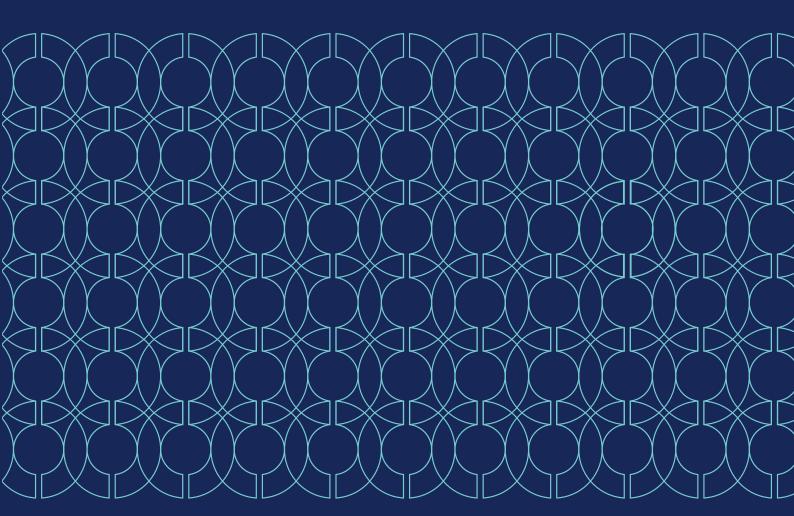


### Schroder All Maturities Corporate Bond Fund Annual Report and Accounts 31 October 2023



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### **Fund Information**

#### **Investment objective and policy**

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

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 80% of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade securities (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any other equivalent credit rating agencies) denominated in sterling (or in other currencies and hedged back into sterling) and issued by companies worldwide.

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 2 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 Non-Gilts (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.

#### **Review of Investment Activities**

## From 31 October 2022 to 31 October 2023, the price of I Accumulation units on a dealing price basis rose by 3.37%. In the same period, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Non-Gilts index generated a total return of 2.71%<sup>1</sup>.

2022 was a challenging year for global fixed income markets as persistent inflation forced central banks to act aggressively to stem broadening price pressures. As we headed into 2023, supply chain issues and commodity prices showed signs of easing and the lagged impact of monetary policy tightening began to cool both growth and inflation.

The Bank of England continued to raise rates to achieve a sustainable return to its inflation target. August's hike took the base rate to a record high of 5.25%. Signs are emerging that the Bank of England (BoE) is nearing the end of its current rate hiking cycle as the decision to pause was made at the November meeting. The degree of further tightening will be contingent on economic and inflation data. Inflation has started to ease significantly but it remains sensitive to signs of more persistent price pressures.

In the corporate bond markets, spreads narrowed across both investment grade (IG) and high yield (HY) bonds over the period, outperforming government bonds. In the third quarter of 2023, 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.

Contributions from credit were positive. The Fund benefitted from holding financial institutions which had sold off following the collapse of SVB, and from higher profit margins due to the current base rate environment. Additionally, allocations to communications, transportation, and consumer cyclicals contributed positively. Exposure to defensives and basic industry offset some of the positive performance from credit.

Our rates positioning contributed negatively over the period. Going into 2023, the cross-market position in which we held the UK overweight versus Europe in the early part of the quarter worked well. Some tactical trading around outright duration in the UK early in the year also elicited positive results as fears surrounding the banking sector started to ease inflation concerns.

However, 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.

As we head into the end 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.

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 Ronds

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

1999 – Standard Life Investments, Fund Manager – Corporate Ronds

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

1991 - Scottish Mutual (ANFIS), Actuarial Trainee

BSc (Hons) in Economics 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 on the property of the Fund for the year.

In preparing the accounts the Manager is responsible for :

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the 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 its website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**P. Chislett**Directors
28 February 2024

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### Report of the Trustee

### Statement of the Trustee's responsibilities in respect of the Scheme and report of the Trustee to the unitholders of the Schroder All Maturities Corporate Bond Fund ('the Fund') for the year ended 31st October 2023.

The Trustee of the Schroder All Maturities Corporate Bond Fund must ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together 'the regulations'), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together 'the Scheme documents') as detailed below.

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

The Trustee is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Fund in accordance with the regulations.

The Trustee must ensure that:

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

The Trustee also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Fund.

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

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

#### J.P. Morgan Europe Limited

Trustee Bournemouth 21 November 2023

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Schroder All Maturities Corporate Bond Fund

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Schroder All Maturities Corporate Bond Fund (the 'Fund') for the year ended 31 October 2023 which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders, the Balance Sheet, the Related Notes and Distribution Table for the Fund and the accounting policies set out on page 25.

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 October 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on the property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Trust Deed, the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, and the COLL Rules

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Fund in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard.

We have received all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit and we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### **Going concern**

The Manager has prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the Fund's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the Manager's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Fund's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Fund's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the Manager's assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually
  or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Fund will continue in operation.

#### Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

#### Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of Directors as to the Fund's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Assessing the segregation of duties in place between the Manager, the Trustee, the Administrator and the Investment Adviser; and
- Reading board minutes.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the revenue is principally non-judgemental and based on publicly available information, with limited opportunity for manipulation. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We evaluated the design and implementation of the controls over journal entries and other adjustments and made inquiries of the Administrator about inappropriate or unusual activity relating to the processing of journal entries and other adjustments. We identified and selected a sample of journal entries made at the end of the reporting period and tested those substantively including all material post-closing entries. Based on the results of our risk assessment procedures and understanding of the process, including the segregation of duties between the Directors and the Administrator, no further high-risk journal entries or other adjustments were identified.

## Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the Manager and the Administrator (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the Directors the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Fund is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related authorised fund legislation maintained by the Financial Conduct Authority) and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Schroder All Maturities Corporate Bond Fund (continued)

Secondly, the Fund is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: money laundering, data protection and bribery and corruption legislation recognising the Fund's activities. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Directors and the Administrator and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

#### Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

#### Other information

The Manager is responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the other information; and
- in our opinion the information given in the Manager's Report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where under the COLL Rules we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the Fund have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

#### Manager's responsibilities

As explained more fully in its statement set out on page 6, the Manager is responsible for: the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view; 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; assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities**

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

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

#### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Fund's unitholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('the COLL Rules') issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under section 247 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Grant Archer
For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
319 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5AS
28 February 2024

## **Comparative Table**

	A	Accumulation uni	ts	A Income units			
Financial year to 31 October	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	
Change in net asset value							
Opening net asset value	74.93	96.76	95.43	47.49	61.32	60.47	
Return before operating charges*	2.88	(20.84)	2.39	1.84	(13.21)	1.53	
Operating charges	(0.87)	(0.99)	(1.06)	(0.54)	(0.62)	(0.68)	
Return after operating charges*	2.01	(21.83)	1.33	1.30	(13.83)	0.85	
Distributions**	(3.33)	(3.48)	(3.39)	(2.59)	_	-	
Retained distributions**	3.33	3.48	3.39	-	_	_	
Closing net asset value	76.94	74.93	96.76	46.20	47.49	61.32	
*after direct transaction costs of  Performance	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Return after charges (%)	2.68	(22.56)	1.39	2.74	(22.55)	1.41	
Other information							
Closing net asset value (£000's)	24	116	230	31	92	123	
Closing number of units	31,282	154,387	237,691	66,853	192,893	200,502	
Operating charges (%)	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	
Direct transaction costs (%)***	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Prices							
Highest dealing price	81.80p	99.21p	100.10p	51.84p	62.87p	63.42p	
Lowest dealing price	74.59p	70.25p	95.21p	45.84p	44.52p	60.34p	

## **Comparative Table (continued)**

	I A	ccumulation uni	ts	I Income units			
Financial year to 31 October	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	
Change in net asset value							
Opening net asset value	262.73	336.37	329.02	43.59	58.29	59.08	
Return before operating charges*	10.04	(72.83)	8.23	1.69	(12.48)	1.48	
Operating charges	(0.71)	(0.81)	(88.0)	(0.11)	(0.14)	(0.16)	
Return after operating charges*	9.33	(73.64)	7.35	1.58	(12.62)	1.32	
Distributions**	(12.23)	(12.15)	(11.86)	(2.01)	(2.08)	(2.11	
Retained distributions**	12.23	12.15	11.86	-	-	-	
Closing net asset value	272.06	262.73	336.37	43.16	43.59	58.29	
*after direct transaction costs of	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Performance							
Return after charges (%)	3.55	(21.89)	2.23	3.62	(21.65)	2.23	
Other information							
Closing net asset value (£000's)	235,143	153,190	221,657	20,826	3,108	3,844	
Closing number of units	86,430,753	58,307,895	65,896,000	48,258,750	7,131,785	6,594,612	
Operating charges (%)	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	
Direct transaction costs (%)***	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Prices							
Highest dealing price	287.50p	345.20p	345.90p	47.70p	59.82p	62.05	
Lowest dealing price	263.10p	246.20p	329.30p	42.74p	41.82p	58.38	

## **Comparative Table (continued)**

	X	Accumulation un	its	Z Accumulation units		
Financial year to 31 October	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	139.57	178.25	173.92	82.15	105.49	103.47
Return before operating charges*	5.33	(38.66)	4.35	3.14	(22.80)	2.59
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.48)	(0.54)	(0.57)
Return after operating charges*	5.32	(38.68)	4.33	2.66	(23.34)	2.02
Distributions**	(6.49)	(6.44)	(6.28)	(3.80)	(3.80)	(3.69)
Retained distributions**	6.49	6.44	6.28	3.80	3.80	3.69
Closing net asset value	144.89	139.57	178.25	84.81	82.15	105.49
Performance	0.5.	(04.75)	0.46		(00.45)	
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	3.81	(21.70)	2.49	3.24	(22.13)	1.95
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	657,873	540,888	758,566	6,945	12,391	18,585
Closing number of units	454,038,827	387,534,301	425,567,569	8,188,334	15,083,792	17,617,996
Operating charges (%)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.56	0.56	0.56
Direct transaction costs (%)***	-	_	-	-	-	-
Prices						
Prices Highest dealing price	152.80p	183.00p	183.20p	89.81p	108.20p	108.60

## **Comparative Table (continued)**

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	Z Income units					
Financial year to 31 October	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit			
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	48.11	64.53	65.57			
Return before operating charges*	1.87	(13.80)	1.64			
Operating charges	(0.28)	(0.32)	(0.36)			
Return after operating charges*	1.59	(14.12)	1.28			
Distributions**	(2.20)	(2.30)	(2.32)			
Closing net asset value	47.50	48.11	64.53			
*after direct transaction costs of	-	-	-			
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	3.30	(21.88)	1.95			
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	21,585	27,032	34,134			
Closing number of units	45,441,174	56,181,804	52,892,736			
Operating charges (%)	0.56	0.56	0.56			
Direct transaction costs (%)***	-	-	-			
Prices						
Highest dealing price	52.61p	66.21p	68.84p			
Lowest dealing price	47.08p	46.17p	64.65p			

The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is the European standard method of disclosing the charges of a unit class of a Fund based on the financial year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It includes charges such as the Fund's Annual Management Charge, Registrar fees, Safe custody fees, Trustee's fees and Audit fee but ordinarily excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are units of another Fund). Where published, the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) contains the current OCF. For a more detailed breakdown please visit www.schroders.com.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> These figures have been rounded to 2 decimal places.

## **Portfolio Statement**

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Corporate Bonds 85.61% (8	39.22%)		
Australia 0.69% (0.03%)			
APA Infrastructure 3.125% 18/07/2031	280,000	222	0.02
Australia & New Zealand Banking	230,000	222	0.02
Group FRN 1.809%	2.000.000	2 400	0.26
16/09/2031 NBN 6% 06/10/2033	3,960,000 1,508,000	3,400 1,222	0.36 0.13
APA Infrastructure	1,500,000	1,222	0.15
2.5% 15/03/2036	2,600,000	1,668	0.18
		6,512	0.69
<b>Austria 0.31% (0.01%)</b> UNIQA Insurance			
Group 1.375% 09/07/2030	4,100,000	2,906	0.31
,-,12000	.,,	2,906	0.31
Belgium 0.05% (0.23%)		• •	
Elia Group FRN			
2.75% Perpetual	500,000	434	0.05
		434	0.05
Bermuda 0.30% (0.37%)			
Lancashire Holdings FRN 5.625% 18/09/2041	3,498,000	2,306	0.24
Hiscox FRN 6.125%	550,000	520	0.00
24/11/2045	558,000	538 <b>2,844</b>	0.06 <b>0.30</b>
Carrada 0.040/ (0.470/)		2,044	0.50
Canada 0.94% (0.47%) Ontario Teachers'			
Finance Trust 1.125% 15/05/2026	4,230,000	3,819	0.40
Royal Bank of Canada 3.625%			
14/06/2027	804,000	747	0.08
Toronto-Domin- ion Bank 5.288%			
11/01/2028	2,583,000	2,522	0.27
Royal Bank of Canada 5%			
24/01/2028	1,887,000	1,819	0.19
		8,907	0.94
Cayman Islands 0.40% (0.2	4%)		
Southern Water Services Finance			
6.64% 31/03/2026	1,726,000	1,704	0.18
Lunar Funding I 5.75% 18/10/2033	2,154,000	2,121	0.22
		3,825	0.40
Denmark 0.69% (0.85%)			
Danske Bank FRN 4.625% 13/04/2027	2,190,000	2,117	0.22
Orsted 5.75% 09/04/2040	2,013,000	1,855	0.20

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Orsted FRN 2.5% 18/02/3021	1,708,000	1,048	0.11
. 5, 62, 562 1	1,700,000	6,514	0.69
Finland 0.61% (0.42%)			
Nokia 4.375% 21/08/2031	3,778,000	3,076	0.33
Nordea Bank FRN 1.625% 09/12/2032	3,294,000	2,665	0.28
	-, -, , - , - , - , - , - , - , - , - ,	5,741	0.61
France 4.69% (4.30%)			
Agence Francaise de Developpement EPIC 4.375%	2 000 000	2.027	0.24
16/03/2026 JCDecaux 2.625% 24/04/2028	3,000,000 1,800,000	2,937 1,438	0.31
BNP Paribas 2.875% 24/02/2029	1,100,000	934	0.13
BPCE 5.25% 16/04/2029	500,000	954 458	0.10
BNP Paribas FRN 6% 18/08/2029	3,300,000	3,300	0.35
Veolia Environnement 5.375% 02/12/2030	300,000	293	0.03
BNP Paribas FRN 2% 24/05/2031	5,900,000	5,139	0.54
Orange 3.25% 15/01/2032	1,900,000	1,601	0.17
Electricite de France 5.5% 17/10/2041	6,200,000	5,251	0.56
AXA FRN 5.5% 11/07/2043	1,152,000	984	0.10
Suez 6.625% 05/10/2043	4,000,000	3,946	0.42
Orange 5.375% 22/11/2050	700,000	634	0.07
Electricite de France 6% 22/01/2114	6,407,000	4,105	0.44
AXA FRN 6.686% Perpetual	2,274,000	2,243	0.24
AXA FRN 5.453% Perpetual	1,357,000	1,310	0.14
Electricite de France FRN 6% Perpetual	9,100,000	8,388	0.89
Unibail-Rodam- co-Westfield REIT FRN 7.25% Perpetual	400,000	305	0.03
Veolia Environnement FRN 2% Perpetual	1,300,000	946	0.10
	.,500,000	44,212	4.69
Germany 1.09% (0.23%)			
Deutsche Bank 3.875% 12/02/2024	1,900,000	1,885	0.20
Deutsche Bank FRN 6.125% 12/12/2030	6,900,000	6,443	0.68
Commerzbank FRN 8.625% 28/02/2033	1,000,000	1,000	0.11

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Robert Bosch 4.375% 02/06/2043	1,100,000	908	0.10	Heathrow Funding 4.625% 31/10/2048	2,248,000	1,715	0.18
		10,236	1.09		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	19,440	2.06
Ireland 0.99% (0.94%)				Luxembourg 1.44% (0.96%)			
Bank of Ireland Group FRN 7.594% 06/12/2032	990,000	979	0.10	Blackstone Property Partners Europe Holdings 2.2% 24/07/2025	1,520,000	1,245	0.13
GE Capital UK Funding 5.875% 18/01/2033	4,510,000	4,408	0.47	Blackstone Property Partners Europe	.,,525,655	.,	31.5
GE Capital UK Funding 8% 14/01/2039	294,000	325	0.04	Holdings 2% 20/10/2025 Logicor Financing	2,025,000	1,815	0.19
Zurich Finance Ireland Designated				2.75% 15/01/2030 Prologis	6,487,000	4,886	0.52
Activity FRN 5.125% 23/11/2052	4,098,000	3,583	0.38	International Funding II 2.75%			
	1,222,222	9,295	0.99	22/02/2032	5,720,000	4,503	0.48
Italy 1.19% (1.67%) Intesa Sanpaolo 5.017% 26/06/2024	2,585,000	2,085	0.22	Blackstone Property Partners Europe Holdings 4.875% 29/04/2032	216,000	167	0.02
Intesa Sanpaolo FRN 6.5% 14/03/2029	1,428,000	1,382	0.15	CK Hutchison Group Telecom Finance 2.625%			
Intesa Sanpaolo		•		17/10/2034	1,540,000	1,009	0.10
8.505% 20/09/2032	915,000	897	0.09			13,625	1.44
Intesa Sanpaolo 6.625% 31/05/2033	3,280,000	3,123	0.33	Mexico 0.10% (0.00%) Petroleos			
Enel 5.75% 22/06/2037	1,379,000	1,291	0.14	Mexicanos 3.75% 16/11/2025	1,055,000	914	0.10
Superstrada Pedemontana						914	0.10
Veneta, STEP 1.662% 30/06/2047	2,988,900	2,145	0.23	Netherlands 4.43% (4.28%) Wizz Air Finance			
Enel FRN 2.25% Perpetual	437,000	332	0.03	1.35% 19/01/2024	2,866,000	2,466	0.26
reipetuai	437,000	11,255	1.19	Volkswagen Financial Services			
Japan 0.31% (0.00%)		11,233		1.875% 03/12/2024 Volkswagen	2,300,000	2,192	0.23
Nippon Life Insurance FRN 6.25% 13/09/2053	3,660,000	2,896	0.31	Financial Services 4.25% 09/10/2025	3,200,000	3,085	0.33
	2,222,222	2,896	0.31	ZF Europe Finance 2% 23/02/2026	1,500,000	1,199	0.13
Jersey 2.06% (4.47%)		<u> </u>		Volkswagen	. , , , , , ,	,	
Heathrow Funding 7.125% 14/02/2024	395,000	395	0.04	Financial Services 3.25% 13/04/2027	1,400,000	1,263	0.13
Kane Bidco 6.5% 15/02/2027	3,563,000	3,199	0.34	Enel Finance International 4.625% 15/06/2027	3,450,000	2,692	0.28
Gatwick Funding 6.125% 02/03/2028	1,680,000	1,681	0.18	ABN AMRO Bank 5.125% 22/02/2028	4,000,000	3,846	0.41
Heathrow Funding 6.75% 03/12/2028	1,973,000	2,011	0.21	IMCD 4.875% 18/09/2028	3,024,000	2,616	0.28
Gatwick Funding 2.5% 15/04/2030 Gatwick Funding	5,194,000	4,212	0.45	GTCR W-2 Merger Sub 8.5% 15/01/2031	1,648,000	1,652	0.17
5.75% 23/01/2039 Gatwick Funding	1,578,000	1,456	0.16	ING Groep FRN 6.25% 20/05/2033	7,700,000	7,324	0.77
6.5% 02/03/2043 AA Bond 6.269%	3,324,000	3,228	0.34	E.ON International Finance 6.75%	.,,,,,,,,,,	,,527	3.70
02/07/2043	1,569,000	1,543	0.16	27/01/2039	5,300,000	5,397	0.57

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Enel Finance			
International 5.75% 14/09/2040	4,179,000	3,840	0.41
Telefonica Europe	7,179,000	3,040	0.41
FRN 4.375%	4 400 000	2 = 4 =	
Perpetual	4,400,000	3,747	0.40
Telefonica Europe FRN 7.125%			
Perpetual	500,000	444	0.05
		41,763	4.43
Norway 0.68% (0.86%)			
DNB Bank FRN 4% 17/08/2027	6 814 000	6,402	0.68
17/08/2027	6,814,000	6,402	0.68
5		0,402	
Spain 0.93% (0.59%) Banco Santander			
FRN 3.125%			
06/10/2026	1,600,000	1,499	0.16
Unicaja Banco FRN 1% 01/12/2026	2,300,000	1,833	0.19
CaixaBank FRN	, ,, 0 0 0	.,000	5.15
3.5% 06/04/2028	1,300,000	1,170	0.13
CaixaBank FRN 3.5% 06/04/2028	2,100,000	1,890	0.20
Banco Santander	2,100,000	1,050	0.20
5.125% 25/01/2030	2,500,000	2,350	0.25
		8,742	0.93
Supranational 0.21% (0.22%	<u>,</u>		
Delta Air Lines	0.505.000	4.045	2.24
4.75% 20/10/2028	2,505,000	1,945	0.21
		1,945	0.21
Sweden 0.73% (0.53%)			
Svenska Handelsbanken			
FRN 4.625%	071 000	996	0.10
23/08/2032 Vattenfall 6.875%	971,000	886	0.10
15/04/2039	2,600,000	2,770	0.29
Vattenfall FRN 2.5%	2 2 4 2 2 2 2	,	
29/06/2083	2,040,000	1,605	0.17
Vattenfall FRN 6.875% 17/08/2083	1,670,000	1,608	0.17
		6,869	0.73
Switzerland 1.24% (0.24%)			
UBS Group FRN			
2.125% 12/09/2025	2,605,000	2,505	0.27
Credit Suisse 7.75% 10/03/2026	3,052,000	3,133	0.33
UBS Group FRN 7%	3,032,000	3,133	0.55
30/09/2027	2,780,000	2,797	0.30
UBS Group FRN	2 770 000	2.244	0.24
2.25% 09/06/2028	3,779,000	3,244	0.34
		11,679	1.24
United Arab Emirates 0.24%	<b>6 (0.00%)</b>		
First Abu Dhabi Bank 1.125%			
	2 622 000	2 260	0.24
07/09/2026	2,622,000	2,268	0.24

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
United Kingdom 45.38% (	56.45%)		
Marks & Spencer, STEP 4.25% 08/12/2023	1,675,000	1,671	0.18
Heathrow Finance, STEP 4.75% 01/03/2024	2,420,000	2,387	0.25
Unique Pub Finance, STEP 7.395% 28/03/2024	983,136	968	0.10
Lloyds Banking Group 2.25% 16/10/2024	2,297,000	2,216	0.24
Liberty Living Finance 2.625% 28/11/2024	2,799,000	2,681	0.28
John Lewis 6.125% 21/01/2025	7,081,000	6,939	0.74
Heathrow Finance 5.75% 03/03/2025	6,796,000	6,609	0.70
Thames Water Utilities Finance 4% 19/06/2025	1,140,000	1,071	0.11
Virgin Money UK FRN 3.125% 22/06/2025	2,330,000	2,257	0.24
Tesco Personal Finance Group FRN 3.5% 25/07/2025	1,305,000	1,261	0.13
InterContinental Hotels Group FRN 3.75% 14/08/2025	860,000	824	0.09
Whitbread Group 3.375% 16/10/2025	2,099,000	1,987	0.21
Iron Mountain UK REIT 3.875% 15/11/2025	2,230,000	2,098	0.22
Mitchells & Butlers Finance 5.965% 15/12/2025	18,804	19	0.00
Anglian Water Services Financing 4.5% 22/02/2026	553,000	537	0.06
Anglian Water Osprey Financing 4% 08/03/2026	3,950,000	3,596	0.38
Yorkshire Building Society 3.5% 21/04/2026	5,500,000	5,177	0.55
Santander UK Group Holdings FRN 2.92%		2.252	
08/05/2026 Rolls-Royce 3.375%	2,410,000	2,268	0.24
18/06/2026 NatWest Markets 6.625% 22/06/2026	2,952,000	183 2,995	0.02
Virgin Money UK FRN 4% 25/09/2026	6,075,000	5,678	0.60
National Grid Electricity	5,5,5,500	3,070	0.00
Distribution 3.5% 16/10/2026	4,443,000	4,151	0.44

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Nationwide Building Society 4.5% 01/11/2026	1,763,000	1,544	0.16	Principality Building Society 8.625% 12/07/2028	2,991,000	3,081	0.33
Heathrow Finance, STEP 3.875% 01/03/2027	1,080,000	945	0.10	Assura Financing REIT 3% 19/07/2028	3,278,000	2,858	0.30
Scotland Gas Networks 3.25%	, ,			Nationwide Building Society 6.125% 21/08/2028	1,830,000	1,846	0.20
08/03/2027 Virgin Media Secured Finance 5%	1,654,000	1,521	0.16	OSB Group FRN 9.5% 07/09/2028	4,623,000	4,619	0.49
15/04/2027 Thames Water	1,240,000	1,149	0.12	Yorkshire Building Society FRN 3.375% 13/09/2028	3,003,000	2,573	0.27
Utilities Finance 2.875% 03/05/2027	2,230,000	1,664	0.18	InterContinental Hotels Group FRN	4.002.000	2.574	0.20
Whitbread Group 2.375% 31/05/2027 Phoenix Group	4,382,000	3,801	0.40	3.375% 08/10/2028 UNITE Group REIT 3.5% 15/10/2028	4,083,000 5,355,000	3,574 4,731	0.38
Holdings 5.375% 06/07/2027	2,335,000	1,770	0.19	Tesco Corporate Treasury Services			
Marks & Spencer, STEP 4.5% 10/07/2027	3,063,000	2,829	0.30	1.875% 02/11/2028 NatWest Group FRN 2.057% 09/11/2028	1,255,000 2,025,000	1,036 1,714	0.11
Yorkshire Building Society FRN 7.375% 12/09/2027	1,637,000	1,648	0.17	RL Finance Bonds No. 3 6.125%			
Anglian Water Services Financing	1,037,000	1,040	0.17	13/11/2028  Yorkshire Building Society FRN 6.375%	1,807,000	1,725	0.18
4.5% 05/10/2027 Rolls-Royce 5.75%	3,828,000	3,640	0.39	15/11/2028 IG Group Holdings	3,447,000	3,356	0.36
15/10/2027 Coventry Building Society FRN 7%	2,472,000	2,331	0.25	3.125% 18/11/2028 British Telecom-	1,599,000	1,288	0.14
07/11/2027 NatWest Markets	3,099,000	3,097	0.33	munications 5.75% 07/12/2028	880,000	874	0.09
6.375% 08/11/2027 Pinewood Finance	1,863,000	1,884	0.20	Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 31/01/2029 London Power	1,817,000	1,574	0.17
3.625% 15/11/2027 Santander UK	5,241,000	4,483	0.48	Networks 2.625% 01/03/2029	1,646,000	1,411	0.15
Group Holdings FRN 7.098% 16/11/2027	10,131,000	10,186	1.08	NatWest Group FRN 3.619% 29/03/2029	4,654,000	4,127	0.44
Nationwide Building Society FRN 6.178%				Skipton Building Society FRN 6.25% 25/04/2029	6,687,000	6,444	0.68
07/12/2027 Thames Water	3,053,000	3,019	0.32	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 6.25% 07/06/2029	3,217,000	3,237	0.34
Utilities Finance 3.5% 25/02/2028 London & Quadrant	2,000,000	1,719	0.18	DS Smith 2.875% 26/07/2029	2,080,000	1,746	0.19
Housing Trust 2.625% 28/02/2028	1,860,000	1,633	0.17	Santander UK Group Holdings FRN 7.482%			
Lloyds Banking Group FRN 2% 12/04/2028	1,796,000	1,557	0.17	29/08/2029 Heathrow Finance,	5,140,000	5,266	0.56
Inchcape 6.5% 09/06/2028	7,035,000	7,022	0.75	STEP FRN 4.125% 01/09/2029 Santander UK	9,970,000	7,975	0.85
Close Brothers Group 7.75% 14/06/2028	3,770,000	3,786	0.40	3.875% 15/10/2029 United Utilities	1,790,000	1,612	0.17
Weir Group 6.875% 14/06/2028	1,307,000	1,306	0.40	Water Finance 0.875% 28/10/2029	940,000	707	0.08
	, ,	••••		Barclays FRN 7.09% 06/11/2029	3,541,000	3,551	0.38

	Holding at	Market Value	% of net		Holding at	Market Value	% of net
	Holding at 31.10.23	£000's	% of net assets		Holding at 31.10.23	£000's	assets
Wales & West Utilities Finance 5.75% 29/03/2030	1,166,000	1,147	0.12	Investec FRN 2.625% 04/01/2032 Thames Water	4,110,000	3,359	0.36
Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 2.75% 27/04/2030	1,985,000	1,619	0.17	Utilities Finance 2.625% 24/01/2032	690,000	497	0.05
Pearson Funding FRN 3.75%				Thames Water Utilities Finance 6.5% 09/02/2032	600,000	554	0.06
04/06/2030 UNITE USAF II	2,491,000	2,147	0.23	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2%			
3.921% 30/06/2030	2,650,000	2,542	0.27	31/03/2032	1,957,000	1,451	0.15
Grainger 3% 03/07/2030	4,269,000	3,328	0.35	National Grid Electricity			
NatWest Group FRN 3.622% 14/08/2030	1,131,000	1,062	0.11	Distribution West Midlands 5.75% 16/04/2032	729,000	709	0.08
South Eastern Power Networks 5.625% 30/09/2030	1,490,000	1,469	0.16	Southern Electric Power Distribution 5.5% 07/06/2032	2,660,000	2,609	0.28
Barclays FRN 3.75% 22/11/2030	2,580,000	2,381	0.25	Annington Funding 2.308% 06/10/2032	4,553,000	3,193	0.34
Motability Operations Group 5.625% 29/11/2030	800,000	806	0.09	Barclays FRN 8.407% 14/11/2032	6,486,000	6,602	0.70
Close Brothers	·			Northumbrian Water Finance			
Finance 1.625% 03/12/2030	675,000	482	0.05	5.625% 29/04/2033 Lloyds Banking	1,130,000	1,058	0.11
Virgin Money UK FRN 5.125% 11/12/2030	2,041,000	1,910	0.20	Group FRN 6.625% 02/06/2033	5,273,000	5,111	0.54
Mitchells & Butlers Finance 6.013%	_,,,,,,,,	1,212		NatWest Group FRN 7.416% 06/06/2033	2,795,000	2,767	0.29
15/12/2030 Mitchells & Butlers	1,848,378	1,704	0.18	United Utilities Water Finance 2% 03/07/2033	1,085,000	771	0.08
Finance 5.574% 15/12/2030	442,996	422	0.04	Artesian Finance II 6% 30/09/2033	4,826,000	4,787	0.51
Coventry Building Society 2% 20/12/2030	3,604,000	2,699	0.29	Omnicom Capital Holdings 2.25% 22/11/2033	2,030,000	1,459	0.15
Barclays FRN 6.369% 31/01/2031	5,356,000	5,194	0.55	Tritax Big Box REIT		•	
United Utilities Water Finance				1.5% 27/11/2033 Telereal	1,209,000	773	0.08
2.625% 12/02/2031 Yorkshire Water	2,620,000	2,114	0.22	Securitisation 1.366% 10/12/2033	1,825,122	1,562	0.17
Finance 6.601% 17/04/2031 Phoenix Group	459,000	459	0.05	Telereal Securitisation 6.165% 10/12/2033	2,043,598	2,003	0.21
Holdings 5.625% 28/04/2031	908,000	784	0.08	Telereal Securitisation FRN 1.963% 10/12/2033	3,576,000	3,218	0.34
Anglian Water Services Financing 5.875% 20/06/2031	4,134,000	4,034	0.43	Sage Group 2.875% 08/02/2034	2,676,000	2,011	0.21
Berkeley Group 2.5% 11/08/2031	3,773,000	2,505	0.27	Greene King Finance 5.106%			
Virgin Money UK FRN 2.625% 19/08/2031	600,000	511	0.05	15/03/2034 Northumbrian Water Finance	541,037	498	0.05
HSBC Holdings FRN 6.8% 14/09/2031	2,379,000	2,394	0.25	6.375% 28/10/2034 HSBC Holdings FRN	1,175,000	1,141	0.12
Severn Trent	2,379,000	2,334	0.23	8.201% 16/11/2034	1,602,000	1,643	0.17
Utilities Finance 2.75% 05/12/2031	4,445,000	3,531	0.37	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.625% 30/11/2034	2,420,000	2,126	0.23
Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 14/12/2031	880,000	703	0.07	T.02370 30/11/2034	2,420,000	۷,۱۷۵	0.23

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
John Lewis 4.25% 18/12/2034 Scotland Gas	1,750,000	1,093	0.12	Tesco Property Finance 3 5.744% 13/04/2040	3,390,214	3,120	0.33
Networks 4.875% 21/12/2034	1,550,000	1,354	0.14	National Grid Electricity Transmission 2%			
Dignity Finance 3.546% 31/12/2034	3,368,711	2,973	0.32	17/04/2040	2,689,000	1,517	0.16
Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 5.5% 27/02/2035	4,360,000	3,973	0.42	Thames Water Utilities Finance 8.25% 25/04/2040	113,000	115	0.01
Greene King Finance 4.064%				3i Group 3.75% 05/06/2040	3,612,000	2,514	0.27
15/03/2035 White City Property	1,529,109	1,311	0.14	Eversholt Funding 2.742% 30/06/2040	2,436,681	1,901	0.20
Finance 5.12% 17/04/2035	350,147	337	0.04	Lloyds Bank 6.5% 17/09/2040	355,000	375	0.04
Optivo Finance 2.857% 07/10/2035	3,134,000	2,277	0.24	British Telecom- munications 5.75% 13/02/2041	2,168,000	1,958	0.21
Lloyds Banking Group FRN 2.707% 03/12/2035	3,350,000	2,454	0.26	Wales & West Utilities Finance 1.875% 28/05/2041	440,000	239	0.03
Longstone Finance 4.791% 19/04/2036	546,779	525	0.06	National Grid Electricity	·		
Longstone Finance 4.896% 19/04/2036 United Utilities	495,000	439	0.05	Distribution South West 5.818% 31/07/2041	3,446,000	3,211	0.34
Water Finance 5.75% 26/06/2036 Eastern Power	3,004,000	2,897	0.31	Manchester Airport Group Funding 6.125% 30/09/2041	4,323,000	4,181	0.44
Networks 6.25% 12/11/2036	882,000	896	0.10	Segro REIT 5.125% 06/12/2041	1,298,000	1,131	0.12
Aviva FRN 6.125% 14/11/2036	2,000,000	1,977	0.21	Northumbrian Water Finance	1,230,000	1,131	0.12
United Utilities Water Finance				5.125% 23/01/2042 Severn Trent	1,092,000	913	0.10
1.75% 10/02/2038 Wales & West	2,227,000	1,303	0.14	Utilities Finance 4.875% 24/01/2042	700,000	585	0.06
Utilities Finance 3% 03/08/2038 High Speed Rail	3,519,000	2,423	0.26	Motability Operations Group 4.875% 17/01/2043	409,000	360	0.04
Finance 1 4.375% 01/11/2038	6,074,000	5,181	0.55	National Grid Electricity	409,000	300	0.04
Orbit Capital 2% 24/11/2038	1,951,000	1,162	0.12	Transmission 5.272% 18/01/2043	1,144,000	1,000	0.11
Connect Plus M25 Issuer 2.607% 31/03/2039	1,302,233	1,015	0.11	Home Group 3.125% 27/03/2043	2,746,000	1,764	0.19
Anglian Water Services Financing 6% 20/06/2039	2,712,000	2,570	0.27	Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society FRN 9.44% 22/05/2043	107,000	103	0.01
National Grid	2,712,000	2,370	0.27	LiveWest Treasury 2.25% 10/10/2043	342,000	200	0.02
Electricity Distribution South West 5.75%	200,000	740	0.00	Manchester Airport Group Funding 2.875% 30/09/2044	4,377,000	2,615	0.28
23/03/2040 Northern Gas	800,000	749	0.08	Arqiva Financing 7.21% 30/06/2045	1,108,000	1,138	0.12
Networks Finance 5.625% 23/03/2040	1,843,000	1,649	0.18	RAC Bond 8.25% 06/05/2046	397,000	400	0.04
Aspire Defence Finance 4.674% 31/03/2040	2,303,665	2,093	0.22	Thames Water Utilities Finance 4.625% 04/06/2046	1,020,000	702	0.07
Aspire Defence Finance 4.674% 31/03/2040	1,888,926	1,713	0.18	WPP Finance 2013 2.875% 14/09/2046	4,324,000	2,332	0.25

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Cadent Finance 2.75% 22/09/2046	5,077,000	2,759	0.29	NGG Finance FRN 5.625% 18/06/2073	2,598,000	2,484	0.26
Annington Funding 3.935% 12/07/2047	460,000	301	0.03	British Telecom- munications FRN	020.000	01.4	0.10
Catalyst Housing 3.125% 31/10/2047	3,301,000	2,026	0.22	8.375% 20/12/2083 SSE FRN 3.74%	920,000	914	0.10
Karbon Homes 3.375% 15/11/2047	3,284,000	2,240	0.24	Perpetual Aviva FRN 6.875% Perpetual	2,701,000 3,459,000	2,443 2,914	0.26
British Telecommu- nications 3.625% 21/11/2047	227,000	149	0.02	BP Capital Markets FRN 4.25%			0.57
Optivo Finance 3.283% 22/03/2048	1,504,000	934	0.10	Perpetual BUPA Finance FRN	6,046,000	5,403	
Clarion Funding 3.125% 19/04/2048	3,535,000	2,167	0.23	4% Perpetual  Mobico Group FRN 4.25% Perpetual	4,647,000	2,788	0.30 0.57
Bromford Housing Group 3.125% 03/05/2048	1,487,000	952	0.10	4.25% Perpetual RL Finance Bonds No. 6 FRN 10.125%	6,437,000	5,359	
Notting Hill Genesis 3.25% 12/10/2048	616,000	382	0.04	Perpetual	6,145,000	5,960 <b>427,719</b>	0.63 <b>45.38</b>
Citizen Treasury 3.25% 20/10/2048	3,449,000	2,193	0.23	United States of America	a 15.91% (10.86%)		
Sovereign Housing Capital 2.375% 04/11/2048	427,000	230	0.02	MPT Operating Partnership REIT 2.55% 05/12/2023	3,385,000	3,339	0.35
Accent Capital 2.625% 18/07/2049	308,000	176	0.02	Ford Motor Credit 2.748% 14/06/2024	12,870,000	12,548	1.33
M&G FRN 3.875% 20/07/2049	940,000	919	0.10	Citigroup 5.875% 01/07/2024	1,152,000	1,147	0.12
Sanctuary Capital 2.375% 14/04/2050	1,196,000	627	0.07	Digital Stout Holding REIT 2.75% 19/07/2024	505,000	493	0.05
Channel Link Enterprises Finance 3.848% 30/06/2050	2,393,000	1,512	0.16	Discovery Communications 2.5% 20/09/2024	2,580,000	2,500	0.27
M&G FRN 5.625% 20/10/2051	7,360,000	6,388	0.68	Goldman Sachs Group 7.125%			
London & Quadrant Housing Trust 3.125% 28/02/2053	4,008,000	2,345	0.25	07/08/2025 General Motors Financial 2.35%	1,015,000	1,035	0.11
Notting Hill Genesis 4.375% 20/02/2054	1,956,000	1,455	0.15	03/09/2025 Walgreens Boots	3,605,000	3,357	0.36
Aviva FRN 4% 03/06/2055	320,000	235	0.02	Alliance 3.6% 20/11/2025	1,089,000	1,030	0.11
M&G FRN 5.56% 20/07/2055	1,710,000	1,414	0.15	MPT Operating Partnership REIT 2.5% 24/03/2026	875,000	687	0.07
Platform HG Financing 1.625% 10/08/2055	1,983,000	800	0.08	Ford Motor Credit 6.86% 05/06/2026	1,722,000	1,714	0.18
Vodafone Group 3% 12/08/2056	2,100,000	1,113	0.12	General Motors Financial 5.15%	1 000 000		
Thames Water Utilities Finance 7.738% 09/04/2058	970,000	952	0.10	15/08/2026 Nissan Motor Acceptance 6.95%	1,806,000	1,755	0.19
Aviva FRN 6.875% 20/05/2058	930,000	862	0.09	15/09/2026 Bank of America	1,769,000	1,460	0.16
Northern Powergrid Yorkshire 2.25%	2 002 000	4 740	0.40	4.25% 10/12/2026  Realty Income REIT	4,297,000	4,107	0.44
09/10/2059 M&G FRN 6.34%	3,802,000	1,749	0.19	1.875% 14/01/2027 Realty Income REIT 1.125% 13/07/2027	549,000 3 545 000	482	0.05
19/12/2063 M&G FRN 6.25% 20/10/2068	3,028,000 598,000	2,480 475	0.26	General Motors Financial 1.55% 30/07/2027	3,545,000 7,613,000	2,966 6,439	0.32

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Pacific Life Global Funding II 5% 12/01/2028	2,749,000	2,677	0.28	Fidelity National Information Services 3.36%			
Goldman Sachs Group 7.25% 10/04/2028	2,794,000	2,917	0.31	21/05/2031 Time Warner Cable 5.75% 02/06/2031	1,800,000 5,621,000	1,505 5,206	0.16 0.55
Wells Fargo FRN 3.473% 26/04/2028	1,164,000	1,058	0.11	Chubb INA Holdings 1.4%			
Organon 2.875% 30/04/2028	1,675,000	1,260	0.13	15/06/2031 Fiserv 3%	4,560,000	3,233	0.34
Equitable Financial Life Global Funding 6.375% 02/06/2028	1,948,000	1,982	0.21	01/07/2031 Veralto 4.15% 19/09/2031	1,255,000 2,240,000	1,023 1,904	0.11
MPT Operating Partnership REIT	( 202 000	4 227	0.45	Wells Fargo 2.125% 24/09/2031	4,246,000	3,162	0.34
3.692% 05/06/2028 Welltower OP REIT 4.8% 20/11/2028	6,293,000 2,640,000	4,237 2,467	0.45 0.26	JPMorgan Chase FRN 1.895% 28/04/2033	780,000	573	0.06
General Electric 5.25% 07/12/2028	510,000	489	0.05	Realty Income REIT 1.75% 13/07/2033	640,000	429	0.05
Prologis REIT 2.25% 30/06/2029	4,615,000	3,811	0.40	United Airlines Pass-Through Trust,			
AT&T 4.375% 14/09/2029	3,614,000	3,322	0.35	Series AA 2.7% 01/11/2033 Morgan Stanley	472,449	312	0.03
Goldman Sachs Group FRN 3.625% 29/10/2029	5,096,000	4,541	0.48	FRN 5.789% 18/11/2033	5,347,000	5,172	0.55
Comcast 5.5% 23/11/2029	2,520,000	2,515	0.27	Morgan Stanley FRN 5.148% 25/01/2034	999,000	888	0.09
Fidelity National Information Services 2.25%	570,000	452	0.05	Verizon Communications 4.75% 17/02/2034	3,745,000	3,356	0.36
03/12/2029 RTX 2.15% 18/05/2030	570,000 5,390,000	462 4,013	0.05 0.43	Verizon Communications	, ,,,,,,		
American Airlines Pass-Through Trust,	3,390,000	4,013	0.43	4.75% 31/10/2034 Welltower OP REIT	1,288,000	1,145	0.12
Series AA 3.65% 15/08/2030	1,017,709	756	0.08	4.5% 01/12/2034 Goldman Sachs Group 6.875%	2,720,000	2,228	0.24
Verizon Communications 1.875% 19/09/2030	2,800,000	2,177	0.23	18/01/2038 AT&T 7%	110,000	107	0.01
Digital Stout Holding REIT 3.75%	4 424 000	4 204	0.42	30/04/2040 Time Warner Cable	7,650,000	7,905	0.84
17/10/2030 Metropolitan Life Global Funding I	1,434,000	1,201	0.13	5.25% 15/07/2042 Prologis Euro Finance REIT 4.25%	2,305,000	1,797	0.19
3.75% 05/12/2030 Realty Income REIT	3,202,000	2,718	0.29	31/01/2043 AT&T 4.25%	1,111,000	834	0.09
1.625% 15/12/2030 GTCR W-2	1,330,000	987	0.11	01/06/2043 AT&T 4.875%	550,000	409	0.04
Merger Sub 7.5% 15/01/2031	2,045,000	1,654	0.18	01/06/2044 Liberty Mutual	2,427,000	1,950	0.21
Global Payments 4.875% 17/03/2031	6,635,000	5,648	0.60	Group FRN 3.625% 23/05/2059	1,050,000	871	0.09
Verizon Communications 2.5% 08/04/2031	770,000	612	0.07	Enterprise Products Operating FRN 5.375% 15/02/2078	2,709,000	1,808	0.19
Bank of America FRN 3.584% 27/04/2031	1,768,000	1,527	0.16	Bank of New York Mellon FRN 4.625% Perpetual	1,885,000	1,324	0.14
Corning 4.125% 15/05/2031	3,933,000	3,330	0.35				

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
PNC Financial Services Group FRN			
6.25% Perpetual	1,973,000	1,341	0.14
		149,902	15.91
Corporate Bonds total		806,845	85.61
Government Bonds 4.57% (	(0.36%)		
Argentina 0.04% (0.04%)			
Argentina Government Bond 0.5% 09/07/2029	38,094	8	0.00
Argentina Government Bond, STEP 3.75%	4 502 540	220	0.04
09/01/2038	1,582,519	338	0.04
		346	0.04
Mexico 0.32% (0.32%)			
Mexico Government Bond 5.625% 19/03/2114	4,388,000	3,046	0.32
19/03/2114	4,388,000	3,046	0.32
Pomania 0.279/ (0.009/)		3,040	0.32
Romania 0.37% (0.00%) Romania			
Government Bond 5.5% 18/09/2028	4,034,000	3,494	0.37
		3,494	0.37
United Kingdom 3.50% (0.0	0%)		
UK Treasury Bill 0% 11/12/2023	18,600,884	18,493	1.96
UK Treasury 3.5% 22/01/2045	1,150,000	927	0.10
LCR Finance 5.1% 07/03/2051	2,590,000	2,552	0.27
UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053	13,560,000	10,988	1.17
		32,960	3.50
United States of America 0	.34% (0.00%)		_
Tennessee Valley			
Authority 5.625% 07/06/2032	3,150,000	3,224	0.34
		3,224	0.34
Government Bonds total		43,070	4.57
Supranational Bonds 3.65%	<b>6 (5.55%)</b>		
European			
Investment Bank 5.5% 15/04/2025	1,971,000	1,979	0.21
European Investment Bank 0% 07/12/2028	15,503,000	12,203	1.30
European Investment Bank 6% 07/12/2028	7,179,000	7,572	0.80
European Investment Bank 4.5% 07/06/2029	1,490,000	1,475	0.16
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	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
European			
Investment Bank 5.63% 07/06/2032	2,580,000	2,740	0.29
European Investment Bank 3.88% 08/06/2037	1,630,000	1,455	0.15
European Investment Bank 4.5% 07/03/2044	7,574,000	6,960	0.74
	.,,	34,384	3.65
Supranational Bonds total	al	34,384	3.65
Futures 0.11% (0.43%)			
Euro-Bobl December 2023	(141)	10	0.00
Euro-Bund December 2023	(208)	(124)	(0.01)
Euro-Buxl December 2023	(10)	91	0.01
Euro-Schatz December 2023	(79)	(6)	0.00
Long Gilt December 2023 US 2 Year Note	293	(227)	(0.02)
December 2023 US 5 Year Note	(12)	6	0.00
December 2023	427	(611)	(0.07)
US 10 Year Note December 2023	(7)	21	0.00
US 10 Year Ultra Bond December 2023	(356)	1,662	0.18
US Long Bond December 2023	(13)	114	0.01
US Ultra Bond December 2023	(9)	97	0.01
Futures total	Ct	1,033	0.11
Buy EUR 13,776,793 Sell GE	•	)% (U.24%)	
22/11/2023	7 11,552,772	113	0.01
Buy USD 13,732,496 Sell GE 22/11/2023	3P 11,309,443	(34)	0.00
Sell EUR 83,370,831 Buy G 22/11/2023	BP 72,274,800	(739)	(80.0)
Sell USD 41,681,850 Buy G 22/11/2023	BP 34,289,342	65	0.01
Sell USD 4,244,356 Buy GB 22/11/2023	P 3,462,896	(22)	0.00
Forward Foreign Currence total	y Contracts	(617)	(0.06)
Swaps (1.56)% ((0.73)%)			
Credit Default Swap J.P. Morgan Buy Volvo Treasury 2.375% 26/11/2019 20/12/2023	4,571,447	(9)	0.00
Credit Default Swap J.P. Morgan Buy Solvay 2.75% 02/12/2027			
20/12/2027	2,120,000	(21)	0.00

	Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 31.10.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Credit Default Swap Morgan Stanley Sell CDX.NA.HY.41-V1 20/12/2028 Interest Rate Swap	11,740,000	(58)	(0.01)	Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 0.748% 07/09/2041	16,957,744	(7,532)	(0.80)
Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 5.067% 26/10/2025	60,000,000	101	0.01	Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay fixed 0.713% Receive floating			
Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay				SONIA 1 day 07/09/2051	5,310,121	3,065	0.33
floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 0.868% 15/10/2026 Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay	54,640,000	(5,724)	(0.61)	Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 0.634% 07/09/2061	1,576,614	(1,047)	(0.11)
floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 4.762% 18/10/2028 Interest Rate Swap	52,010,000	559	0.06	Interest Rate Swap Morgan Stanley Pay floating SONIA 1 day Receive fixed 0.562% 07/09/2071	5,148,753	(3,712)	(0.39)
Morgan Stanley Pay fixed 4.517%				Swaps total	271 1277 22	(14,706)	(1.56)
Receive floating SONIA 1 day				Portfolio of investments		870,009	92.32
18/10/2033	28,690,000	(328)	(0.04)	Net other assets		72,418	7.68
				Net assets attributable to	unitholders	942,427	100.00

The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 31 October 2022. Unless otherwise stated, all securities are admitted to official stock exchange listings.

#### **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 31 October 2023

		202	3	202	.2
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital losses	2		(16,029)		(247,862)
Revenue	3	41,233		31,555	
Expenses	4	(990)		(865)	
Net revenue before taxation		40,243		30,690	
Taxation	5	(19)		(3)	
Net revenue after taxation			40,224		30,687
Total return before distributions			24,195		(217,175)
Distributions	6		(41,086)		(35,929)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders	from investment activiti	es	(16,891)		(253,104)

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

For the year ended 31 October 2023

	2023		20	22
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		736,817		1,037,139
Amounts receivable on issue of units	331,798		55,825	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(151,006)		(136,648)	
		180,792		(80,823)
Dilution adjustment		1,409		453
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(16,891)		(253,104)
Retained distribution on Accumulation units		40,300		33,152
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		942,427		736,817

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 October 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£000's	£000's
Assets			
Investments		890,203	723,623
Current assets			
Debtors	8	23,480	19,432
Cash and bank balances	9	66,191	24,247
Total assets		979,874	767,302
Liabilities Investment liabilities		(20,194)	(23,120)
Creditors			
Bank overdrafts	10	(3,405)	(1,133)
Distributions payable		(1,023)	(719)
Other creditors	11	(12,825)	(5,513)
Total liabilities		(37,447)	(30,485)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		942,427	736,817

## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 October 2023

#### 1 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.

#### Revenue

Interest receivable from bank balances, futures clearing houses and brokers is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Interest receivable from debt securities is accounted for on an effective yield basis.

#### Interest on debt securities bought or sold

Interest on debt securities bought or sold is excluded from the capital cost of securities, and is dealt with as part of the revenue of the Fund.

#### **Expenses**

Expenses of the Fund are charged against revenue except for costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments which are allocated to the capital of the Fund. All expenses except for professional fee are accounted for on an accruals basis.

The Annual management charge is initially charged to revenue but ultimately borne by the capital of the Fund. As a result of the expenses being charged wholly to capital, the distributable revenue of the Fund may be higher, but the capital value of the Fund may be eroded which may affect future performance.

#### **Taxation**

The Fund satisfied the qualifying investments test of Statutory Instrument 2006/964 Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006 Regulation 19 throughout the year. All distributions made are therefore made as interest distributions.

#### **Distributions**

The revenue available for distribution is the total revenue earned by the Fund, less deductible expenses and taxation charged to revenue.

For Accumulation units this revenue is not distributed but automatically reinvested in the Fund and is reflected in the value of these units.

For the purpose of calculating the distribution, revenue on debt securities is calculated on a coupon basis where this exceeds the amount determined on an effective yield basis. As a consequence, the capital value of the Fund may be eroded.

#### **Dilution Adjustment**

In certain circumstances the Manager may apply a dilution adjustment on subscriptions and redemptions of units. If applied, the dilution adjustment is paid to the Fund. See Prospectus for further details.

#### **Valuation**

All investments held by the Fund have been valued at market value at 18:00 on the last working day of the accounting period. Market value is defined by the Statement of Recommended Practice as fair value which generally is the bid value of each security and the offer value for short positions. Non-exchange traded derivatives, including swaps, are priced at fair value using valuation models and data sourced from market data providers and/or information provided by the relevant third party brokers.

All investments are valued net of any accrued interest which is included in the balance sheet as a revenue related item.

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities valued in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date.

#### Credit default swaps

The upfront fees received on a mark to market basis are split between capital and revenue as appropriate. For sell protections, periodic premiums are accounted for on an accruals basis and are included under Net revenue return from derivative contracts.

#### 2 Net capital losses

The net capital losses during the year comprise:

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Non-derivative securities	(8,035)	(227,165)
Derivative contracts	(9,661)	(15,006)
Forward foreign currency contracts	1,527	(5,195)
Foreign currency gains/(losses)	140	(496)
Net capital losses	(16,029)	(247,862)

#### 3 Revenue

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Interest on debt securities	41,091	29,922
Bank interest	1,599	102
Net revenue return from derivative contracts	(1,457)	1,531
Total revenue	41,233	31,555

#### 4 Expenses

	2023 £000's	2022 £000's
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Schroders Annual Charge <sup>1</sup>	862	822
Other expenses:		
Interest payable	128	43
Total expenses	990	865

Audit fees including VAT for the financial year ending 2023 were £10,910 (2022 – £13,638).

#### **5** Taxation

Corporation tax has not been provided for as expenses and interest distributions payable by the Fund exceed the revenue liable to corporation tax.

#### (a) Analysis of the tax charge for the year

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Overseas withholding tax	19	3
Total current tax (Note 5(b))	19	3

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

The tax assessed for the year is different from that calculated with the standard rate of corporation tax for authorised unit trusts of 20% (2022 – 20%) is applied to the net revenue before taxation. The differences are explained below.

	2022	
	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Net revenue before taxation	40,243	30,690
Net revenue for the year before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	8,048	6,138
Effects of:		
Interest distributions deductible for tax purposes	(8,048)	(6,138)
Overseas withholding tax	19	3
Total tax charge for the year (Note 5(a))	19	3

#### 6 Distributions

The distributions, which are on an effective coupon basis, take account of revenue received on the issue of units and revenue deducted on the cancellation of units, and comprise:

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Interim Interest distribution	19,641	17,396
Final Interest distribution	22,268	17,163
	41,909	34,559
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of units	1,657	1,923
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of units	(2,480)	(553)
Distributions	41,086	35,929
Net revenue after taxation	40,224	30,687
Expenses taken to capital	862	822
Adjustment for coupon distributions	-	4,359
Deficit taken to capital	-	61
Distributions	41,086	35,929

Details of the distributions per unit are set out in the Distribution Tables on pages 33 to 34.

#### 7 Fair value hierarchy

Instruments held at the year end are presented in line with amendments to FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland's Fair value hierarchy disclosures.

		2023		2022	
Basis of valuation	Assets £000's	Liabilities £000's	Assets £000's	Liabilities £000's	
Level 1: Quoted prices	32,409	(968)	4,386	(1,258)	
Level 2: Observable market data	857,794	(19,226)	719,237	(21,862)	
Level 3: Unobservable data	-	-	-	-	
Total	890,203	(20,194)	723,623	(23,120)	

- Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

#### Unobservable data

Unobservable data has been used only where relevant observable market data is not available. Where there was no reputable price source for an investment, the Manager has assessed information available from internal and external sources in order to arrive at an estimated fair value. The fair value is established by using measures of value such as the price of recent transactions, earnings multiple and net assets. The Manager of the Fund also makes judgements and estimates based on their knowledge of recent investment performance, historical experience and other assumptions that are considered reasonable under the circumstances. The estimates and the assumptions used are under continuous review by the Manager with particular attention paid to the carrying value of the investments.

#### 8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Amounts receivable for issue of units	6,250	537
Sales awaiting settlement	-	7,225
Amounts receivable on derivative contracts	41	279
Accrued revenue	17,189	11,391
Total debtors	23,480	19,432

#### 9 Cash and bank balances

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Cash and bank balances	39,835	9,218
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	26,356	15,029
Total cash and bank balances	66,191	24,247

#### 10 Bank Overdrafts

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Amounts overdrawn at futures clearing houses and brokers	3,405	1,133
Total bank overdrafts	3,405	1,133

#### 11 Other creditors

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	1,418	970
Purchases awaiting settlement	11,078	4,366
Amounts payable on derivative contracts	254	59
Accrued expenses	75	118
Total other creditors	12,825	5,513

#### 12 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2022 - Nil).

#### 13 Related party transactions

The Manager provides key management personnel services for the Fund and is therefore considered a related party.

Amounts paid during the year or due to the Manager at the balance sheet date are disclosed under Expenses and Other creditors in the Notes to the Accounts.

The Manager acts as principal on all transactions of units in the Fund. The aggregate monies paid through the issue and cancellation of units are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders and Distributions in the Notes to the Accounts. Amounts due from or to the Manager in respect of unit transactions at the balance sheet date are included under Debtors and Other creditors in the Notes to the Accounts.

Units held or managed by the Manager or associates of the Manager as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value at the balance sheet date were 59.57% (2022 – 48.31%).

#### 14 Unit classes

At the reporting date the Fund had seven unit classes. The costs and expenses due to the Manager are referred to as the Schroders Annual Charge. Details of the charges applied to each unit class can be found in the prospectus.

The closing net asset value of each unit class, the closing net asset value per unit and the closing number of units in issue are given in the Comparative Table on pages 10 to 13.

The distributions per unit class are given in the Distribution Tables on pages 33 to 34.

All classes have the same rights on winding up.

#### 15 Derivative and other financial instruments

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, liquidity, credit and interest rate risks. The Manager's policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied throughout the year and the prior year.

#### Market price risk

The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, the Prospectus and in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer. At the year end date, if the prices of investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then net assets attributable to the unitholders would increase or decrease by approximately £87,000,900 (2022 - £70,050,300).

#### Foreign currency risk

Where a portion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements. Therefore the Manager may decide that a proportion of the investments that are not priced in sterling, may be covered by forward currency contracts, so that the Fund's exposure to currency risk is reduced.

Revenue received in other currencies is translated to sterling on or near the date of receipt. The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

#### **Liquidity risk**

The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the liability to unitholders for any cancellation of units. This risk is minimised by holding cash, readily realisable securities and access to overdraft facilities up to the amount prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

#### Credit risk

Certain transactions in securities that the Fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Manager as an acceptable counterparty. In addition, limits are set to the exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time and changes in brokers' financial ratings are reviewed.

#### **Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates.

The Fund may invest in fixed and floating rate securities. The revenue of the Fund may be affected by changes to interest rates relevant to particular securities or as a result of the Manager being unable to secure similar returns on the expiry of contracts or sale of securities.

The value of interest bearing securities may be affected by interest rate movements or the expectation of such movements in the future.

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdraft positions will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

#### Floating rate financial assets and financial liabilities

Sterling denominated bank balances and bank overdrafts bear interest at rates based on the Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate. Sterling denominated floating rate bonds and foreign currency bank balances and amounts held or overdrawn at futures clearing houses and brokers bear interest at rates based on the Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate or its international equivalent.

#### Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

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

#### **Derivatives**

During the year the Fund entered into derivative contracts for specific investment purposes in addition to being used for efficient management.

Although the Fund may enter into derivative contacts for specific investment purposes in addition to being used for efficient management it is not the current intention to use derivatives for specific investment purposes.

#### **Global risk exposure**

#### **Relative VaR approach**

This approach is used for the Funds whose risk can be managed in relation to a defined benchmark.

#### **Regulatory VaR limit utilisation**

	2023			2022	
Lowest	Highest	Average	Lowest	Highest	Average
49.92%	56.27%	53.12%	48.89%	57.10%	54.74%

#### VaR Benchmark used

2023	2022
Bank of America Merill Lynch Sterling Non-Gilts (GBP). Index	Bank of America Merill Lynch Sterling Non-Gilts (GBP). Index

#### Information on VaR model

		2023			2022	
Model type	Length of data history	Confidence level	Holding period	Length of data history	Confidence level	Holding period
Parametric VaR	All available history	99.00%	20 days	All available history	99.00%	20 days

#### Leverage

#### Information on limit usage and level of leverage

The level of leverage is an indication of the derivative usage and of any leverage generated by the reinvestment of cash received as collateral when using efficient portfolio management techniques. It does not take into account other physical assets directly held in the portfolio of the Fund. The figure is not representative of the maximum amount that a Fund could lose, as it includes the derivatives used to protect the Net Asset Value of a Fund as well as the derivatives backed by risk free assets and derivatives which do not generate any incremental exposure, leverage or market risk from an economic perspective. The reported leverage figure is therefore not a true representation of the economic leverage<sup>1</sup> in the Fund.

The level of leverage disclosed is based on the total notional value<sup>2</sup> of all derivative instruments held by a Fund and is expressed as a percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value. For the purpose of this calculation the holdings and offset derivative positions (long and short positions) do not cancel each other out and the figure is a sum of the total holdings.

#### Leverage

2023					202	22	
Lowest	Highest	Average	Leverage 31 October	Lowest	Highest	Average	Leverage 31 October
38.30%	132.39%	81.18%	53.99%	45.24%	93.93%	63.71%	71.74%

<sup>1</sup> Where economic leverage is the sum of derivative commitments (calculated in line with European Securities and Markets Authority 10/788) and excludes derivatives used within hedging arrangements, derivatives whose commitments is covered by risk free assets and derivatives which are not considered to generate any incremental exposure and leverage or market risk.

2 Delta adjusted in line with European Securities and Markets Authority 10/788 when appropriate.

#### 16 Debt security credit analysis

	2023 £000's	2022 £000's
Investment grade securities	739,023	590,820
Below investment grade securities	88,404	100,164
Unrated securities	56,872	9,966
Total debt securities	884,299	700,950

#### 17 Direct transaction costs

In the case of shares, broker commissions and transfer taxes/stamp duty are paid by the Fund on each transaction. In addition, there is a dealing spread between buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Unlike shares, other types of investments (such as bonds, money market instruments, derivatives) have no separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment.

2023	Principal £000's	Commissions £000's	Taxes £000's	Total cost £000's	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	668,852	-	_	668,852	-	-
Sales						
Bonds	477,857	_	_	477,857	_	_
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Total cost as a % of the Fund's avera	ge net asset value (%)	-	-			

2022	Principal £000's	Commissions £000's	Taxes £000's	Total cost £000's	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Bonds	238,405	_	_	238,405	-	-
Sales						
Bonds	307,683	-	-	307,683	-	=
Total cost as a % of the Fund's average	re not const. value (or)	_	_			

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.59% (2022 - 0.88%).



This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

#### 18 Units in issue reconciliation

	Number of units in issue 31.10.22	Number of units issued	Number of units cancelled	Number of units converted	Number of units in issue 31.10.23
A Accumulation units	154,387	4,193	(84,116)	(43,182)	31,282
A Income units	192,893	-	(34,988)	(91,052)	66,853
I Accumulation units	58,307,895	37,269,718	(2,759,071)	(6,387,789)	86,430,753
I Income units	7,131,785	1,746,562	(154,357)	39,534,760	48,258,750
X Accumulation units	387,534,301	156,678,287	(90,173,761)	-	454,038,827
Z Accumulation units	15,083,792	2,322,359	(9,226,122)	8,305	8,188,334
Z Income units	56,181,804	3,270,199	(13,964,852)	(45,977)	45,441,174

#### 19 Counterparty exposure

The types of derivatives held at the balance sheet date and the total position by counterparty at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty ANZ	Forward foreign currency contracts £000's	Credit default swaps £000's	Commodity index swaps £000's	Contract for difference £000's	Interest rate swaps £000's	Total return swaps £000's	Inflation linked swaps £000's	Options contracts £000's	Swaption contracts £000's	Total £000's
2023	(10)	_					_	_		(10)
2023	(10)	_	-	_	<del>-</del>	-	-	_	_	(10)
Barclays	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	-
-	(4)									(4)
2023	(4)	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	(4)
2022	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	-	-
BNP Paribas										
2023	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
2022	1,041	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,041
Deutsche Bank										
2023	(16)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16)
2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC										
2023	(681)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(681)
2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J.P. Morgan										
2023	-	(30)	_	-	-	_	-	_	-	(30)
2022	(11)	(64)	_	-	-	_	-	_	-	(75)
Morgan Stanley										
2023	81	(58)	_	-	(14,618)	_	-	-	-	(14,595)
2022	891	507	_	-	(5,817)	_	-	-	-	(4,419)
Standard Charter	ed									
2023	(22)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(22)
2022	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
State Street										
2023	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
2022	(182)	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	(182)
UBS										
2023	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	-	-	_
2022	60	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	60

The collateral held/(pledged) by the Fund on behalf of the counterparties at the balance sheet date was as follows:

Counterparty	2023 £000's	2022 £000's
J.P. Morgan	-	270
Morgan Stanley	20,963	11,949
Total	20,963	12,219

The nature of collateral held/(pledged) by the Fund on behalf of the counterparties at the balance sheet date was as follows:

	2023 £000's	2022 £000's
Cash	20,963	12,219
Total	20,963	12,219

#### 20 Non-adjusting post balance sheet events

As a result of market movements and foreign exchange rates, since the balance sheet date on 31 October 2023, the price of each unit class has changed as follows:

	Number of units in issue 22.2.24	Number of units in issue 31.10.23	% change	Dealing price 22.2.24	Dealing price 31.10.23	% change
A Income units	18,887	66,853	(71.75)	49.56p	47.46p	4.42
I Accumulation units	88,837,036	86,430,753	2.78	292.30p	273.10p	7.03
I Income units	46,659,367	48,258,750	(3.31)	46.36p	44.37p	4.49
X Accumulation units	288,590,894	454,038,827	(36.44)	155.80p	145.40p	7.15
Z Accumulation units	7,307,315	8,188,334	(10.76)	91.03p	85.13p	6.93
Z Income units	43,191,359	45,441,174	(4.95)	50.98p	48.83p	4.40

A Accumulation units converted into Z Accumulation units on 15 December 2023.

The Fund experienced higher than average cancellation of units post year end. The liquidity measures within the Fund remain within normal range and there is no immediate or material uncertainty about the viability of the Fund as a going concern.

## **Distribution Tables**

#### Interim distribution for the six months ended 30 April 2023

**Group 1** Units purchased prior to 1 November 2022

**Group 2** Units purchased on or after 1 November 2022

	Net revenue 2023 per unit	Equalisation 2023 per unit	Distribution paid 30.6.23 per unit	Distribution paid 30.6.22 per unit
A Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.6505p	_	1.6505p	1.7308p
Group 2	1.6505p	-	1.6505p	1.7308p
A Income units				
Group 1	1.5096p	-	1.5096p	-
Group 2	1.5096p	-	1.5096p	-
I Accumulation units				
Group 1	5.7987p	_	5.7987p	6.0289p
Group 2	4.3626p	1.4361p	5.7987p	6.0289p
I Income units				
Group 1	0.9623p	-	0.9623p	1.0451p
Group 2	0.6085p	0.3538p	0.9623p	1.0451p
X Accumulation units				
Group 1	3.0744p	-	3.0744p	3.1969p
Group 2	2.6177p	0.4567p	3.0744p	3.1969p
Z Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.8118p	-	1.8118p	1.8894p
Group 2	0.5640p	1.2478p	1.8118p	1.8894p
Z Income units				
Group 1	1.0615p	_	1.0615p	1.1562p
Group 2	0.5317p	0.5298p	1.0615p	1.1562p

#### Final distribution for the six months ended 31 October 2023

**Group 1** Units purchased prior to 1 May 2023

Group 2 Units purchased on or after 1 May 2023

	Net revenue 2023 per unit	Equalisation 2023 per unit	Distribution payable 31.12.23 per unit	Distribution paid 31.12.22 per unit
A Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.6789p	-	1.6789p	1.7484p
Group 2	1.6789p	-	1.6789p	1.7484p
A Income units				
Group 1	1.0795p	-	1.0795p	-
Group 2	1.0795p	-	1.0795p	-
I Accumulation units				
Group 1	6.4289p	-	6.4289p	6.1173p
Group 2	2.3355p	4.0934p	6.4289p	6.1173p
I Income units				
Group 1	1.0428p	-	1.0428p	1.0395p
Group 2	0.4856p	0.5572p	1.0428p	1.0395p

## Distribution Tables (continued)

	Net revenue 2023 per unit	Equalisation 2023 per unit	Distribution payable 31.12.23 per unit	Distribution paid 31.12.22 per unit
X Accumulation units				
Group 1	3.4194p	-	3.4194p	3.2476p
Group 2	1.8070p	1.6124p	3.4194p	3.2476p
Z Accumulation units				
Group 1	1.9860p	-	1.9860p	1.9142p
Group 2	1.0444p	0.9416p	1.9860p	1.9142p
Z Income units				
Group 1	1.1414p	-	1.1414p	1.1484p
Group 2	0.6601p	0.4813p	1.1414p	1.1484p

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of Group 2 units and is refunded to the holders of these units as a return of capital.

Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes.

#### Remuneration

#### UCITS remuneration disclosures for Schroder Unit Trusts Limited ('SUTL') for the year to 31 December 2022

These disclosures form part of the non-audited section of this annual report and accounts and should be read in conjunction with the Schroders plc Remuneration Report on pages 76 to 107 of the 2022 Annual Report & Accounts (available on the Group's website https://www.schroders.com/en/investorrelations/results-and-reports/annual-report-and-accounts-2022/), which provides more information on the activities of our Remuneration Committee and our remuneration principles and policies.

The UCITS Material Risk Takers ('UCITS MRTs') of SUTL are individuals whose roles within the Schroders Group can materially affect the risk of SUTL or any UCITS fund that it manages. These roles are identified in line with the requirements of the UCITS Directive and guidance issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

The Remuneration Committee of Schroders plc has established a remuneration policy to ensure the requirements of the UCITS Directive are met for all UCITS MRTs. The Remuneration Committee and the Board of Schroders plc review remuneration strategy at least annually. The directors of SUTL are responsible for the adoption of the remuneration policy and periodically reviewing its implementation in relation to SUTL. During 2022 the Remuneration Policy was reviewed to ensure compliance with the UCITS/AIFMD remuneration requirements and no significant changes were made.

The implementation of the remuneration policy is, at least annually, subject to independent internal review for compliance with the policies and procedures for remuneration adopted by the Board of SUTL and the Remuneration Committee. The most recent review found no fundamental issues but resulted in minor recommendations relating to process documentation.

The ratio of total costs to net income through the market cycle guides the total spend on remuneration each year. This is recommended by the Remuneration Committee to the Board of Schroders plc. This approach aligns remuneration with Schroders financial performance. In determining the remuneration spend each year, the underlying strength and sustainability of the business is taken into account, along with reports on risk, legal, compliance and internal audit matters from the heads of those areas.

The remuneration data that follows reflects amounts paid in respect of performance during 2022.

- The total amount of remuneration paid by SUTL to its staff was nil as SUTL has no employees. SUTL has two independent Non Executive Directors who receive fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL1. Employees of other Schroders Group entities who serve as Directors of SUTL receive no additional fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL.
- The following disclosures relate to UCITS MRTs of SUTL. Most of those UCITS MRTs were employed by and provided services to other Schroders group companies and clients. In the interests of transparency, the aggregate remuneration figures that follow reflect the full remuneration for each SUTL UCITS MRT. The aggregate total remuneration paid to the 158 UCITS MRTs of SUTL in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022 is £113.41 million, of which £38.94 million was paid to senior management, and £74.47 million was paid to MRTs deemed to be taking risk on behalf of SUTL or the UCITS funds that it manages and Control Function MRTs.

For additional qualitative information on remuneration policies and practices see https://www.schroders.com/en/global/individual/corporate-transparency/ disclosures/remuneration-disclosures/.

The fees are not disclosed due to confidentiality and data protection considerations. The amount is not material to SUTL.

### **General Information**

#### Manager

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

#### **Investment Adviser**

Schroder Investment Management Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

#### **Trustee**

J.P. Morgan Europe Limited Chaseside Bournemouth BH7 7DA Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority

#### Registrar

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

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**

KPMG LLP 319 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5AS

#### **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

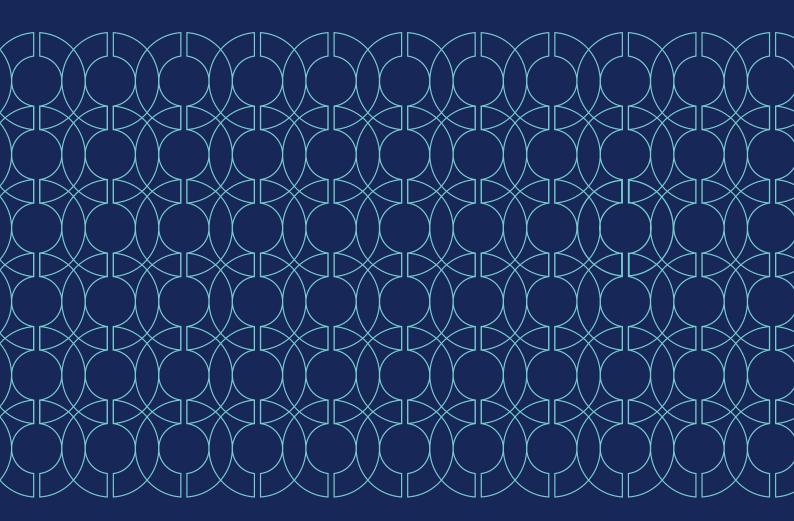
A statement on the Assessment of Value is published on the Global Fund Centre in the Fund Literature section at www.Schroders.com within 4 months of the annual 'reference date' 31 December.

#### 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-andproduct-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.





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