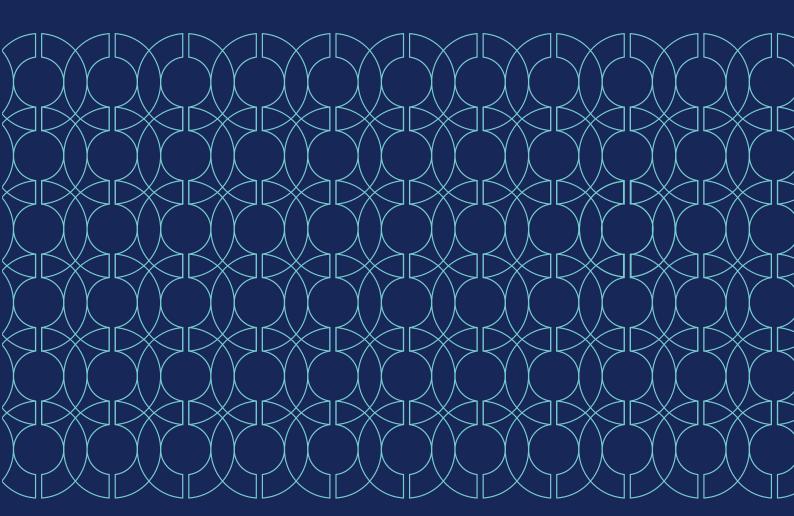


## Schroder Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund Interim Report and Accounts 10 October 2023



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## **Fund Information**

### **Investment objective and policy**

Schroder Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund (the 'Fund') aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 15+ Year Non-Gilt (Gross Total Return) index (after fees have been deducted) over a three to five year period by investing in long dated fixed and floating rate securities issued by companies worldwide.

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 70% of its assets in long dated fixed and floating rate securities denominated in sterling (or in other currencies and hedged back into sterling) and issued by companies worldwide.

The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in investment grade securities (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any other equivalent credit rating agencies). The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other securities (including in other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, collective investment schemes (including Schroder funds), warrants and money market instruments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently (for more information please refer to section 6 of Appendix I of the Prospectus). The Fund may use leverage and take short positions.

#### **Fund characteristics**

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 15+ Year Non-Gilt (Gross Total Return) index. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of the benchmark. The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

### **Total purchases and sales**

	For the period to 10.10.23 £000's	For the year to 10.4.23 £000's
Total purchases	27,250	60,968
Total sales	32,263	55,537

### **Fund Performance**

	Number of units in issue 10.10.23	Net asset value per unit 10.10.23	Net asset value per unit 10.4.23
I Accumulation units	26,110,260	248.53p	274.62p
I Income units	2,000	28.00p	30.83p
X Accumulation units	84,080,137	128.92p	142.01p
X Income units	2,000	28.20p	31.05p
Y Accumulation units	8,145	127.90p	141.03p
Y Income units	2,000	30.96p	34.11p_

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amounts originally invested. Exchange rate changes may cause the value of any overseas investments to rise or fall.

### **Review of Investment Activities**

From 10 April 2023 to 10 October 2023, the price of I Accumulation units on a dealing basis fell 9.88%. In the same period, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 15+ Year Non-Gilts Index generated a negative total return of 8.81%<sup>1</sup>.

Going into April, a more benign macro backdrop saw global government bond yields rise and credit markets outperform during the second quarter of the year. Within global government bond markets, we witnessed some divergence, with the UK underperforming as inflation surprised to the upside and the Bank of England (BoE) demonstrated a greater resolve in combatting inflation.

Despite a significant rise in oil prices in September, there was some positive news on the inflation front, as year-on-year core measures eased across most economies. This allowed major central banks, including the Bank of England, to indicate a pause in further rate hikes. However, US and European government bond yields increased, and curves steepened across markets, with the US leading the way. Yields peaked in September before slightly retreating going into October.

In the corporate bond markets, spreads narrowed across both investment grade (IG) and high yield (HY) bonds, outperforming government bonds. Sterling IG however returned negative performance and underperformed Euro IG over the period. In the third quarter, Euro investment grade bonds experienced the slowest quarter for net issuance in a decade, partly due to limited new funding needs from companies and a lower number of deals in the acquisition pipeline.

Over the period, the Fund saw negative returns and underperformed the benchmark.

We were exposed to the shift in the BoE's more hawkish monetary policy stance within rates in June. A key detractor came from a UK yield curve steepening strategy (i.e. overweight to shorter maturities and an underweight to longer date gilts). Inflation in the UK has taken many by surprise, with headline and core measures both printing higher than expected. The Fund's long UK position also detracted as we were exposed to the rise in yields through July and August. However, we managed to successfully capture the steepening of the US yield curve in Q3. The curve 'bear' steepened (i.e. longer dated Treasuries rose more than in shorter maturities), reflecting the growing confidence that the US might avoid recession meaning that interest rates may need to remain higher for longer.

Contributions from credit were negative as spreads widened in several sectors. Allocations to high yield detracted, where we were exposed to poor performance from financial services names. Conversely, security selections in Investment Grade helped performance over the period.

As we head into the fourth quarter of 2023, the economy remains uncertain. However, the yields in credit continue to provide attractive income and some buffer against market volatility. Despite slowing growth, valuations in pan-European investment grade corporates offer attractive compensation for these risks, and there are reasons for further optimism.

On the economy, a significant gap still persists between the service and manufacturing sector activities, but it appears we are seeing the first signs of improvement in manufacturing indicators. A stabilisation in China's growth from here, of which there already are tentative signs of, might provide an additional boost to European sentiment.

Meanwhile, favourable year-on-year base effects are helping ease inflation pressures across Europe. This has allowed the Bank of England (BoE) to pause further rate hikes, while the European Central Bank (ECB) is expected to do the same as it assesses the impact on the economy from restrictive policy rates. An end to further rate hikes would be a positive development, particularly for European corporates. These companies rely much more on bank lending than their US counterparts and so have faced a greater headwind from rate rises. Nevertheless, interest rates could remain higher for longer in order to bring inflation down to target levels and this creates a strong incentive for issuers to reduce their leverage. This will increase the dispersion in the market, providing a profitable hunting ground for active investors.

#### **Co-Fund Manager:**

**Alix Stewart** 



Investment career started in 1994

Joined Schroders in August 2012 as a Credit Portfolio Manager

Prior to joining Schroders Alix worked for the following companies:

2011 - UBS Global AM, Head of UK Fixed Interest

2009 – UBS Global AM, Fund Manager – UK Corporate Bonds

2008 – UBS Global AM, Fund Manager – Global Corporate Bonds

2006 – SWIP, Fund Manager – High Alpha UK Retail Corporate Bonds

2003 – Gartmore, Fund Manager – High Alpha UK Retail Corporate Bonds

1999 – Standard Life Investments, Fund Manager – Corporate Bonds

1994 – Scottish Mutual (ANFIS), Fund Manager – Corporate Bonds

1991 - Scottish Mutual (ANFIS), Actuarial Trainee

BSc (Hons) in Economic and Mathematics from University of Leeds

### Co-Fund Manager:

Loretta Jackson



2021 Schroders, Portfolio Manager

2016 BlackRock, Portfolio Manager (Fixed Income, NY & London)

BA in History, Dartmouth College, Class of 2016

1 Source: Refinitiv Eikon Datastream.

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## **Risk Profile**

### **Risk and reward indicator**



The risk category was calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. The Fund's risk category is not guaranteed to remain fixed and may change over time. A Fund in the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

For specific risks, including the risk and reward profile, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on the following website www. schroders.com.

## Statement of the Manager's Responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the FCA, ("the COLL Rules") require the Manager to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on the property of the Fund for the period.

In preparing the accounts the Manager is required to:

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

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Fund in accordance with its Trust Deed, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules.

The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Fund's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

P. Truscott
Directors
5 December 2023

# **Portfolio Statement**

	Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Corporate Bonds 92.61% (	89.32%)		
Australia 0.92% (0.71%)			
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group FRN 1.809% 16/09/2031	360,000	307	0.18
BHP Billiton Finance	1 (20 000	1 201	0.74
4.3% 25/09/2042	1,620,000	1,281 <b>1,588</b>	0.74 <b>0.92</b>
Bermuda 0.37% (0.40%)		.,,,,,	
Lancashire Holdings FRN 5.625% 18/09/2041	674,000	443	0.26
Hiscox FRN 6.125%			
24/11/2045	200,000	193 <b>636</b>	0.11 <b>0.37</b>
	401	636	
Cayman Islands 0.12% (0. Southern Water Services Finance	13%)		
4.5% 31/03/2052	300,000	214	0.12
		214	0.12
Denmark 1.19% (1.27%)			
Orsted 5.75% 09/04/2040	1,168,000	1,079	0.62
Orsted 5.375% 13/09/2042 Orsted FRN 2.5%	704,000	618	0.36
18/02/3021	570,000	359	0.21
		2,056	1.19
France 6.91% (6.12%)			
Electricite de France 5.5% 17/10/2041	3,800,000	3,231	1.86
AXA FRN 5.5% 11/07/2043	300,000	252	0.15
Suez 6.625% 05/10/2043 Orange 5.375%	900,000	892	0.51
22/11/2050 AXA FRN 5.625%	850,000	772	0.45
16/01/2054 Engle 5%	332,000	297	0.17
01/10/2060	3,700,000	3,008	1.74
Electricite de France 6% 23/01/2114	2,000,000	1,615	0.93
Electricite de France FRN 6% Perpetual	1,900,000	1,751	1.01
Unibail-Rodam- co-Westfield REIT FRN 7.25%			
Perpetual	200,000	154	0.09
		11,972	6.91
Germany 0.57% (0.48%)			
Deutsche Bank FRN 6.125% 12/12/2030 Commerzbank FRN	600,000	553	0.32
8.625% 28/02/2033	200,000	199	0.11

	Holding at	Market Value	% of not
	Holding at 10.10.23	£000's	% of net assets
Robert Bosch 4.375% 02/06/2043	300,000	244	0.14
4.37370 02/00/2043	300,000	996	0.57
Ireland 0.24% (0.00%)			
Zurich Finance Ireland Designated			
Activity FRN 5.125% 23/11/2052	480,000	419	0.24
		419	0.24
Italy 0.86% (0.87%)			
Intesa Sanpaolo 0% 26/06/2024	470,000	375	0.22
Intesa Sanpaolo FRN 6.5%			
14/03/2029 Intesa Sanpaolo	500,000	484	0.28
8.505% 20/09/2032	470,000	460	0.26
Intesa Sanpaolo FRN 7.778% 20/06/2054	240,000	173	0.10
	2.0,000	1,492	0.86
Japan 0.32% (0.00%)			
Nippon Life			
Insurance FRN 6.25% 13/09/2053	699,000	555	0.32
		555	0.32
Jersey 4.11% (5.58%)			
Kane Bidco 6.5% 15/02/2027	430,000	388	0.22
Gatwick Funding 5.75% 23/01/2039	670,000	622	0.36
Gatwick Funding 6.5% 02/03/2043	600,000	585	0.34
Heathrow Funding 5.875% 13/05/2043	2,360,000	2,193	1.27
AA Bond 6.269% 02/07/2043	452,000	445	0.26
Heathrow Funding 4.625% 31/10/2048	1,864,000	1,427	0.82
Gatwick Funding 2.875% 05/07/2051	2,680,000	1,459	0.84
· · ·		7,119	4.11
Luxembourg 0.79% (0.21%)			
Prologis International			
Funding II 3% 22/02/2042	1,550,000	996	0.57
Medtronic Global Holdings 1.75%	740.005	2=2	2.25
02/07/2049	740,000	373 <b>1,369</b>	0.22 <b>0.79</b>
Movino 0 440/ (0 000/)		1,309	0.79
Mexico 0.11% (0.00%) Petroleos			
Mexicanos 3.75% 16/11/2025	230,000	198	0.11
		198	0.11

	Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Netherlands 6.33% (6.31%) GTCR W-2				Nationwide Building Society FRN 6.178%			
Merger Sub 8.5% 15/01/2031	197,000	199	0.12	07/12/2027	198,000	195	0.11
ING Groep FRN 6.25% 20/05/2033	900,000	854	0.49	Inchcape 6.5% 09/06/2028	263,000	263	0.15
E.ON International Finance 6.75%				Weir Group 6.875% 14/06/2028	139,000	141	0.08
27/01/2039 E.ON International	2,700,000	2,777	1.60	HSBC Holdings FRN 3% 22/07/2028	1,000,000	883	0.51
Finance 6.125% 06/07/2039	1,150,000	1,120	0.65	OSB Group FRN 9.5% 07/09/2028	462,000	463	0.27
Enel Finance International 6%				DS Smith 2.875% 26/07/2029	340,000	286	0.17
07/10/2039 Enel Finance	350,000	262	0.15	Heathrow Finance 4.125% 01/09/2029	3,277,000	2,629	1.52
International 5.75% 14/09/2040	4,180,000	3,868	2.23	Pearson Funding 3.75% 04/06/2030	100,000	86	0.05
Shell International Finance 1.75%				Grainger 3% 03/07/2030	770,000	601	0.35
10/09/2052 Telefonica Europe	640,000	275	0.16	Close Brothers	770,000	001	0.55
FRN 4.375% Perpetual	1,800,000	1,521	0.88	Finance 1.625% 03/12/2030	200,000	141	0.08
Telefonica Europe FRN 7.125%	400.000			Virgin Money UK FRN 5.125% 11/12/2030	1,147,000	1,074	0.62
Perpetual	100,000	10,964	0.05 <b>6.33</b>	Barclays FRN 6.369% 31/01/2031	1,080,000	1,048	0.61
Spain 0.11% (0.10%)				Whitbread Group 3% 31/05/2031	150,000	117	0.07
Banco Santander 5.125% 25/01/2030	200,000	187	0.11	Berkeley Group			0.32
S - 1 - 0 07x (0 75x)		187	0.11	2.5% 11/08/2031 Barclays FRN	817,000	547	
Sweden 0.97% (0.76%) Vattenfall 6.875%				8.407% 14/11/2032 Lloyds Banking	790,000	799	0.46
15/04/2039 Vattenfall FRN 2.5%	1,124,000	1,203	0.69	Group FRN 6.625% 02/06/2033	541,000	521	0.30
29/06/2083 Vattenfall FRN	290,000	229	0.13	NatWest Group FRN 7.416% 06/06/2033	242,000	239	0.14
6.875% 17/08/2083	260,000	252 <b>1,684</b>	0.15 <b>0.97</b>	Telereal Securitisation			
Switzerland 0.18% (0.15%)		.,,,,		6.165% 10/12/2033	113,905	112	0.06
Credit Suisse 7.75%	222.222	200	0.40	Greene King Finance 5.106%	474.520	161	0.00
10/03/2026	300,000	308 308	0.18 <b>0.18</b>	15/03/2034 Northumbrian	174,528	161	0.09
United Kingdom E7 6E9/ /E4	420()	300	0.18	Water Finance	421,000	412	0.24
United Kingdom 57.65% (54. Unique Pub Finance 7.395% 28/03/2024	184,145	180	0.10	6.375% 28/10/2034 HSBC Holdings FRN 8.201% 16/11/2034	421,000 1,090,000	413 1,119	0.24
John Lewis 6.125% 21/01/2025	360,000	352	0.20	John Lewis 4.25%			
Phoenix Group	300,000	332	0.20	18/12/2034 Dignity Finance	1,350,000	840	0.49
Holdings 5.375% 06/07/2027	200,000	150	0.09	3.546% 31/12/2034 Tesco Corp.	646,932	569	0.33
Marks & Spencer 4.5% 10/07/2027	391,000	362	0.21	Treasury Services 5.5% 27/02/2035	443,000	406	0.23
Santander UK Group Holdings FRN 7.098% 16/11/2027	740,000	744	0.43	Greene King Finance 4.064% 15/03/2035	465,381	397	0.23
10/11/2027	740,000	744	V. <del>4</del> 3	National Gas Transmission 5.75% 05/04/2035	223,000	211	0.12

	Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 5.25% 04/04/2036	100,000	93	0.05	Lloyds Bank 6.5% 17/09/2040 National Grid	2,350,000	2,482	1.43
United Utilities Water Finance 5.75% 26/06/2036	348,000	337	0.19	Electricity Distribution East Midlands 6.25%			
HSBC Holdings 7% 07/04/2038	1,700,000	1,628	0.94	10/12/2040 British Telecom-	500,000	497	0.29
Wales & West Utilities Finance 3% 03/08/2038	450,000	313	0.18	munications 5.75% 13/02/2041 National Grid	1,303,000	1,175	0.68
United Utilities Water Finance 5.125% 06/10/2038	531,000	475	0.27	Electricity Distribution South West 5.818% 31/07/2041	902,000	849	0.49
High Speed Rail Finance 1 4.375% 01/11/2038	1,529,000	1,311	0.76	Platform HG Financing 1.926% 15/09/2041	571,000	334	0.49
Orbit Capital 2% 24/11/2038	1,040,000	624	0.36	Manchester Airport Group Funding	371,000	334	0.13
Connect Plus M25 Issuer 2.607%				6.125% 30/09/2041 Segro REIT 5.125%	1,570,000	1,529	0.88
31/03/2039 Anglian Water	557,242	434	0.25	06/12/2041 Motability	883,000	775	0.45
Services Financing 6% 20/06/2039	1,210,000	1,163	0.67	Operations Group 2.125% 18/01/2042	252,000	149	0.09
Motability Operations Group 2.375% 03/07/2039	1,575,000	1,032	0.60	Northumbrian Water Finance 5.125% 23/01/2042	730,000	615	0.36
Yorkshire Water Finance 6.375% 19/08/2039	1,098,000	1,064	0.61	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.875% 24/01/2042	1,557,000	1,310	0.76
National Grid Electricity				Eversholt Funding 3.529% 07/08/2042	372,000	262	0.15
Distribution South Wales 5.75% 23/03/2040	600,000	566	0.33	Motability Operations Group 4.875% 17/01/2043	425,000	378	0.22
National Grid Electricity Distribution				National Grid Electricity	125,000	370	0.22
South West 5.75% 23/03/2040	300,000	282	0.16	Transmission 5.272% 18/01/2043	747,000	660	0.38
Northern Gas Networks Finance 5.625% 23/03/2040	1,732,000	1,556	0.90	Home Group 3.125% 27/03/2043	1,346,000	872	0.50
Aspire Defence Finance Series A	1,752,7555	.,,555	0.50	LiveWest Treasury 2.25% 10/10/2043	829,000	488	0.28
4.674% 31/03/2040 Aspire Defence	1,893,724	1,713	0.99	Futures Treasury 3.375% 08/02/2044	969,000	675	0.39
Finance Series B 4.674% 31/03/2040	1,774,460	1,613	0.93	Manchester Airport Group Funding 2.875% 30/09/2044	1,711,000	1,029	0.59
Tesco Property Finance 3 5.744% 13/04/2040	2,931,589	2,710	1.56	Yorkshire Housing Finance 4.125% 31/10/2044	1,482,000	1,114	0.64
National Grid Electricity Transmission 2%				Arqiva Financing 7.21% 30/06/2045	157,000	161	0.09
17/04/2040 Southern Gas Networks 6.375%	1,006,000	573	0.33	Thames Water Utilities Finance 4.625% 04/06/2046	225,000	156	0.09
15/05/2040 3i Group 3.75%	1,231,000	1,178	0.68	Channel Link Enterprises Finance	4 470 477	1.046	0.60
05/06/2040 Eversholt Funding	2,339,000	1,619	0.93	6.341% 30/06/2046 WPP Finance 2013	1,172,477	1,046	0.60
2.742% 30/06/2040	896,210	701	0.40	2.875% 14/09/2046	3,777,000	2,064	1.19

	Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Cadent Finance 2.75% 22/09/2046	3,673,000	2,014	1.16	Aviva FRN 6.875% 20/05/2058	1,113,000	1,037	0.60
Annington Funding 3.935% 12/07/2047	880,000	580	0.33	Blend Funding 3.508% 04/05/2059	450,000	284	0.16
Catalyst Housing 3.125% 31/10/2047	3,128,000	1,930	1.11	Northern Powergrid Yorkshire 2.25% 09/10/2059	2,145,000	995	0.57
Karbon Homes 3.375% 15/11/2047	1,863,000	1,282	0.74	University College London 1.625%	2,143,000	333	0.57
British Telecommu- nications 3.625% 21/11/2047	1,239,000	815	0.47	04/06/2061 Vodafone Group	1,573,000	666	0.38
Optivo Finance 3.283% 22/03/2048	1,937,000	1,217	0.70	5.75% 10/02/2063 M&G FRN 6.34%	640,000	450	0.26
Clarion Funding 3.125% 19/04/2048	3,813,000	2,351	1.36	19/12/2063 M&G FRN 6.25%	1,020,000	846	0.49
Bromford Housing Group 3.125%	3,013,000	2,331	1.50	20/10/2068 Wellcome Trust	1,684,000	1,351	0.78
03/05/2048 Notting Hill Genesis	1,836,000	1,181	0.68	1.5% 14/07/2071 NGG Finance FRN	3,715,000	1,285	0.74
3.25% 12/10/2048 Citizen Treasury	3,186,000	1,993	1.15	5.625% 18/06/2073 Aviva FRN 6.875%	484,000	462	0.27
3.25% 20/10/2048 Sovereign Housing	1,792,000	1,155	0.67	Perpetual  BP Capital Markets	1,011,000	855	0.49
Capital 2.375% 04/11/2048	1,465,000	796	0.46	FRN 4.25% Perpetual	2,210,000	1,958	1.13
Accent Capital 2.625% 18/07/2049	1,363,000	783	0.45	BUPA Finance FRN 4% Perpetual	927,000	555	0.32
Sanctuary Capital 2.375% 14/04/2050	1,218,000	644	0.37	Mobico Group FRN 4.25% Perpetual	790,000	682	0.39
Channel Link Enterprises Finance 3.848% 30/06/2050	380,000	241	0.14	RL Finance Bonds No. 6 FRN 10.125% Perpetual	1,600,000	1,552	0.90
Paradigm Homes Charitable Housing				SSE FRN 3.74% Perpetual	1,150,000	1,042	0.60
Association 2.25% 20/05/2051	1,270,000	653	0.38			99,908	57.65
Annington Funding 2.924% 06/10/2051	230,000	118	0.07	United States of America MPT Operating	a 10.86% (11.81%)		
Northern Powergrid Northeast 3.25%	370,000	170	0.10	Partnership REIT 2.55% 05/12/2023	155,000	150	0.09
01/04/2052 Vodafone Group	270,000	170	0.10	Ford Motor Credit 2.748% 14/06/2024	665,000	642	0.37
5.125% 02/12/2052 London & Quadrant	446,000	361	0.21	Ford Motor Credit 6.86% 05/06/2026	976,000	961	0.55
Housing Trust 3.125% 28/02/2053	5,063,000	2,974	1.72	Organon 2.875% 30/04/2028	305,000	227	0.13
Notting Hill Genesis 4.375% 20/02/2054	2,314,000	1,736	1.00	MPT Operating Partnership REIT 3.692% 05/06/2028	1,277,000	860	0.50
Saltaire Finance 4.809% 14/03/2055	519,000	478	0.28	Goldman Sachs Group FRN 3.625%	1,277,000	800	0.30
M&G FRN 5.56% 20/07/2055	2,911,000	2,435	1.41	29/10/2029	899,000	799	0.46
Platform HG Financing 1.625% 10/08/2055	1,760,000	715	0.41	RTX 2.15% 18/05/2030 GTCR W-2	600,000	450	0.26
Vodafone Group 3% 12/08/2056	3,340,000	1,763	1.02	Merger Sub 7.5% 15/01/2031	260,000	211	0.12
DWR Cymru Financing UK				Global Payments 4.875% 17/03/2031	674,000	568	0.33
4.473% 31/03/2057 Thames Water	200,000	157	0.09	Veralto 4.15% 19/09/2031	146,000	124	0.07
Utilities Finance 7.738% 09/04/2058	1,740,000	1,692	0.98				

	Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Morgan Stanley FRN 5.789% 18/11/2033	716,000	687	0.40
Verizon Communications 4.75% 17/02/2034	445,000	399	0.23
Verizon Communications 4.75% 31/10/2034	100,000	88	0.05
AT&T 7% 30/04/2040	2,100,000	2,162	1.25
Realty Income REIT 2.5% 14/01/2042	1,209,000	710	0.41
Time Warner Cable 5.25% 15/07/2042	2,495,000	1,956	1.13
Prologis Euro Finance REIT 4.25% 31/01/2043	718,000	531	0.31
International Business Machines 4% 06/02/2043	527,000	415	0.24
AT&T 4.25% 01/06/2043	960,000	708	0.41
AT&T 4.875% 01/06/2044	2,915,000	2,322	1.34
General Motors 5.2% 01/04/2045	920,000	568	0.33
Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.625% 19/06/2059	3,186,000	1,681	0.97
Lowe's 4.45% 01/04/2062	467,000	270	0.15
Kenvue 5.2% 22/03/2063	205,000	147	0.08
Enterprise Products Operating FRN 5.375% 15/02/2078	1,107,000	752	0.43
Bank of New York Mellon FRN 4.625% Perpetual	340,000	242	0.14
PNC Financial Services Group FRN 6.25% Perpetual	293,000	195	0.11
		18,825	10.86
Corporate Bonds total		160,490	92.61
Government Bonds 3.06%	(3.04%)		
Argentina 0.06% (0.06%)			
Argentina Government Bond 0.5% 09/07/2029	12,753	2	0.00
Argentina Government Bond 3.75% 09/01/2038	529,800	108	0.06
		110	0.06
Mexico 0.94% (0.87%)			
Mexico Government Bond 5.625%			
19/03/2114	2,341,000	1,631	0.94
		1,631	0.94

	Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
United Kingdom 2.06% (2.1	1%)		
LCR Finance 5.1% 07/03/2051	887,000	873	0.50
UK Treasury 1.25% 31/07/2051	6,000,000	2,694	1.56
		3,567	2.06
Government Bonds total		5,308	3.06
Futures 0.24% (0.06%)			
Euro-Bobl December 2023	1	(1)	0.00
Euro-Bund December 2023	16	(33)	(0.02)
Euro-Buxl December 2023	(10)	74	0.04
Euro-Schatz December 2023	13	(2)	0.00
Long Gilt December 2023	2	3	0.00
US 2 Year Note December 2023	(1)	0	0.00
US 5 Year Note December 2023	90	(64)	(0.04)
US 10 Year Note December 2023	(12)	21	0.01
US 10 Year Ultra Bond December 2023	(100)	338	0.20
US Long Bond December 2023	(10)	66	0.04
US Ultra Bond December 2023	(3)	21	0.01
Futures total		423	0.24
Forward Foreign Currency	Contracts (0.04	!)% (0.09%)	
Buy EUR 5,090,247 Sell GBP 4 18/10/2023	,406,372	(7)	0.00
Buy USD 386,200 Sell GBP 30 18/10/2023	9,438	6	0.00
Buy USD 5,177,106 Sell GBP 4 18/10/2023	1,256,982	(33)	(0.02)
Sell EUR 5,090,247 Buy GBP 4 18/10/2023	4,389,835	(10)	(0.01)
Sell EUR 5,838,770 Buy GBP 5 22/11/2023	5,060,014	8	0.01
Sell EUR 266,222 Buy GBP 23 22/11/2023	0,266	0	0.00
Sell USD 486,218 Buy GBP 39 18/10/2023	3	0.00	
Sell USD 5,077,088 Buy GBP 4	(78)	(0.04)	
Sell USD 6,405,266 Buy GBP 9 22/11/2023	5,255,603	34	0.02
Forward Foreign Currency (total	Contracts	(77)	(0.04)

	Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Swaps (13.72)% ((8.06)%)			
Credit Default Swap J.P. Morgan Buy Volvo Treasury 2.375% 26/11/2019 20/12/2023	1,891,292	(510)	(0.29)
Credit Default Swap J.P. Morgan Buy Solvay 2.75% 02/12/2027 20/12/2027	480,000	(1,434)	(0.83)
Credit Default Swap Morgan Stanley Sell ITRAXX.EUROPE. MAIN.40-V1 20/12/2028	7,900,000	(2)	0.00
Credit Default Swap Morgan Stanley Sell CDX.NA.HY.41-V1 20/12/2028	1,040,000	55	0.03
Credit Default Swap Morgan Stanley Sell ITRAXX.EUROPE. MAIN.40-V1 20/12/2033	1,520,000	(4,267)	(2.46)
Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay fixed 1.009% Receive floating SONIA 1 day 06/11/2023	7,960,000	(3)	0.00
00/11/2023	7,300,000	(3)	0.00

	Holding at 10.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay fixed 0.868% Receive floating SONIA 1 day 15/10/2026	9,830,000	(2)	0.00
Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 0.748% 07/09/2041	42,172,139	5	0.00
Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 4.097% 08/08/2043	1,360,000	(18,656)	(10.77)
Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 0.713% 07/09/2051	7,439,555	(47)	(0.03)
Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 0.634% 07/09/2061	771,105	1,067	0.62
Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 0.562% 07/09/2071	1,961,146	25	0.01
Swaps total		(23,769)	(13.72)
Portfolio of investments		142,375	82.15
Net other assets		30,926	17.85
Net assets attributable to u	unitholders	173,301	100.00

The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 10 April 2023. Unless otherwise stated, all securities are admitted to official stock exchange listings.

## **Statement of Total Return (unaudited)**

For the six months ended 10 October 2023

	10.10	10.10.23		10.10.22	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	
Income					
Net capital losses		(23,379)		(91,188)	
Revenue	4,846		4,599		
Expenses	(134)		(126)		
Net revenue before taxation	4,712		4,473		
Taxation	(2)		-		
Net revenue after taxation		4,710		4,473	
Total return before distributions		(18,669)		(86,715)	
Distributions		(231)		(115)	
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(18,900)		(86,830)	

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders (unaudited)

For the six months ended 10 October 2023

	10.10.23		10.10.22	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		203,995^		245,260
Amounts receivable on issue of units	3,622		1,534	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(15,494)		(10,769)	
		(11,872)		(9,235)
Dilution adjustment		78		
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(18,900)		(86,830)
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		173,301		149,195^

The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to unitholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

## **Balance Sheet (unaudited)**

As at 10 October 2023

	10.10.23	10.4.23
	£000's	£000's
Assets		
Investments	167,524	190,507
Current assets		
Debtors	4,040	4,676
Cash and bank balances	30,328	29,789
Total assets	201,892	224,972
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(25,149)	(18,234)
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	(1,777)	(1,722)
Other creditors	(1,665)	(1,021)
Total liabilities	(28,591)	(20,977)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	173,301	203,995

## **Notes to the Accounts (unaudited)**

### **Accounting policies**

### **Basis of preparation**

The accounts 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 in May 2014 and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

The Manager has undertaken a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, fluctuations in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the Manager is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months after the financial statements are signed and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual accounts for the year ended 10 April 2023 and are described in those annual accounts.

## **General Information**

#### Manager

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#### **Investment Adviser**

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#### **Trustee**

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#### Registrar

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU

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The Manager is responsible for maintaining the register for each Fund. It has delegated certain registrar functions to HSBC Bank Plc, 8 Canada Square, London, E14 8HQ.

#### **Administration Details**

Schroders Investor Services PO Box 1402 Sunderland SR43 4AF

#### **Independent Auditor**

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#### **Authorisation**

The Fund is an authorised unit trust and is constituted pursuant to the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and is structured as a Trust. The Fund is a UCITS scheme for the purpose of the categorisation of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

#### Value Assessment

A statement on the Assessment of Value is published on the Global Fund Centre in the Fund Literature section at www.Schroders.com within 4 months of the annual 'reference date' 31 December.

### **Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures**

A statement on the climate related financial disclosures is published at www.schroders.com/en/global/individual/corporate-transparency/tcfd-entity-and-product-reports/.

#### **Other information**

The Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document and details of investment charges and costs are available on request or can be downloaded from our website www.schroders.com.

