 43,470<br>25,700 |   | 2,597,499   | 1.53          |
| 23,700           | , , ,   | 23,346,876  | 13.75         |
|                  | RWC Global Emerging Markets   | 2,160,610   | 1.27          |
| 90,008           |   | 2,219,995   | 1.31          |
| 90,008           | Schoder ISF Asian Opportunities   |             |               |
|                  |   | 61,788,143  | 36.39         |
|                  |   |             |               |
|                  | United Kingdom 26.41% (24.62%) <sup>1</sup>   |             |               |
| 4,422,390        | 5   | 4,785,026   | 2.82          |
|                  | iShares Global Property Securities Index  | 6,729,992   | 3.97          |
| 424,620          | •   | 2,114,563   | 1.25          |
| 1,901,970        | 8   | 2,686,913   | 1.58          |
| 2,058,219        | 5   | 2,917,937   | 1.72          |
| 1,363,305        |   | 4,654,324   | 2.74          |
| 2,294,630        |   | 3,510,785   | 2.07          |
| 88,836           | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,   | 8,087,775   | 4.77          |
|                  | Premier Miton European Opportunities  | 2,848,503   | 1.68          |
| 6,887,460        |   | 3,752,288   | 2.21          |
| 271,636          | T. Rowe Price Funds Japanese Equity   | 2,717,960   | 1.60          |
|                  |   | 44,806,066  | 26.41         |
|                  | Portfolio of investment   | 150,818,124 | 88.85         |
|                  | Net other assets <sup>3</sup>   | 18,925,396  | 11.15         |
|                  | Net assets  |             | 100.00        |
|                  | 1461 033613   | 169,743,520 | 100.00        |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £11,830,013 which is shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

|                                  | 31.05.23 | 30.11.22 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Credit Quality                   | %        | %        |
| Investment grade debt securities | -        | 0.28     |
| Non-rated debt securities        | 4.44     | 4.19     |
| Other investments                | 84.41    | 89.54    |
| Net other assets                 | 11.15    | 5.99     |
|                                  | 100.00   | 100.00   |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   | £         | 31.05.23<br>£ | £           | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|---|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Income  |           |               |             |               |
| Net capital losses  |           | (1,270,596)   |             | (11,023,661)  |
| Revenue   | 1,190,419 |               | 412,280     |               |
| Expenses  | (886,843) |               | (1,037,419) |               |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (3,133)   |               | (224)       |               |
| Net revenue/(expense) before taxation for the period                            | 300,443   |               | (625,363)   |               |
| Taxation  | 918       |               | (8,659)     |               |
| Net revenue/(expense) after taxation for the period                             |           | 301,361       |             | (634,022)     |
| Total return before distributions   |           | (969,235)     |             | (11,657,683)  |
| Distributions   |           | (962,935)     |             | (311,161)     |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities |           | (1,932,170)   | _           | (11,968,844)  |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | <b>c</b>     | 31.05.23                    | <b>^</b>     | 31.05.22         |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders        | £            | <del>د</del><br>180,920,985 | £            | £<br>216,768,236 |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | 14,228,368   | ,,                          | 19,693,498   | ,,               |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | (24,252,529) |                             | (24,424,630) |                  |
| -  |              | (10,024,161)                |              | (4,731,132)      |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from |              |                             |              |                  |
| investment activities                                  |              | (1,932,170)                 |              | (11,968,844)     |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares           |              | 778,866                     |              | 252,169          |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders        |              | 169,743,520                 |              | 200,320,429      |

<sup>1</sup>Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

### **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23    | 30.11.22    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  | £           | £           |
| Fixed assets:                           |             |             |
| Investments                             | 151,115,556 | 170,857,287 |
| Current assets:                         |             |             |
| Debtors                                 | 2,847,516   | 464,854     |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 5,814,652   | 10,423,295  |
| Cash equivalents                        | 11,830,013  | 3,533,311   |
| Total assets                            | 171,607,737 | 185,278,747 |
| LIABILITIES                             |             |             |
| Investment liabilities                  | (297,432)   | (778,690)   |
| Creditors:                              |             |             |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (41)        | (1,972,843) |
| Distribution payable                    | (161,009)   | (467,815)   |
| Other creditors                         | (1,405,735) | (1,138,414) |
| Total liabilities                       | (1,864,217) | (4,357,762) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 169,743,520 | 180,920,985 |

### NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

| Class A Income                             | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23 <sup>1</sup> | Paid<br>31.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
|--|------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Group 1<br>Group 2                         | -                |              | -                                | -                             |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23               | Allocated 31.07.22            |
| Class A Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.0149<br>1.0149 |              | 1.0149<br>1.0149                 | 0.2870<br>0.2870              |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23            | Allocated<br>31.07.22         |
| Class B Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.0427<br>0.7094 | _<br>0.3333  | 1.0427<br>1.0427                 | 0.2967<br>0.2967              |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23              | Paid<br>31.07.22              |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.7506<br>0.4906 | 0.2600       | 0.7506<br>0.7506                 | 0.2182<br>0.2182              |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23            | Allocated<br>31.07.22         |
| Class C Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.0746<br>0.6199 | _<br>0.4547  | 1.0746<br>1.0746                 | 0.3120<br>0.3120              |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23              | Paid<br>31.07.22              |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.7135<br>0.2910 | _<br>0.4225  | 0.7135<br>0.7135                 | 0.1013<br>0.1013              |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23            | Allocated<br>31.07.22         |
| Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.0144<br>0.1880 | _<br>0.8264  | 1.0144<br>1.0144                 | 0.2858<br>0.2858              |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23              | Paid<br>31.07.22              |
| Class S Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.5525<br>0.3305 | _<br>0.2220  | 0.5525<br>0.5525                 | 0.1123<br>0.1123              |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|                                 | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23              | Allocated<br>31.07.22              |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Class S Accumulation            |             |              |                                 |                                    |
| Group 1                         | 0.6496      | _            | 0.6496                          | 0.1867                             |
| Group 2                         | 0.2777      | 0.3719       | 0.6496                          | 0.1867                             |
|                                 |             |              |                                 |                                    |
|                                 | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23 <sup>1</sup> | Allocated<br>31.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class X Accumulation            | Net Revenue | Equalisation |                                 |                                    |
| Class X Accumulation<br>Group 1 | Net Revenue | Equalisation |                                 |                                    |

<sup>1</sup> Share Class A Income and Share Class X Accumulation became inactive last 28 March 2022 and 7 March 2022, respectively.

#### Equalisation

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

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

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

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in other funds managed both by the Manager and by selected third party managers, including open-ended and closed–ended funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), and other transferable securities including fixed income, equities, warrants and structured products. This exposure may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash, and deposits, and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments, for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

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

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

#### Investment Manager's Report

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (0.16)%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

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

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

### Investment Manager's Report (continued)

#### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta underweight. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In December 2022, we also increased our headline bond exposure. Since the start of 2022, treasury yields had risen significantly. This means they have a much more attractive base return before any price movement. On top of this, we believe that rate hikes are already priced in. In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we began reducing AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions and have been carefully reducing the allocation in tranches.

During March 2023, we also added to our climate change position. The trade had underperformed over the past few months, we still have a lot of conviction in the long term case for the position and since it had sold off, the valuations looked more attractive than they had in the past.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- · Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 47 to 56 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 225.93                               | 239.28                               | 226.15                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.88                                 | (9.09)                               | 17.60                                |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (2.06)                               | (4.26)                               | (4.47)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.18)                               | (13.35)                              | 13.13                                |
| Distributions   | (0.63)                               | (2.56)                               | (2.20)                               |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 0.63                                 | 2.56                                 | 2.20                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 224.75                               | 225.93                               | 239.28                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.52)%                              | (5.58)%                              | 5.81%                                |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 3,624<br>1,611,914<br>1.81%<br>0.00% | 3,865<br>1,710,776<br>1.86%<br>0.00% | 4,896<br>2,046,175<br>1.88%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Highest share price   | 236.06                               | 244.78                               | 246.45                               |
| Lowest share price  | 222.24                               | 213.23                               | 226.34                               |
|   |                                      |                                      |                                      |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued) Class B Accumulation

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 235.95                                 | 249.41                                 | 235.22                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.93                                   | (9.62)                                 | 18.22                                  |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.86)                                 | (3.84)                                 | (4.03)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.93)                                 | (13.46)                                | 14.19                                  |
| Distributions   | (0.81)                                 | (2.82)                                 | (2.43)                                 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 0.81                                   | 2.82                                   | 2.43                                   |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 235.02                                 | 235.95                                 | 249.41                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.39)%                                | (5.40)%                                | 6.03%                                  |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 52,272<br>22,241,728<br>1.56%<br>0.00% | 54,994<br>23,307,319<br>1.61%<br>0.00% | 64,694<br>25,938,726<br>1.63%<br>0.00% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 246.65<br>232.27                       | 255.16<br>222.72                       | 256.84<br>235.42                       |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued) Class C Income

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              | • •                              | • •                              | • •                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 191.01                           | 204.14                           | 194.18                           |
| Return before operating charges*                 | 0.74                             | (7.97)                           | 14.94                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (1.26)                           | (2.66)                           | (2.82)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (0.52)                           | (10.63)                          | 12.12                            |
| Distributions on income shares                   | (0.78)                           | (2.50)                           | (2.16)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 189.71                           | 191.01                           | 204.14                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (0.27)%                          | (5.21)%                          | 6.24%                            |
| Other Information                                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 52,247                           | 56,836                           | 69,177                           |
| Closing number of shares                         | 27,540,192                       | 29,755,848                       | 33,888,123                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 1.31%                            | 1.36%                            | 1.38%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |

 Highest share price
 199.76
 208.85
 212.07

 Lowest share price
 188.18
 182.61
 194.24

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued) Class C Accumulation

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)         | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)         | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)         |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 246.42                                   | 259.96                                   | 244.69                                   |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.96                                     | (10.15)                                  | 18.83                                    |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.63)                                   | (3.39)                                   | (3.56)                                   |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.67)                                   | (13.54)                                  | 15.27                                    |
| Distributions   | (1.00)                                   | (3.19)                                   | (2.73)                                   |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.00                                     | 3.19                                     | 2.73                                     |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 245.75                                   | 246.42                                   | 259.96                                   |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                     | 0.00                                     | 0.00                                     |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.27)%                                  | (5.21)%                                  | 6.24%                                    |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 405,024<br>164,809,357<br>1.31%<br>0.00% | 435,335<br>176,665,351<br>1.36%<br>0.00% | 522,466<br>200,980,320<br>1.38%<br>0.00% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price  | 257.71                                   | 265.98                                   | 267.69                                   |
| Lowest share price  | 242.77                                   | 232.63                                   | 244.90                                   |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued) Class D Income

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share             |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share               | 182.70                           | 195.70                           | 186.72                           |
| Return before operating charges*                | 0.71                             | (7.44)                           | 14.75                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price) | (1.67)                           | (3.48)                           | (3.68)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                 | (0.96)                           | (10.92)                          | 11.07                            |
| Distributions on income shares                  | (0.51)                           | (2.08)                           | (2.09)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share               | 181.23                           | 182.70                           | 195.70                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1           | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |

| Performance                       |         |         |        |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (0.53)% | (5.58)% | 5.93%  |
|                                   |         |         |        |
|                                   |         |         |        |
| Other Information                 |         |         |        |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)   | 130     | 130     | 169    |
| Closing number of shares          | 71,827  | 71,093  | 86,208 |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>    | 1.81%   | 1.86%   | 1.88%  |
| Direct transaction costs          | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.00%  |
| Prices                            |         |         |        |
| Highest share price               | 190.88  | 200.19  | 203.40 |
| Lowest share price                | 179.70  | 174.39  | 186.78 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued) Class D Accumulation

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                     |                                  | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                       | 225.98                           | 239.35                           | 226.23                           |
| Return before operating charges*                        | 0.89                             | (9.12)                           | 17.59                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)         | (2.06)                           | (4.25)                           | (4.47)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                         | (1.17)                           | (13.37)                          | 13.12                            |
| Distributions   | (0.63)                           | (2.54)                           | (2.17)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares           | 0.63                             | 2.54                             | 2.17                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                       | 224.81                           | 225.98                           | 239.35                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (0.52)%                          | (5.59)%                          | 5.80%                            |
| Other Information                                       |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                         | 15,150                           | 14,323                           | 16,090                           |
| Closing number of shares                                | 6,738,990                        | 6,338,244                        | 6,722,220                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                          | 1.81%                            | 1.86%                            | 1.88%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                                | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                                     | 236.12                           | 244.86                           | 246.54                           |
| Lowest share price                                      | 222.29                           | 213.30                           | 226.42                           |
|   |                                  |                                  |                                  |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued) Class S Income

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share             | . ,                              | . ,                              | •                                |
| Opening net asset value per share               | 121.91                           | 130.14                           | 123.68                           |
| Return before operating charges*                | 0.47                             | (5.08)                           | 9.44                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price) | (0.65)                           | (1.39)                           | (1.47)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                 | (0.18)                           | (6.47)                           | 7.97                             |
| Distributions on income shares                  | (0.56)                           | (1.76)                           | (1.51)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share               | 121.17                           | 121.91                           | 130.14                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1           | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance                                     |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Return after charges <sup>2</sup>               | (0.15)%                          | (4.97)%                          | 6.44%                            |

#### **Other Information**

| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,214     | 1,319     | 4,824     |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing number of shares        | 1,002,229 | 1,081,792 | 3,706,351 |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>  | 1.06%     | 1.11%     | 1.13%     |
| Direct transaction costs        | 0.00%     | 0.00%     | 0.00%     |
| Prices                          |           |           |           |
| Highest share price             | 127.55    | 133.16    | 135.25    |
| Lowest share price              | 120.19    | 116.58    | 123.72    |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued) Class S Accumulation

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 138.53                                 | 145.85                                 | 137.01                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.54                                   | (5.77)                                 | 10.47                                  |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.74)                                 | (1.55)                                 | (1.63)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.20)                                 | (7.32)                                 | 8.84                                   |
| Distributions   | (0.63)                                 | (1.93)                                 | (1.68)                                 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 0.63                                   | 1.93                                   | 1.68                                   |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 138.33                                 | 138.53                                 | 145.85                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.14)%                                | (5.02)%                                | 6.45%                                  |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 36,707<br>26,536,616<br>1.06%<br>0.00% | 36,423<br>26,293,064<br>1.11%<br>0.00% | 45,686<br>31,325,170<br>1.13%<br>0.00% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 144.94<br>136.58                       | 149.23<br>130.75                       | 150.18<br>137.12                       |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

Comparative Tables (continued) Class X Income

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share             | . ,                              | . ,                              | •                                |
| Opening net asset value per share               | 139.81                           | 149.04                           | 141.41                           |
| Return before operating charges*                | 0.51                             | (6.02)                           | 10.69                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price) | (0.47)                           | (1.01)                           | (1.09)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                 | 0.04                             | (7.03)                           | 9.60                             |
| Distributions on income shares                  | (0.75)                           | (2.20)                           | (1.97)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share               | 139.10                           | 139.81                           | 149.04                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1           | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Devformence                                     |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Performance                                     | 0.020/                           | (4 70)0/                         | c <b>7</b> 00/                   |
| Return after charges <sup>2</sup>               | 0.03%                            | (4.72)%                          | 6.79%                            |

#### **Other Information**

| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 387              | 389              | 415              |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Closing number of shares                                   | 278,508          | 278,508          | 278,508          |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                             | 0.66%            | 0.71%            | 0.73%            |
| Direct transaction costs                                   | 0.00%            | 0.00%            | 0.00%            |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price | 146.38<br>138.00 | 152.51<br>133.70 | 155.05<br>141.46 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued) Class X Accumulation

| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share         216.51         227.23         212.78           Opening net asset value per share         216.51         227.23         212.78           Return before operating charges*         0.79         (9.17)         16.09           Operating charges (calculated on average price)         (0.72)         (1.55)         (1.64)           Return after operating charges*         0.07         (10.72)         14.45           Distributions         (1.17)         (3.38)         (2.96)           Retained distributions on accumulation shares         1.17         3.38         2.96           Closing net asset value per share         216.58         216.51         227.23           * After direct transaction costs of:1         0.00         0.00         0.00           Performance         Return after charges²         0.03%         (4.72)%         6.79%           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing number of shares         0.03%         (4.72)%         6.79%           Other Information         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing number of shares         0.66%         0.71%         0.73%           Operating charges³         0.66%         0.00% |   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Return before operating charges*       0.79       (9.17)       16.09         Operating charges (calculated on average price)       (0.72)       (1.55)       (1.64)         Return after operating charges*       0.07       (0.72)       14.45         Distributions       (1.17)       (3.38)       (2.96)         Retained distributions on accumulation shares       1.17       3.38       2.96         Closing net asset value per share       216.58       216.51       227.23         * After direct transaction costs of:1       0.00       0.00       0.00         Performance       Return after charges2       0.03%       (4.72)%       6.79%         Other Information       2.943       2.987       4.124         Closing net asset value (£'000)       2.943       2.987       4.124         Closing number of shares       0.66%       0.71%       0.73%         Operating charges³       0.66%       0.71%       0.73%         Direct transaction costs       0.00%       0.00%       0.00%         Prices       1.358.926       1.379,734       1.814,772         Operating charges³       0.66%       0.71%       0.73%         Direct transaction costs       0.00%       0.00%       0.00%   | Change in Net Asset Value Per Share             |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)         (0.72)         (1.55)         (1.64)           Return after operating charges*         0.07         (10.72)         14.45           Distributions         (1.17)         (3.38)         (2.96)           Retained distributions on accumulation shares         1.17         3.38         2.96           Closing net asset value per share         216.58         216.51         227.23           * After direct transaction costs of:1         0.00         0.00         0.00           Performance         Return after charges2         0.03%         (4.72)%         6.79%           Other Information         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing number of shares         0.66%         0.71%         0.73%           Operating charges3         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%           Prices         Highest share price         226.69         232.53         234.06   | Opening net asset value per share               | 216.51                           | 227.23                           | 212.78                           |
| Return after operating charges*         0.07         (10.72)         14.45           Distributions         (1.17)         (3.38)         (2.96)           Retained distributions on accumulation shares         1.17         3.38         2.96           Closing net asset value per share         216.58         216.51         227.23           * After direct transaction costs of:1         0.00         0.00         0.00           Performance         Return after charges2         0.03%         (4.72)%         6.79%           Other Information         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing number of shares         0.66%         0.71%         0.73%           Direct transaction costs         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%           Prices         1         1         232.53         234.06   | Return before operating charges*                | 0.79                             | (9.17)                           | 16.09                            |
| Distributions         (1.17)         (3.38)         (2.96)           Retained distributions on accumulation shares         1.17         3.38         2.96           Closing net asset value per share         216.58         216.51         227.23           * After direct transaction costs of:1         0.00         0.00         0.00           Performance         0.03%         (4.72)%         6.79%           Other Information         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing net asset value (£'000)         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%           Direct transaction costs         0.66%         0.71%         0.73%           Direct transaction costs         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%           Prices         1         1         1.358, 226         1.379, 734         1.814, 772           Highest share price         226.69         232.53         234.06         1  | Operating charges (calculated on average price) | (0.72)                           | (1.55)                           | (1.64)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares       1.17       3.38       2.96         Closing net asset value per share       216.58       216.51       227.23         * After direct transaction costs of:1       0.00       0.00       0.00         Performance       Return after charges <sup>2</sup> 0.03%       (4.72)%       6.79%         Other Information       2943       2.987       4.124         Closing net asset value (£'000)       2.943       2.987       4.124         Closing number of shares       1.358,926       1.379,734       1,814,772         Operating charges <sup>3</sup> 0.00%       0.00%       0.00%       0.00%         Prices       1       1.358,926       1.379,734       1,814,772         Highest share price       226.69       232.53       234.06   | Return after operating charges*                 | 0.07                             | (10.72)                          | 14.45                            |
| Closing net asset value per share         216.58         216.51         227.23           * After direct transaction costs of:1         0.00         0.00         0.00           Performance         0.03%         (4.72)%         6.79%           Other Information         2000         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2.943         2.987         4.124           Closing number of shares         1.358,926         1.379,734         1.814,772           Operating charges³         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%           Prices         Highest share price         226.69         232.53         234.06  | Distributions                                   | (1.17)                           | (3.38)                           | (2.96)                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1       0.00       0.00       0.00         Performance       0.03%       (4.72)%       6.79%         Other Information       0.03%       (4.72)%       6.79%         Closing net asset value (£'000)       2.943       2.987       4,124         Closing number of shares       1,358,926       1,379,734       1,814,772         Operating charges <sup>3</sup> 0.66%       0.71%       0.73%         Direct transaction costs       0.00%       0.00%       0.00%         Prices       1       1       1         Highest share price       226.69       232.53       234.06   | Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.17                             | 3.38                             | 2.96                             |
| Performance           Return after charges <sup>2</sup> 0.03%         (4.72)%         6.79%           Other Information         V         V         V           Closing net asset value (£'000)         2,943         2,987         4,124           Closing number of shares         1,358,926         1,379,734         1,814,772           Operating charges <sup>3</sup> 0.66%         0.71%         0.73%           Direct transaction costs         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%           Prices         Highest share price         226.69         232.53         234.06  | Closing net asset value per share               | 216.58                           | 216.51                           | 227.23                           |
| Return after charges <sup>2</sup> 0.03%       (4.72)%       6.79%         Other Information   | * After direct transaction costs of:1           | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)       2,943       2,987       4,124         Closing number of shares       1,358,926       1,379,734       1,814,772         Operating charges <sup>3</sup> 0.66%       0.71%       0.73%         Direct transaction costs       0.00%       0.00%       0.00%         Prices         Highest share price       226.69       232.53       234.06  |   | 0.03%                            | (4.72)%                          | 6.79%                            |
| Closing number of shares       1,358,926       1,379,734       1,814,772         Operating charges <sup>3</sup> 0.66%       0.71%       0.73%         Direct transaction costs       0.00%       0.00%       0.00%         Prices       226.69       232.53       234.06  | Other Information                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup> 0.66%         0.71%         0.73%           Direct transaction costs         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%           Prices         226.69         232.53         234.06   | Closing net asset value (£'000)                 | 2,943                            | 2,987                            | 4,124                            |
| Direct transaction costs         0.00%         0.00%         0.00%           Prices         226.69         232.53         234.06  | •   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Prices         226.69         232.53         234.06   |   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price         226.69         232.53         234.06  | Direct transaction costs                        | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
|   | Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Lowest share price         213.71         204.27         212.97   |   | 226.69                           | 232.53                           | 234.06                           |
|   | Lowest share price                              | 213.71                           | 204.27                           | 212.97                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class S | Class X |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.40%   | 1.15%   | 0.90%   | 1.40%   | 0.65%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 0.04%   |
|                                    | 1.44%   | 1.19%   | 0.94%   | 1.44%   | 0.69%   | 0.29%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.37%   | 0.37%   | 0.37%   | 0.37%   | 0.37%   | 0.37%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.81%   | 1.56%   | 1.31%   | 1.81%   | 1.06%   | 0.66%   |
| As at 30 November 2022             |         |         |         |         |         |         |

|                                    | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class S | Class X |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.40%   | 1.15%   | 0.90%   | 1.40%   | 0.65%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   |
|                                    | 1.43%   | 1.18%   | 0.93%   | 1.43%   | 0.68%   | 0.28%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.43%   | 0.43%   | 0.43%   | 0.43%   | 0.43%   | 0.43%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.86%   | 1.61%   | 1.36%   | 1.86%   | 1.11%   | 0.71%   |

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

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

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was four.

#### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|                                | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM Balanced Fund <sup>1</sup> | (0.16)   | (1.47) | 9.20    | 8.82    |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 64 and 65.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding                          | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£               | 31.05.23<br>%  |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
|                                  | ALTERNATIVES 4.17% (3.73%) <sup>1</sup>   | -                        | 70             |
|                                  | Alternative Strategies 4.17% (3.73%) <sup>1</sup>   |                          |                |
| 13,270,000<br>15,226,000         |   | 11,256,531<br>12,477,339 | 1.98<br>2.19   |
|                                  |   | 23,733,870               | 4.17           |
|                                  |   |                          |                |
|                                  | EQUITY 10.02% (10.08%) <sup>1</sup><br>North America 3.24% (3.33%) <sup>1</sup>             |                          |                |
| 70,896                           | Berkshire Hathaway  | 18,475,735               | 3.24           |
| -,                               | ,   |                          |                |
|                                  | United Kingdom 6.78% (6.75%) <sup>1</sup>   |                          |                |
|                                  | Goldman Sachs International 2024  | 26,391,666               | 4.63           |
| 131,710                          | UBS AG London 2027  | 12,231,431               | 2.15           |
|                                  |   | 38,623,097               | 6.78           |
|                                  | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.27% (-0.15%) <sup>1</sup>   |                          |                |
|                                  | Germany 0.20% (-0.11%) <sup>1</sup>   |                          |                |
|                                  | MSCI EUX Eurobund Futures June 2023   | 102,322                  | 0.02           |
| 612                              | MSCI EUX Futures June 2023  | 1,056,515                | 0.18           |
|                                  |   | 1,158,837                | 0.20           |
|                                  | United Kingdom 0.020/ (0.000/)1   |                          |                |
| 86                               | United Kingdom 0.03% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup><br>Long Gilt ICF Futures September 2023           | 146,200                  | 0.03           |
| 00                               |   |                          |                |
|                                  | United States 0.04% (-0.04%) <sup>1</sup>   |                          |                |
|                                  | US 10-Year Note CBT Futures September 2023  | 99,804                   | 0.02           |
| 111                              | US Ultra CBT Futures September 2023   | 129,054                  | 0.02           |
|                                  |   | 228,858                  | 0.04           |
|                                  |   |                          |                |
| €1,754,177                       | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.20% (-0.20%) <sup>1</sup><br>Vs £(1,561,271) Expiry 20.10.2023 | (37,287)                 | (0.01)         |
| €(1,754,177)                     | Vs £1,557,008 Expiry 20.10.2023   | 33,025                   | 0.01           |
| US\$(150,189,000)                |   | 1,617,839                | 0.28           |
| US\$(7,500,000)                  |   | 66,868                   | 0.01           |
| ¥8,262,180,000<br>US\$22,189,000 |   | (211,517)<br>119,795     | (0.04)<br>0.02 |
| US\$7,500,000                    |   | 115,506                  | 0.02           |
| US\$50,000,000                   | Vs £(40,940,820) Expiry 14.07.2023  | (538,601)                | (0.09)         |
|                                  |   | 1,165,628                | 0.20           |
|                                  |   |                          |                |
|                                  | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 71.64% (77.88%) <sup>1</sup>                                  |                          |                |
| 315,392                          | Ireland 9.22% (10.55%) <sup>1</sup><br>Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return   | 35,954,641               | 6.31           |
|                                  | HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund                                  | 16,560,047               | 2.91           |
|                                  |   | 52,514,688               | 9.22           |
|                                  |   |                          |                |
| 400.000                          | Luxembourg 27.26% (33.55%) <sup>1</sup>   | 00 000 070               | E 40           |
|                                  | AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio<br>AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund        | 29,226,970<br>10,267,409 | 5.13<br>1.80   |
| 140,677                          | •   | 7,661,271                | 1.34           |
|                                  | -   |                          |                |

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding    | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£  | 31.05.23<br>% |
|------------|--|-------------|---------------|
|            | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 71.64% (77.88%) <sup>1</sup> (continued) |             |               |
|            | Luxembourg 27.26% (33.55%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)                    |             |               |
| 104,891    | BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund                   | 11,910,350  | 2.09          |
| 293,248    | BlueBay Financial Capital Bond   | 27,028,686  | 4.75          |
| 6,091      | Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral                         | 9,285,872   | 1.63          |
| 135,679    | Fulcrum Equity Dispersion Fund   | 16,897,491  | 2.97          |
| 57,153     | Lyxor Core UK Government Bond (DR) UCITS ETF                           | 5,776,454   | 1.01          |
| 222,618    |  | 23,844,587  | 4.19          |
| 33,489     | 00   | 6,578,586   | 1.16          |
| 275,156    | Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities                                       | 6,786,541   | 1.19          |
|            |  | 155,264,217 | 27.26         |
|            | United Kingdom 35.16% (33.78%) <sup>1</sup>                            |             |               |
| 30,323,600 |  | 32,810,135  | 5.76          |
| 9,194,790  | iShares Global Property Securities Index                               | 19,486,932  | 3.42          |
| 1,159,837  | LF Brook Absolute Return Fund Sterling                                 | 5,775,872   | 1.01          |
| 7,335,210  | LF Lightman European Fund I Accumulation                               | 10,362,452  | 1.82          |
| 9,118,357  | M&G Japan Fund Sterling PP Accumulation                                | 12,927,094  | 2.27          |
| 9,344,695  | Man GLG Income Fund  | 31,902,788  | 5.60          |
| 15,084,533 | Ninety One Funds Series III - Global Environment Fund                  | 23,079,336  | 4.05          |
|            | PFS TwentyFour Dynamic Bond  | 12,106,311  | 2.12          |
| 3,513,101  |  | 9,727,775   | 1.71          |
| 52,660,391 | Schroder Prime UK Equity Fund  | 28,689,381  | 5.04          |
| 1,343,567  | T. Rowe Price Funds Japanese Equity                                    | 13,443,598  | 2.36          |
|            |  | 200,311,674 | 35.16         |
|            | Portfolio of investment  | 491,622,804 | 86.30         |
|            | Net other assets <sup>3</sup>  | 78,075,108  | 13.70         |
|            | Net assets   | 569,697,912 | 100.00        |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £55,533,435 which is shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

|                           | 31.05.23 | 30.11.22 |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Credit Quality            | %        | %        |
| Non-rated debt securities | 4.17     | 3.73     |
| Other investments         | 82.13    | 87.61    |
| Net other assets          | 13.70    | 8.66     |
|                           | 100.00   | 100.00   |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   | £           | 31.05.23<br>£ | £           | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|---|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Income  | ~           | ~             | ~           | ~             |
| Net capital losses  |             | (2,238,182)   |             | (28,351,868)  |
| Revenue   | 3,924,739   |               | 1,988,040   |               |
| Expenses  | (2,850,609) |               | (3,290,302) |               |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (5,105)     |               | (1,628)     |               |
| Net revenue/(expense) before taxation for the period                            | 1,069,025   |               | (1,303,890) |               |
| Taxation  | (24,429)    |               | (30,376)    |               |
| Net revenue/(expense) after taxation for the period                             |             | 1,044,596     |             | (1,334,266)   |
| Total return before distributions   |             | (1,193,586)   |             | (29,686,134)  |
| Distributions   |             | (2,376,858)   |             | (293,167)     |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities | _           | (3,570,444)   | _           | (29,979,301)  |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  |              | 31.05.23     |              | 31.05.22     |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | £            | £            | £            | £            |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders        |              | 606,601,588  |              | 732,540,788  |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | 34,268,928   |              | 29,621,342   |              |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | (69,670,331) |              | (75,326,274) |              |
|  |              | (35,401,403) |              | (45,704,932) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from |              |              |              |              |
| investment activities                                  |              | (3,570,444)  |              | (29,979,301) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares           |              | 2,068,171    |              | 247,305      |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders        |              | 569,697,912  |              | 657,103,860  |

<sup>1</sup>Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23    | 30.11.22    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  | £           | £           |
| Fixed assets:                           |             |             |
| Investments                             | 492,410,209 | 556,944,533 |
| Current assets:                         |             |             |
| Debtors                                 | 1,330,965   | 2,047,017   |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 23,979,370  | 29,095,250  |
| Cash equivalents                        | 55,533,435  | 27,955,153  |
| Total assets                            | 573,253,979 | 616,041,953 |
| LIABILITIES                             |             |             |
| Investment liabilities                  | (787,405)   | (2,892,927) |
| Creditors:                              |             |             |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (1,241)     | (3,726,823) |
| Distribution payable                    | (221,663)   | (745,150)   |
| Other creditors                         | (2,545,758) | (2,075,465) |
| Total liabilities                       | (3,556,067) | (9,440,365) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 569,697,912 | 606,601,588 |

### NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

|  | Net Revenue                            | Equalisation                | Allocated 31.07.23        | Allocated 31.07.22 <sup>1</sup>    |
|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Class A Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.6299<br>0.4815                       | _<br>0.1484                 | 0.6299<br>0.6299          | -                                  |
|  | Net Revenue                            | Equalisation                | Allocated<br>31.07.23     | Allocated<br>31.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class B Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.8088<br>0.3773                       | _<br>0.4315                 | 0.8088<br>0.8088          | -<br>-                             |
|  | Net Revenue                            | Equalisation                | Payable<br>31.07.23       | Paid<br>31.07.22                   |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.7757<br>0.4228                       | _<br>0.3529                 | 0.7757<br>0.7757          | 0.0812<br>0.0812                   |
|  | Net Revenue                            | Equalisation                | Allocated<br>31.07.23     | Allocated<br>31.07.22              |
| Class C Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.0019<br>0.2975                       | _<br>0.7044                 | 1.0019<br>1.0019          | 0.1049<br>0.1049                   |
|  | Net Revenue                            | Equalisation                | Payable<br>31.07.23       | Paid<br>31.07.22 <sup>1</sup>      |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.5050<br>0.3071                       | _<br>0.1979                 | 0.5050<br>0.5050          | -                                  |
|  | Net Revenue                            | Equalisation                | Allocated<br>31.07.23     | Allocated<br>31.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.6337<br>0.2094                       | _<br>0.4243                 | 0.6337<br>0.6337          | -<br>-                             |
|  |  |                             |                           |                                    |
|  | Net Revenue                            | Equalisation                | Payable<br>31.07.23       | Paid<br>31.07.22                   |
| Class S Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | <b>Net Revenue</b><br>0.5558<br>0.1442 | Equalisation<br>_<br>0.4116 |                           |                                    |
| Group 1                                    | 0.5558                                 | _                           | <b>31.07.23</b><br>0.5558 | <b>31.07.22</b><br>0.1422          |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|                                 | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>31.07.22      |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Class X Income                  |             |              |                       |                       |
| Group 1                         | 0.7543      | -            | 0.7543                | 0.2980                |
| Group 2                         | 0.7543      | -            | 0.7543                | 0.2980                |
|                                 |             |              | Allocated             | Allocated             |
|                                 | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated<br>31.07.22 |
| Class X Accumulation            | Net Revenue | Equalisation |                       |                       |
| Class X Accumulation<br>Group 1 | Net Revenue | Equalisation |                       |                       |

<sup>1</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

#### Equalisation

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

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

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

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in other funds managed both by the Manager and by selected third party managers, including open-ended and closed–ended funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), and other transferable securities including fixed income, equities, warrants and structured products. This exposure may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash, and deposits, and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments, for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

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

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

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of 0.09%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month, Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

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

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta underweight. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we began reducing AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions and have been carefully reducing the allocation in tranches.

During March 2023, we also added to our climate change position. The trade had underperformed over the past few months, we still have a lot of conviction in the long term case for the position and since it had sold off, the valuations looked more attractive than they had in the past.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 69 to 79 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class A Income**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 260.20                           | 270.24                           | 249.81                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 1.65                             | (4.99)                           | 25.57                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (2.46)                           | (5.05)                           | (5.06)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.81)                           | (10.04)                          | 20.51                            |
| Distributions on income shares  | _                                | _                                | (0.08)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 259.39                           | 260.20                           | 270.24                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.31)%                          | (3.72)%                          | 8.21%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1<br>248<br>1.87%<br>0.00%       | 1<br>248<br>1.90%<br>0.00%       | 6<br>1,901<br>1.89%<br>0.00%     |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 274.01                           | 278.25                           | 280.76                           |
| Lowest share price  | 256.04                           | 244.42                           | 249.87                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class A Accumulation**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 273.51                           | 284.35                           | 262.75                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 2.03                             | (5.61)                           | 26.92                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (2.59)                           | (5.23)                           | (5.32)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.56)                           | (10.84)                          | 21.60                            |
| Distributions   | -                                | -                                | (0.09)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | _                                | _                                | 0.09                             |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 272.95                           | 273.51                           | 284.35                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.20)%                          | (3.81)%                          | 8.22%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 384<br>140,666<br>1.87%<br>0.00% | 387<br>141,549<br>1.90%<br>0.00% | 759<br>266,851<br>1.89%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 287.98                           | 292.70                           | 295.33                           |
| Lowest share price  | 269.16                           | 257.14                           | 263.00                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class B Accumulation**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)      | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)      | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)      |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                       | . ,                                   |                                       |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 286.64                                | 297.24                                | 273.98                                |
| Return before operating charges*  | 2.12                                  | (5.87)                                | 28.08                                 |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (2.35)                                | (4.73)                                | (4.82)                                |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.23)                                | (10.60)                               | 23.26                                 |
| Distributions   | (0.17)                                | (0.48)                                | (0.96)                                |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 0.17                                  | 0.48                                  | 0.96                                  |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 286.41                                | 286.64                                | 297.24                                |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                  | 0.00                                  | 0.00                                  |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.08)%                               | (3.57)%                               | 8.49%                                 |
| Other Information   |                                       |                                       |                                       |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 13,074<br>4,564,620<br>1.62%<br>0.00% | 13,792<br>4,811,862<br>1.65%<br>0.00% | 15,387<br>5,176,827<br>1.64%<br>0.00% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 301.96<br>282.31                      | 305.98<br>269.40                      | 308.69<br>274.24                      |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | , ,                                    | <b>P</b> ,                             |  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 262.39                                 | 272.58                                 | 252.10                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | 1.94                                   | (5.39)                                 | 25.85                                  |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.82)                                 | (3.68)                                 | (3.77)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | 0.12                                   | (9.07)                                 | 22.08                                  |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.48)                                 | (1.12)                                 | (1.60)                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 262.03                                 | 262.39                                 | 272.58                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | 0.05%                                  | (3.33)%                                | 8.76%                                  |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 34,048<br>12,993,805<br>1.37%<br>0.00% | 35,915<br>13,687,649<br>1.40%<br>0.00% | 40,057<br>14,695,859<br>1.39%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |  |  |  |
| Highest share price   | 276.55                                 | 280.84                                 | 284.63                                 |
| Lowest share price  | 258.63                                 | 247.59                                 | 252.18                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class C Accumulation**

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        | . ,                              | • •                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 300.18                           | 310.51                           | 285.50                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | 2.23                             | (6.14)                           | 29.28                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (2.08)                           | (4.19)                           | (4.27)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | 0.15                             | (10.33)                          | 25.01                            |
| Distributions  | (0.55)                           | (1.28)                           | (1.83)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 0.55                             | 1.28                             | 1.83                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 300.33                           | 300.18                           | 310.51                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | 0.05%                            | (3.33)%                          | 8.76%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 261,356                          | 283,652                          | 325,252                          |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 87,024,389                       | 94,492,834                       | 104,746,904                      |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1.37%<br>0.00%                   | 1.40%<br>0.00%                   | 1.39%<br>0.00%                   |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 316.38                           | 319.67                           | 322.45                           |
| Lowest share price   | 295.88                           | 282.04                           | 285.78                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                              | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 260.52                           | 270.82                           | 250.30                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 2.00                             | (5.35)                           | 25.63                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (2.44)                           | (4.95)                           | (5.06)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.44)                           | (10.30)                          | 20.57                            |
| Distributions on income shares  | _                                | _                                | (0.05)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 260.08                           | 260.52                           | 270.82                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.17)%                          | (3.80)%                          | 8.22%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 19<br>7,062<br>1.87%<br>0.00%    | 224<br>86,061<br>1.90%<br>0.00%  | 231<br>85,320<br>1.89%<br>0.00%  |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 274.25                           | 278.83                           | 281.33                           |
| Lowest share price  | 256.33                           | 244.93                           | 250.38                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class D Accumulation**

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 273.72                           | 284.53                           | 262.92                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | 2.03                             | (5.61)                           | 26.94                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (2.59)                           | (5.20)                           | (5.33)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (0.56)                           | (10.81)                          | 21.61                            |
| Distributions  | _                                | _                                | (0.31)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | _                                | _                                | 0.31                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 273.16                           | 273.72                           | 284.53                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>           | (0.20)%                          | (3.80)%                          | 8.22%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 10,058                           | 9,297                            | 9,375                            |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 3,682,226                        | 3,396,754                        | 3,294,796                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1.87%<br>0.00%                   | 1.90%<br>0.00%                   | 1.89%<br>0.00%                   |
| Direct transaction costs                                   | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 288.21                           | 292.89                           | 295.53                           |
| Lowest share price   | 269.38                           | 257.33                           | 263.17                           |
|  |                                  |                                  |                                  |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                              | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 141.91                           | 147.42                           | 136.36                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 1.05                             | (2.90)                           | 13.98                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.81)                           | (1.64)                           | (1.66)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | 0.24                             | (4.54)                           | 12.32                            |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.44)                           | (0.97)                           | (1.26)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 141.71                           | 141.91                           | 147.42                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | 0.17%                            | (3.08)%                          | 9.03%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 859<br>606,393<br>1.12%<br>0.00% | 915<br>644,520<br>1.15%<br>0.00% | 903<br>612,419<br>1.14%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 149.63                           | 151.91                           | 154.11                           |
| Lowest share price  | 139.98                           | 134.14                           | 136.40                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class S Accumulation**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 155.17                                 | 160.11                                 | 146.85                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | 1.14                                   | (3.16)                                 | 15.06                                  |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.88)                                 | (1.78)                                 | (1.80)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | 0.26                                   | (4.94)                                 | 13.26                                  |
| Distributions   | (0.48)                                 | (1.05)                                 | (1.33)                                 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 0.48                                   | 1.05                                   | 1.33                                   |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 155.43                                 | 155.17                                 | 160.11                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | 0.17%                                  | (3.09)%                                | 9.03%                                  |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 27,613<br>17,765,397<br>1.12%<br>0.00% | 30,138<br>19,422,933<br>1.15%<br>0.00% | 39,254<br>24,517,256<br>1.14%<br>0.00% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 163.61<br>153.06                       | 164.85<br>145.74                       | 166.24<br>146.99                       |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class X Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | • •                                  | . ,                                  | . ,                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 221.50                               | 230.11                               | 212.87                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | 1.64                                 | (4.63)                               | 21.71                                |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.81)                               | (1.67)                               | (1.70)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | 0.83                                 | (6.30)                               | 20.01                                |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.14)                               | (2.31)                               | (2.77)                               |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 221.19                               | 221.50                               | 230.11                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | 0.37%                                | (2.74)%                              | 9.40%                                |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 7,263<br>3,283,426<br>0.72%<br>0.00% | 7,438<br>3,357,866<br>0.75%<br>0.00% | 7,883<br>3,425,853<br>0.74%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Highest share price<br>Lowest share price   | 233.73                               | 237.24                               | 241.04                               |
|   | 218.76                               | 209.69                               | 212.92                               |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class X Accumulation**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)   | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)   | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)   |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                                | . ,                                | . ,                                |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 255.95                             | 263.18                             | 240.56                             |
| Return before operating charges*  | 1.90                               | (5.32)                             | 24.54                              |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.94)                             | (1.91)                             | (1.92)                             |
| Return after operating charges*   | 0.96                               | (7.23)                             | 22.62                              |
| Distributions   | (1.32)                             | (2.68)                             | (3.08)                             |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.32                               | 2.68                               | 3.08                               |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 256.91                             | 255.95                             | 263.18                             |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                               | 0.00                               | 0.00                               |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | 0.38%                              | (2.75)%                            | 9.40%                              |
| Other Information   |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1,860<br>724,115<br>0.72%<br>0.00% | 1,856<br>725,232<br>0.75%<br>0.00% | 2,319<br>881,300<br>0.74%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| Highest share price<br>Lowest share price   | 270.10<br>252.79                   | 271.08<br>240.38                   | 273.39<br>240.80                   |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

| ACD's periodic charge<br>Other expenses | <b>Class A</b><br>1.40%<br>0.05% | <b>Class B</b><br>1.15%<br>0.05% | <b>Class C</b><br>0.90%<br>0.05% | <b>Class D</b><br>1.40%<br>0.05% | <b>Class S</b><br>0.65%<br>0.05% | <b>Class X</b><br>0.25%<br>0.05% |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Collective investment scheme costs      | 1.45%<br>0.42%                   | 1.20%<br>0.42%                   | 0.95%<br>0.42%                   | 1.45%<br>0.42%                   | 0.70%<br>0.42%                   | 0.30%<br>0.42%                   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure                  | 1.87%                            | 1.62%                            | 1.37%                            | 1.87%                            | 1.12%                            | 0.72%                            |
| As at 30 November 2022                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
|   | Class A                          | Class B                          | Class C                          | Class D                          | Class S                          | Class X                          |
| ACD's periodic charge                   | 1.40%                            | 1.15%                            | 0.90%                            | 1.40%                            | 0.65%                            | 0.25%                            |
| Other expenses                          | 0.04%                            | 0.04%                            | 0.04%                            | 0.04%                            | 0.04%                            | 0.04%                            |
|   | 1.44%                            | 1.19%                            | 0.94%                            | 1.44%                            | 0.69%                            | 0.29%                            |
| Collective investment scheme costs      | 0.46%                            | 0.46%                            | 0.46%                            | 0.46%                            | 0.46%                            | 0.46%                            |
| Ongoing Charges Figure                  | 1.90%                            | 1.65%                            | 1.40%                            | 1.90%                            | 1.15%                            | 0.75%                            |

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

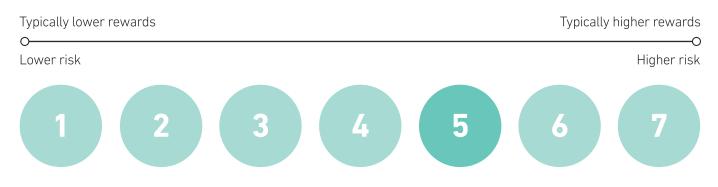
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was five.

### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|  | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|--|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM Moderately Adventurous Fund <sup>1</sup> | 0.09     | 0.06   | 16.47   | 13.34   |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 87 and 88.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

#### as at 31 May 2023

| Holding            | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£              | 31.05.23<br>%  |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|
| noiding            | ALTERNATIVES 4.05% (4.29%) <sup>1</sup>  | 2                       | 70             |
|                    | Alternative Strategies 4.05% (4.29%) <sup>1</sup>  |                         |                |
|                    | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 10/09/2024 <sup>2</sup><br>SG Defensive Short Term Equity Strategy 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup> | 7,133,943<br>7,319,558  | 2.00<br>2.05   |
|                    |  | 14,453,501              | 4.05           |
|                    |  |                         |                |
|                    | EQUITY 10.96% (12.11%) <sup>1</sup>  |                         |                |
|                    | North America 4.10% (4.38%) <sup>1</sup>   |                         |                |
| 56,188             | Berkshire Hathaway   | 14,642,781              | 4.10           |
|                    |  |                         |                |
| 22.200             | United Kingdom 6.86% (7.73%) <sup>1</sup>  | 40 700 044              | 4.00           |
| •                  | Goldman Sachs International 2024<br>UBS AG London 2027   | 16,728,844<br>7,738,556 | 4.69<br>2.17   |
| 00,000             |  |                         |                |
|                    |  | 24,467,400              | 6.86           |
|                    | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.13% (-0.12%) <sup>1</sup>  |                         |                |
|                    | Germany 0.13% (-0.12%) <sup>1</sup>  |                         |                |
| 346                | MSCI EUX Futures June 2023   | 485,023                 | 0.13           |
|                    |  |                         |                |
|                    | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.19% (-0.20%) <sup>1</sup>   |                         |                |
| €153,975           | Vs £(134,820) Expiry 20.10.2023  | (1,051)                 | _              |
|                    | Vs £(6,213,200) Expiry 20.10.2023  | (131,784)               | (0.04)         |
|                    | Vs £136,668 Expiry 20.10.2023  | 2,899                   | -              |
|                    | Vs £3,817,491 Expiry 17.11.2023  | 16,425                  | -              |
|                    | Vs £78,204,335 Expiry 14.07.2023<br>Vs £(35,104,734) Expiry 17.11.2023   | 1,028,825<br>(151,043)  | 0.29<br>(0.04) |
|                    | Vs £(7,140,926) Expiry 14.07.2023  | 138,745                 | 0.04           |
|                    | Vs £(14,848,942) Expiry 14.07.2023   | 99,879                  | 0.03           |
|                    | Vs £(24,769,196) Expiry 14.07.2023   | (325,854)               | (0.09)         |
|                    |  | 677,041                 | 0.19           |
|                    | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 75.38% (79.91%) <sup>1</sup>   |                         |                |
| 000.000            | Ireland 7.52% (11.05%) <sup>1</sup>  | 7 0 40 000              | 0.00           |
| 922,689<br>166 273 | Baillie Gifford Worldwide Health Innovation Fund<br>Barings Emerging Markets Debt Blended Total Return                         | 7,842,030<br>18,955,142 | 2.20<br>5.32   |
| 100,275            | Danings Emerging Markets Debt Diended Total Neturn   |                         |                |
|                    |  | 26,797,172              | 7.52           |
|                    | Luxembourg 25 259/ (29 220/)1  |                         |                |
| 125,710            | Luxembourg 25.35% (28.33%) <sup>1</sup><br>AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio                                    | 18,426,580              | 5.17           |
|                    | AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund   | 7,682,111               | 2.15           |
| 116,961            | BlackRock Global Funds - World Mining Fund   | 6,369,713               | 1.79           |
| 65,558             | BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund   | 7,444,085               | 2.09           |
| 222,767            | BlueBay Financial Capital Bond   | 20,532,436              | 5.76           |
| 3,928              | Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral   | 5,988,643               | 1.68           |
|                    | Fulcrum Equity Dispersion Fund<br>RWC Global Emerging Markets  | 6,342,851<br>8,669,072  | 1.78<br>2.43   |
|                    | Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities   | 8,912,973               | 2.50           |
|                    | ······································   | 90,368,464              | 25.35          |
|                    |  | 30,300,404              | 20.00          |
|                    | United Kingdom 42.51% (40.53%) <sup>1</sup>  |                         |                |
| 22,098,136         | Fidelity Investment Funds ICVC - UK Select Fund  | 23,910,183              | 6.71           |
|                    |  |                         |                |

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding    | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£  | 31.05.23<br>% |
|------------|--|-------------|---------------|
|            | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 75.38% (79.91%) <sup>1</sup> (continued) |             |               |
|            | United Kingdom 42.51% (40.53%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)                |             |               |
| 4,573,978  | iShares Global Property Securities Index                               | 9,693,837   | 2.72          |
| 1,078,157  | LF Brook Absolute Return Fund Sterling                                 | 5,369,112   | 1.51          |
| 7,461,391  | LF Lightman European Fund I Accumulation                               | 10,540,708  | 2.96          |
| 8,996,922  | M&G Japan Fund Sterling PP Accumulation                                | 12,754,936  | 3.58          |
| 7,088,985  | Man GLG Income Fund  | 24,201,796  | 6.79          |
| 13,161,994 | Ninety One Funds Series III - Global Environment Fund                  | 20,137,851  | 5.65          |
| 3,827,805  | Premier Miton European Opportunities                                   | 10,599,192  | 2.97          |
| 40,472,570 | Schroder Prime UK Equity Fund  | 22,049,456  | 6.18          |
| 1,224,611  | T. Rowe Price Funds Japanese Equity                                    | 12,253,334  | 3.44          |
|            |  | 151,510,405 | 42.51         |
|            | Portfolio of investment  | 323,401,787 | 90.71         |
|            | Net other assets <sup>3</sup>  | 33,132,742  | 9.29          |
|            | Net assets   | 356,534,529 | 100.00        |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £18,537,353 which is shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

| Credit Quality            | 31.05.23<br>% | 30.11.22<br>% |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Non-rated debt securities | 4.05          | 4.29          |
| Other investments         | 86.66         | 91.70         |
| Net other assets          | 9.29          | 4.01          |
|                           | 100.00        | 100.00        |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   |             | 31.05.23  |             | 31.05.22     |
|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
|   | £           | £         | £           | £            |
| Income  |             |           |             |              |
| Net capital losses  |             | (166,192) |             | (14,397,568) |
| Revenue   | 2,435,258   |           | 1,610,721   |              |
| Expenses  | (1,741,666) |           | (1,938,048) |              |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (4,257)     |           | (868)       |              |
| Net revenue/(expense) before taxation for the period                            | 689,335     |           | (328,195)   |              |
| Taxation  | 10,717      |           | (24,886)    |              |
| Net revenue/(expense) after taxation for the period                             |             | 700,052   |             | (353,081)    |
| Total return before distributions   |             | 533,860   |             | (14,750,649) |
| Distributions   |             | (720,406) |             | (43,975)     |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities |             | (186,546) | _           | (14,794,624) |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  |              | 31.05.23     |              | 31.05.22     |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | £            | £            | £            | £            |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders        |              | 383,615,098  |              | 441,426,447  |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | 19,863,623   |              | 13,986,093   |              |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | (47,340,990) |              | (37,179,125) |              |
|  |              | (27,477,367) |              | (23,193,032) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from |              |              |              |              |
| investment activities                                  |              | (186,546)    |              | (14,794,624) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares           |              | 583,344      |              | 16,916       |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders        | _            | 356,534,529  |              | 403,455,707  |

<sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23    | 30.11.22    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  | £           | £           |
| Fixed assets:                           |             |             |
| Investments                             | 324,011,519 | 369,934,620 |
| Current assets:                         |             |             |
| Debtors                                 | 412,671     | 904,685     |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 15,622,444  | 4,995,348   |
| Cash equivalents                        | 18,537,353  | 14,000,000  |
| Total assets                            | 358,583,987 | 389,834,653 |
| LIABILITIES                             |             |             |
| Investment liabilities                  | (609,732)   | (1,702,250) |
| Creditors:                              |             |             |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (559)       | (2,386,231) |
| Distribution payable                    | (102,824)   | (219,534)   |
| Other creditors                         | (1,336,343) | (1,911,540) |
| Total liabilities                       | (2,049,458) | (6,219,555) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 356,534,529 | 383,615,098 |

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### DISTRIBUTION TABLES

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

| Class A Income                             | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23 <sup>1</sup> | Paid<br>31.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
|--|------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Group 1<br>Group 2                         | -                | -            |                                  |                                 |
| Class A Accumulation                       | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23 <sup>1</sup>  | Allocated 31.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Group 2                                    | -                |              |                                  |                                 |
| Class B Accumulation                       | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23               | Allocated 31.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Group 2                                    | 0.1670<br>_      | 0.1670       | 0.1670<br>0.1670                 |                                 |
| Class C Income                             | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23              | Paid<br>31.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2                         | 0.4833<br>0.1992 | _<br>0.2841  | 0.4833<br>0.4833                 | _<br>_                          |
| Class C Accumulation                       | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23               | Allocated 31.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Group 2                                    | 0.5520<br>0.1309 | _<br>0.4211  | 0.5520<br>0.5520                 | -                               |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23 <sup>1</sup> | Paid<br>31.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       |                  |              |                                  | -                               |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23 <sup>1</sup>  | Allocated 31.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | -                |              |                                  |                                 |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23              | Paid<br>31.07.22                |
| Class S Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.4418<br>0.2540 | _<br>0.1878  | 0.4418<br>0.4418                 | 0.0587<br>0.0587                |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23    | Allocated 31.07.22    |
|--|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Class S Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.4828<br>0.1129 | _<br>0.3699  | 0.4828<br>0.4828      | 0.0543<br>0.0543      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>31.07.22      |
| Class X Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 1.1374<br>1.1374 | -<br>-       | 1.1374<br>1.1374      | 0.5341<br>0.5341      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated<br>31.07.22 |
| Class X Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.3223<br>1.3223 | -            | 1.3223<br>1.3223      | 0.6193<br>0.6193      |

<sup>1</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

#### Equalisation

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

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

7IM Adventurous Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide capital growth.

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in other funds managed both by the Manager and by selected third party managers, including open-ended and closed-ended funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs), and other transferable securities including fixed income, equities and structured products. This exposure may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

Up to 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash, and deposits, and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments, for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

Investment will be more focused on growth generating assets such as equities.

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

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

#### **Comparator Benchmark**

The Sub-fund's performance may be compared to the IA Flexible Investment Shares which has been chosen because it is representative of the Sub-fund's agreed risk profile and the type of assets in which it invests. It is therefore an appropriate comparator for the Sub-fund's performance.

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 31 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (0.19)%<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month, Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

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

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta underweight. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we added to our climate change position. The trade had underperformed over the past few months, we still have a lot of conviction in the long term case for the position and since it had sold off, the valuations looked more attractive than they had in the past.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 92 to 99 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 281.27                           | 292.65                           | 265.33                           |
| Return before operating charges*   | 1.46                             | (5.97)                           | 32.84                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (2.80)                           | (5.41)                           | (5.52)                           |
| Return after operating charges*  | (1.34)                           | (11.38)                          | 27.32                            |
| Distributions  | -                                | _                                | _                                |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares  | _                                | _                                | _                                |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 279.93                           | 281.27                           | 292.65                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1  | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.48)%                          | (3.89)%                          | 10.30%                           |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)  | 16                               | 17                               | 21                               |
| Closing number of shares   | 5,751                            | 6,001                            | 7,103                            |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs   | 1.97%<br>0.00%                   | 1.92%<br>0.00%                   | 1.93%<br>0.00%                   |
| Direct transaction costs   | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 297.63                           | 302.38                           | 304.67                           |
| Lowest share price   | 276.09                           | 262.58                           | 265.95                           |
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<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class B Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 294.78                           | 305.71                           | 276.67                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | 1.53                             | (6.01)                           | 34.08                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (2.57)                           | (4.92)                           | (5.04)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (1.04)                           | (10.93)                          | 29.04                            |
| Distributions  | (0.25)                           | _                                | (0.22)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 0.25                             | _                                | 0.22                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 293.74                           | 294.78                           | 305.71                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>           | (0.35)%                          | (3.58)%                          | 10.50%                           |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 2,708                            | 2,949                            | 3,289                            |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 921,731                          | 1,000,497                        | 1,075,772                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1.72%<br>0.00%                   | 1.67%<br>0.00%                   | 1.68%<br>0.00%                   |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 312.08                           | 316.14                           | 318.49                           |
| Lowest share price   | 289.59                           | 274.89                           | 277.32                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

Lowest share price

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              |                                  | . ,                              |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 285.39                           | 295.97                           | 267.82                           |
| Return before operating charges*                 | 1.49                             | (6.05)                           | 33.21                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (2.13)                           | (4.05)                           | (4.15)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (0.64)                           | (10.10)                          | 29.06                            |
| Distributions on income shares                   | (0.60)                           | (0.48)                           | (0.91)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 284.15                           | 285.39                           | 295.97                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (0.22)%                          | (3.41)%                          | 10.85%                           |
| Other Information                                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 10,932                           | 11,967                           | 14,771                           |
| Closing number of shares                         | 3,847,329                        | 4,193,357                        | 4,990,684                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 1.47%                            | 1.42%                            | 1.43%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                              | 302.29                           | 306.12                           | 332.93                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

280.58

266.28

289.21

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 308.93                           | 319.85                           | 288.53                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | 1.61                             | (6.54)                           | 35.80                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (2.30)                           | (4.38)                           | (4.48)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (0.69)                           | (10.92)                          | 31.32                            |
| Distributions  | (0.65)                           | (0.50)                           | (0.96)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 0.65                             | 0.50                             | 0.96                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 308.24                           | 308.93                           | 319.85                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | (0.22)%                          | (3.41)%                          | 10.86%                           |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 76,584                           | 81,348                           | 97,456                           |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 24,845,414<br>1.47%              | 26,331,976<br>1.42%              | 30,469,593<br>1.43%              |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 327.23                           | 330.52                           | 332.93                           |
| Lowest share price   | 303.73                           | 287.77                           | 289.21                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|   | 30.11.22 <sup>1</sup><br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share               |   | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                 | 283.74  | 257.10                           |
| Return before operating charges*                  | 12.99   | 32.02                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | -   | (5.38)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                   | 12.99   | 26.64                            |
| Distributions on income shares                    |   | _                                |
| Last quoted share price                           | 296.73  | _                                |
| Closing net asset value per share                 |   | 283.74                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup> | 0.00  | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>3</sup>  | 4.58%   | 10.36%                           |
| Other Information                                 |   |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                   | -   | 4                                |
| Closing number of shares                          | -   | 1,488                            |
| Operating charges⁴<br>Direct transaction costs    | 1.92%<br>0.00%                                | 1.93%<br>0.00%                   |
| Prices  |   |                                  |
| Highest share price                               | 302.17  | 295.38                           |
| Lowest share price                                | 283.94  | 257.65                           |

<sup>1</sup> Share class became inactive on 22 December 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 281.07                           | 292.46                           | 265.13                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | 1.47                             | (6.00)                           | 32.88                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (2.80)                           | (5.39)                           | (5.55)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (1.33)                           | (11.39)                          | 27.33                            |
| Distributions  | -                                | _                                | -                                |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              |                                  | -                                | _                                |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 279.74                           | 281.07                           | 292.46                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | (0.47)%                          | (3.89)%                          | 10.31%                           |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 15,463                           | 14,676                           | 14,921                           |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 5,527,798                        | 5,221,282                        | 5,102,093                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1.97%<br>0.00%                   | 1.92%<br>0.00%                   | 1.93%<br>0.00%                   |
|  | 0.0070                           | 0.0070                           | 0.0070                           |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 297.44                           | 302.17                           | 304.48                           |
| Lowest share price   | 275.92                           | 262.41                           | 265.75                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              | . ,                              | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 154.43                           | 160.16                           | 144.97                           |
| Return before operating charges*                 | 0.81                             | (3.26)                           | 17.96                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (0.96)                           | (1.81)                           | (1.86)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (0.15)                           | (5.07)                           | 16.10                            |
| Distributions on income shares                   | (0.52)                           | (0.66)                           | (0.91)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 153.76                           | 154.43                           | 160.16                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (0.10)%                          | (3.17)%                          | 11.11%                           |
| Other Information                                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 25                               | 21                               | 23                               |
| Closing number of shares                         | 16,238                           | 13,330                           | 14,059                           |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 1.22%                            | 1.17%                            | 1.18%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                              | 163.65                           | 165.67                           | 167.11                           |

Highest share price Lowest share price

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

151.94

144.20

145.13

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)      |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                      |                                      |                                       |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 165.55                               | 170.97                               | 153.84                                |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.85                                 | (3.49)                               | 19.10                                 |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.02)                               | (1.93)                               | (1.97)                                |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.17)                               | (5.42)                               | 17.13                                 |
| Distributions   | (0.55)                               | (0.70)                               | (0.93)                                |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 0.55                                 | 0.70                                 | 0.93                                  |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 165.38                               | 165.55                               | 170.97                                |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                  |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.10)%                              | (3.17)%                              | 11.13%                                |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                       |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 7,812<br>4,723,775<br>1.22%<br>0.00% | 9,181<br>5,546,122<br>1.17%<br>0.00% | 10,416<br>6,092,446<br>1.18%<br>0.00% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 175.43<br>162.88                     | 176.68<br>154.04                     | 177.94<br>154.21                      |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.40%   | 1.15%   | 0.90%   | 1.40%   | 0.65%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.12%   | 0.12%   | 0.12%   | 0.12%   | 0.12%   |
|                                    | 1.52%   | 1.27%   | 1.02%   | 1.52%   | 0.77%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.45%   | 0.45%   | 0.45%   | 0.45%   | 0.45%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.97%   | 1.72%   | 1.47%   | 1.97%   | 1.22%   |

#### As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.40%   | 1.15%   | 0.90%   | 1.40%   | 0.65%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.08%   | 0.08%   | 0.08%   | 0.08%   | 0.08%   |
|                                    | 1.48%   | 1.23%   | 0.98%   | 1.48%   | 0.73%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.44%   | 0.44%   | 0.44%   | 0.44%   | 0.44%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.92%   | 1.67%   | 1.42%   | 1.92%   | 1.17%   |

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

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

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was five.

### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|                                   | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM Adventurous Fund <sup>1</sup> | (0.19)   | 0.53   | 19.32   | 14.18   |

#### <sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on page 107.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding          | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£             | 31.05.23<br>%         |
|------------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| iioiaiiig        | ALTERNATIVES 3.40% (3.24%) <sup>1</sup>  | ~                      | 70                    |
|                  | Alternative Strategies 3.40% (3.24%) <sup>1</sup>                                      |                        |                       |
|                  | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 10/09/2024 <sup>2</sup>                            | 1,713,504              | 1.51                  |
| 2,617,000        | SG Defensive Short Term Equity Strategy 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup>                        | 2,144,568              | 1.89                  |
|                  |  | 3,858,072              | 3.40                  |
|                  | EQUITY 11.28% (12.41%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                       |
|                  | North America 5.31% (5.43%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |                       |
| 23,148           | Berkshire Hathaway   | 6,032,446              | 5.31                  |
|                  | United Kingdom 5.97% (6.98%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                       |
| 6,657            | Goldman Sachs International 2024   | 4,991,883              | 4.40                  |
| 19,210           | UBS AG London 2027   | 1,783,963              | 1.57                  |
|                  |  | 6,775,846              | 5.97                  |
|                  | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.09% (-0.10%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                       |
|                  | Germany 0.09% (-0.10%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                       |
| 87               | MSCI EUX Futures June 2023   | 103,612                | 0.09                  |
|                  | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.04% (0.06%) <sup>1</sup>                                  |                        |                       |
| €3,400,000       | Vs £(3,017,840) Expiry 20.10.2023  | (64,009)               | (0.06)                |
|                  | Vs £774,731 Expiry 20.10.2023  | 16,432                 | 0.02                  |
|                  | Vs £821,094 Expiry 17.11.2023  | 3,533                  | -                     |
|                  | Vs £10,102,556 Expiry 14.07.2023<br>Vs £(10,293,422) Expiry 17.11.2023                 | 132,905<br>(44,289)    | 0.12<br>(0.04)        |
| +1,730,000,000   | V3 2(10,230,422) EXPISY 17.11.2023   | 44,572                 | <u>(0.04)</u><br>0.04 |
|                  |  |                        | 0.04                  |
|                  | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 82.31% (79.69%) <sup>1</sup>                             |                        |                       |
| 577,883          | Ireland 4.33% (8.52%) <sup>1</sup><br>Baillie Gifford Worldwide Health Innovation Fund | 4,911,486              | 4.33                  |
| 577,865          |  |                        |                       |
|                  | Luxembourg 25.28% (23.89%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                       |
|                  | AB SICAV I - International Health Care Portfolio                                       | 5,488,964              | 4.84                  |
| 13,907<br>46,633 | AQR - Managed Futures UCITS Fund<br>BlackRock Global Funds - World Mining Fund         | 1,501,214<br>2,539,616 | 1.32<br>2.24          |
| 20,021           | BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund                                   | 2,273,335              | 2.24                  |
| 57,515           | BlueBay Financial Capital Bond   | 5,301,171              | 4.67                  |
| 764              | Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral   | 1,164,719              | 1.03                  |
|                  | Fulcrum Equity Dispersion Fund   | 1,330,812              | 1.17                  |
|                  | RWC Global Emerging Markets  | 4,480,910              | 3.95                  |
| 186,951          | Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities   | 4,611,028              | 4.06                  |
|                  |  | 28,691,769             | 25.28                 |
|                  | United Kingdom 52.70% (47.28%)¹  |                        |                       |
| 7,951,259        | Fidelity Investment Funds ICVC - UK Select Fund  | 8,603,262              | 7.58                  |
| 2,330,168        | iShares Global Property Securities Index   | 4,938,429              | 4.35                  |
|                  | LF Brook Absolute Return Fund Sterling   | 1,887,598              | 1.66                  |
| 2,546,812        | LF Lightman European Fund I Accumulation<br>M&G Japan Fund Sterling PP Accumulation    | 3,597,881<br>5,508,788 | 3.17<br>4.85          |
| 2,575,271        | Made Japan Fund Stening FF Accunitizion  | 8,791,975              | 4.83<br>7.74          |
| 5,292,388        | Ninety One Funds Series III - Global Environment Fund                                  | 8,097,354              | 7.13                  |
|                  | Premier Miton European Opportunities   | 3,931,470              | 3.46                  |
|                  |  |                        |                       |

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding    | Portfolio of Investment                                    | Value<br>£  | 31.05.23<br>% |
|------------|--|-------------|---------------|
|            | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 82.31% (79.69%)1 (continued) |             |               |
|            | United Kingdom 52.70% (47.28%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)    |             |               |
| 14,675,681 | Schroder Prime UK Equity Fund                              | 7,995,311   | 7.04          |
| 521,953    | T. Rowe Price Funds Japanese Equity                        | 5,222,611   | 4.60          |
| 34,990     | Xenfin Securitised Debt <sup>3</sup>                       | 1,275,631   | 1.12          |
|            |  | 59,850,310  | 52.70         |
|            | Portfolio of investment                                    | 110,268,113 | 97.12         |
|            | Net other assets <sup>4</sup>                              | 3,271,811   | 2.88          |
|            | Net assets   | 113,539,924 | 100.00        |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> The security is currently suspended and liquidating. The valuation for this security has been determined by the 7IM Fair Value Pricing Panel based on latest available information.

<sup>4</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £699,488 which is shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

|                           | 31.05.23 | 30.11.22 |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Credit Quality            | %        | %        |
| Non-rated debt securities | 3.40     | 3.24     |
| Other investments         | 93.72    | 92.06    |
| Net other assets          | 2.88     | 4.70     |
|                           | 100.00   | 100.00   |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   | £         | 31.05.23<br>£ | £         | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|---|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Income  | 2         | L             | 2         | 2             |
| Net capital losses  |           | (447,258)     |           | (5,671,842)   |
| Revenue   | 856,863   |               | 587,948   |               |
| Expenses  | (631,414) |               | (676,808) |               |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (4,324)   |               | (398)     |               |
| Net revenue/(expense) before taxation for the period                            | 221,125   |               | (89,258)  |               |
| Taxation  | (6,005)   |               | (5,973)   |               |
| Net revenue/(expense) after taxation for the period                             |           | 215,120       |           | (95,231)      |
| Total return before distributions   |           | (232,138)     |           | (5,767,073)   |
| Distributions   |           | (226,563)     |           | (10,614)      |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities |           | (458,701)     |           | (5,777,687)   |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | £            | 31.05.23<br>£               | £            | 31.05.22<br>£               |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              | L            | <del>د</del><br>120,158,785 | L            | <del>د</del><br>140,900,820 |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | 10,130,597   |                             | 8,732,117    |                             |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | (16,481,792) |                             | (16,498,367) |                             |
|  |              | (6,351,195)                 |              | (7,766,250)                 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |              | (458,701)                   |              | (5,777,687)                 |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares                                 |              | 191,035                     |              | 8,056                       |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              |              | 113,539,924                 |              | 127,364,939                 |

<sup>1</sup>Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23    | 30.11.22    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  | £           | £           |
| Fixed assets:                           |             |             |
| Investments                             | 110,376,412 | 114,641,735 |
| Current assets:                         |             |             |
| Debtors                                 | 1,273,674   | 1,370,490   |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 2,126,299   | 4,555,245   |
| Cash equivalents                        | 699,488     | 687,385     |
| Total assets                            | 114,475,873 | 121,254,855 |
| LIABILITIES                             |             |             |
| Investment liabilities                  | (108,299)   | (125,033)   |
| Creditors:                              |             |             |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (234)       | (511,705)   |
| Distribution payable                    | (23,288)    | (20,156)    |
| Other creditors                         | (804,128)   | (439,176)   |
| Total liabilities                       | (935,949)   | (1,096,070) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 113,539,924 | 120,158,785 |

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

## **7IM ADVENTUROUS FUND**

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

| Class A Accumulation                       | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23 <sup>1</sup> | Allocated 30.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
|--|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Group 1<br>Group 2                         |                  |              |                                 |                                 |
| Class B Accumulation                       | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23           | Allocated 30.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Group 1<br>Group 2                         | 0.2504<br>0.2504 | -            | 0.2504<br>0.2504                | -                               |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23             | Paid<br>30.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.6031<br>0.2450 | _<br>0.3581  | 0.6031<br>0.6031                |                                 |
| Class C Accumulation                       | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23              | Allocated<br>30.07.221          |
| Group 2                                    | 0.6534<br>0.2219 | _<br>0.4315  | 0.6534<br>0.6534                |                                 |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23 <sup>1</sup> | Allocated 30.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 |                  |              |                                 |                                 |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23             | Paid<br>30.07.22                |
| Class S Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.5238<br>0.0837 | _<br>0.4401  | 0.5238<br>0.5238                | 0.1349<br>0.1349                |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 31.07.23              | Allocated<br>30.07.22           |
| Class S Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.5586<br>0.0147 | _<br>0.5439  | 0.5586<br>0.5586                | 0.1386<br>0.1386                |

<sup>1</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

#### Equalisation

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

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

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

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a range of shares and corporate bonds and other funds managed by selected fund managers.

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

The Sub-fund will only invest in individual shares and corporate bonds where the restrictions set out below are applied, as part of a two stage process.

#### 1) Investment Restrictions

Companies from certain industries or with significant exposure to certain activities, taken to be more than 10% of revenues, are precluded from investment at the outset. These include:

- · Adult entertainment
- Alcohol
- Armaments
- Gambling
- · Genetically modified organisms ('GMOs') in agriculture
- Nuclear power generation
- Tobacco

#### 2) Ethical Conduct Screening

Having screened out individual securities with significant exposure to industries which are unacceptable, in accordance with the above criteria, the screening process set out in the Sub-fund's Screening Process Document (which is available on the Manager's website or which may be obtained from the Manager) is then applied. This screening process includes firstly screening the remaining investment universe to identify securities in those companies which, although in acceptable industries, nonetheless exhibit unacceptable conduct, which may include corruption or poor labour or environmental practices. Positive screening is then applied to identify those securities in companies which exhibit positive ethical conduct (such as sustainable environmental practices and conscientiousness with regard to human rights).

Other funds (which includes exchange traded funds and open or closed ended funds) are selected for the Sub-fund's portfolio on the basis that they track recognised ethical or socially responsible indices or are managed in accordance with the Manager's judgemental screening which is applied as described in the Screening Document.

An assessment of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues is integrated into the investment process as part of the assessment and valuation work conducted to be made for the Sub-fund by the Manager.

The Sub-fund will comprise a mixture of income-generating assets and assets with scope for capital growth.

The Sub-fund has flexibility to invest in different asset classes depending on market conditions, with most investment in equities and fixed interest securities but with no long term bias to either class.

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

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

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of 0.64%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta underweight. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In December 2022, we also increased our headline bond exposure. Since the start of 2022, treasury yields had risen significantly. This means they have a much more attractive base return before any price movement. On top of this, we believe that rate hikes are already priced in. We added exposure through UK, US and German Bond Futures which we assess to be appropriate for the Sub-fund.

During March 2023, we reduced AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions.

During March 2023, we also added 1.5% to the climate change position. The trade had underperformed over the past few months, and since it had sold off, the valuations looked more attractive than they had in the past. We believe the long-term case for the position has been boosted since the introduction of new legislation in the US last year. The Inflation Reduction Act includes subsidies for green technology that should revolutionise energy production in the US and beyond.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### Portfolio Review (continued)

Over the review period, we monitored the Sub-fund in line with prospectus and the Screening Process Document. The Sub-fund has not held shares or corporate bonds that have more than 10% revenue exposure to the activities listed in the prospectus. We have also assessed the investments in shares and corporate bonds against environmental, social and governance factors using external data providers and inhouse ESG rating methodologies.

Collective investments have been held in accordance with the Screening Process Document. The exposure to the activities outlined in the Screening Process Document were well below the 1% limit cited in the Screening Process Document as at the end of the review period.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 112 to 120 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share             | • •                              | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share               | 117.75                           | 133.73                           | 130.36                           |
| Return before operating charges*                | 1.56                             | (11.23)                          | 8.20                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price) | (1.23)                           | (2.54)                           | (2.71)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                 | 0.33                             | (13.77)                          | 5.49                             |
| Distributions on income shares                  | (1.53)                           | (2.21)                           | (2.12)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share               | 116.55                           | 117.75                           | 133.73                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1           | 0.01                             | 0.03                             | 0.02                             |
|   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Performance                                     |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Return after charges <sup>2</sup>               | 0.28%                            | (10.30)%                         | 4.21%                            |
| Other Information                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                 | 44                               | 45                               | 83                               |
| Closing number of shares                        | 37,753                           | 38,418                           | 62,171                           |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                  | 2.06%                            | 2.02%                            | 2.02%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                        | 0.01%                            | 0.03%                            | 0.02%                            |
| Deine   |                                  |                                  |                                  |

#### Prices

| Highest share price | 124.17 | 136.90 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Lowest share price  | 116.03 | 111.90 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

138.43

129.57

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class A Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 161.53                           | 180.15                           | 172.85                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 2.15                             | (15.22)                          | 10.91                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.68)                           | (3.40)                           | (3.61)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | 0.47                             | (18.62)                          | 7.30                             |
| Distributions   | (2.10)                           | (2.98)                           | (2.82)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 2.10                             | 2.98                             | 2.82                             |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 162.00                           | 161.53                           | 180.15                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.02                             | 0.04                             | 0.03                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | 0.29%                            | (10.34)%                         | 4.22%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 310<br>191,416<br>2.06%<br>0.01% | 313<br>193,886<br>2.02%<br>0.03% | 358<br>198,332<br>2.02%<br>0.02% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 170.36<br>159.39                 | 184.42<br>152.07                 | 185.44<br>171.80                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class B Accumulation** 

|   | 30.11.22¹<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                     |                                   |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                       | 182.83                            | 175.29                           |
| Return before operating charges*                        | 1.01                              | 11.02                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)         | -                                 | (3.48)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                         | 1.01                              | 7.54                             |
| Distributions   | -                                 | (2.84)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares           |                                   | 2.84                             |
| Last quoted share price                                 | 183.84                            | 182.83                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                       |                                   | 182.83                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of: <sup>2</sup>       | 0.00                              | 0.03                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>3</sup> | 0.55%                             | 4.30%                            |
| Other Information                                       |                                   |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                         | -                                 | 4                                |
| Closing number of shares                                | -                                 | 2,426                            |
| Operating charges⁴<br>Direct transaction costs          | 0.27%<br>0.00%                    | 1.92%<br>0.02%                   |
|   | 0.00%                             | 0.02%                            |
| Prices  |                                   |                                  |
| Highest share price                                     | 187.16                            | 188.19                           |

Highest share price Lowest share price

<sup>1</sup> Share class became inactive on 10 December 2021.

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

181.68

174.25

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

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

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | • •                              | •                                | • ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 126.45                           | 142.54                           | 137.91                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 1.68                             | (12.02)                          | 8.69                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)                                   | (0.84)                           | (1.69)                           | (1.81)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | 0.84                             | (13.71)                          | 6.88                             |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.71)                           | (2.38)                           | (2.25)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 125.58                           | 126.45                           | 142.54                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.02                             | 0.04                             | 0.02                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>                           | 0.66%                            | (9.62)%                          | 4.99%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges³ | 27,551<br>21,938,071<br>1.31%    | 25,831<br>20,427,584<br>1.27%    | 30,177<br>21,171,437<br>1.27%    |
| Direct transaction costs  | 0.01%                            | 0.03%                            | 0.02%                            |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 133.53                           | 145.95                           | 147.45                           |
| Lowest share price  | 124.66                           | 120.07                           | 137.35                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)        | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)        | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)        |
|---|---|---|---|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |   |   |   |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 176.10                                  | 194.91                                  | 185.62                                  |
| Return before operating charges*  | 2.34                                    | (16.49)                                 | 11.74                                   |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.17)                                  | (2.32)                                  | (2.45)                                  |
| Return after operating charges*   | 1.17                                    | (18.81)                                 | 9.29                                    |
| Distributions   | (2.36)                                  | (3.27)                                  | (3.05)                                  |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 2.36                                    | 3.27                                    | 3.05                                    |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 177.27                                  | 176.10                                  | 194.91                                  |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.02                                    | 0.05                                    | 0.03                                    |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | 0.66%                                   | (9.65)%                                 | 5.00%                                   |
| Other Information   |   |   |   |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 115,636<br>65,233,115<br>1.31%<br>0.01% | 123,257<br>69,993,124<br>1.27%<br>0.03% | 145,617<br>74,707,961<br>1.27%<br>0.02% |
| Prices  |   |   |   |
| Highest share price<br>Lowest share price   | 185.96<br>173.84                        | 199.57<br>165.61                        | 200.57<br>184.86                        |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 115.37                           | 131.15                           | 127.97                           |
| Return before operating charges*   | 1.54                             | (11.04)                          | 8.05                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (1.26)                           | (2.58)                           | (2.79)                           |
| Return after operating charges*  | 0.28                             | (13.62)                          | 5.26                             |
| Distributions on income shares   | (1.50)                           | (2.16)                           | (2.08)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 114.15                           | 115.37                           | 131.15                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1  | 0.01                             | 0.03                             | 0.02                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | 0.24%                            | (10.39)%                         | 4.11%                            |
| Other Information<br>Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 40<br>34,757<br>2.16%<br>0.01%   | 40<br>34,671<br>2.12%<br>0.03%   | 44<br>33,865<br>2.12%<br>0.02%   |

#### Prices

| Highest share price | 121.65 | 134.26 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Lowest share price  | 113.69 | 109.65 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

<sup>3</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding securities lending fees and overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a sub-fund and is calculated based on the last period's figures. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which includes the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. A detailed breakdown of the OCF per share class is shown on page 121.

135.76

127.16

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 159.02                           | 177.50                           | 170.48                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | 2.11                             | (14.97)                          | 10.76                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (1.74)                           | (3.51)                           | (3.74)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | 0.37                             | (18.48)                          | 7.02                             |
| Distributions  | (2.07)                           | (2.95)                           | (2.78)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 2.07                             | 2.95                             | 2.78                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 159.39                           | 159.02                           | 177.50                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.02                             | 0.04                             | 0.03                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | 0.23%                            | (10.41)%                         | 4.12%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 103                              | 122                              | 155                              |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 64,687                           | 76,603                           | 87,048                           |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 2.16%<br>0.01%                   | 2.12%<br>0.03%                   | 2.12%<br>0.02%                   |
|  | 0.0170                           | 0.0370                           | 0.0270                           |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 167.67                           | 181.70                           | 182.72                           |
| Lowest share price   | 156.89                           | 149.72                           | 169.39                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                              | . ,                              | •                                |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 123.55                           | 138.98                           | 134.14                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 1.63                             | (11.72)                          | 8.47                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.66)                           | (1.33)                           | (1.41)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | 0.97                             | (13.05)                          | 7.06                             |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.70)                           | (2.38)                           | (2.22)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 122.82                           | 123.55                           | 138.98                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.02                             | 0.03                             | 0.02                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | 0.79%                            | (9.39)%                          | 5.26%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 421<br>342,433<br>1.06%<br>0.01% | 347<br>281,134<br>1.02%<br>0.03% | 546<br>393,086<br>1.02%<br>0.02% |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 130.53                           | 142.31                           | 143.74                           |
| Lowest share price  | 121.82                           | 117.32                           | 133.70                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 145.58                           | 160.72                           | 152.68                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | 1.93                             | (13.60)                          | 9.66                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (0.78)                           | (1.54)                           | (1.62)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | 1.15                             | (15.14)                          | 8.04                             |
| Distributions  | (2.00)                           | (2.78)                           | (2.54)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 2.00                             | 2.78                             | 2.54                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 146.73                           | 145.58                           | 160.72                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.02                             | 0.04                             | 0.03                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | 0.79%                            | (9.42)%                          | 5.27%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 23,111                           | 22,574                           | 23,071                           |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 15,751,076                       | 15,506,506                       | 14,354,451                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1.06%<br>0.01%                   | 1.02%<br>0.03%                   | 1.02%<br>0.02%                   |
|  | 0.01%                            | 0.03%                            | 0.0270                           |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 153.80                           | 164.57                           | 165.37                           |
| Lowest share price   | 143.73                           | 136.87                           | 152.15                           |
|  |                                  |                                  |                                  |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.75%   | 1.00%   | 1.85%   | 0.75%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.09%   | 0.09%   | 0.09%   | 0.09%   |
|                                    | 1.84%   | 1.09%   | 1.94%   | 0.84%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.22%   | 0.22%   | 0.22%   | 0.22%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 2.06%   | 1.31%   | 2.16%   | 1.06%   |

#### As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class A | Class B <sup>1</sup> | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.75%   | 0.00%                | 1.00%   | 1.85%   | 0.75%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.07%   | 0.07%                | 0.07%   | 0.07%   | 0.07%   |
|                                    | 1.82%   | 0.07%                | 1.07%   | 1.92%   | 0.82%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.20%   | 0.20%                | 0.20%   | 0.20%   | 0.20%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 2.02%   | 0.27%                | 1.27%   | 2.12%   | 1.02%   |

<sup>1</sup> Share class became inactive on 10 December 2021.

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

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

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was four.

#### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|   | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|---|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM Sustainable Balance Fund <sup>1</sup> | 0.64     | (3.49) | 2.25    | 10.34   |

#### <sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 130 and 131.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

| Holding          | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£           | 31.05.23<br>% |
|------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|
| Holding          | Portfolio of Investment  | £                    | /0            |
|                  | ALTERNATIVES 3.84% (4.91%) <sup>1</sup><br>Infrastructure 3.84% (4.03%) <sup>1</sup>               |                      |               |
| 1,149,888        | i ,  | 1,701,834            | 1.02          |
| 1,092,565        | HICL Infrastructure  | 1,575,479            | 0.94          |
|                  | International Public Partnerships  | 1,486,338            | 0.89          |
| 1,379,990        | Renewables Infrastructure Group  | 1,653,228            | 0.99          |
|                  |  | 6,416,879            | 3.84          |
|                  | Real Estate 0.00% (0.88%) <sup>1</sup>   |                      |               |
|                  | DEBT SECURITIES 0.00% (4.18%) <sup>1</sup><br>Short Term Sterling Bonds 0.00% (4.18%) <sup>1</sup> |                      |               |
|                  | EQUITY 42.00% (38.70%) <sup>1</sup>  |                      |               |
|                  | Asia & Emerging Markets 2.34% (1.75%) <sup>1</sup>   |                      |               |
|                  | HDFC Bank  | 957,263              | 0.57          |
|                  | Samsonite International  | 962,347              | 0.58          |
| 24,085           | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR   | 1,985,396            | 1.19          |
|                  |  | 3,905,006            | 2.34          |
|                  | Australia 0.38% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>   |                      |               |
| 159,854          | Lynas Rare Earths  | 628,009              | 0.38          |
|                  |  |                      |               |
|                  | Europe (ex UK) 3.82% (3.73%) <sup>1</sup>  |                      |               |
|                  | Air Liquide  | 1,001,154            | 0.60          |
| 39,729           |  | 891,930              | 0.53          |
|                  | ASML Holding<br>DSM Firmenich  | 1,295,287<br>967,490 | 0.78<br>0.58  |
|                  | Essilor International  | 892,187              | 0.58          |
| 6,951            |  | 499,988              | 0.30          |
| 6,249            | Siemens  | 835,278              | 0.50          |
|                  |  | 6,383,314            | 3.82          |
|                  | Far East (ex Japan) 0.78% (0.69%) <sup>1</sup>   |                      |               |
| 169,000          | AIA  | 1,310,273            | 0.78          |
| ,                |  |                      |               |
|                  | Japan 1.46% (0.97%) <sup>1</sup>   |                      |               |
| 3,500            | Daikin Industries  | 535,792              | 0.32          |
| 2,200            | •  | 861,530              | 0.51          |
| 28,600           | Shiseido   | 1,048,120            | 0.63          |
|                  |  | 2,445,442            | 1.46          |
|                  | North America 15.30% (15.67%) <sup>1</sup>   |                      |               |
| 20,522           | Alphabet   | 2,052,864            | 1.23          |
|                  | Ámazon.com   | 1,797,841            | 1.08          |
|                  | Amgen  | 1,054,441            | 0.63          |
|                  | Aramark  | 1,438,364            | 0.86          |
| 11,376<br>15 763 |  | 1,639,601            | 0.98          |
|                  | Colgate-Palmolive<br>Costco Wholesale  | 955,546<br>824,135   | 0.57<br>0.49  |
| 2,003            |  | 672,862              | 0.49          |
| _,010            |  | 0.2,002              | 0.10          |

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

| Holding | Portfolio of Investment                                       | Value<br>£             | 31.05.23<br>% |
|---------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| -       | EQUITY 42.00% (38.70%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)               |                        |               |
|         | <b>North America 15.30% (15.67%)</b> <sup>1</sup> (continued) |                        |               |
| 7,882   | Ecolab  | 1,056,968              | 0.63          |
| 4,317   | Illumina  | 679,114                | 0.41          |
| 14,379  | International Flavors & Fragrances                            | 909,794                | 0.54          |
|         | MasterCard  | 1,027,240              | 0.61          |
|         | Merck & Co  | 1,117,850              | 0.67          |
|         | Microsoft   | 1,972,955              | 1.18          |
|         | Middleby  | 784,810                | 0.47          |
|         | Moody's   | 1,049,527              | 0.63          |
|         | Otis Worldwide  | 745,839                | 0.45          |
|         | Palo Alto Networks  | 1,060,288              | 0.63          |
|         | Paypal Holdings   | 722,745                | 0.43          |
|         | Service International   | 966,941                | 0.58          |
|         | ServiceNow  | 1,113,409              | 0.67          |
|         | Thermo Fisher Scientific<br>Walt Disney                       | 934,638<br>1,007,571   | 0.56<br>0.60  |
| 14,107  | Wait Disney   |                        |               |
|         |   | 25,585,343             | 15.30         |
|         | United Kingdom 17.92% (15.89%) <sup>1</sup>                   |                        |               |
| 63,913  | 3i Group  | 1,253,654              | 0.75          |
|         | AstraZeneca   | 2,962,763              | 1.77          |
| 64,683  | Compass Group   | 1,432,728              | 0.86          |
| 29,950  | Cranswick   | 969,781                | 0.58          |
| 344,079 | DS Smith  | 1,051,505              | 0.63          |
| 87,805  | GB Group  | 259,200                | 0.16          |
| 126,818 | Genuit Group  | 393,770                | 0.24          |
| 26,093  |   | 658,065                | 0.39          |
| 57,518  |   | 782,590                | 0.47          |
| ,       | Haleon  | 943,002                | 0.56          |
| 35,674  |   | 856,176                | 0.51          |
|         | Howden Joinery Group  | 630,488                | 0.38          |
|         | HSBC Holdings   | 1,740,730              | 1.04          |
| 49,158  | IMI<br>InterContinental Hetels Crown                          | 790,461                | 0.47          |
| 15,341  | InterContinental Hotels Group<br>Intertek Group               | 820,437<br>707,149     | 0.49          |
| ,       | Legal & General Group   | ,                      | 0.42          |
|         | London Stock Exchange   | 1,001,388<br>1,135,175 | 0.60<br>0.68  |
| 21,866  | Medtronic   | 1,459,207              | 0.87          |
| 73,807  | Molten Ventures   | 215,074                | 0.13          |
| 15,447  | Oxford Instruments  | 417,841                | 0.10          |
| 109,967 | Prudential  | 1,194,791              | 0.71          |
| 20,774  | Reckitt Benckiser Group                                       | 1,314,579              | 0.79          |
| 58,631  | RELX  | 1,484,537              | 0.89          |
| 53,958  | RWS   | 124,859                | 0.07          |
| 89,318  | Smith & Nephew  | 1,075,835              | 0.64          |
| 51,742  | Softcat   | 704,726                | 0.42          |
| 196,265 | SSP   | 525,598                | 0.31          |
| 53,487  | Unilever  | 2,176,119              | 1.30          |
| 29,994  | Unite Group   | 269,196                | 0.16          |
|         | WH Smith  | 376,990                | 0.23          |
| 25,672  | YouGov  | 246,451                | 0.15          |
|         |   | 29,974,865             | 17.92         |

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

| Holding                | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£             | 31.05.23<br>% |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| lioiaing               | PROPERTY 0.00% (0.78%) <sup>1</sup>   | ~                      | 70            |
|                        | PROFERT 0.00% (0.70%)   |                        |               |
|                        | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.05% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |               |
|                        | Germany 0.02% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |               |
| 19                     | MSCI EUX Eurobund Futures June 2023   | 38,882                 | 0.02          |
|                        |   |                        |               |
| 47                     | United Kingdom 0.02% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>   | 28 000                 | 0.02          |
| 17                     | Long Gilt ICF Futures September 2023  | 28,900                 | 0.02          |
|                        | United States 0.049/ /0.009/ \1   |                        |               |
| 50                     | United States 0.01% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup><br>US 10-Year Note CBT Futures September 2023            | 25,591                 | 0.01          |
| 50                     |   |                        |               |
|                        |   |                        |               |
| €3,700,000             | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.06% (0.06%) <sup>1</sup><br>Vs £(3,284,120) Expiry 20.10.2023        | (69,657)               | (0.04)        |
|                        | Vs £1,930,958 Expiry 20.10.2023   | 40,956                 | 0.02          |
|                        | Vs £14,910,647 Expiry 14.07.2023  | 196,159                | 0.12          |
|                        | Vs £1,245,864 Expiry 14.07.2023   | 13,597                 | 0.01          |
| ,                      | Vs £3,494,682 Expiry 14.07.2023   | (28,392)               | (0.02)        |
| ¥2,159,400,000         | Vs £(12,848,333) Expiry 17.11.2023  | (55,282)               | (0.03)        |
|                        |   | 97,381                 | 0.06          |
|                        |   |                        |               |
|                        | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 49.21% (47.43%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |               |
| 010.064                | Ireland 7.16% (7.27%) <sup>1</sup><br>HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund  | 6,895,555              | 4.12          |
|                        | iShares Global Inflation-Linked Bond Index  | 3,413,276              | 2.04          |
|                        | iShares MSCI Europe SRI UCITS ETF   | 1,674,939              | 1.00          |
|                        |   | 11,983,770             | 7.16          |
|                        |   |                        |               |
|                        | Luxembourg 28.65% (29.95%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |               |
| 3,985                  | Amundi Funds Emerging Markets Green Bond  | 3,421,494              | 2.05          |
| 742,005                | BlackRock Global ESG Emerging Markets Blended   | 7,011,945              | 4.19          |
|                        | BlueBay Financial Capital Bond  | 7,853,224              | 4.70          |
|                        | Bluebay Global High Yield Bond Fund   | 4,321,684              | 2.58          |
|                        | Lyxor Core UK Government Bond (DR) UCITS ETF  | 6,530,941              | 3.91          |
| 153,289                | •   | 15,431,605             | 9.23          |
| 186,186                | UBS MSCI Japan Socially Responsible UCITS ETF   | 3,326,213              | 1.99          |
|                        |   | 47,897,106             | 28.65         |
|                        |   |                        |               |
| 1 244 096              | United Kingdom 13.40% (10.21%) <sup>1</sup>   | 2 206 200              | 1 07          |
| 1,344,086<br>4,261,762 | First Sentier Global Property Securities<br>Ninety One Funds Series III - Global Environment Fund | 3,286,290<br>6,520,495 | 1.97<br>3.90  |
| 8,034,797              | •   | 4,233,535              | 2.53          |
| 8,609,617              | Threadneedle UK Social Bond   | 8,359,938              | 5.00          |
|                        |   | 22,400,258             | 13.40         |
|                        |   |                        |               |

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Portfolio of investment       | 159,121,019 | 95.16  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Net other assets <sup>2</sup> | 8,094,292   | 4.84   |
| Net assets                    | 167,215,311 | 100.00 |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Includes shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £2,040,142 which is shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

| Credit Quality                   | 31.05.23<br>% | 30.11.22<br>% |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Investment grade debt securities | _             | 4.18          |
| Other investments                | 95.16         | 91.88         |
| Net other assets                 | 4.84          | 3.94          |
|                                  | 100.00        | 100.00        |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   | £         | 31.05.23<br>£ | £           | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|---|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Income  | L         | 2             | 2           | L             |
| Net capital losses  |           | (394,171)     |             | (12,916,818)  |
| Revenue   | 2,569,506 |               | 1,850,637   |               |
| Expenses  | (912,646) |               | (1,002,052) |               |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (870)     |               | (85)        |               |
| Net revenue before taxation for the period                                      | 1,655,990 |               | 848,500     |               |
| Taxation  | (44,717)  |               | (36,531)    |               |
| Net revenue after taxation for the period                                       |           | 1,611,273     |             | 811,969       |
| Total return before distributions   |           | 1,217,102     |             | (12,104,849)  |
| Distributions   |           | (2,284,738)   |             | (1,633,355)   |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities |           | (1,067,636)   | _           | (13,738,204)  |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | £            | 31.05.23<br>£ | £            | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              | -            | 172,529,211   | -            | 200,054,501   |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | 15,720,701   |               | 19,083,863   |               |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | (21,828,701) |               | (19,954,508) |               |
|  |              | (6,108,000)   |              | (870,645)     |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |              | (1,067,636)   |              | (13,738,204)  |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares                                 |              | 1,861,736     |              | 1,373,688     |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              |              | 167,215,311   |              | 186,819,340   |

<sup>1</sup>Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

|   | 31.05.23    | 30.11.22    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  | £           | £           |
| Fixed assets:                           |             |             |
| Investments                             | 159,274,350 | 165,805,794 |
| Current assets:                         |             |             |
| Debtors                                 | 3,618,717   | 1,264,216   |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 6,667,742   | 6,771,987   |
| Cash equivalents                        | 2,040,142   | 2,564       |
| Total assets                            | 171,600,951 | 173,844,561 |
| LIABILITIES                             |             |             |
| Investment liabilities                  | (153,331)   | (81,508)    |
| Creditors:                              |             |             |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (99,851)    | (137,789)   |
| Distribution payable                    | (381,544)   | (253,634)   |
| Other creditors                         | (3,750,914) | (842,419)   |
| Total liabilities                       | (4,385,640) | (1,315,350) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 167,215,311 | 172,529,211 |

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### DISTRIBUTION TABLES

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Class A Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.5339<br>1.5339   |  | 1.5339<br>1.5339   | 1.0874<br>1.0874  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Allocated<br>31.07.23  | Allocated<br>31.07.22   |
| Class A Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 2.1039<br>2.1039   |  | 2.1039<br>2.1039   | 1.4656<br>1.4656  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.7076<br>1.3317   | _<br>0.3759                                      | 1.7076<br>1.7076   | 1.1625<br>1.1625  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Allocated<br>31.07.23  | Allocated 31.07.22  |
| Class C Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 2.3637<br>1.6208   | 0.7429   | 2.3637<br>2.3637   | 1.5897<br>1.5897  |
|   |  |  |  |   |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | Net Revenue<br>1.5037<br>1.2113  | Equalisation<br>_<br>0.2924                      |  |   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.5037   | _  | <b>31.07.23</b>  | <b>31.07.22</b>   |
| Group 1   | 1.5037<br>1.2113   | 0.2924   | 31.07.23<br>1.5037<br>1.5037<br>Allocated  | 31.07.22<br>1.0676<br>1.0676<br>Allocated   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2                              | 1.5037<br>1.2113<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>2.0700                             | 0.2924<br>Equalisation                           | 31.07.23<br>1.5037<br>1.5037<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>2.0700  | 31.07.22<br>1.0676<br>1.0676<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>1.4436   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1   | 1.5037<br>1.2113<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>2.0700<br>1.5737                   | 0.2924<br>Equalisation<br>0.4963                 | 31.07.23<br>1.5037<br>1.5037<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>2.0700<br>2.0700<br>Payable                       | 31.07.22<br>1.0676<br>1.0676<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>1.4436<br>1.4436<br>1.4436<br>Paid             |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class S Income<br>Group 1 | 1.5037<br>1.2113<br>Net Revenue<br>2.0700<br>1.5737<br>Net Revenue<br>1.7018 | 0.2924<br>Equalisation<br>0.4963<br>Equalisation | 31.07.23<br>1.5037<br>1.5037<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>2.0700<br>2.0700<br>Payable<br>31.07.23<br>1.7018 | 31.07.22<br>1.0676<br>1.0676<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>1.4436<br>1.4436<br>Paid<br>31.07.22<br>1.1342 |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Equalisation

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

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

7IM AAP (Asset Allocated Passives) Income Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide income, while seeking to maintain capital over the long term (5 years or more). In relation to "AAP" (Asset Allocated Passives), see the investment strategy section in the Prospectus.

The Sub-fund invests directly and indirectly to achieve exposure of at least 80% to fixed interest and equity instruments. This exposure is, for the most part, obtained through passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes) but may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments). The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity, indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash and deposits and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

The Sub-fund's investments will be more focused on income generating assets such as corporate debt securities but there will be an allocation to growth generating assets such as global equities.

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

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (0.32)%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using 7IM AAP Income C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In December 2022, we also increased our headline bond exposure. Since the start of 2022, treasury yields had risen significantly. This means they have a much more attractive base return before any price movement. On top of this, we believe that rate hikes are already priced in. In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we began reducing AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions and have been carefully reducing the allocation in tranches.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

During May 2023, we split our intraday trend strategy such that it now uses both the S&P and Nasdaq 100 index. This further diversifies our alternatives basket.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- · Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 135 to 143 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share             |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share               | 81.18                            | 93.41                            | 93.30                            |
| Return before operating charges*                | 0.19                             | (8.15)                           | 4.29                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price) | (0.76)                           | (1.65)                           | (1.82)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                 | (0.57)                           | (9.80)                           | 2.47                             |
| Distributions on income shares                  | (1.00)                           | (2.43)                           | (2.36)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share               | 79.61                            | 81.18                            | 93.41                            |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1           | 0.00                             | 0.01                             | 0.01                             |
| Performance                                     |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Return after charges <sup>2</sup>               | (0.70)%                          | (10.49)%                         | 2.65%                            |
| Other Information                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                 | 678                              | 730                              | 896                              |
| Closing number of shares                        | 851.764                          | 899.608                          | 959.333                          |

| 010     | 100                                | 000   |
|---------|------------------------------------|---|
| 851,764 | 899,608                            | 959,333   |
| 1.86%   | 1.92%                              | 1.92%   |
| 0.00%   | 0.02%                              | 0.01%   |
|         |                                    |   |
|         |                                    |   |
| 84.17   | 94.59                              | 96.57   |
| 79.78   | 77.56                              | 92.93   |
|         | 851,764<br>1.86%<br>0.00%<br>84.17 | 851,764         899,608           1.86%         1.92%           0.00%         0.02%           84.17         94.59 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class A Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 152.29                           | 170.30                           | 165.90                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.37                             | (14.97)                          | 7.66                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.43)                           | (3.04)                           | (3.26)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.06)                           | (18.01)                          | 4.40                             |
| Distributions   | (1.89)                           | (4.47)                           | (4.22)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.89                             | 4.47                             | 4.22                             |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 151.23                           | 152.29                           | 170.30                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.03                             | 0.01                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.70)%                          | (10.58)%                         | 2.65%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 448<br>296,010<br>1.86%<br>0.00% | 454<br>298,002<br>1.92%<br>0.02% | 523<br>307,378<br>1.92%<br>0.01% |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 157.90                           | 172.40                           | 173.82                           |
| Lowest share price  | 150.46                           | 144.65                           | 165.81                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class B Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 149.25                           | 175.00                           | 170.27                           |
| Return before operating charges*   | 7.78                             | (22.80)                          | 7.82                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (1.35)                           | (2.95)                           | (3.09)                           |
| Return after operating charges*  | 6.43                             | (25.75)                          | 4.73                             |
| Distributions  | (1.94)                           | (4.60)                           | (4.33)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares  | 1.94                             | 4.60                             | 4.33                             |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 155.68                           | 149.25                           | 175.00                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1  | 0.00                             | 0.03                             | 0.01                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | 4.31%                            | (14.71)%                         | 2.78%                            |
| Other Information<br>Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup> | 54<br>34,698<br>1.71%            | 52<br>34,698<br>1.77%            | 2,846<br>1,626,321<br>1.77%      |
| Direct transaction costs Prices  | 0.00%                            | 0.02%                            | 0.01%                            |
| Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 162.48<br>154.86                 | 177.17<br>148.80                 | 178.57<br>170.24                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | • /                                    | • /                                    | • /                                    |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 91.44                                  | 104.37                                 | 103.40                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.12                                   | (9.32)                                 | 4.56                                   |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.40)                                 | (0.89)                                 | (0.97)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.28)                                 | (10.21)                                | 3.59                                   |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.13)                                 | (2.72)                                 | (2.62)                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 90.03                                  | 91.44                                  | 104.37                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.02                                   | 0.01                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.31)%                                | (9.78)%                                | 3.47%                                  |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 21,058<br>23,388,877<br>0.86%<br>0.00% | 24,180<br>26,445,151<br>0.92%<br>0.02% | 35,671<br>34,176,264<br>0.92%<br>0.01% |
| Prices  |  |  |  |
| Highest share price   | 94.94                                  | 105.72                                 | 107.68                                 |
| Lowest share price  | 90.08                                  | 87.28                                  | 103.27                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 171.25                           | 189.94                           | 183.57                           |
| Return before operating charges*                 | 0.20                             | (17.06)                          | 8.11                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (0.74)                           | (1.63)                           | (1.74)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (0.54)                           | (18.69)                          | 6.37                             |
| Distributions                                    | (2.13)                           | (5.01)                           | (4.69)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares    | 2.13                             | 5.01                             | 4.69                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 170.71                           | 171.25                           | 189.94                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00                             | 0.03                             | 0.01                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (0.32)%                          | (9.84)%                          | 3.47%                            |
| Other Information                                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 9,656                            | 10,774                           | 11,391                           |
| Closing number of shares                         | 5,656,607                        | 6,291,799                        | 5,996,832                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 0.86%                            | 0.92%                            | 0.92%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%                            | 0.02%                            | 0.01%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                              | 177.78                           | 192.33                           | 193.50                           |
| Lowest share price                               | 169.59                           | 162.49                           | 183.89                           |
|  |                                  |                                  |                                  |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 81.33                            | 93.62                            | 93.52                            |
| Return before operating charges*                 | 0.21                             | (8.16)                           | 4.32                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (0.78)                           | (1.70)                           | (1.87)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (0.57)                           | (9.86)                           | 2.45                             |
| Distributions on income shares                   | (1.01)                           | (2.43)                           | (2.35)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 79.75                            | 81.33                            | 93.62                            |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00                             | 0.01                             | 0.01                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (0.70)%                          | (10.53)%                         | 2.62%                            |
| Other Information                                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 146                              | 152                              | 181                              |
| Closing number of shares                         | 182,608                          | 186,393                          | 193,173                          |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 1.91%                            | 1.97%                            | 1.97%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%                            | 0.02%                            | 0.01%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                              | 84.32                            | 94.80                            | 96.78                            |

Highest share price Lowest share price

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

79.92

77.71

93.13

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                     |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                       | 150.88                           | 168.78                           | 164.49                           |
| Return before operating charges*                        | 0.37                             | (14.81)                          | 7.61                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)         | (1.45)                           | (3.09)                           | (3.32)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                         | (1.08)                           | (17.90)                          | 4.29                             |
| Distributions   | (1.87)                           | (4.43)                           | (4.18)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares           | 1.87                             | 4.43                             | 4.18                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                       | 149.80                           | 150.88                           | 168.78                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                   | 0.00                             | 0.03                             | 0.01                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>        | (0.72)%                          | (10.61)%                         | 2.61%                            |
| Other Information                                       |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                         | 476                              | 649                              | 690                              |
| Closing number of shares                                | 318,020                          | 430,217                          | 408,554                          |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup> Direct transaction costs | 1.91%<br>0.00%                   | 1.97%<br>0.02%                   | 1.97%<br>0.01%                   |
|   | 0.00 /0                          | 0.0270                           | 0.0170                           |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                                     | 156.42                           | 170.87                           | 172.29                           |
| Lowest share price                                      | 149.05                           | 143.31                           | 164.38                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | • •                                  | . ,                                  | . ,                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 90.47                                | 103.06                               | 101.90                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.10                                 | (9.26)                               | 4.44                                 |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.28)                               | (0.64)                               | (0.70)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.18)                               | (9.90)                               | 3.74                                 |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.12)                               | (2.69)                               | (2.58)                               |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 89.17                                | 90.47                                | 103.06                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.02                                 | 0.01                                 |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.20)%                              | (9.61)%                              | 3.67%                                |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 3,038<br>3,407,567<br>0.61%<br>0.00% | 4,141<br>4,577,126<br>0.67%<br>0.02% | 8,376<br>8,126,854<br>0.67%<br>0.01% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Highest share price   | 93.97                                | 104.40                               | 106.28                               |
| Lowest share price  | 89.19                                | 86.34                                | 101.83                               |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  |                                      |                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 118.13                           | 130.77                               | 126.13                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | 0.11                             | (11.81)                              | 5.51                                 |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.36)                           | (0.83)                               | (0.87)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (0.25)                           | (12.64)                              | 4.64                                 |
| Distributions   | (1.47)                           | (3.45)                               | (3.23)                               |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.47                             | 3.45                                 | 3.23                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 117.88                           | 118.13                               | 130.77                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.02                                 | 0.01                                 |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.21)%                          | (9.67)%                              | 3.68%                                |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 891<br>755,898<br>0.61%<br>0.00% | 1,203<br>1,018,305<br>0.67%<br>0.02% | 2,097<br>1,603,705<br>0.67%<br>0.01% |
| Prices  |                                  |                                      |                                      |
| Highest share price   | 122.69                           | 132.43                               | 133.16                               |
| Lowest share price  | 117.06                           | 112.07                               | 126.41                               |
| <sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the properties of the amounts collected from di          | lution adjustments               | or dilution lovio                    | e that relate to                     |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.50%   | 1.35%   | 0.50%   | 1.55%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses <sup>1</sup>        | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   |
|                                    | 1.65%   | 1.50%   | 0.65%   | 1.70%   | 0.40%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.21%   | 0.21%   | 0.21%   | 0.21%   | 0.21%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.86%   | 1.71%   | 0.86%   | 1.91%   | 0.61%   |

#### As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.50%   | 1.35%   | 0.50%   | 1.55%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.16%   | 0.16%   | 0.16%   | 0.16%   | 0.16%   |
|                                    | 1.66%   | 1.51%   | 0.66%   | 1.71%   | 0.41%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.26%   | 0.26%   | 0.26%   | 0.26%   | 0.26%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.92%   | 1.77%   | 0.92%   | 1.97%   | 0.67%   |

<sup>1</sup> Effective 1 May 2023, other expenses is capped at 0.15%.

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

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

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was four.

### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|                                  | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM AAP Income Fund <sup>1</sup> | (0.32)   | (4.41) | (1.67)  | (4.58)  |

#### <sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 151 to 153.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding         | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£ | 31.05.23<br>% |
|-----------------|---|------------|---------------|
| noiding         |   | ~          | 70            |
|                 | ALTERNATIVES 4.07% (3.80%) <sup>1</sup>                         |            |               |
| 200 603         | Infrastructure 4.07% (3.80%) <sup>1</sup><br>Greencoat UK Winds | 310,212    | 0.85          |
| •               | HICL Infrastructure   | 281,682    | 0.00          |
| •               | International Public Partnerships                               | 281,695    | 0.77          |
|                 | Renewables Infrastructure                                       | 303,302    | 0.83          |
| •               | Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income                          | 307,719    | 0.85          |
|                 |   | 1,484,610  | 4.07          |
|                 | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.12% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>                    |            |               |
|                 | Germany 0.05% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>                              |            |               |
| 10              | MSCI EUX Eurobund Futures June 2023                             | 18,492     | 0.05          |
|                 | United Kingdom 0.04% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>                       |            |               |
| 8               | Long Gilt ICF Futures September 2023                            | 13,600     | 0.04          |
|                 | United States 0.03% (0.00%) <sup>1</sup>                        |            |               |
| 21              | US 10-Year Note CBT Futures September 2023                      | 10,748     | 0.03          |
|                 | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.10% (-0.34%) <sup>1</sup>          |            |               |
| €1 436 782      | Vs £(1,270,259) Expiry 20.10.2023                               | (22,021)   | (0.06)        |
|                 | Vs £(1,532,916) Expiry 20.10.2023                               | (32,514)   | (0.09)        |
|                 | Vs £1,275,287 Expiry 20.10.2023                                 | 27,049     | 0.07          |
|                 | Vs £1,526,871 Expiry 20.10.2023                                 | 26,469     | 0.07          |
|                 | Vs £6,712,657 Expiry 14.07.2023                                 | 88,309     | 0.24          |
| US\$(1,035,000) | Vs £845,554 Expiry 14.07.2023                                   | 9,228      | 0.03          |
|                 | Vs £503,939 Expiry 14.07.2023                                   | (1,089)    | -             |
|                 | Vs £(2,529,743) Expiry 17.11.2023                               | (10,884)   | (0.03)        |
| US\$4,562,779   | Vs £(3,736,078) Expiry 14.07.2023                               | (49,150)   | (0.13)        |
|                 |   | 35,397     | 0.10          |
|                 | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 90.90% (95.22%) <sup>1</sup>      |            |               |
|                 | Ireland 38.64% (36.89%) <sup>1</sup>                            |            |               |
| 1,116,376       | BNY Mellon Efficient Global High Yield Beta Fund                | 950,148    | 2.61          |
| 199,446         | HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund      | 1,834,781  | 5.04          |
|                 | iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF                                 | 3,864,336  | 10.60         |
|                 | iShares MSCI USA ESG Screened UCITS ETF                         | 1,127,491  | 3.09          |
|                 | iShares USD Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF                       | 1,282,457  | 3.52          |
|                 | Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index Fund | 2,016,512  | 5.53          |
|                 | Neuberger Berman US Equity Index Putwrite Fund                  | 1,700,695  | 4.67          |
|                 | SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Dividend UCITS ETF                    | 959,318    | 2.63          |
| 14,962          | VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF                                  | 346,445    | 0.95          |
|                 |   | 14,082,183 | 38.64         |
|                 | Jersey 0.87% (0.77%) <sup>1</sup>                               |            |               |
| 100,165         | 3i Infrastructure   | 316,021    | 0.87          |

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

Net other assets

as at 31 May 2023

|                                       |  |            | 31.05.23 |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------|----------|
| Holding                               | Portfolio of Investment  | £          | %        |
|                                       | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 90.90% (95.22%) <sup>1</sup> (continued) |            |          |
|                                       | Luxembourg 20.59% (29.12%) <sup>1</sup>                                |            |          |
| 14,812                                |  | 1,365,228  | 3.74     |
| 14,508                                | <b>j</b> ( )   | 1,466,323  | 4.02     |
| 51,351                                | Robeco Global Credits Inc  | 4,678,110  | 12.83    |
|                                       |  | 7,509,661  | 20.59    |
|                                       | United Kingdom 30.80% (28.44%) <sup>1</sup>                            |            |          |
| 828.382                               | •  | 1,400,297  | 3.84     |
| 1.915.731                             | iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK)                    | 2,030,204  | 5.57     |
| ,, -                                  | Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency        | ,, -       |          |
| 4,740,387                             | Index Fund Dist  | 2,082,452  | 5.72     |
|                                       | Legal & General Global Health and Pharmaceuticals Index Trust          | 1,099,500  | 3.02     |
|                                       | Legal & General Japan Index Trust                                      | 940,670    | 2.58     |
| 3,652,661                             |  | 3,668,904  | 10.07    |
|                                       |  | 11,222,027 | 30.80    |
|                                       | Portfolio of investment  | 34,692,739 | 95.19    |
|                                       | Net other assets   | 1,752,707  | 4.81     |
|                                       | Net assets   | 36,445,446 | 100.00   |
| All investments are ordi              | nary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.      |            |          |
| <sup>1</sup> Comparative figures show | wn in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.                             |            |          |
|                                       |  | 31.05.23   | 30.11.22 |
|                                       | Credit Quality   | %          | %        |
|                                       | Other investments  | 95.19      | 98.68    |

4.81

100.00

1.32

100.00

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   | £         | 31.05.23<br>£ | £         | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|---|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Income  | L         | 2             | 2         | 2             |
| Net capital losses  |           | (456,123)     |           | (3,980,548)   |
| Revenue   | 581,451   |               | 647,499   |               |
| Expenses  | (132,070) |               | (192,785) |               |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (1,331)   |               | (17)      |               |
| Net revenue before taxation for the period                                      | 448,050   |               | 454,697   |               |
| Taxation  | (60,447)  |               | (49,672)  |               |
| Net revenue after taxation for the period                                       |           | 387,603       |           | 405,025       |
| Total return before distributions   |           | (68,520)      |           | (3,575,523)   |
| Distributions   |           | (494,151)     |           | (564,285)     |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities |           | (562,671)     |           | (4,139,808)   |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | £           | 31.05.23<br>£ | £            | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              | -           | 42,335,447    | -            | 62,670,591    |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | 509,106     |               | 1,775,328    |               |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | (5,985,460) |               | (10,718,573) |               |
|  |             | (5,476,354)   |              | (8,943,245)   |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |             | (562,671)     |              | (4,139,808)   |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares                                 |             | 149,024       |              | 157,036       |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              |             | 36,445,446    |              | 49,744,574    |

<sup>1</sup>Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23   | 30.11.22   |
|---|------------|------------|
| ASSETS                                  | £          | £          |
| Fixed assets:                           |            |            |
| Investments                             | 34,808,397 | 41,998,279 |
| Current assets:                         |            |            |
| Debtors                                 | 1,347,719  | 193,907    |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 1,228,439  | 863,140    |
| Total assets                            | 37,384,555 | 43,055,326 |
| LIABILITIES                             |            |            |
| Investment liabilities                  | (115,658)  | (222,314)  |
| Creditors:                              |            |            |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (72)       | (140,005)  |
| Distribution payable                    | (177,694)  | (162,924)  |
| Other creditors                         | (645,685)  | (194,636)  |
| Total liabilities                       | (939,109)  | (719,879)  |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 36,445,446 | 42,335,447 |

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### First Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 28 February 2023

|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.04.23      | Paid<br>29.04.22      |
|--|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Class A Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.4356<br>0.4356 | -<br>-       | 0.4356<br>0.4356      | 0.5501<br>0.5501      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>28.04.23 | Allocated<br>29.04.22 |
| Class A Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.8173<br>0.8173 | -<br>-       | 0.8173<br>0.8173      | 1.0036<br>1.0036      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 28.04.23    | Allocated<br>29.04.22 |
| Class B Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.8410<br>0.8410 | -<br>-       | 0.8410<br>0.8410      | 1.0177<br>1.0177      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.04.23      | Paid<br>29.04.22      |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.4909<br>0.0488 | _<br>0.4421  | 0.4909<br>0.4909      | 0.6061<br>0.6061      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>28.04.23 | Allocated 29.04.22    |
| Class C Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.9194<br>0.2525 | _<br>0.6669  | 0.9194<br>0.9194      | 1.1038<br>1.1038      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.04.23      | Paid<br>29.04.22      |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.4382<br>0.0434 | _<br>0.3948  | 0.4382<br>0.4382      | 0.5539<br>0.5539      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>28.04.23 | Allocated<br>29.04.22 |
| Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.8129<br>0.3763 | _<br>0.4366  | 0.8129<br>0.8129      | 0.9997<br>0.9997      |

## **DISTRIBUTION TABLES** (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.04.23   | Paid<br>29.04.22      |
|--|------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Class S Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.4857<br>0.0068 | 0.4789       | 0.4857<br>0.4857   | 0.5965<br>0.5965      |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated 28.04.23 | Allocated<br>29.04.22 |
| Class S Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.6342<br>0.6342 |              | 0.6342<br>0.6342   | 0.7604<br>0.7604      |

#### Second Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 March 2023 and on or before 31 May 2023

|                                      | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23 | Paid<br>29.07.22 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Class A Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.5685<br>0.5685 | -<br>-       | 0.5685<br>0.5685    | 0.3490<br>0.3490 |

|                      | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated 29.07.22 |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Class A Accumulation |             |              |                       |                    |
| Group 1              | 1.0721      | _            | 1.0721                | 0.6400             |
| Group 2              | 1.0721      | -            | 1.0721                | 0.6400             |

|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated 29.07.22 |
|--|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Class B Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.1028<br>1.1028 | -            | 1.1028<br>1.1028      | 0.6457<br>0.6457   |

|                      | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>29.07.22   |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Class C Income       |             |              |                       |                    |
| Group 1              | 0.6419      | -            | 0.6419                | 0.3842             |
| Group 2              | 0.2080      | 0.4339       | 0.6419                | 0.3842             |
|                      | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated 29.07.22 |
|                      | Net Nevenue | Equalisation | 51.07.25              | 25.01.22           |
| Class C Accumulation |             |              |                       |                    |
| Group 1              | 1.2085      | _            | 1.2085                | 0.7039             |
| Group 2              | 0.6598      | 0.5487       | 1.2085                | 0.7039             |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | Net Revenue           | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>29.07.22          |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.5676<br>0.0805      | _<br>0.4871  | 0.5676<br>0.5676      | 0.3517<br>0.3517          |
| Class D Accumulation                       | Net Revenue           | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated 29.07.22        |
| Group 2                                    | 1.0589<br>0.2483      | _<br>0.8106  | 1.0589<br>1.0589      | 0.6386<br>0.6386          |
|  | Net Revenue           | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>29.07.22          |
| Class S Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.6363<br>0.0496      | _<br>0.5867  | 0.6363<br>0.6363      | 0.3799<br>0.3799          |
|  | Not Devenue           | Faulisation  | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated                 |
| Class S Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | Net Revenue<br>0.8339 | Equalisation | 0.8339                | <b>29.07.22</b><br>0.4839 |

#### Equalisation

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

### ACD'S REPORT

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a return by way of income with some capital growth. In relation to "AAP" (Asset Allocated Passives), see the investment strategy section in the Prospectus.

The Sub-fund invests, directly and indirectly, to achieve exposure of at least 80% to fixed interest and equity instruments. This exposure is, for the most part, obtained through passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes) but may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash and deposits and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

The Sub-fund's investments will be more focused on income generating assets such as corporate debt securities but there will be an allocation to growth generating assets such as global equities.

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

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (1.44%)<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Investment Background**

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

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

# ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In December 2022, we also increased our headline bond exposure. Since the start of 2022, treasury yields had risen significantly. This means they have a much more attractive base return before any price movement. On top of this, we believe that rate hikes are already priced in. In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we began reducing AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions and have been carefully reducing the allocation in tranches.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

During May 2023, we split our intraday trend strategy such that it now uses both the S&P and Nasdaq 100 index. This further diversifies our alternatives basket.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 157 to 164 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)  | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              | , | <b>P ,</b>                       | , · · · · ,                      |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 109.71  | 120.89                           | 118.96                           |
| Return before operating charges*                 | (1.32)  | (8.37)                           | 5.31                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (0.65)  | (1.37)                           | (1.50)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (1.97)  | (9.74)                           | 3.81                             |
| Distributions on income shares                   | (1.03)  | (1.44)                           | (1.88)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 106.71  | 109.71                           | 120.89                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00  | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (1.80)%   | (8.06)%                          | 3.20%                            |
| Other Information                                |   |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 43  | 47                               | 79                               |
| Closing number of shares                         | 39,968  | 42,676                           | 65,414                           |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 1.19%   | 1.20%                            | 1.23%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%   | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |   |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                              | 113.59  | 122.55                           | 124.04                           |
| Lowest share price                               | 107.62  | 105.64                           | 118.82                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class A Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | •                                | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 143.41                           | 156.01                           | 151.68                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.71)                           | (10.81)                          | 6.24                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.85)                           | (1.79)                           | (1.91)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.56)                           | (12.60)                          | 4.33                             |
| Distributions   | (1.34)                           | (1.86)                           | (2.38)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.34                             | 1.86                             | 2.38                             |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 140.85                           | 143.41                           | 156.01                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (1.79)%                          | (8.08)%                          | 2.85%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)   | 460                              | 493                              | 1,169                            |
| Closing number of shares  | 326,450                          | 343,719                          | 749,338                          |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>  | 1.19%                            | 1.20%                            | 1.23%                            |
| Direct transaction costs  | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 148.49                           | 158.14                           | 159.01                           |
| Lowest share price  | 140.68                           | 136.81                           | 151.52                           |
| <sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the properties of the amounts collected from d | lilution adjustments             | or dilution lovia                | e that rolate to                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 117.37                           | 128.81                           | 126.24                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | (1.47)                           | (9.05)                           | 5.50                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (0.41)                           | (0.85)                           | (0.94)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (1.88)                           | (9.90)                           | 4.56                             |
| Distributions on income shares                             | (1.10)                           | (1.54)                           | (1.99)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 114.39                           | 117.37                           | 128.81                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | (1.60)%                          | (7.69)%                          | 3.61%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 15,179                           | 16,760                           | 21,996                           |
| Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup> | 13,269,619<br>0.69%              | 14,279,067<br>0.70%              | 17,076,089<br>0.73%              |
| Direct transaction costs                                   | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 121.61                           | 130.60                           | 132.04                           |
| Lowest share price   | 115.35                           | 112.97                           | 126.23                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)         | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)         | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)         |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |  | . ,                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 152.57                                   | 165.29                                   | 160.07                                   |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.92)                                   | (11.62)                                  | 6.42                                     |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.53)                                   | (1.10)                                   | (1.20)                                   |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.45)                                   | (12.72)                                  | 5.22                                     |
| Distributions   | (1.43)                                   | (1.98)                                   | (2.52)                                   |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.43                                     | 1.98                                     | 2.52                                     |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 150.12                                   | 152.57                                   | 165.29                                   |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                     | 0.00                                     | 0.00                                     |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.61)%                                  | (7.70)%                                  | 3.26%                                    |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 290,223<br>193,331,772<br>0.69%<br>0.00% | 317,011<br>207,779,810<br>0.70%<br>0.00% | 358,649<br>216,976,868<br>0.73%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |  |  |  |
| Highest share price   | 158.08                                   | 167.57                                   | 168.31                                   |
| Lowest share price  | 149.95                                   | 145.47                                   | 160.06                                   |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  | . ,                              |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 104.54                           | 115.55                           | 114.07                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.22)                           | (7.89)                           | 5.15                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.83)                           | (1.75)                           | (1.90)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.05)                           | (9.64)                           | 3.25                             |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.97)                           | (1.37)                           | (1.77)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 101.52                           | 104.54                           | 115.55                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.96)%                          | (8.34)%                          | 2.85%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 162<br>160,015<br>1.59%<br>0.00% | 222<br>212,429<br>1.60%<br>0.00% | 372<br>321,901<br>1.63%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 108.17                           | 117.13                           | 118.63                           |
| Lowest share price  | 102.38                           | 100.66                           | 113.83                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share  | • •                              | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 136.60                           | 149.12                           | 145.45                           |
| Return before operating charges*   | (1.49)                           | (10.24)                          | 6.10                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (1.09)                           | (2.28)                           | (2.43)                           |
| Return after operating charges*  | (2.58)                           | (12.52)                          | 3.67                             |
| Distributions  | (1.28)                           | (1.76)                           | (2.25)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares  | 1.28                             | 1.76                             | 2.25                             |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 134.02                           | 136.60                           | 149.12                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1  | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (1.89)%                          | (8.40)%                          | 2.52%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)  | 2,563                            | 2,904                            | 23,056                           |
| Closing number of shares   | 1,912,615                        | 2,125,997                        | 15,461,979                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs   | 1.59%<br>0.00%                   | 1.60%<br>0.00%                   | 1.63%<br>0.00%                   |
|  | 0.00 %                           | 0.00 %                           | 0.00 /0                          |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 141.40                           | 151.13                           | 152.09                           |
| Lowest share price   | 133.83                           | 130.41                           | 145.14                           |
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<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                                  | •                                    | . ,                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 106.04                               | 116.14                               | 113.59                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.38)                               | (8.22)                               | 4.90                                 |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.23)                               | (0.50)                               | (0.56)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.61)                               | (8.72)                               | 4.34                                 |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.99)                               | (1.38)                               | (1.79)                               |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 103.44                               | 106.04                               | 116.14                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.52)%                              | (7.51)%                              | 3.82%                                |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 2,986<br>2,886,328<br>0.44%<br>0.00% | 3,114<br>2,936,382<br>0.45%<br>0.00% | 5,400<br>4,649,571<br>0.48%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Highest share price   | 109.90                               | 117.75                               | 118.99                               |
| Lowest share price  | 104.31                               | 102.03                               | 113.64                               |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share  | . ,                              | • •                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 121.36                           | 131.21                           | 126.82                           |
| Return before operating charges*   | (1.57)                           | (9.29)                           | 5.02                             |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (0.27)                           | (0.56)                           | (0.63)                           |
| Return after operating charges*  | (1.84)                           | (9.85)                           | 4.39                             |
| Distributions  | (1.14)                           | (1.57)                           | (2.00)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares  | 1.14                             | 1.57                             | 2.00                             |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 119.52                           | 121.36                           | 131.21                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1  | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (1.52)%                          | (7.51)%                          | 3.46%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)  | 40,743                           | 44,538                           | 59,727                           |
| Closing number of shares   | 34,087,152                       | 36,699,423                       | 45,518,399                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs   | 0.44%                            | 0.45%                            | 0.48%                            |
| Direct transaction costs   | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 125.78                           | 133.03                           | 133.55                           |
| Lowest share price   | 119.39                           | 115.68                           | 126.87                           |
| <sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the properties of the amounts collected from di | lution adjustments               | or dilution lovio                | s that rolate to                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

## FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.00%   | 0.50%   | 1.40%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.05%   | 0.05%   | 0.05%   | 0.05%   |
|                                    | 1.05%   | 0.55%   | 1.45%   | 0.30%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.14%   | 0.14%   | 0.14%   | 0.14%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.19%   | 0.69%   | 1.59%   | 0.44%   |

#### As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.00%   | 0.50%   | 1.40%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 0.04%   |
|                                    | 1.04%   | 0.54%   | 1.44%   | 0.29%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.16%   | 0.16%   | 0.16%   | 0.16%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.20%   | 0.70%   | 1.60%   | 0.45%   |

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

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

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

## Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was four.

### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|   | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|---|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund <sup>1</sup> | (1.44)   | (4.51) | (1.52)  | 0.66    |

#### <sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 172 and 173.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

#### as at 31 May 2023

| Holding                  | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£                  | 31.05.23<br>% |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------|
| -                        | ALTERNATIVES 8.26% (6.47%) <sup>1</sup>  |                             |               |
|                          | Alternative Strategies 8.26% (6.47%) <sup>1</sup>  |                             |               |
| 10,490,000<br>14,700,000 | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 10/09/2024 <sup>2</sup><br>JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 2025 <sup>2</sup> | 8,898,343<br>11,367,413     | 2.53<br>3.23  |
| 5,387,000                | 8  | 4,414,516                   | 1.25          |
| 5,329,000                |  | 4,411,381                   | 1.25          |
|                          |  | 29,091,653                  | 8.26          |
|                          | DEBT SECURITIES 0.80% (5.04%) <sup>1</sup>   |                             |               |
|                          | Short Term Sterling Bonds 0.80% (5.04%) <sup>1</sup>   |                             |               |
| £1,930,000               | Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025  | 1,931,737                   | 0.55          |
|                          | Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2025  | 599,772                     | 0.17          |
| £280,000                 | Yorkshire Building Society FRN 2023  | 280,400<br><b>2,811,909</b> | 0.08          |
|                          |  |                             |               |
|                          | EQUITY 7.80% (8.01%) <sup>1</sup>  |                             |               |
| 20.149                   | North America 2.15% (1.98%) <sup>1</sup>   | 7 506 066                   | 2 4 5         |
| 29,148                   | Berkshire Hathaway   | 7,596,066                   | 2.15          |
|                          | United Kingdom 5.65% (6.03%) <sup>1</sup>  |                             |               |
|                          | Goldman Sachs International 2024   | 10,632,403                  | 3.02          |
| 99,928                   | UBS AG London 2027   | 9,279,952                   | 2.63          |
|                          |  | 19,912,355                  | 5.65          |
|                          | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.18% (0.46%) <sup>1</sup>   |                             |               |
|                          | Germany 0.18% (0.18%) <sup>1</sup>   |                             |               |
|                          | MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures June 2023  | 391,486                     | 0.11          |
|                          | MSCI EUX Eurobund Futures June 2023  | 124,159                     | 0.04          |
| 123                      | MSCI EUX Futures June 2023   | 98,078                      | 0.03          |
|                          |  | 613,723                     | 0.18          |
|                          | Japan 0.24% (0.15%)¹   |                             |               |
| 95                       | TOPIX Index Futures June 2023  | 843,489                     | 0.24          |
|                          | United Kingdom 0.20% (0.46%)1  |                             |               |
| 361                      | United Kingdom -0.30% (0.16%) <sup>1</sup><br>FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2023                                       | (594,597)                   | (0.17)        |
|                          | Long Gilt ICF Futures September 2023   | 93,500                      | 0.03          |
| 320                      | MSCI World Health Care Index Futures December 2023   | (561,697)                   | (0.16)        |
|                          |  | (1,062,794)                 | (0.30)        |
|                          | United States 0.06% (-0.03%) <sup>1</sup>  |                             |               |
| 252                      | MSCI ICUS Emerging Futures June 2023   | 73,884                      | 0.02          |
|                          | US 10-Year Note CBT Futures September 2023   | 81,891                      | 0.02          |
| 67                       | US Ultra CBT Futures September 2023  | 77,897                      | 0.02          |
|                          |  | 233,672                     | 0.06          |
|                          |  |                             |               |
| €12,213,800              | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.17% (-0.05%) <sup>1</sup><br>Vs £(10,840,969) Expiry 20.10.2023                         | (229,941)                   | (0.07)        |
| US\$(103,500,000)        | Vs £84,747,497 Expiry 14.07.2023   | 1,114,904                   | 0.32          |
| US\$(9,700,000)          | Vs £7,924,513 Expiry 14.07.2023  | 86,482                      | 0.02          |

### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding        | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£  | 31.05.23<br>% |
|----------------|--|-------------|---------------|
| riolaling      |  | ~           | 70            |
| ¥5 907 000 000 | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS 0.17% (-0.05%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)<br>Vs £(35,146,384) Expiry 17.11.2023 | (151,223)   | (0.04)        |
|                | Vs £(16,376,328) Expiry 14.07.2023   | (215,440)   | (0.04)        |
|                |  | 604,782     | 0.17          |
|                | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 56.05% (61.73%) <sup>1</sup>   |             |               |
|                | Ireland 20.06% (25.02%) <sup>1</sup>   |             |               |
| 2,419,620      | HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund   | 18,333,457  | 5.20          |
| 340,739        |  | 10,545,872  | 2.99          |
| 1,032,130      |  | 11,405,685  | 3.24          |
| 11,692,444     |  | 10,634,278  | 3.02          |
|                | VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF   | 3,222,690   | 0.92          |
|                | Vanguard ESG Global Corporate Bond Index Fund<br>WisdomTree AT1 CoCo Bond UCITS ETF                      | 14,399,483  | 4.09          |
| 20,894         | Wisdom ree ATT Coco Bond UCITS ETF   | 2,113,600   | 0.60          |
|                |  | 70,655,065  | 20.06         |
|                |  |             |               |
|                | Luxembourg 8.95% (9.59%) <sup>1</sup>  |             |               |
| 83,564         | 5  | 9,488,704   | 2.69          |
|                | Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral   | 7,642,836   | 2.17          |
|                | Fulcrum Equity Dispersion Fund   | 8,869,586   | 2.52          |
| 54,681         | Lyxor Core UK Government Bond (DR) UCITS ETF   | 5,526,609   | 1.57          |
|                |  | 31,527,735  | 8.95          |
|                | United Kingdom 27.04% (27.12%) <sup>1</sup>  |             |               |
| 29,596,967     |  | 31,365,504  | 8.90          |
| 6,638,952      |  | 14,070,231  | 3.99          |
|                | Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency  |             |               |
| 17,355,155     |  | 11,157,629  | 3.16          |
| 32,969,530     |  | 18,294,792  | 5.19          |
| 4,814,587      |  | 7,366,318   | 2.09          |
| 146,243        | UBS Sterling Corporate Bond Indexed  | 13,055,142  | 3.71          |
|                |  | 95,309,616  | 27.04         |
|                | Portfolio of investment  | 258,137,271 | 73.26         |
|                | Net other assets <sup>3</sup>  | 94,221,257  | 26.74         |
|                | Net assets   | 352,358,528 | 100.00        |
|                |  |             |               |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> Includes shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £20,000,000, shares in the Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds - Sterling Liquidity Fund to the value of £20,000,000 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £20,000,000 which are shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

| Credit Quality                   | 31.05.23<br>% | 30.11.22<br>% |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Investment grade debt securities | 0.80          | 4.26          |
| Non-rated debt securities        | 8.26          | 7.24          |
| Other investments                | 64.20         | 70.16         |
| Net other assets                 | 26.74         | 18.34         |
|                                  | 100.00        | 100.00        |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   | £         | 31.05.23<br>£ | £           | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|---|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Income  | Ľ         | L             | L           | L             |
| Net capital losses  |           | (8,476,037)   |             | (23,606,942)  |
| Revenue   | 4,492,208 |               | 2,009,658   |               |
| Expenses  | (988,823) |               | (1,229,183) |               |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (8,873)   |               | (1,200)     |               |
| Net revenue before taxation for the period                                      | 3,494,512 |               | 779,275     |               |
| Taxation  | (690,728) |               | (193,516)   |               |
| Net revenue after taxation for the period                                       |           | 2,803,784     |             | 585,759       |
| Total return before distributions   |           | (5,672,253)   |             | (23,021,183)  |
| Distributions   |           | (3,529,739)   |             | (1,546,079)   |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities |           | (9,201,992)   | _           | (24,567,262)  |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | £            | 31.05.23<br>£    | £            | 31.05.22<br>£    |
|--|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              | -            | ~<br>385,089,457 | -            | ~<br>470,447,869 |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | 20,535,890   |                  | 28,960,116   |                  |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | (47,243,494) |                  | (54,357,537) |                  |
|  |              | (26,707,604)     |              | (25,397,421)     |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |              | (9,201,992)      |              | (24,567,262)     |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares                                 |              | 3,178,667        |              | 1,410,457        |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              |              | 352,358,528      |              | 421,893,643      |

<sup>1</sup>Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23    | 30.11.22     |
|---|-------------|--------------|
|   | £           | £            |
| ASSETS                                  |             |              |
| Fixed assets:                           |             |              |
| Investments                             | 259,890,169 | 315,771,024  |
| Current assets:                         |             |              |
| Debtors                                 | 8,682,740   | 14,088,137   |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 32,340,169  | 34,297,368   |
| Cash equivalents                        | 60,000,000  | 39,300,000   |
| Total assets                            | 360,913,078 | 403,456,529  |
| LIABILITIES                             |             |              |
| Investment liabilities                  | (1,752,898) | (1,318,125)  |
| Creditors:                              |             |              |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (242)       | (3,537,274)  |
| Distribution payable                    | (176,473)   | (189,874)    |
| Other creditors                         | (6,624,937) | (13,321,799) |
| Total liabilities                       | (8,554,550) | (18,367,072) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 352,358,528 | 385,089,457  |

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### DISTRIBUTION TABLES

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Class A Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.0258<br>1.0258   |  | 1.0258<br>1.0258   | 0.4091<br>0.4091  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Allocated<br>31.07.23  | Allocated<br>31.07.22   |
| Class A Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.3412<br>0.2124   | _<br>1.1288                                      | 1.3412<br>1.3412   | 0.5188<br>0.5188  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.0990<br>0.4871   | _<br>0.6119                                      | 1.0990<br>1.0990   | 0.4294<br>0.4294  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Allocated 31.07.23   | Allocated 31.07.22  |
| Class C Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.4288<br>0.7157   | _<br>0.7131                                      | 1.4288<br>1.4288   | 0.5512<br>0.5512  |
|   |  |  |  |   |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | <b>Net Revenue</b><br>0.9730<br>0.6162   | Equalisation<br>_<br>0.3568                      |  |   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2  | 0.9730   | -  | <b>31.07.23</b><br>0.9730  | <b>31.07.22</b><br>0.4361   |
| Group 1   | 0.9730<br>0.6162   | 0.3568   | 31.07.23<br>0.9730<br>0.9730<br>Allocated  | 31.07.22<br>0.4361<br>0.4361<br>Allocated   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2                              | 0.9730<br>0.6162<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>1.2772   | 0.3568<br>Equalisation                           | 31.07.23<br>0.9730<br>0.9730<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23  | 31.07.22<br>0.4361<br>0.4361<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>0.5626   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1   | 0.9730<br>0.6162<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>1.2772<br>0.3991                                 | 0.3568<br>Equalisation<br>0.8781                 | 31.07.23<br>0.9730<br>0.9730<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>1.2772<br>1.2772<br>Payable                       | 31.07.22<br>0.4361<br>0.4361<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>0.5626<br>0.5626<br>Paid                       |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class S Income<br>Group 1 | 0.9730<br>0.6162<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>1.2772<br>0.3991<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>0.9934 | 0.3568<br>Equalisation<br>0.8781<br>Equalisation | 31.07.23<br>0.9730<br>0.9730<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>1.2772<br>1.2772<br>Payable<br>31.07.23<br>0.9934 | 31.07.22<br>0.4361<br>0.4361<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>0.5626<br>0.5626<br>Paid<br>31.07.22<br>0.3817 |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Equalisation

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

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

7IM AAP (Asset Allocated Passives) Balanced Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a balance of income and capital growth. In relation to "AAP" (Asset Allocated Passives), see the investment strategy section in the Prospectus.

The Sub-fund invests directly and indirectly, to achieve exposure of at least 80% to fixed interest and equity instruments. This exposure is, for the most part, obtained through passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes) but may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

The sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash and deposits and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

The Sub-fund's investments will comprise a mixture of income generating assets such as corporate debt securities and growth generating assets such as global equities.

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

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (1.00)%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

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

# ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

### Investment Manager's Report (continued)

#### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In December 2022, we also increased our headline bond exposure. Since the start of 2022, treasury yields had risen significantly. This means they have a much more attractive base return before any price movement. On top of this, we believe that rate hikes are already priced in. In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we began reducing AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions and have been carefully reducing the allocation in tranches.

During March 2023, we also added to our climate change position. The trade had underperformed over the past few months, we still have a lot of conviction in the long term case for the position and since it had sold off, the valuations looked more attractive than they had in the past.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

During May 2023, we split our intraday trend strategy such that it now uses both the S&P and Nasdaq 100 index. This further diversifies our alternatives basket.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 177 to 184 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  | <b>1 ,</b>                       | ,                                |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 139.09                           | 147.40                           | 139.47                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.32)                           | (5.55)                           | 10.80                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.82)                           | (1.67)                           | (1.80)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.14)                           | (7.22)                           | 9.00                             |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.09)                           | (1.09)                           | (1.07)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 135.86                           | 139.09                           | 147.40                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.54)%                          | (4.90)%                          | 6.45%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 105<br>77,494<br>1.17%<br>0.00%  | 109<br>78,074<br>1.18%<br>0.00%  | 136<br>92,069<br>1.23%<br>0.00%  |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 144.29                           | 150.58                           | 151.52                           |
| Lowest share price  | 136.19                           | 133.46                           | 140.25                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class A Accumulation**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)   | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)   | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                                | . ,                                |                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 170.39                             | 179.19                             | 168.32                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.61)                             | (6.75)                             | 13.05                                |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.00)                             | (2.05)                             | (2.18)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.61)                             | (8.80)                             | 10.87                                |
| Distributions   | (1.34)                             | (1.33)                             | (1.29)                               |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.34                               | 1.33                               | 1.29                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 167.78                             | 170.39                             | 179.19                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                               | 0.00                               | 0.00                                 |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.53)%                            | (4.91)%                            | 6.46%                                |
| Other Information   |                                    |                                    |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1,433<br>854,283<br>1.17%<br>0.00% | 1,600<br>938,835<br>1.18%<br>0.00% | 3,280<br>1,830,531<br>1.23%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                    |                                    |                                      |
| Highest share price   | 176.76                             | 183.04                             | 183.49                               |
| Lowest share price  | 166.83                             | 162.41                             | 169.19                               |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                                    | . ,                                    | . ,                                    |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 143.86                                 | 152.16                                 | 143.68                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.44)                                 | (5.88)                                 | 10.98                                  |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.48)                                 | (1.00)                                 | (1.10)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.92)                                 | (6.88)                                 | 9.88                                   |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.28)                                 | (1.42)                                 | (1.40)                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 140.66                                 | 143.86                                 | 152.16                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.33)%                                | (4.52)%                                | 6.88%                                  |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 45,556<br>32,386,653<br>0.67%<br>0.00% | 51,282<br>35,648,067<br>0.68%<br>0.00% | 60,286<br>39,618,971<br>0.73%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |  |  |  |
| Highest share price   | 149.35                                 | 155.51                                 | 156.60                                 |
| Lowest share price  | 141.03                                 | 138.13                                 | 144.49                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class C Accumulation**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)         | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)         | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)         |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |  | . ,                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 181.24                                   | 189.83                                   | 177.60                                   |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.81)                                   | (7.35)                                   | 13.60                                    |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.61)                                   | (1.24)                                   | (1.37)                                   |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.42)                                   | (8.59)                                   | 12.23                                    |
| Distributions   | (1.61)                                   | (1.78)                                   | (1.73)                                   |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.61                                     | 1.78                                     | 1.73                                     |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 178.82                                   | 181.24                                   | 189.83                                   |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                     | 0.00                                     | 0.00                                     |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (1.34)%                                  | (4.53)%                                  | 6.89%                                    |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 767,876<br>429,415,728<br>0.67%<br>0.00% | 821,375<br>453,193,872<br>0.68%<br>0.00% | 940,179<br>495,277,797<br>0.73%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |  |  |  |
| Highest share price   | 188.17                                   | 193.99                                   | 194.36                                   |
| Lowest share price  | 177.68                                   | 172.66                                   | 178.53                                   |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | •                                | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 135.10                           | 143.43                           | 136.02                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.23)                           | (5.28)                           | 10.64                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.06)                           | (2.18)                           | (2.33)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.29)                           | (7.46)                           | 8.31                             |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.95)                           | (0.87)                           | (0.90)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 131.86                           | 135.10                           | 143.43                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.70)%                          | (5.20)%                          | 6.11%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 724<br>549,126<br>1.57%<br>0.00% | 777<br>574,996<br>1.58%<br>0.00% | 854<br>595,695<br>1.63%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 140.08                           | 146.48                           | 147.39                           |
| Lowest share price  | 132.15                           | 129.56                           | 136.78                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class D Accumulation**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | . ,                                  |                                      |  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 162.35                               | 171.26                               | 161.39                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.45)                               | (6.29)                               | 12.63                                  |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.28)                               | (2.62)                               | (2.76)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.73)                               | (8.91)                               | 9.87                                   |
| Distributions   | (1.15)                               | (1.04)                               | (1.07)                                 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.15                                 | 1.04                                 | 1.07                                   |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 159.62                               | 162.35                               | 171.26                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.68)%                              | (5.20)%                              | 6.12%                                  |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 7,077<br>4,433,921<br>1.57%<br>0.00% | 7,825<br>4,819,715<br>1.58%<br>0.00% | 36,609<br>21,375,950<br>1.63%<br>0.00% |
| Prices<br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price   | 168.28<br>158.76                     | 174.89<br>154.79                     | 175.40<br>162.22                       |
|   |                                      |                                      |  |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | <b>P /</b>                           | , ,                                  | <b>1</b>                               |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 123.17                               | 130.14                               | 122.76                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.26)                               | (5.09)                               | 9.33                                   |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.26)                               | (0.54)                               | (0.62)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.52)                               | (5.63)                               | 8.71                                   |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.16)                               | (1.34)                               | (1.33)                                 |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 120.49                               | 123.17                               | 130.14                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.23)%                              | (4.33)%                              | 7.10%                                  |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 7,222<br>5,994,005<br>0.42%<br>0.00% | 8,189<br>6,648,435<br>0.43%<br>0.00% | 14,162<br>10,881,898<br>0.48%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |  |
| Highest share price   | 127.91                               | 133.02                               | 133.99                                 |
| Lowest share price  | 120.81                               | 118.29                               | 123.45                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

#### **Class S Accumulation**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)         | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)         | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)         |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   | • •                                      | . ,                                      | . ,                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 140.36                                   | 146.71                                   | 136.99                                   |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.44)                                   | (5.74)                                   | 10.41                                    |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.30)                                   | (0.61)                                   | (0.69)                                   |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.74)                                   | (6.35)                                   | 9.72                                     |
| Distributions   | (1.32)                                   | (1.52)                                   | (1.48)                                   |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.32                                     | 1.52                                     | 1.48                                     |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 138.62                                   | 140.36                                   | 146.71                                   |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                     | 0.00                                     | 0.00                                     |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.24)%                                  | (4.33)%                                  | 7.10%                                    |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 142,988<br>103,150,379<br>0.42%<br>0.00% | 145,644<br>103,766,063<br>0.43%<br>0.00% | 166,291<br>113,343,584<br>0.48%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |  |  |  |
| Highest share price   | 145.77                                   | 149.96                                   | 150.20                                   |
| Lowest share price  | 137.68                                   | 133.68                                   | 137.70                                   |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.00%   | 0.50%   | 1.40%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   |
|                                    | 1.03%   | 0.53%   | 1.43%   | 0.28%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.14%   | 0.14%   | 0.14%   | 0.14%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.17%   | 0.67%   | 1.57%   | 0.42%   |

#### As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.00%   | 0.50%   | 1.40%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   |
|                                    | 1.03%   | 0.53%   | 1.43%   | 0.28%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.18%   | 0.68%   | 1.58%   | 0.43%   |

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

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

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was four.

#### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|                                    | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM AAP Balanced Fund <sup>1</sup> | (1.00)   | (2.56) | 7.47    | 8.24    |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 193 and 194.

## **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT**

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding                  | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£               | 31.05.23<br>%  |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
|                          | ALTERNATIVES 7.14% (7.04%) <sup>1</sup>   | -                        |                |
|                          | Alternative Strategies 7.14% (7.04%) <sup>1</sup>                               |                          |                |
| 30,570,000               | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 10/09/2024 <sup>2</sup>                     | 25,931,587               | 2.66           |
| 24,720,000<br>14,951,000 | •   | 19,115,813<br>12,251,984 | 1.96<br>1.26   |
| 14,951,000               |   | 12,243,258               | 1.20           |
| , ,                      |   | 69,542,642               | 7.14           |
|                          |   |                          |                |
|                          | DEBT SECURITIES 3.60% (9.89%) <sup>1</sup>                                      |                          |                |
| <u></u>                  | Short Term Sterling Bonds 3.60% (9.89%) <sup>1</sup>                            | 0 000 474                | 0.40           |
| £3,860,000               | Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025<br>Leeds Building Society FRN 2025      | 3,863,474<br>5,009,350   | 0.40<br>0.51   |
| £3,000,000<br>£7,400,000 |   | 7,397,188                | 0.31           |
| £6,700,000               | •   | 6,720,435                | 0.69           |
| £6,000,000               | TSB Bank FRN 2024   | 6,022,920                | 0.62           |
| £5,990,000               | Yorkshire Building Society FRN 2023   | 5,998,566                | 0.62           |
|                          |   | 35,011,933               | 3.60           |
|                          |   |                          |                |
|                          | EQUITY 10.56% (10.51%) <sup>1</sup><br>North America 3.30% (3.30%) <sup>1</sup> |                          |                |
| 123,012                  |   | 32,057,340               | 3.30           |
| 0,0                      |   |                          |                |
|                          | United Kingdom 7.26% (7.21%) <sup>1</sup>                                       |                          |                |
| 59,260                   |   | 44,437,281               | 4.57           |
| 281,873                  | UBS AG London 2027  | 26,176,525               | 2.69           |
|                          |   | 70,613,806               | 7.26           |
|                          | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.18% (0.63%) <sup>1</sup>                                    |                          |                |
|                          | Germany 0.35% (0.12%) <sup>1</sup>  |                          |                |
| 1,124                    | MSCI Europe ex-UK Index Futures June 2023                                       | 1,280,478                | 0.13           |
| 85                       | MSCI EUX Eurobund Futures June 2023   | 173,947                  | 0.02           |
| 1,169                    | MSCI EUX Futures June 2023  | 1,911,646                | 0.20           |
|                          |   | 3,366,071                | 0.35           |
|                          | Japan 0.32% (0.18%) <sup>1</sup>  |                          |                |
| 355                      | TOPIX Index Futures June 2023   | 3,151,985                | 0.32           |
|                          |   | · · ·                    |                |
|                          | United Kingdom -0.55% (0.35%) <sup>1</sup>                                      |                          | (0.05)         |
| ,                        | FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2023<br>Long Gilt ICF Futures September 2023        | (3,400,482)<br>251,600   | (0.35)<br>0.02 |
| (1,220)                  | -   | (2,157,695)              | (0.22)         |
| (1,220)                  |   | (5,306,577)              | (0.55)         |
|                          |   | (5,500,577)              | (0.55)         |
|                          | United States 0.06% (-0.02%) <sup>1</sup>                                       |                          |                |
| 610                      |   | 178,846                  | 0.02           |
| 334                      | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   | 170,947                  | 0.02           |
| 135                      | US Ultra CBT Futures September 2023   | 156,958                  | 0.02           |
|                          |   | 506,751                  | 0.06           |

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding                  | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£               | 31.05.23<br>%  |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| noiding                  |   | ~                        | 70             |
| 642 800 000              | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS -0.03% (-0.06%) <sup>1</sup>   | (824,594)                | (0,00)         |
|                          | Vs £(38,876,880) Expiry 20.10.2023<br>Vs £86,057,604 Expiry 14.07.2023  | (824,594)                | (0.09)<br>0.12 |
|                          | Vs £10,620,481 Expiry 14.07.2023  | 115,904                  | 0.12           |
| US\$(11,500,000)         |   | (81,826)                 | (0.01)         |
| ,                        | Vs £(113,822,638) Expiry 17.11.2023   | (489,739)                | (0.05)         |
| US\$11,500,000           | Vs £(9,416,388) Expiry 14.07.2023   | (123,878)                | (0.01)         |
|                          |   | (271,994)                | (0.03)         |
|                          | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 39.34% (41.97%) <sup>1</sup>  |                          |                |
|                          | Ireland 12.17% (15.80%) <sup>1</sup>  |                          |                |
|                          | HSBC Global Funds ICAV - Global Government Bond Index Fund  | 29,716,555               | 3.05           |
|                          | Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF  | 37,149,997               | 3.82           |
|                          | Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index Fund<br>VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF                       | 29,575,792<br>12,897,636 | 3.04<br>1.32   |
|                          | WisdomTree AT1 CoCo Bond UCITS ETF  | 9,149,605                | 0.94           |
|                          |   | 118,489,585              | 12.17          |
|                          | Luxembourg 6.91% (8.06%) <sup>1</sup>   |                          |                |
| 223 425                  | BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund  | 25,369,877               | 2.61           |
|                          | Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral  | 20,489,713               | 2.11           |
|                          | Fulcrum Equity Dispersion Fund  | 11,363,147               | 1.17           |
| 97,642                   | Lyxor Core UK Government Bond (DR) UCITS ETF  | 9,868,677                | 1.02           |
|                          |   | 67,091,414               | 6.91           |
|                          | United Kingdom 20.26% (18.11%) <sup>1</sup>   |                          |                |
| 37,586,986               |   | 39,832,959               | 4.09           |
| 15,449,447               | iShares Global Property Securities Index  | 32,742,709               | 3.36           |
| 10.077.004               | Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency   | 00 407 700               | 0.00           |
| 46,877,891               | Index Fund Acc  | 30,137,796               | 3.09           |
| 99,230,462<br>25,806,620 | Legal & General Short Dated Sterling Corporate Bond Index Fund<br>Ninety One Funds Series III - Global Environment Fund | 55,062,984<br>39,484,129 | 5.66<br>4.06   |
| 23,000,020               |   |                          |                |
|                          |   | 197,260,577              | 20.26          |
|                          | Portfolio of investment   | 591,513,533              | 60.79          |
|                          | Net other assets <sup>3</sup>   | 381,467,868              | 39.21          |
|                          | Net assets  | 972,981,401              | 100.00         |
|                          |   |                          |                |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> Includes shares in the Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Sterling Fund Platinum to the value of £80,000,000, shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £81,865,497, shares in the Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds - Sterling Liquidity Fund to the value of £80,000,530 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £71,800,611 which are shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Credit Quality                   | 31.05.23<br>% | 30.11.22<br>% |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Investment grade debt securities | 3.60          | 9.15          |
| Non-rated debt securities        | 7.14          | 7.78          |
| Other investments                | 50.05         | 53.05         |
| Net other assets                 | 39.21         | 30.02         |
|                                  | 100.00        | 100.00        |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   |             | 31.05.23     |             | 31.05.22     |
|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|   | £           | £            | £           | £            |
| Income  |             |              |             |              |
| Net capital losses  |             | (20,859,082) |             | (42,711,210) |
| Revenue   | 12,624,489  |              | 4,402,954   |              |
| Expenses  | (2,548,586) |              | (3,016,505) |              |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (37,906)    | _            | (5,420)     |              |
| Net revenue before taxation for the period                                      | 10,037,997  |              | 1,381,029   |              |
| Taxation  | (1,930,027) | _            | (346,751)   |              |
| Net revenue after taxation for the period                                       |             | 8,107,970    |             | 1,034,278    |
| Total return before distributions   |             | (12,751,112) |             | (41,676,932) |
| Distributions   | _           | (9,077,182)  |             | (2,276,628)  |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities | _           | (21,828,294) |             | (43,953,560) |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  |               | 31.05.23      |               | 31.05.22      |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             | £             | £             |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders        |               | 1,036,801,227 |               | 1,221,797,143 |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | 71,339,075    |               | 57,863,116    |               |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | (121,643,664) |               | (130,068,094) |               |
|  |               | (50,304,589)  |               | (72,204,978)  |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from |               |               |               |               |
| investment activities                                  |               | (21,828,294)  |               | (43,953,560)  |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares           |               | 8,313,057     |               | 2,063,267     |
| Closing net assets attributable to                     | _             |               | —             |               |
| shareholders   | _             | 972,981,401   | _             | 1,107,701,872 |

<sup>1</sup>Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23     | 30.11.22      |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| ASSETS                                  | £            | £             |
| Fixed assets:                           |              |               |
| Investments                             | 598,591,747  | 729,173,859   |
| Current assets:                         |              |               |
| Debtors                                 | 14,419,243   | 14,525,403    |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 72,318,150   | 91,878,142    |
| Cash equivalents                        | 313,666,638  | 232,424,323   |
| Total assets                            | 998,995,778  | 1,068,001,727 |
| LIABILITIES                             |              |               |
| Investment liabilities                  | (7,078,214)  | (3,645,584)   |
| Creditors:                              |              |               |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (2,272)      | (6,110,701)   |
| Distribution payable                    | (488,704)    | (480,149)     |
| Other creditors                         | (18,445,187) | (20,964,066)  |
| Total liabilities                       | (26,014,377) | (31,200,500)  |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 972,981,401  | 1,036,801,227 |

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022 Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| Class A Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.0912<br>1.0912   |  | 1.0912<br>1.0912  | 0.1627<br>0.1627  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Allocated<br>31.07.23   | Allocated<br>31.07.22   |
| Class A Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.3389<br>0.6178   | _<br>0.7211                                      | 1.3389<br>1.3389  | 0.1963<br>0.1963  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.2763<br>0.5329   | _<br>0.7434                                      | 1.2763<br>1.2763  | 0.2850<br>0.2850  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Allocated<br>31.07.23   | Allocated<br>31.07.22   |
| Class C Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.6053<br>0.5833   | _<br>1.0220                                      | 1.6053<br>1.6053  | 0.3559<br>0.3559  |
|   |  |  |   |   |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>31.07.22  |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | Net Revenue<br>0.9522<br>0.6363  | Equalisation<br>_<br>0.3159                      |   |   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2  | 0.9522   | _  | <b>31.07.23</b><br>0.9522   | <b>31.07.22</b><br>0.1020   |
| Group 1   | 0.9522<br>0.6363   | 0.3159   | 31.07.23<br>0.9522<br>0.9522<br>Allocated   | 31.07.22<br>0.1020<br>0.1020<br>Allocated   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2                              | 0.9522<br>0.6363<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>1.1469   | 0.3159<br>Equalisation                           | 31.07.23<br>0.9522<br>0.9522<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>1.1469   | 31.07.22<br>0.1020<br>0.1020<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>0.1220   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1   | 0.9522<br>0.6363<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>1.1469<br>0.7862                                 | 0.3159<br>Equalisation<br>0.3607                 | 31.07.23<br>0.9522<br>0.9522<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>1.1469<br>1.1469<br>1.1469<br>Payable                              | 31.07.22<br>0.1020<br>0.1020<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>0.1220<br>0.1220<br>Paid                                 |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class S Income<br>Group 1 | 0.9522<br>0.6363<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>1.1469<br>0.7862<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>1.1558 | 0.3159<br>Equalisation<br>0.3607<br>Equalisation | 31.07.23<br>0.9522<br>0.9522<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>1.1469<br>1.1469<br>1.1469<br><b>Payable</b><br>31.07.23<br>1.1558 | 31.07.22<br>0.1020<br>0.1020<br>Allocated<br>31.07.22<br>0.1220<br>0.1220<br>0.1220<br>Paid<br>31.07.22<br>0.3027 |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with them distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

7IM AAP (Asset Allocated Passives) Moderately Adventurous Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide a return primarily by way of capital growth with some income. In relation to "AAP" (Asset Allocated Passives), see the investment strategy section in the Prospectus.

The Sub-fund invests, directly and indirectly, to achieve exposure of at least 80% to equity and fixed interest instruments. This exposure is, for the most part, obtained through passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes) but may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity, indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash, deposits, and may also include the use money market funds and money market instruments for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

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

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

#### Investment Manager's Report

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (0.55)%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

## ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

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

#### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

#### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we began reducing AT1 bonds to their new target weight. The asset class has struggled on account of the stress in the European Banking sector. We believe that it is prudent risk management to downsize the positions and have been carefully reducing the allocation in tranches.

During March 2023, we also added to our climate change position. The trade had underperformed over the past few months, we still have a lot of conviction in the long term case for the position and since it had sold off, the valuations looked more attractive than they had in the past.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

During May 2023, we split our intraday trend strategy such that it now uses both the S&P and Nasdaq 100 index. This further diversifies our alternatives basket.

#### Investment Outlook

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- · Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 198 to 205 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Comparative Tables**

**Class A Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 170.47                           | 174.90                           | 159.92                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | (0.98)                           | (2.42)                           | 17.15                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (1.02)                           | (2.01)                           | (2.02)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (2.00)                           | (4.43)                           | 15.13                            |
| Distributions on income shares                             | (0.96)                           | -                                | (0.15)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 167.51                           | 170.47                           | 174.90                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | (1.17)%                          | (2.53)%                          | 9.46%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 58                               | 90                               | 161                              |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 34,893                           | 52,512                           | 91,876                           |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1.19%<br>0.00%                   | 1.18%<br>0.00%                   | 1.18%<br>0.00%                   |
|  | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |

 Highest share price
 177.64
 179.97

 Lowest share price
 166.52
 160.48

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

180.44

161.06

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class A Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                         |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share                           | 193.24                           | 198.25                           | 181.15                           |
| Return before operating charges*                            | (1.09)                           | (2.74)                           | 19.39                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)             | (1.16)                           | (2.27)                           | (2.29)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                             | (2.25)                           | (5.01)                           | 17.10                            |
| Distributions   | (1.10)                           | _                                | (0.17)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares               | 1.10                             | _                                | 0.17                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                           | 190.99                           | 193.24                           | 198.25                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                       | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>            | (1.16)%                          | (2.53)%                          | 9.44%                            |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares | 840<br>440,000                   | 854<br>441,933                   | 1,063<br>536,207                 |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                              | 1.19%                            | 1.18%                            | 1.18%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                                    | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 201.38                           | 203.98                           | 204.45                           |
| Lowest share price  | 188.77                           | 181.92                           | 182.38                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              |                                  |                                  | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 171.73                           | 176.22                           | 161.13                           |
| Return before operating charges*                 | (1.07)                           | (2.60)                           | 17.11                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (0.60)                           | (1.17)                           | (1.18)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (1.67)                           | (3.77)                           | 15.93                            |
| Distributions on income shares                   | (1.32)                           | (0.72)                           | (0.84)                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 168.74                           | 171.73                           | 176.22                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (0.97)%                          | (2.14)%                          | 9.89%                            |
| Other Information                                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 21,068                           | 21,601                           | 22,093                           |
| Closing number of shares                         | 12,485,703                       | 12,578,942                       | 12,537,218                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 0.69%                            | 0.68%                            | 0.68%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                              | 179.10                           | 181.40                           | 182.25                           |

Lowest share price

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

167.96

162.03

162.28

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 206.46                           | 210.98                           | 192.00                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | (1.28)                           | (3.12)                           | 20.38                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (0.72)                           | (1.40)                           | (1.40)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (2.00)                           | (4.52)                           | 18.98                            |
| Distributions  | (1.59)                           | (0.85)                           | (1.00)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 1.59                             | 0.85                             | 1.00                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 204.46                           | 206.46                           | 210.98                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | (0.97)%                          | (2.14)%                          | 9.89%                            |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 410,805                          | 410,558                          | 442,093                          |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 200,917,676                      |                                  |                                  |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 0.69%<br>0.00%                   | 0.68%<br>0.00%                   | 0.68%<br>0.00%                   |
|  | 0.0070                           | 0.0070                           | 0.0070                           |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 215.32                           | 217.16                           | 217.72                           |
| Lowest share price   | 201.93                           | 194.02                           | 193.31                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share              |                                  | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                | 168.91                           | 173.85                           | 159.35                           |
| Return before operating charges*                 | (0.89)                           | (2.27)                           | 17.20                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)  | (1.35)                           | (2.67)                           | (2.70)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                  | (2.24)                           | (4.94)                           | 14.50                            |
| Distributions on income shares                   | (0.69)                           | _                                | _                                |
| Closing net asset value per share                | 165.98                           | 168.91                           | 173.85                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1            | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (1.33)%                          | (2.84)%                          | 9.10%                            |
| Other Information                                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                  | 683                              | 701                              | 989                              |
| Closing number of shares                         | 411,546                          | 415,101                          | 569,110                          |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                   | 1.59%                            | 1.58%                            | 1.58%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                         | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                              | 175.91                           | 178.81                           | 179.17                           |

Highest share price Lowest share price

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

164.84

159.24

160.43

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)      |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                      |                                      |                                       |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 183.36                               | 188.73                               | 173.00                                |
| Return before operating charges*  | (0.97)                               | (2.47)                               | 18.66                                 |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.47)                               | (2.90)                               | (2.93)                                |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.44)                               | (5.37)                               | 15.73                                 |
| Distributions   | (0.74)                               | _                                    | _                                     |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 0.74                                 | _                                    | _                                     |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 180.92                               | 183.36                               | 188.73                                |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                  |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.33)%                              | (2.85)%                              | 9.09%                                 |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                       |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 6,528<br>3,608,360<br>1.59%<br>0.00% | 6,906<br>3,766,207<br>1.58%<br>0.00% | 17,978<br>9,525,732<br>1.58%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |                                       |
| Highest share price   | 190.95                               | 194.12                               | 194.52                                |
| Lowest share price  | 178.93                               | 172.88                               | 174.17                                |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 140.75                               | 144.42                               | 132.06                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | (0.92)                               | (2.20)                               | 13.95                                |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.31)                               | (0.60)                               | (0.61)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.23)                               | (2.80)                               | 13.34                                |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.23)                               | (0.87)                               | (0.98)                               |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 138.29                               | 140.75                               | 144.42                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 |
| Performance<br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>  | (0.87)%                              | (1.94)%                              | 10.10%                               |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 5,719<br>4,135,347<br>0.44%<br>0.00% | 4,474<br>3,178,733<br>0.43%<br>0.00% | 3,495<br>2,419,896<br>0.43%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Highest share price   | 146.84                               | 148.70                               | 149.53                               |
| Lowest share price  | 137.74                               | 132.80                               | 133.01                               |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

## Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)       | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)       |
|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 158.56                                 | 161.71                                 | 146.87                                 |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.03)                                 | (2.47)                                 | 15.52                                  |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.35)                                 | (0.68)                                 | (0.68)                                 |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.38)                                 | (3.15)                                 | 14.84                                  |
| Distributions   | (1.38)                                 | (0.97)                                 | (1.09)                                 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares   | 1.38                                   | 0.97                                   | 1.09                                   |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 157.18                                 | 158.56                                 | 161.71                                 |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   | 0.00                                   |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (0.87)%                                | (1.95)%                                | 10.10%                                 |
| Other Information   |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 96,990<br>61,705,080<br>0.44%<br>0.00% | 97,742<br>61,642,526<br>0.43%<br>0.00% | 96,069<br>59,408,723<br>0.43%<br>0.00% |
| <b>Prices</b><br>Highest share price<br>Lowest share price  | 165.43<br>155.18                       | 166.48<br>148.87                       | 166.90<br>147.87                       |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.00%   | 0.50%   | 1.40%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 0.04%   |
|                                    | 1.04%   | 0.54%   | 1.44%   | 0.29%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.19%   | 0.69%   | 1.59%   | 0.44%   |

#### As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.00%   | 0.50%   | 1.40%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   | 0.03%   |
|                                    | 1.03%   | 0.53%   | 1.43%   | 0.28%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   | 0.15%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.18%   | 0.68%   | 1.58%   | 0.43%   |

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

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

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### FUND INFORMATION (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was five.

#### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|  | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|--|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous Fund <sup>1</sup> | (0.55)   | (0.69) | 14.90   | 14.24   |

#### <sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 213 and 214.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding      | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£           | 31.05.23<br>% |
|--------------|---|----------------------|---------------|
|              | ALTERNATIVES 7.54% (6.90%) <sup>1</sup>                         | -                    |               |
|              | Alternative Strategies 7.54% (6.90%) <sup>1</sup>               |                      |               |
| 18,970,000   | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 10/09/2024 <sup>2</sup>     | 16,091,665           | 2.97          |
| 14,390,000   | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 2025 <sup>2</sup>           | 11,127,692           | 2.05          |
|              | SG Defensive Short Term Equity Strategy 0.00% 2023 <sup>2</sup> | 6,856,555            | 1.26          |
| 8,277,000    | SG Issuer 0.00% 2025 <sup>2</sup>                               | 6,851,754            | 1.26          |
|              |   | 40,927,666           | 7.54          |
|              | DEBT SECURITIES 4.26% (10.47%) <sup>1</sup>                     |                      |               |
|              | Short Term Sterling Bonds 4.26% (10.47%) <sup>1</sup>           |                      |               |
| £2,320,000   | Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025                         | 2,322,088            | 0.43          |
| £3,000,000   |   | 3,005,610            | 0.55          |
| £1,500,000   | Lloyds Bank FRN 2024  | 1,503,420            | 0.28          |
| £4,000,000   | NRW Bank FRN 2024   | 4,006,464            | 0.74          |
| £1,500,000   | Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2024                                   | 1,502,520            | 0.28          |
| £4,000,000   | Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2025                                   | 3,998,480            | 0.73          |
|              | Santander UK FRN 2024   | 1,103,355            | 0.20          |
|              | TSB Bank FRN 2024   | 2,810,696            | 0.52          |
| £2,870,000   | Yorkshire Building Society FRN 2023                             | 2,874,104            | 0.53          |
|              |   | 23,126,737           | 4.26          |
|              | EQUITY 11.10% (12.35%) <sup>1</sup>                             |                      |               |
|              | North America 4.25% (4.28%) <sup>1</sup>                        |                      |               |
| 88,618       |   | 23,094,148           | 4.25          |
|              |   |                      |               |
| 24.002       | United Kingdom 6.85% (8.07%) <sup>1</sup>                       | 00 000 004           | 4.00          |
| •            | Goldman Sachs International 2024                                | 23,293,204           | 4.29          |
| 149,821      | UBS AG London 2027  | 13,913,334           | 2.56<br>6.85  |
|              |   | 37,206,538           | 0.05          |
|              | FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.29% (1.17%) <sup>1</sup>                    |                      |               |
| 1 107        | Germany 0.39% (0.34%) <sup>1</sup>                              | 1 207 000            | 0.24          |
| 1,187<br>645 |   | 1,307,009<br>820,310 | 0.24<br>0.15  |
| 045          | MSCI EOX Futures Julie 2023                                     | 020,310              | 0.15          |
|              |   | 2,127,319            | 0.39          |
|              | Japan 0.50% (0.31%)¹  |                      |               |
| 316          | TOPIX Index Futures June 2023                                   | 2,704,317            | 0.50          |
|              | United Kingdom -0.63% (0.48%) <sup>1</sup>                      |                      |               |
|              | FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2023                                | (2,295,813)          | (0.42)        |
| 688          | MSCI World Health Care Index Futures December 2023              | (1,131,718)          | (0.21)        |
|              |   | (3,427,531)          | (0.63)        |
|              | United States 0.03% (0.04%) <sup>1</sup>                        |                      |               |
| 681          | MSCI ICUS Emerging Futures June 2023                            | 199,662              | 0.03          |

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding          | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£  | 31.05.23<br>% |
|------------------|---|-------------|---------------|
|                  |   |             |               |
| €46,200,000      | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS -0.21% (-0.11%) <sup>1</sup><br>Vs £(41,007,120) Expiry 20.10.2023               | (869,778)   | (0.16)        |
| US\$(42,300,000) | Vs £34,635,934 Expiry 14.07.2023  | 455,657     | 0.08          |
|                  | Vs £12,857,654 Expiry 14.07.2023  | (71,056)    | (0.01)        |
|                  | Vs £9,602,911 Expiry 14.07.2023   | (93,621)    | (0.02)        |
|                  | Vs £(74,810,592) Expiry 17.11.2023  | (321,884)   | (0.06)        |
| US\$19,300,000   | Vs £(15,509,545) Expiry 14.07.2023  | 85,712      | 0.02          |
| US\$28,000,000   | Vs £(22,926,859) Expiry 14.07.2023  | (301,617)   | (0.06)        |
|                  |   | (1,116,587) | (0.21)        |
|                  | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 26.65% (28.51%) <sup>1</sup>  |             |               |
|                  | Ireland 11.29% (12.82%) <sup>1</sup>  |             |               |
| 1,294,322        | Baillie Gifford Worldwide Health Innovation Fund  | 11,000,571  | 2.03          |
| 627,113          | Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF  | 19,409,148  | 3.58          |
|                  | Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond USD Index Fund   | 13,331,069  | 2.46          |
|                  | VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF  | 9,145,600   | 1.69          |
| 105,397          | WisdomTree AT1 CoCo Bond UCITS ETF  | 8,283,150   | 1.53          |
|                  |   | 61,169,538  | 11.29         |
|                  | Luxembourg 4.56% (6.39%) <sup>1</sup>   |             |               |
|                  | BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund  | 13,506,087  | 2.49          |
| 7,364            | Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral  | 11,226,006  | 2.07          |
|                  |   | 24,732,093  | 4.56          |
|                  | United Kingdom 10.80% (9.30%)¹  |             |               |
| 6,555,017        | iShares Global Property Securities Index<br>Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond Local Currency | 13,892,343  | 2.56          |
| 21,988,709       | Index Fund Acc  | 14,136,541  | 2.60          |
| 19,991,180       | Ninety One Funds Series III - Global Environment Fund   | 30,586,505  | 5.64          |
|                  |   | 58,615,389  | 10.80         |
|                  | Portfolio of investment   | 269,359,289 | 49.63         |
|                  | Net other assets <sup>3</sup>   | 273,332,076 | 50.37         |
|                  |   |             |               |
|                  | Net assets  | 542,691,365 | 100.00        |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> Includes shares in the Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Sterling Fund Platinum to the value of £55,000,000, shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £70,500,000, shares in the Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds - Sterling Liquidity Fund to the value of £60,485,160 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £30,000,000 which are shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

|                                  |        | 30.11.22 |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Credit Quality                   | %      | %        |
| Investment grade debt securities | 4.26   | 9.63     |
| Non-rated debt securities        | 7.54   | 7.74     |
| Other investments                | 37.83  | 41.92    |
| Net other assets                 | 50.37  | 40.71    |
|                                  | 100.00 | 100.00   |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   | £           | 31.05.23<br>£ | £           | 31.05.22<br>£ |
|---|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Income  | ~           | ~             | ~           | ~             |
| Net capital losses  |             | (9,486,044)   |             | (14,715,743)  |
| Revenue   | 6,678,435   |               | 1,379,752   |               |
| Expenses  | (1,384,156) |               | (1,463,035) |               |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (17,879)    |               | (5,747)     |               |
| Net revenue/(expense) before taxation for the period                            | 5,276,400   |               | (89,030)    |               |
| Taxation  | (1,003,206) |               | 98,887      |               |
| Net revenue after taxation for the period                                       |             | 4,273,194     |             | 9,857         |
| Total return before distributions   |             | (5,212,850)   |             | (14,705,886)  |
| Distributions   |             | (4,275,048)   |             | (102,048)     |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities |             | (9,487,898)   | _           | (14,807,934)  |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  |              | 31.05.23    |              | 31.05.22     |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | £            | £           | £            | £            |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders        |              | 542,926,480 |              | 583,941,216  |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | 61,093,436   |             | 31,232,708   |              |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>    | (55,922,513) |             | (53,147,878) |              |
|  |              | 5,170,923   |              | (21,915,170) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from |              |             |              |              |
| investment activities                                  |              | (9,487,898) |              | (14,807,934) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares           |              | 4,081,860   |              | 95,310       |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders        |              | 542,691,365 |              | 547,313,422  |

<sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23     | 30.11.22    |
|---|--------------|-------------|
|   | £            | £           |
| ASSETS                                  |              |             |
| Fixed assets:                           |              |             |
| Investments                             | 274,444,776  | 324,159,678 |
| Current assets:                         |              |             |
| Debtors                                 | 8,831,095    | 1,575,719   |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 59,293,458   | 50,976,200  |
| Cash equivalents                        | 215,979,461  | 175,957,950 |
| Total assets                            | 558,548,790  | 552,669,547 |
| LIABILITIES                             |              |             |
| Investment liabilities                  | (5,085,487)  | (2,237,061) |
| Creditors:                              |              |             |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (778)        | (5,436,262) |
| Distribution payable                    | (219,096)    | (112,514)   |
| Other creditors                         | (10,552,064) | (1,957,230) |
| Total liabilities                       | (15,857,425) | (9,743,067) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 542,691,365  | 542,926,480 |

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### DISTRIBUTION TABLES

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>30.07.22¹  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Class A Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 0.9593<br>0.9593   |  | 0.9593<br>0.9593   |  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Allocated<br>31.07.23  | Allocated 30.07.22 <sup>1</sup>  |
| Class A Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.0981<br>0.5879   | _<br>0.5102                                      | 1.0981<br>1.0981   |  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>30.07.22   |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.3230<br>0.5484   | _<br>0.7746                                      | 1.3230<br>1.3230   | 0.0039<br>0.0039   |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Allocated<br>31.07.23  | Allocated<br>30.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Class C Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | 1.5915<br>0.7395   | _<br>0.8520                                      | 1.5915<br>1.5915   |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |
|   | Net Revenue  | Equalisation                                     | Payable<br>31.07.23  | Paid<br>30.07.22 <sup>1</sup>  |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2  | <b>Net Revenue</b><br>0.6858<br>0.3707   | Equalisation<br>_<br>0.3151                      |  |  |
| Group 1<br>Group 2  | 0.6858   | -  | <b>31.07.23</b><br>0.6858  |  |
| Group 1   | 0.6858<br>0.3707   | 0.3151   | 31.07.23<br>0.6858<br>0.6858<br>Allocated  | 30.07.22 <sup>1</sup><br>_<br>_<br>Allocated   |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2                              | 0.6858<br>0.3707<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>0.7354   | 0.3151<br>Equalisation                           | 31.07.23<br>0.6858<br>0.6858<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>0.7354  | 30.07.22 <sup>1</sup><br>–<br>–<br>Allocated<br>30.07.22 <sup>1</sup>  |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1   | 0.6858<br>0.3707<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>0.7354<br>0.3315                                 | 0.3151<br>Equalisation<br>0.4039                 | 31.07.23<br>0.6858<br>0.6858<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>0.7354<br>0.7354<br>Payable                       | 30.07.22 <sup>1</sup><br>-<br>-<br>Allocated<br>30.07.22 <sup>1</sup><br>-<br>-<br>Paid                              |
| Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2<br>Class S Income<br>Group 1 | 0.6858<br>0.3707<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>0.7354<br>0.3315<br><b>Net Revenue</b><br>1.2273 | 0.3151<br>Equalisation<br>0.4039<br>Equalisation | 31.07.23<br>0.6858<br>0.6858<br>Allocated<br>31.07.23<br>0.7354<br>0.7354<br>0.7354<br>Payable<br>31.07.23 | 30.07.22 <sup>1</sup><br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>- |

<sup>1</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging, it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

### **Investment Objective and Policy**

7IM AAP (Asset Allocated Passives) Adventurous Fund (the 'Sub-fund') aims to provide capital growth. In relation to "AAP" (Asset Allocated Passives), see the investment strategy section in the Prospectus.

The Sub-fund invests, directly and indirectly, to achieve exposure of at least 80% to equity and fixed interest instruments. This exposure is, for the most part, obtained through passive strategies (that is, strategies designed to track the performance of particular indices, market sectors or asset classes) but may also be achieved through the use of futures contracts which require cover to be held (typically in the form of money market funds and money market instruments).

The Sub-fund will also invest in other asset classes such as property, commodities and private equity indirectly through holdings in equities including investment trusts, exchange traded funds or other funds. The asset allocation for the entire portfolio will be actively managed.

The other 20% of the Sub-fund will be invested in assets such as cash and deposits and may also include the use of money market funds and money market instruments for more general liquidity purposes. This is additional to the holding of such assets as cover for futures contracts as noted above.

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

The Sub-fund's investments will be more focussed on growth generating assets such as equities.

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

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

#### **Performance Report**

In the reporting period, 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023, the portfolio delivered a total return of (0.73)%<sup>1</sup>.

#### Investment Background

In December 2022, investors faced challenges as the Chinese economy reopened faster than expected, central banks continued to tighten monetary policy, and the Bank of Japan surprised the market. Developed market equities declined. The hawkishness of the US Federal Reserve (Fed) set the tone for the month, despite easing inflation in many developed countries. Major central banks showed no signs of changing their accommodative monetary policies. Government bond yields rose due to central bank actions. China's swift policy changes towards reopening and downgrading COVID-19 restrictions caused market concerns.

January 2023 witnessed a strong beginning for equity markets, both in developed and emerging markets. Bond prices rallied as yields decreased, reflecting positive market sentiment. Factors such as improving inflation outlook, Europe's resilient economic growth, and the expected recovery of the Chinese economy contributed to the market rally. The decline in inflation influenced expectations that central banks may end rate hikes earlier. Overall, January showed promising signs for the economy and markets, despite lingering risks.

February 2023 saw releases of tight job market data. This led to expectations of rates being higher for longer. Global equities fell slightly led by declines in the US market off the back of increased rate expectations. European equities gained slightly as forward looking data looked relatively better than it had done at the start of the year. Emerging markets struggled over the month as the US-China tensions escalated slightly.

March 2023 was a very eventful month for markets. Silicon Valley Bank was unable to meet deposits and went under. Later in the month Credit Suisse experienced extreme deposit flight and was eventually purchased by UBS in a government brokered deal. Establishing whether or not this was related to Silicon Valley Bank is very hard, but Credit Suisse's troubled reputation no doubt contributed to the speed of deposit flight when concerns around the banking sector emerged.

Global shares rose in April 2023, supported by resilient economic data. Developed markets outperformed emerging markets. US equities made limited gains as the Fed signaled a potential slowdown. Eurozone shares rose, except for the IT sector. UK equities rose, driven by financials and energy. Japan maintained positive momentum. Asia ex Japan and emerging market equities declined.

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using 7IM AAP Adventurous C Acc shares, published prices. Source: NTRS.

### ACD'S REPORT (continued)

for the period ended 31 May 2023

### Investment Manager's Report (continued)

### Investment Background (continued)

Global shares declined in May 2023, but technology stocks saw gains driven by enthusiasm over artificial intelligence. Economic data showed weakness in manufacturing sectors, while services remained strong. Concerns over the US debt ceiling were resolved with a deal reached at the end of the month. Government bond yields increased, and the Bank of England raised interest rates. Japanese stocks continued their strong performance, while Asia ex Japan and emerging markets underperformed.

### **Portfolio Review**

In December 2022, we further reduced our headline equity beta. Our base case view of the world for 2023 was that a recession was more likely than not. In this environment, we would not expect equities to perform well.

In January 2023, we introduced a metals and mining trade. We have a lot of conviction in this trade as a long-term theme. The amount of metal needed to get to net zero is vast, and the nature of mining means that supply cannot increase in line with this. Mining companies are likely to benefit. Furthermore, the companies are cheap and produce very healthy dividends.

During March 2023, we also added to our climate change position. The trade had underperformed over the past few months, we still have a lot of conviction in the long term case for the position and since it had sold off, the valuations looked more attractive than they had in the past.

In April 2023, we trimmed our put selling position. The position had performed well versus the S&P - the allocation it is funded from - and a general fall in volatility means that the base level of returns from the strategy that are available are lower.

During May 2023, we split our intraday trend strategy such that it now uses both the S&P and Nasdaq 100 index. This further diversifies our alternatives basket.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Over the next twelve months, we think that the global economy will slide into a recession. In this environment, it is important to rely on a stable identity. Economic uncertainty creates fear and investor sentiment tends to overreact to economic turning points. Going forward, we believe that:

- Inflation will come down. Goods inflation is slowly normalizing, and supply chain pressures are going.
- · Central banks are getting close to the end of their hiking cycles, but there is still a bit more work to do.
- A US recession is highly likely. Most leading indicators are pointing towards a recession, but the recession shouldn't be too long or deep.

And so, investors are starting to worry about what's next for financial markets. Economic data isn't likely to stabilise until next year. Equity markets are unlikely to perform well.

We know our investment identity helps us to deliver in just these kinds of environments. We have positions that can generate returns despite this volatile backdrop.

Seven Investment Management LLP Investment Manager June 2023

### **FUND INFORMATION**

The Comparative Tables on pages 218 to 225 give the performance of each active share class in the Sub-fund.

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

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

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

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

#### **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class A Income**

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 180.71                           | 183.53                           | 164.09                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.43)                           | (0.71)                           | 21.33                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.14)                           | (2.11)                           | (1.89)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.57)                           | (2.82)                           | 19.44                            |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.08)                           | _                                | _                                |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 177.06                           | 180.71                           | 183.53                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.42)%                          | (1.54)%                          | 11.85%                           |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 136<br>76,815<br>1.25%<br>0.00%  | 148<br>81,830<br>1.18%<br>0.00%  | 169<br>92,353<br>1.18%<br>0.00%  |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 188.87                           | 189.72                           | 190.08                           |
| Lowest share price  | 176.32                           | 166.97                           | 165.50                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class A Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                     |                                  | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                       | 201.97                           | 205.13                           | 183.40                           |
| Return before operating charges*                        | (1.60)                           | (0.80)                           | 23.85                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)         | (1.27)                           | (2.36)                           | (2.12)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                         | (2.87)                           | (3.16)                           | 21.73                            |
| Distributions   | (1.20)                           | _                                | _                                |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares           | 1.20                             | -                                | -                                |
| Closing net asset value per share                       | 199.10                           | 201.97                           | 205.13                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (1.42)%                          | (1.54)%                          | 11.85%                           |
| Other Information                                       |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                         | 632                              | 640                              | 656                              |
| Closing number of shares                                | 317,386                          | 317,110                          | 319,996                          |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                          | 1.25%                            | 1.18%                            | 1.18%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                                | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                                     | 211.09                           | 212.04                           | 212.44                           |
| Lowest share price                                      | 197.07                           | 186.62                           | 184.78                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 181.57                               | 183.91                               | 163.98                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.48)                               | (0.70)                               | 21.35                                |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.69)                               | (1.22)                               | (1.00)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.17)                               | (1.92)                               | 20.35                                |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.51)                               | (0.42)                               | (0.42)                               |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 177.89                               | 181.57                               | 183.91                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.20)%                              | (1.04)%                              | 12.41%                               |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 7,903<br>4,442,820<br>0.75%<br>0.00% | 7,283<br>4,011,004<br>0.68%<br>0.00% | 7,321<br>3,980,871<br>0.68%<br>0.00% |
| Prices<br>Highest share price   | 189.95                               | 190.21                               | 190.43                               |
| Lowest share price  | 177.42                               | 167.79                               | 165.39                               |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class C Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  |                                  | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 217.10                           | 219.39                           | 195.16                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | (1.78)                           | (0.83)                           | 25.42                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (0.82)                           | (1.46)                           | (1.19)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (2.60)                           | (2.29)                           | 24.23                            |
| Distributions  | (1.80)                           | (0.51)                           | (0.49)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 1.80                             | 0.51                             | 0.49                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 214.50                           | 217.10                           | 219.39                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | (1.20)%                          | (1.04)%                          | 12.42%                           |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 157,620                          | 160,502                          | 162,304                          |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 73,481,640                       | 73,931,481                       | 73,980,274                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 0.75%<br>0.00%                   | 0.68%<br>0.00%                   | 0.68%<br>0.00%                   |
|  | 0.0070                           | 0.0070                           | 0.0070                           |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 227.12                           | 226.90                           | 227.17                           |
| Lowest share price   | 212.14                           | 200.15                           | 196.64                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 179.14                           | 182.65                           | 164.10                           |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.39)                           | (0.72)                           | 21.18                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (1.49)                           | (2.79)                           | (2.63)                           |
| Return after operating charges*   | (2.88)                           | (3.51)                           | 18.55                            |
| Distributions on income shares  | (0.73)                           | _                                | _                                |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 175.53                           | 179.14                           | 182.65                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.61)%                          | (1.92)%                          | 11.30%                           |
| Other Information   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 11<br>6,383<br>1.65%<br>0.00%    | 11<br>6,293<br>1.58%<br>0.00%    | 6<br>3,334<br>1.58%<br>0.00%     |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price   | 187.10                           | 188.74                           | 189.19                           |
| Lowest share price  | 174.59                           | 165.82                           | 165.28                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class D Accumulation** 

|  | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                        |                                  | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                          | 190.71                           | 194.49                           | 174.59                           |
| Return before operating charges*                           | (1.47)                           | (0.78)                           | 22.67                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)            | (1.58)                           | (3.00)                           | (2.77)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                            | (3.05)                           | (3.78)                           | 19.90                            |
| Distributions  | (0.78)                           | _                                | _                                |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares              | 0.78                             | -                                | -                                |
| Closing net asset value per share                          | 187.66                           | 190.71                           | 194.49                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                      | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>    | (1.60)%                          | (1.94)%                          | 11.40%                           |
| Other Information  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                            | 2,861                            | 2,816                            | 6,808                            |
| Closing number of shares                                   | 1,524,712                        | 1,476,595                        | 3,500,234                        |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 1.65%<br>0.00%                   | 1.58%<br>0.00%                   | 1.58%<br>0.00%                   |
| Prices   |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price  | 199.16                           | 200.97                           | 201.45                           |
| Lowest share price   | 185.85                           | 176.55                           | 175.90                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Income** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share)     | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share)     |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Opening net asset value per share   | 151.80                               | 153.78                               | 136.92                               |
| Return before operating charges*  | (1.25)                               | (0.59)                               | 17.84                                |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)   | (0.38)                               | (0.65)                               | (0.47)                               |
| Return after operating charges*   | (1.63)                               | (1.24)                               | 17.37                                |
| Distributions on income shares  | (1.44)                               | (0.74)                               | (0.51)                               |
| Closing net asset value per share   | 148.73                               | 151.80                               | 153.78                               |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1   | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 | 0.00                                 |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup>   | (1.07)%                              | (0.81)%                              | 12.69%                               |
| Other Information   |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges <sup>3</sup><br>Direct transaction costs | 2,210<br>1,486,056<br>0.50%<br>0.00% | 2,173<br>1,431,680<br>0.43%<br>0.00% | 1,701<br>1,105,945<br>0.43%<br>0.00% |
| Prices  |                                      |                                      |                                      |
| Highest share price   | 158.89                               | 159.08                               | 159.22                               |
| Lowest share price  | 148.45                               | 140.49                               | 138.10                               |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

**Class S Accumulation** 

|   | 31.05.23<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.22<br>(pence<br>per share) | 30.11.21<br>(pence<br>per share) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Change in Net Asset Value Per Share                     |                                  | . ,                              | . ,                              |
| Opening net asset value per share                       | 171.14                           | 172.51                           | 153.08                           |
| Return before operating charges*                        | (1.42)                           | (0.64)                           | 19.95                            |
| Operating charges (calculated on average price)         | (0.43)                           | (0.73)                           | (0.52)                           |
| Return after operating charges*                         | (1.85)                           | (1.37)                           | 19.43                            |
| Distributions   | (1.63)                           | (0.82)                           | (0.58)                           |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares           | 1.63                             | 0.82                             | 0.58                             |
| Closing net asset value per share                       | 169.29                           | 171.14                           | 172.51                           |
| * After direct transaction costs of:1                   | 0.00                             | 0.00                             | 0.00                             |
| <b>Performance</b><br>Return after charges <sup>2</sup> | (1.08)%                          | (0.79)%                          | 12.69%                           |
| Other Information                                       |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                         | 25,313                           | 24,564                           | 26,949                           |
| Closing number of shares                                | 14,951,809                       | 14,353,322                       | 15,621,286                       |
| Operating charges <sup>3</sup>                          | 0.50%                            | 0.43%                            | 0.43%                            |
| Direct transaction costs                                | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                            |
| Prices  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Highest share price                                     | 179.13                           | 178.46                           | 178.61                           |
| Lowest share price                                      | 167.35                           | 157.61                           | 154.24                           |

<sup>1</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases. Direct transaction costs cover a six-month period to 31 May 2023.

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

Comparative Tables (continued)

### **Ongoing Charges Figures**

As at 31 May 2023

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.00%   | 0.50%   | 1.40%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.08%   | 0.08%   | 0.08%   | 0.08%   |
|                                    | 1.08%   | 0.58%   | 1.48%   | 0.33%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.17%   | 0.17%   | 0.17%   | 0.17%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.25%   | 0.75%   | 1.65%   | 0.50%   |

As at 30 November 2022

|                                    | Class A | Class C | Class D | Class S |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ACD's periodic charge              | 1.00%   | 0.50%   | 1.40%   | 0.25%   |
| Other expenses                     | 0.06%   | 0.06%   | 0.06%   | 0.06%   |
|                                    | 1.06%   | 0.56%   | 1.46%   | 0.31%   |
| Collective investment scheme costs | 0.12%   | 0.12%   | 0.12%   | 0.12%   |
| Ongoing Charges Figure             | 1.18%   | 0.68%   | 1.58%   | 0.43%   |

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

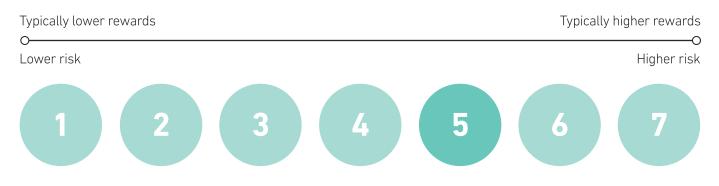
The collective investment scheme costs represent the OCFs, or a reasonable substitute, of the underlying funds which are held as portfolio investments. Their inclusion has been calculated on a weighted basis against the Sub-fund's net assets at the balance sheet date.

The Sub-fund undertakes securities lending and receives 70% of the revenue generated and the remaining 30% is received by Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Sub-fund, this has been excluded from the Other expenses and thus excluded from the Ongoing Charges Figures. On 25 May 2022, the Sub-fund suspended its securities lending programme.

### Comparative Tables (continued)

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



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

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

The risk and reward indicator shown above is as at the date of publication of the interim report and financial statements, the risk and reward indicator as at the period end date 31 May 2023 was five.

### Fund performance to 31 May 2023 (%)

|                                       | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7IM AAP Adventurous Fund <sup>1</sup> | (0.73)   | 0.23   | 20.61   | 18.12   |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

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

Details of the distributions per share for the period are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 233 and 234.

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding                | Portfolio of Investment  | Value<br>£             | 31.05.23<br>%  |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|
| 0                      | ALTERNATIVES 5.63% (5.43%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
|                        | Alternative Strategies 5.63% (5.43%) <sup>1</sup>                              |                        |                |
| 4,810,000              | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 10/09/2024 <sup>2</sup>                    | 4,080,175              | 2.08           |
|                        | JP Morgan Structured Products 0.00% 2025 <sup>2</sup>                          | 3,031,310              | 1.54           |
| 2,413,000<br>2,386,000 |  | 1,977,395<br>1,975,146 | 1.01<br>1.00   |
| 2,300,000              | 36 issuel 0.00 /0 2023   |                        |                |
|                        |  | 11,064,026             | 5.63           |
|                        | DEBT SECURITIES 6.40% (15.11%) <sup>1</sup>                                    |                        |                |
|                        | Short Term Sterling Bonds 6.40% (15.11%) <sup>1</sup>                          |                        |                |
| £775,000               | Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2025  | 775,697                | 0.39           |
| £3,000,000             | Leeds Building Society FRN 2025  | 3,005,610              | 1.53           |
|                        | Lloyds Bank FRN 2024   | 4,009,120              | 2.04           |
|                        | NRW Bank FRN 2024<br>Royal Bank of Canada FRN 2025                             | 1,602,586<br>1,999,240 | 0.81<br>1.02   |
| £1,200,000             | Yorkshire Building Society FRN 2023  | 1,201,716              | 0.61           |
| , . , ,                |  | 12,593,969             | 6.40           |
|                        |  | ,,                     |                |
|                        | EQUITY 12.36% (13.02%) <sup>1</sup>  |                        |                |
| 40.074                 | North America 5.35% (5.04%) <sup>1</sup>                                       | 10 500 040             |                |
| 40,371                 | Berkshire Hathaway   | 10,520,818             | 5.35           |
|                        | United Kingdom 7.01% (7.98%) <sup>1</sup>                                      |                        |                |
| 11,641                 | Goldman Sachs International 2024   | 8,729,234              | 4.44           |
| 54,425                 | UBS AG London 2027   | 5,054,253              | 2.57           |
|                        |  | 13,783,487             | 7.01           |
|                        | <b>FUTURES CONTRACTS 0.42% (1.29%</b> ) <sup>1</sup>                           |                        |                |
|                        | Germany 0.38% (0.30%) <sup>1</sup>   |                        |                |
| 506                    |  | 557,158                | 0.28           |
| 185                    | MSCI EUX Futures June 2023   | 186,217                | 0.10           |
|                        |  | 743,375                | 0.38           |
|                        | Japan 0.66% (0.37%)¹   |                        |                |
| 146                    | TOPIX Index Futures June 2023  | 1,296,310              | 0.66           |
|                        |  |                        |                |
| 576                    | United Kingdom -0.68% (0.51%) <sup>1</sup><br>FTSE 100 Index Futures June 2023 | (939,739)              | (0.48)         |
| 226                    | MSCI World Health Care Index Futures December 2023                             | (399,704)              | (0.48)         |
|                        |  | (1,339,443)            | (0.68)         |
|                        |  |                        |                |
|                        | United States 0.06% (0.11%) <sup>1</sup>                                       |                        |                |
| 408                    | MSCI ICUS Emerging Futures June 2023   | 119,621                | 0.06           |
|                        | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS -0.35% (-0.01%) <sup>1</sup>                        |                        |                |
| €19,700,000            | Vs £(17,485,720) Expiry 20.10.2023   | (370,879)              | (0.19)         |
| US\$(30,700,000)       | Vs £25,137,663 Expiry 14.07.2023   | 330,701                | 0.17           |
|                        | Vs £5,041,529 Expiry 14.07.2023  | (49,151)               | (0.03)         |
|                        | Vs £22,822,335 Expiry 14.07.2023   | (126,125)              | (0.07)         |
|                        | Vs £(32,546,254) Expiry 17.11.2023<br>Vs £(24,670,623) Expiry 14.07.2023       | (140,035)<br>136,339   | (0.07)<br>0.07 |
| 00000,700,000          | v3 2(27,010,020) EAPILY 14.01.2020   | 130,339                | 0.07           |

### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** (continued)

as at 31 May 2023

| Holding         | Portfolio of Investment   | Value<br>£              | 31.05.23<br>% |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| US\$42,700,000  | FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS -0.35% (-0.01%) <sup>1</sup> (continued)<br>Vs £(34,963,460) Expiry 14.07.2023   | (459,965)               | (0.23)        |
|                 |   | (679,115)               | (0.35)        |
|                 | COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 26.75% (21.75%) <sup>1</sup><br>Ireland 11.03% (9.11%) <sup>1</sup>   |                         |               |
| 1,026,336       | Baillie Gifford Worldwide Health Innovation Fund  | 8,722,932               | 4.43          |
|                 | Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF  | 8,739,506               | 4.45          |
|                 | VanEck Global Mining UCITS ETF  | 4,223,611               | 2.15          |
|                 |   | 21,686,049              | 11.03         |
| 44,939<br>1,901 | Luxembourg 4.06% (3.79%) <sup>1</sup><br>BlackRock Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund<br>Candriam Absolute Return Equity Market Neutral         | 5,102,878<br>2,897,730  | 2.59<br>1.47  |
|                 |   | 8,000,608               | 4.06          |
|                 | <b>United Kingdom 11.66% (8.85%</b> ) <sup>1</sup><br>iShares Global Property Securities Index<br>Ninety One Funds Series III - Global Environment Fund | 8,732,744<br>14,205,227 | 4.44<br>7.22  |
|                 |   | 22,937,971              | 11.66         |
|                 | Portfolio of investment   | 100,727,676             | 51.21         |
|                 | Net other assets <sup>3</sup>   | 95,958,117              | 48.79         |
|                 | Net assets  | 196,685,793             | 100.00        |

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

<sup>1</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 November 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Structured product.

<sup>3</sup> Includes shares in the Deutsche Global Liquidity Managed Sterling Fund Platinum to the value of £20,000,000, shares in the JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - GBP Liquidity LVNAV Fund to the value of £25,000,000, shares in the Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds - Sterling Liquidity Fund to the value of £19,898,331 and shares in the Northern Trust Global Sterling Fund to the value of £15,376,378 which are shown as Cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet of the Sub-fund.

|                                  | 31.05.23 | 30.11.22 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Credit Quality                   | %        | %        |
| Investment grade debt securities | 6.40     | 13.80    |
| Non-rated debt securities        | 5.63     | 6.74     |
| Other investments                | 39.18    | 36.05    |
| Net other assets                 | 48.79    | 43.41    |
|                                  | 100.00   | 100.00   |

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|   |           | 31.05.23    |           | 31.05.22    |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|   | £         | £           | £         | £           |
| Income  |           |             |           |             |
| Net capital losses  |           | (3,934,503) |           | (5,127,690) |
| Revenue   | 2,369,235 |             | 276,118   |             |
| Expenses  | (554,571) |             | (562,704) |             |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | (7,357)   |             | (2,268)   |             |
| Net revenue before taxation for the period                                      | 1,807,307 |             | 288,854   |             |
| Taxation  | (132,620) |             | 9,211     |             |
| Net revenue/(expense) after taxation for the period                             |           | 1,674,687   |           | (298,065)   |
| Total return before distributions   |           | (2,259,816) |           | (5,425,755) |
| Distributions   |           | (1,674,709) |           |             |
| Change in net assets attributable to<br>shareholders from investment activities | _         | (3,934,525) |           | (5,425,755) |

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

|  | £            | 31.05.23<br>£           | £          | 31.05.22<br>ج               |  |
|--|--------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              | 2            | <b>م</b><br>198,137,719 | 2          | <del>م</del><br>205,914,092 |  |
| Amounts received on creation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | 21,450,970   |                         | 19,674,117 |                             |  |
| Amounts paid on cancellation of shares <sup>1</sup>                          | (20,550,343) | (19,376,490)            |            |                             |  |
|  |              | 900,627                 |            | 297,627                     |  |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |              | (3,934,525)             |            | (5,425,755)                 |  |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares                                 |              | 1,581,972               |            | -                           |  |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              |              | 196,685,793             |            | 200,785,964                 |  |

<sup>1</sup> Stated at mid-market price. The mid-market price is calculated using the midpoint of the bid and offer rates.

The difference between the opening net assets and the comparative closing net assets is the movement in the second half of the year.

### **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 May 2023

|   | 31.05.23    | 30.11.22    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS                                  | £           | £           |
| Fixed assets:                           |             |             |
| Investments                             | 103,213,274 | 113,147,272 |
| Current assets:                         |             |             |
| Debtors                                 | 2,648,302   | 1,371,666   |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 15,862,123  | 18,497,548  |
| Cash equivalents                        | 80,274,709  | 70,001,791  |
| Total assets                            | 201,998,408 | 203,018,277 |
| LIABILITIES                             |             |             |
| Investment liabilities                  | (2,485,598) | (1,029,180) |
| Creditors:                              |             |             |
| Bank overdrafts                         | (366)       | (3,503,712) |
| Distribution payable                    | (89,471)    | (27,594)    |
| Other creditors                         | (2,737,180) | (320,072)   |
| Total liabilities                       | (5,312,615) | (4,880,558) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 196,685,793 | 198,137,719 |

### NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 31 May 2023

### **Accounting Policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the period ended 31 May 2023

#### Interim - in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2022

Group 2 - Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2022 and on or before 31 May 2023

|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>29.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
|--|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Class A Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 1.0768<br>0.5018 | 0.5750       | 1.0768<br>1.0768      | -                               |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated 29.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class A Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.2041<br>0.6228 | _<br>0.5813  | 1.2041<br>1.2041      | -                               |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>29.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Class C Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 1.5131<br>0.5746 | _<br>0.9385  | 1.5131<br>1.5131      |                                 |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated 29.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class C Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.8007<br>0.9055 | _<br>0.8952  | 1.8007<br>1.8007      | -<br>-                          |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>29.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Class D Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.7334<br>0.5345 | 0.1989       | 0.7334<br>0.7334      | -<br>-                          |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated 29.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class D Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 0.7821<br>0.1826 | _<br>0.5995  | 0.7821<br>0.7821      | -<br>-                          |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Payable<br>31.07.23   | Paid<br>29.07.22 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Class S Income<br>Group 1<br>Group 2       | 1.4382<br>0.6001 | _<br>0.8381  | 1.4382<br>1.4382      |                                 |
|  | Net Revenue      | Equalisation | Allocated<br>31.07.23 | Allocated 29.07.22 <sup>1</sup> |
| Class S Accumulation<br>Group 1<br>Group 2 | 1.6255<br>0.7526 | _<br>0.8729  | 1.6255<br>1.6255      | -<br>-                          |

<sup>1</sup> Expenses exceeded revenue during the period, as a result no distributions were paid and allocated.

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

for the period ended 31 May 2023

### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with them distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

## **7IM INVESTMENT FUNDS**

### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION AND REUSE (SFTR)

The European Regulation on reporting and transparency of securities financing transactions and reuse ('SFTR'), which aims to improve the transparency and monitoring of the financial system, became effective on 13 January 2016. The SFTR applies to the 7IM Opportunity Funds ('the Company') as a UCITS scheme and requires the ACD to comply with a series of obligations. In particular, the ACD is required to provide investors with information on the use of securities financing transactions ('SFT's) and total return swaps ('TRS') by the Company in all interim and annual reports for the Company published from 13 January 2017.

The following details the SFTR activities of the sub-funds during the period ended 31 May 2023 as at the balance sheet date.

### **Securities Lending**

The sub-funds of the Company may engage in securities lending activities. During the period ended 31 May 2023, securities lending was not undertaken and as at the period end, 31 May 2023, no securities were on loan for the following sub-funds.

7IM Cautious Fund 7IM Moderately Cautious Fund 7IM Balanced Fund 7IM Moderately Adventurous Fund 7IM Adventurous Fund 7IM Sustainable Balance Fund 7IM AAP Income Fund 7IM AAP Moderately Cautious Fund 7IM AAP Balanced Fund 7IM AAP Moderately Adventurous Fund 7IM AAP Adventurous Fund

### Collateral

The sub-funds of the Company may engage in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty. As at the period end 31 May 2023, no collateral arrangements were in place in respect of securities lending transactions for the following sub-funds.

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On 25 May 2022, the sub-funds suspended their securities lending programme.

### **7IM INVESTMENT FUNDS**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Head Office**

3rd Floor 55 Bishopsgate London EC2N 3AS

### Address for Service

The Head Office is the address in the United Kingdom for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

### **Base Currency**

The base currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling. Each sub-fund and class is designated in Pounds Sterling.

#### **Share Capital**

The minimum share capital of the company is £1 and the maximum is £100,000,000,000.

Shares in the Company have no par value. The share capital of the Company at all times equals the sum of the net asset values of each of the sub-funds.

#### Structure of the Company

The Company is structured as an umbrella company in that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA. On the introduction of any new sub-fund or class of share, a revised prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each sub-fund or class.

The assets of each sub-fund will be treated as separate from those of every other sub-fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that sub-fund. The sub-funds which are currently available are:

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In the future there may be other sub-funds of the Company.

### **Classes of Shares**

The Company has the following active shares classes 'A' Income, 'A' Accumulation, 'B' Income, 'B' Accumulation, 'C' Income, 'C' Accumulation, 'D' Income, 'D' Accumulation, 'S' Income, 'S' Accumulation, 'X' Income and 'X' Accumulation. The Company can issue any share class in accordance with the Prospectus.

Holders of Income shares are entitled to be paid the income attributable to such shares in respect of each annual or interim accounting period, as applicable to the relevant sub-fund.

Holders of Accumulation shares are not entitled to be paid the income attributable to such shares, but that income is retained and accumulated for the benefit of shareholders and is reflected in the price of shares.

#### **Valuation Point**

The valuation point of the Company is 12:00pm London time on each business day. Valuations may be made at other times under the terms contained within the Prospectus.

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)**

### **Buying and Selling Shares**

The dealing office of the ACD is normally open from 9.00am to 5.30pm London time on each business day. The ACD may vary these times at its discretion. Requests to deal in shares may also be made by telephone on each business day (at the ACD'S discretion) between 9.00am and 5.30pm London time directly to the office of the ACD (telephone: 0870 870 7431 or such other number as published from time to time). The initial purchase must, at the discretion of the ACD, be accompanied by an application form.

#### Prices

The prices of all shares are published on the ACD's website: www.7im.co.uk. Alternatively, the prices of all shares may be obtained by calling 0333 300 0354 during the ACD's normal business hours.

#### **Other Information**

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the ACD which is also the Head Office. Copies of these may be obtained upon application and, excepting the Instrument of Incorporation, can be found on our website, www.7im.co.uk.

Shareholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Company should contact the ACD or the Depositary in the first instance. In the event that a shareholder finds the response unsatisfactory they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at South Quay Plaza, 183 Marsh Wall, London E14 9SR.

#### **Data Protection Act**

The ACD may transfer your personal information to countries located outside of the EEA. This may happen when the ACD's servers, suppliers and/or service providers are based outside of the EEA. The data protection laws and other laws of these countries may not be as comprehensive as those that apply within the EEA. In these instances, the ACD will take steps to ensure that your privacy rights are respected.

Further information on the circumstances in which we may transfer your personal data and the data protection measures we take are set out in our Privacy Notice.

#### **Risk Warning**

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

#### Assessment of Value

For each of its sub-funds, Seven Investment Management LLP, will publish an Assessment of Value covering the financial period ended 31 May 2023. These statements will be available on Seven Investment Management's website no later than 31 July 2023.

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