

Interim Long Report and Unaudited Financial Statements Six Months ended 15 November 2024

# **AXA ACT Framlington Clean Economy Fund**





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<sup>\*</sup> These collectively comprise the Authorised Fund Manager's ("the Manager's") Report for the Trust.



# **Fund Objective & Investment Policy**

The aim of AXA ACT Framlington Clean Economy Fund ("the Fund") is to (i) provide long-term capital growth over a period of 5 years or more; and (ii) invest in companies that contribute to the achievement of the environmentally focussed United Nation's SustainableDevelopment Goals (the "UN SDGs")\*, in line with the selection criteria described in the investment policy.

The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in shares of listed companies of any size which are based anywhere in the world. The Manager selects shares based upon: (i) a company's positive contribution to the achievement of one or more of the environmentally focussed UN SDGs; focusing on those companies with exposure to the clean economy; and (ii) its analysis of a company's ability to generate above average returns (relative to its industry peers).

The Manager defines the clean economy as the universe of companies whose activities contribute to the achievement of the environmentally focussed UN SDGs through improving resource sustainability, supporting the energy transition or addressing the issue of water scarcity. The Manager will focus on such companies which operate across the following four key areas: low carbon transport, smart energy, natural resource preservation and agriculture and food supply (but may also invest in such other industries which help to solve urgent and important environmental problems reflected in the UN SDGs and their targets).

The Manager will use the company's product and services score ("P&S Score") to assess the total revenue generated by a company's core products and services that provide environmental benefits and contribute to the achievement of any one of the environmentally focussed UN SDGs. P&S Scores are obtained from our selected external provider(s) as detailed in the "Responsible Investment" section of the Prospectus. As well as the P&S Score, the Manager will use its proprietary analytical framework to select on the basis of qualitative factors such as commitment of the company to achieve and measure contribution against the environmentally focussed UN SDGs, its strategic direction and consideration of ESG risk, among other considerations.

Further, the Manager will use the companies ESG score as one factor within its broader analysis of the company to make selections which are expected to generate growth over time and to contribute to the achievement of the environmentally focused UN SDGs. The Manager will only consider the lowest scoring companies in exceptional circumstances. ESG scores are obtained from our selected external provider(s) as detailed in the "Responsible Investment" section of the Prospectus and adjusted by the Manager using its own research.

In selecting shares, the Manager applies AXA IM Group's sector specific investment guidelines relating to responsible investment to the Fund. Such guidelines exclude investment in soft commodity derivatives or exposure to certain companies based on their involvement in specific sectors (such as unsustainable palm oil production, controversial weapons and climate risks). The Manager also applies the AXA Investment Managers' ESG Standards policy. This policy excludes investment in companies based on tobacco production, manufacture of white phosphorus weapons, certain criteria relating to human rights, anti-corruption and other ESG factors. The AXA IM Group's sector specific investment guidelines and the AXA Investment Managers' ESG Standards policy are subject to change and the latest copies are accessible via the links provided in the "Responsible Investment" section of the Prospectus and are available from the Manager on request.

The Manager may also engage with a selection of companies to define clear objectives to achieve a positive contribution for the environment. The Manager will monitor the actions taken by such companies to achieve these objectives. More details on the Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website <a href="https://www.axa-im.co.uk/">https://www.axa-im.co.uk/</a> under the heading "Responsible Investing".

If the Manager deems that an investment no longer meets the criteria set out in this investment policy or its expectations in terms of that investment's prospects for achieving the Fund's objective or, where relevant, becomes unresponsive to the Manager's engagement efforts, the Manager will disinvest as soon as practicable having regard to the best interests of the Fund's investors and in accordance with its best execution policy.



# **Fund Objective & Investment Policy (Continued)**

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities and units in collective investment schemes (including funds that are managed by the Manager or its associates). The Fund may use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management. Use may be made of borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted in the applicable FCA rules.

The Manager has full discretion to select investments for the Fund in line with the above investment policy and in doing so may take into consideration the MSCI AC World Total Return Net (the "Benchmark"). The Benchmark is designed to measure the performance of mid-cap to large-cap stocks from a number of developed and emerging markets as selected by the Benchmark provider. However, the Manager invests on a discretionary basis with a significant degree of freedom to invest in companies which are outside the Benchmark and in accordance with the investment policy. The Manager currently does not consider any available benchmark as suitable for use by investors to measure the Fund's performance against its sustainability objective. However, the Benchmark best represents the types of companies in which the Fund may invest.

It should be noted that the Fund does not have a carbon emissions or carbon intensity target and, in pursuing its aim of investing in and supporting companies whose activities contribute to the achievement of the environment focussed UN SDGs, it is possible that the carbon emission level of the Fund's portfolio may, at times, be higher than that of the Benchmark. The Fund may, for example, invest in utility companies with high carbon emissions (relative to other sectors) but are deemed by the Manager to be leaders in the development and production of renewable energy. Further, in line with its investment objective, it is likely the Fund will not invest in some sectors included in the Benchmark that have low carbon emissions because they are not providing environmental solutions, such as the financial sector.

The Fund is actively managed in reference to the MSCI AC World Total Return Net, which may be used by investors to compare the Fund's financial performance.

AXA ACT Framlington Clean Economy Fund ('the Fund') is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

\* The 17 goals Sustainable Development (un.org), <a href="https://sdgs.un.org/goals#goals.">https://sdgs.un.org/goals#goals.</a>



# **Important Events During the Period**

### CHANGE OF SETTLEMENT PERIOD FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF UNITS

The settlement period for the sale and purchase of units in the AXA Framlington Clean Economy Fund will shorten from four working days (from the dealing day) to two working days for trades placed from 27 January 2025 onwards.



### **Investment Review**

The MSCI All Country World Index rose 7.10% in sterling terms over the six month period ending 15 November 2024. Global equity markets experienced significant fluctuations as they navigated shifting macroeconomic trends and geopolitical developments.

Monetary policy played a central role in shaping global markets as central banks adjusted to evolving economic conditions. The US Federal Reserve (Fed), responding to easing inflation and a softening labour market, initiated its first interest rate cut in September, reducing rates by 50 basis points, while the European Central Bank (ECB) enacted several cuts over the period. In contrast, the Bank of Japan (BoJ)'s unexpected rate hike at the end of July briefly unsettled markets before a more dovish stance emerged. Elsewhere, China's coordinated monetary and fiscal stimulus in September signalled strong support for its economy, boosting investor sentiment. Later in the period, the Fed adopted a more cautious approach, as resilient inflation and labour market strength tempered expectations for further aggressive cuts.

In parallel, climate and energy policy developments gained momentum. Denmark became one of the first countries to introduce a carbon tax on agricultural emissions, setting an example for integrating environmental priorities with fiscal policy. The Utilities for Net Zero Alliance (UNEZA), comprising leading global utility companies, pledged over

Top Ten Holdings	
as at 15 November 2024	%
NVIDIA	3.86
United States Of America	
Cadence Design Systems	3.65
United States Of America	
Waste Management	3.60
United States Of America	
Schneider Electric	3.54
France	
NextEra Energy	3.37
United States Of America	
Xylem	3.33
United States Of America	
Linde	3.30
Ireland	
Autodesk	2.91
United States Of America	
National Grid	2.83
United Kingdom	
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	2.80
Taiwan	
Stocks shown as ADRs represent American	

\$116 billion annually to clean power generation and grid infrastructure, underscoring the private sector's commitment to decarbonisation. At the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Azerbaijan, developed nations committed \$300 billion annually by 2035 to support climate action in developing countries, while a global carbon market framework was also finalised under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, establishing standards for trading carbon credits to ensure transparency and verifiable emissions reductions.

Depositary Receipts.

Sector returns were mixed during the period with financials and consumer discretionary outperforming along with information technology and communication services. Conversely, materials, energy and healthcare all declined. From a regional standpoint, the US notably outperformed while Europe and the UK declined. The re-election of President Trump in November proved a notable tailwind for US equities on the prospect of lower taxes and deregulation along with more protectionist trade policies.

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

The Fund underperformed its comparative benchmark (MSCI All Country World Index) over the period. Holdings in 'Natural Resource Preservation' and 'Energy Efficiency' detracted most from performance while 'Renewables & Grid' and 'Technology Enablers' performed somewhat better.

Returns in 'Smart Energy' were impacted by our position in Advanced Drainage Systems, a leading provider of water management products and drainage solutions to the construction, agriculture, and infrastructure markets. The company provided disappointing guidance due to weakness in non-residential construction and higher material costs despite strength in residential and infrastructure. We continue to like the name given the ongoing shift away from concrete and steel pipe towards plastic. Our position in water technology company Xylem also hurt. The company reported 3Q24 revenues below expectation and lowered guidance for the full year. Management noted access to labour had become a bottleneck for its customers, particularly for its Measurement and Control Solutions products. We think the issues are



# **Investment Review (Continued)**

temporary and point to the long term opportunity in advanced metering and strong margin upside potential from the company's business simplification strategy.

Returns in 'Energy Efficiency' were impacted by our position in global technology services company Capgemini after reporting weaker than expected results and lowering guidance for the remainer of the year. Management indicated that growth bottomed in 1Q24 but its recovery is proving more muted than previously expected with weakness in France and, more recently, the aerospace and auto sectors offsetting improvements in the US and financials. Shares in leading hybrid electric vehicle maker Toyota Motor were also weak after an investigation by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in Japan found certification improprieties in a number of models, leading to the suspension of production. The issues have now been resolved and production is back up to normalised levels providing a stronger outlook for 2025.

In 'Renewable & Grid', returns were boosted by our position in Quanta Services, a leading provider of infrastructure solutions to the energy industry. Shares continued to perform well despite the re-election of President Trump as rising demand for energy generation capacity, along with the transmission and distribution network needed to support it, outweighs the potential disruption from Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) repeal. Quanta has 25% market share of the utility-scale renewable energy market while its recent acquisition of Cupertino adds data centre solutions.

Returns in 'Technology Enablers' were supported by our position in Nvidia which has meaningfully outperformed in 2024 driven by its dominance in the artificial intelligence (AI) chip market and soaring demand for its graphics processing units (GPUs). The company reported a 94% year-over-year revenue increase in 3Q24, reflecting its critical role in powering AI advancements across industries. Elsewhere, leading design software company Autodesk also outperformed after an audit committee investigation determined no restatement or adjustment of previous financial statements was needed following the delay of its annual report in June. Putting aside the temporary reporting issues, the company has delivered solid results above expectations and laid out a plan to improve profitability over time.

#### **OUTLOOK**

The outlook for companies that provide solutions to the world's greatest environmental challenges remains extremely positive despite the volatile macroeconomic backdrop. Support for the energy transition remains firmly intact with most major nations now having meaningful decarbonisation plans in place. The European Union led the way with its 'Fit for 55' package, which aims to reduce net emissions by 55 percent by 2030, while China's goal of peak carbon emissions in 2030 and net zero by 2060 is a significant step in the right direction for the world's largest polluter. In the US, the election of President Trump has created uncertainty around future climate policy but rising energy demand, driven by investment in areas such as domestic manufacturing and data centre capacity, provides a notable tailwind for renewable energy projects. Meanwhile, the Global Biodiversity Framework sets out an ambitious plan to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030.

Achieving these goals requires significant investment in 'Renewables and Grid' and 'Energy Efficiency' solutions. Energy infrastructure requires smart grids and interconnection capacity between regions, renewable energy, and storage solutions, while transportation systems will move away from fossil fuels towards a combination of electric vehicles (EVs), biofuels and green hydrogen. The built environment accounts for around 40% of emissions globally and decarbonising commercial and residential buildings, along with hard to abate industrial processes, is another important area of focus. Elsewhere, companies in 'Natural Resource Preservation', which facilitate recycling and reusing, more sustainable agriculture practises, and better management of resources, are helping to mitigate environmental damage while meeting the needs of a growing population. None of this would be possible without 'Technology Enablers', which develop highly innovative hardware and software - ranging from design and simulation software used to create more sustainable products, to advanced semiconductors used in EVs and renewable energy equipment.



# **Investment Review (Continued)**

Higher interest rates and softer demand in areas such as renewable energy equipment and EVs have weighed on sentiment over recent months. However, the structural growth drivers remain firmly in place and we see many attractive opportunities across the Clean Economy value chain. For example, companies in areas such engineering and construction, electrification equipment and design software continue to see strong demand. We retain the view that high quality management teams, operating businesses with a sustainable competitive advantage in markets that benefit from secular tailwinds, are best placed to deliver capital growth over the long term. The portfolio is therefore well positioned to benefit from the secular growth opportunities we see within the Clean Economy.

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Source of all performance data: AXA Investment Managers, Morningstar to 15 November 2024.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. All performance figures calculated as follows: Single Priced NAV (Net Asset Value) with net income reinvested, net of fees in GBP, gross of tax. Performance is representative of Z Acc Class.



# **Portfolio Changes**

# For the six months ended 15 November 2024

Major Purchases	Cost (£'000)	Major Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft in Muenchen	1,221	Siemens	1,113
Union Pacific	1,177	Applied Materials	996
DSM-Firmenich	1,137	ASML	995
S&P Global	961	EDP Renovaveis	982
Carlisle	748	NVIDIA	854
Deere & Co	455	Croda International	747
Bentley Systems	385	Silicon Laboratories	702
Kurita Water Industries	341	Spirax	648
National Grid	318	Brookfield Renewable	426
Toyota Motor	274	Capgemini	421
Other purchases	2,006	Other sales	4,476
Total purchases for the period	9,023	Total sales for the period	12,360



# **Managing Risks**

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The price of units and the revenue from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. An initial charge is usually made when you purchase units. Changes in exchange rates will affect the value of Fund investments overseas. Investment in smaller companies and newer markets offers the possibility of higher returns but may also involve a higher degree of risk.

The Fund is managed in accordance with the objective set out on page 3. By investing in financial markets there are associated risks and the following paragraphs explain the Manager's approach to managing those risks.

#### **RISK PROFILE**

The Fund invests in the shares of companies listed globally. As the Fund invests in overseas securities it may hold currencies other than sterling. As a result, exchange rate movements may cause the value of investments to fall or rise. The value of investments and the revenue from them is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up.

#### **EQUITY RISK**

The value of shares in which the Fund invests fluctuate pursuant to market expectations. The value of such shares will go up and down and equity markets have historically been more volatile than fixed interest markets. Should the price of shares in which the Fund has invested fall, the Net Asset Value of the Fund will also fall.

Funds investing in shares are generally more volatile than funds investing in bonds or a combination of shares and bonds, but may also achieve greater returns.

Internal investment guidelines are set, if necessary, to ensure equity risk is maintained within a range deemed suitable based on the Fund's investment objectives and investment policy.

#### **CURRENCY RISK**

Assets of the Fund (including cash), and any income paid on those assets, may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund. Changes in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currency of an asset may cause the value of the asset/income (expressed in the base currency) to fall as well as rise even if there is no change of the value of such assets in its local currency. This may also cause additional volatility in the Fund's Price. It may not be possible or practicable to hedge against such exchange rate risk.

The Manager aims to reduce the risk of movements in exchange rates on the value of all or part of the assets of the Fund through the use of currency exchange transactions. the Fund may enter into currency exchange transactions either on a spot basis (i.e., exchanging at the current price) or through forward currency transactions (i.e., agreeing to purchase the currency at an agreed price at a future date). Neither spot transactions nor forward currency transactions will completely eliminate fluctuations in the prices of the Fund's securities or in foreign exchange rates, or prevent loss if the prices of these securities should decline. The performance of the Fund may be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by the Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

Although these transactions are intended to minimise the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, they also limit any potential gain that might be realised should the value of the hedged currency increase. Forward currency transactions may also have the effect of reducing or enhancing the Fund's performance due to the difference between the exchange rate available on such transactions compared to the current (spot) exchange rate. Under normal market conditions this difference in exchange rates is mainly caused by the different short term interest rates applicable to the currency of the assets and the base currency of the Fund. Where the interest rate applying to the foreign currency is higher than that of the Fund's base currency, this can reduce the Fund's performance and vice-versa. This impact on performance is usually far less pronounced than the effect of fluctuations of exchange rates that the use of such transactions is intended to reduce, but the impact can be significant over time, particularly where there is a wide gap between the interest rates applicable to the two currencies. The precise matching of the relevant contract amounts and the value of the securities involved will not generally be possible because the future value of such securities will change



as a consequence of market movements in the value of such securities between the date when the relevant contract is entered into and the date when it matures. Therefore, the successful execution of a hedging strategy which matches exactly the profile of the investments of any Fund cannot be assured. Furthermore, it may not be possible to hedge against generally anticipated exchange or interest rate fluctuations at a price sufficient to protect the Fund from the anticipated decline in value of its assets as a result of such fluctuations.

Internal investment guidelines are set, if necessary, to ensure currency risk is maintained within a range deemed suitable based on the Fund's investment objectives and investment policy.

#### **CONCENTRATION RISK**

The Fund may hold a small number of stocks. This can give rise to more risk than where investments are spread over a larger number of companies. Whilst this may increase the potential gains, it may also increase the risk of loss to the Fund as a result of the Fund's greater exposure to the performance of individual companies.

Internal investment guidelines seek to ensure suitable levels of diversification based on the Fund's investment objectives and investment policy.

#### **SMALLER COMPANIES RISK**

Investments in smaller companies offers the possibility of higher return but also involve a higher degree of risk than investment in well established, larger companies. The shares of smaller companies can be more volatile which may lead to increased volatility in the Price of the Units of the Fund.

This is an inherent risk for funds invested within smaller companies. Investment guidelines (including diversification measures), scenario testing as well as other regular monitoring seek to ensure the level of risk is aligned with the Fund's investment objectives and investment policy.

#### **EMERGING MARKETS RISK**

Investment in emerging markets (countries that are transitioning towards more advanced financial and economic structures) may involve a higher risk than those inherent in established markets. Emerging markets and their currencies may experience unpredictable and dramatic fluctuations from time to time. Investors should consider whether or not investment in such Funds is either suitable for or should constitute a substantial part of an investor's portfolio.

Companies in emerging markets may not be subject to:

- a. accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements comparable to those applicable to companies in developed markets;
- b. the same level of government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges as countries with more advanced securities markets.

Accordingly, certain emerging markets may not afford the same level of investor protection as would apply in more developed jurisdictions.

Restrictions on foreign investment in emerging markets may preclude investment in certain securities by the Funds referred to above and, as a result, limit investment opportunities for those Funds. Substantial government involvement in, and influence on, the economy, as well as a lack of political or social stability, may affect the value of securities in certain emerging markets.

The reliability of trading and settlement systems in some emerging markets may not be equal to that available in more developed markets, which may result in delays in realising investments.



Lack of liquidity and efficiency in certain of the stock markets or foreign exchange markets in certain emerging markets may mean that from time to time the Manager may experience more difficulty in purchasing or selling holdings of securities than it would in a more developed market.

This is an inherent risk for funds invested within Emerging Markets. Internal investment guidelines (such a diversification measures), scenario testing as well as other regular monitoring seek to ensure the level of risk is aligned with the Fund's investment objectives and investment policy.

#### **ESG RISK**

Applying ESG and sustainability criteria to the investment process may exclude securities of certain issuers for non-financial reasons and therefore some market opportunities available to funds that do not use ESG or sustainability criteria may be unavailable for the Fund, and the Fund's performance may at times be better or worse than the performance of relatable funds that do not use ESG or sustainability criteria. The selection of assets may in part rely on an ESG scoring process (as set out in the AXA Investment Managers' ESG Standards policy) or ban lists that rely partially on third party data. The lack of common or harmonised definitions and labels integrating ESG and sustainability criteria at EU level may result in different approaches by managers when setting ESG objectives and determining that these objectives have been met by the funds they manage. This also means that it may be difficult to compare strategies integrating ESG and sustainability criteria to the extent that the selection and weightings applied to select investments may to a certain extent be subjective or based on metrics that may share the same name but have different underlying meanings. Investors should note that the subjective value that they may or may not assign to certain types of ESG criteria may differ substantially from the fund manager's methodology. The lack of harmonised definitions may also potentially result in certain investments not benefitting from preferential tax treatments or credits because ESG criteria are assessed differently than initially thought.

ESG risk as defined, is an inherent risk to following a strategy which incorporates ESG factors. For data quality and consistency aspects, exposure is managed where possible by the use of carefully selected data providers.

#### **UN SDG ALIGNMENT RISK**

The Funds seek to contribute to the achievement of certain UN Sustainable Development Goals ("UN SDGs") within their responsible investment approach, and as such, their investment universe is limited to assets that meet specific criteria designed to measure contribution to the UN SDGs (intentionality, materiality, additionality, negative externality and measurability). As a result, their respective performance may be different from the fund implementing an otherwise similar investment strategy which does not apply such criteria within their responsible investment approach. The selection of assets may in part rely on third party data provided at the time of investment that may evolve over time.

UN SDG alignment risk, as defined, is an inherent risk for strategies which incorporate UN SDGs to their investment process. Reliance on third-party data may be partially mitigated by proprietary analysis performed by the Manager.

### INDUSTRY SECTOR RISK

The Fund may invest in a portfolio of shares which is focused towards one particular market sector or geographic region. This focus may result in higher risk when compared to the Fund that has spread or diversified investments more broadly. Some sectors and regions can experience rapid and extreme price movements when compared with movements in securities markets generally. Investors should note that Funds with a specific focus should be considered for investment as part of a wider diversified portfolio.

Internal investment guidelines seek to ensure suitable levels of diversification based on the Fund's investment objectives and investment policy.



#### STOCK LENDING RISK

The Fund may participate in a stock lending programme managed by an affiliate of the Manager (acting as stock lending agent) for the purpose of lending the Fund's securities via entering into a stock lending authorisation agreement. If the Fund engages in stock lending it will be exposed to counterparty credit risk in that the borrower may default on a loan, become insolvent or otherwise be unable to meet, or refuse to honour, its obligations to return loaned or equivalent securities. In this event, the relevant Fund could experience delays in recovering the loaned securities, may not be able to recover the loaned securities and may incur a capital loss which might result in a reduction in the net asset value of the relevant Fund. The Fund's exposure to its counterparty will be mitigated by the fact that the counterparty will be requested to post collateral, in the form of cash or debt or equity securities, as from time to time set out in the relevant stock lending agreement, and will forfeit its collateral if it defaults on the transaction. If a counterparty defaults and fails to return equivalent securities to those loaned, the Fund may suffer a loss equal to any shortfall between the value of the realised collateral and the market value of the replacement securities. Such collateral shortfall may arise as a result of inaccurate pricing of the collateral, unfavourable market movements in the value of the collateral, or a lack of liquidity in the market on which the collateral is traded. If the relevant transaction with a counterparty is not fully collateralised, then the Fund's credit exposure to the counterparty in such circumstances will be higher than if the transaction had been fully collateralised. When entering into stock lending the Fund may also be exposed to settlement risk (i.e. the possibility that one or more parties to the transactions will fail to deliver the assets at agreed-upon time) and legal risk, which is the risk of loss due to the unexpected application of a law or regulation, or because a court declares a contract not legally enforceable. In addition to the specific risks identified above stock lending carry other risks, as described in this Risk Factors section, notably (i) counterparty risk, ii) custody insolvency and iii) liquidity risk.

For Stock Lending the risks are partially mitigated by: (i) the lending agent seeking to lend only to counterparties who are considered to have a strong financial standing; (ii) the requirement to receive collateral of good quality and liquidity (the anticipated ability to sell the collateral if needed) covering the value of assets lent, and this amount being regularly reviewed to reflect any market movement in the value of assets lent and received; (iii) carrying out the transaction under legal documentation corresponding to recognised market standards; (iv) limiting the amount of lending to individual counterparties; (v) ensuring the terms of the loan allow it to be requested to be recalled at any time.

#### RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



The risk category is calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean risk free. There has been no change from prior year.

#### WHY IS THIS FUND IN THIS CATEGORY?

The capital of the Fund is not guaranteed. The Fund is invested in financial markets and uses techniques and instruments which may be subject to sudden and significant variation, which may result in substantial gains or losses.



#### **ADDITIONAL RISKS**

<u>Liquidity risk</u>: Under certain market conditions, it may be difficult to buy or sell investments for the Fund. For example, smaller company shares may trade infrequently and in small volumes and corporate and emerging market bonds may be affected by the demand in the market for such securities carrying credit risk, particularly in times of significant market stress. As a result, it may not be possible to buy or sell such investments at a preferred time, close to the last market price quoted or in the volume desired. The Manager may be forced to buy or sell such investments as a consequence of unitholders buying or selling units in the Fund. Depending on market conditions at the time, this could lead to a significant drop in the Fund's value.

Monthly monitoring is conducted, using an in-house liquidity tool, to ensure a high degree of confidence that Fund liquidity will meet the Fund's expected liquidity requirements. Any concerns indicated by the tool are analysed by the Manager's risk team who may also discuss the results with portfolio management staff, or other senior professionals within the firm, as needed, to ensure an appropriate scrutiny.

Based on the analysis, the Manager believes that the liquidity profile of the Fund is appropriate.

Further explanation of the risks associated with an investment in this Fund can be found in the prospectus.



### **Fund Information**

#### **FIVE YEAR PERFORMANCE**

In the five years to 15 November 2024, the price of Z Accumulation units, with net income reinvested, rose by +17.68%. The MSCI AC World Total Return Net\* increased by +65.18% over the same time period. During the same period, with zero income reinvested, rose by +13.52%. (Source: AXA Investment Managers and Morningstar) (Prices in GBP)

#### FIVE YEAR DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (DISCRETE YEARS TO LATEST REPORTING DATE)

Date	AXA ACT Framlington Clean Economy Z Acc	MSCI AC World Total Return Net
15 Nov 2019 - 15 Nov 2020	+5.01%	+5.21%
15 Nov 2020 - 15 Nov 2021	+28.94%	+26.18%
15 Nov 2021 - 15 Nov 2022	-13.19%	-5.78%
15 Nov 2022 - 15 Nov 2023	-15.71%	+7.16%
15 Nov 2023 - 15 Nov 2024	+18.78%	+23.25%

<sup>\*</sup>MSCI AC World Total Return Net from 28/07/2021, previously 100% FTSE World Europe Ex UK Total Return Gross (until 27/07/2021).

Source: AXA Investment Managers & Morningstar. Basis: single price basis (NAV) with net income reinvested for Accumulation units, net of fees in GBP.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

#### **YIELD**

D Inc	Nil
D Acc	Nil
R Inc	Nil
R Acc	Nil
Z Inc	0.32%
Z Acc	0.31%
ZI Inc	0.56%
ZI Acc	0.54%

#### **CHARGES**

	Initial Charge	Annual Management Charge
D Unit Classes	Nil	1.10%
R Unit Classes	Nil	1.50%
Z Unit Classes	Nil	0.75%
ZI Unit Classes**	Nil	0.50%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please note that investment in Class ZI shall be subject to contractual agreement at the discretion of the Manager.



#### **ONGOING CHARGES\*\*\***

D Inc	1.17%
D Acc	1.17%
R Inc	1.60%
R Acc	1.58%
Z Inc	0.82%
Z Acc	0.82%
ZI Inc	0.56%
ZI Acc	0.59%

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Ongoing Charges are sourced from the Fund's latest Key Investor Information Document (KIID), found here: https://funds.axa-im.co.uk/en/individual/fund/axa-act-framlington-clean-economy-z-accumulation-gbp/#documents

For additional information on AXA's fund charges and costs please use the following link: <a href="https://retail.axa-im.co.uk/fund-charges-and-costs">https://retail.axa-im.co.uk/fund-charges-and-costs</a>

#### UNIT TRUST INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

The AXA ACT Framlington Clean Economy Fund is available as a Stocks and Shares ISA through the AXA Investment Managers Stocks and Shares ISA.

#### THE TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD)

From June 2023 the FCA has introduced requirements for Managers of UK UCITS to report annually on a broad set of climate related disclosures that can promote more informed investment decisions. The reporting includes data relating to greenhouse gas emissions, carbon emissions, carbon footprint, and weighted carbon intensity. You can find a copy of the latest TCFD report for AXA ACT Framlington Clean Economy Fund here:

https://funds.axa-im.co.uk/en/individual/fund/axa-act-framlington-clean-economy-z-accumulation-gbp/#documents

#### SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS (SDR) - CONSUMER FACING DISCLOSURE

Under the UK's Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR), Sustainable Investment Labels have been introduced to help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. This product does not have a UK sustainable investment label. Although it pursues a specific sustainability goal and considers environmental, societal and governance factors, it does not meet all the criteria for a sustainable investment label. The Consumer Facing Disclosure document which outlines the funds sustainability approach can be found here:

https://funds.axa-im.co.uk/en/individual/fund/axa-act-framlington-clean-economy-z-accumulation-gbp/#documents



# **Comparative Tables**

		D Inc~			D Acc~	
	15/11/2024	15/05/2024	15/05/2023	15/11/2024	15/05/2024	15/05/2023
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	861.54	866.07	823.89	1,087.15	1,092.85	1,039.62
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	2,149	2,287	2,224	21,957	23,050	22,290
Closing number of units	249,387	264,102	269,992	2,019,688	2,109,158	2,144,061
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	1.21%	1.18%	1.19%	1.21%	1.18%	1.19%
		R Inc			R Acc	
	15/11/2024	15/05/2024	15/05/2023	15/11/2024	15/05/2024	15/05/2023
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	853.19	859.36	820.66	1,076.61	1,084.44	1,035.65
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	37	40	579	3,220	3,685	6,636
Closing number of units	4,383	4,639	70,624	299,079	339,763	640,720
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	1.61%	1.58%	1.59%	1.61%	1.58%	1.59%
		Z Inc			Z Acc	
	15/11/2024	15/05/2024	15/05/2023	15/11/2024	15/05/2024	15/05/2023
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	153.65	154.17	146.57	253.57	254.46	241.23
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	2,637	3,043	2,785	15,893	17,143	22,647
Closing number of units	1,716,329	1,974,022	1,900,209	6,267,754	6,736,989	9,387,907
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	0.86%	0.83%	0.84%	0.86%	0.83%	0.84%
		ZI Inc			ZI Acc	
	15/11/2024	15/05/2024	15/05/2023	15/11/2024	15/05/2024	15/05/2023
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	96.65	96.85	92.05	97.88	98.10	92.77
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	5	5	5	373	623	13,361
Closing number of units	5,050	5,050	5,050	381,127	635,354	14,401,246
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	0.61%	0.58%	0.59%	0.61%	0.58%	0.59%

<sup>†</sup> Valued at bid-market prices.

<sup>^</sup> Operating charges include indirect costs incurred in the maintenance and running of the Fund, as disclosed in expenses within the Statement of Total Return. The figures used within the table have been calculated against the average Net Asset Value for the accounting period.

<sup>~</sup> D unit classes launched as at 25 May 2022.



# **Portfolio Statement**

The AXA ACT Framlington Clean Economy Fund portfolio as at 15 November 2024 consisted of the following investments, which are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated.

Holding		Market value	Total net
		£'000	assets (%)
	ASIA: 9.48%		
	(15/05/2024: 8.22%)		
	Japan: 6.68%		
	(15/05/2024: 5.96%)		
3,200	Keyence	1,065	2.30
27,500	Kurita Water Industries	873	1.89
84,000	Toyota Motor	1,151	2.49
		3,089	6.68
	Taiwan: 2.80%		
	(15/05/2024: 2.26%)		
8,728	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	1,297	2.80
	-	1,297	2.80
	EUROPE: 30.45%		
	(15/05/2024: 37.03%)		
	France: 4.70%		
	(15/05/2024: 5.36%)		
4,123	Capgemini	537	1.16
8,061	Schneider Electric	1,639	3.54
		2,176	4.70
	Germany: 9.53%		
	(15/05/2024: 10.53%)		
42,145	Infineon Technologies	1,063	2.30
2,960	Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft in Muenchen	1,162	2.51
6,635	SAP	1,207	2.61
11,284	Symrise	977	2.11
·	,	4,409	9.53
	Ireland: 5.95%		
	(15/05/2024: 5.47%)		
4,296	Eaton	1,225	2.65
4,279	Linde	1,529	3.30
,		2,754	5.95



# **Portfolio Statement (Continued)**

Holding		Market value	Total net
		£'000	assets (%)
	Netherlands: 5.34%		
	(15/05/2024: 7.82%)		
22,843	Arcadis	1,219	2.63
852	ASML	459	0.99
4,507	NXP Semiconductors	795	1.72
,		2,473	5.34
	Spain: 0.009/		
	Spain: 0.00% (15/05/2024: 2.10%)		
	(15/05/2024. 2.10%)		
	Switzerland: 2.10%		
	(15/05/2024: 0.00%)		
11,342	DSM-Firmenich	971	2.10
		971	2.10
	United Kingdom: 2.83%		
	(15/05/2024: 5.75%)		
134,517	National Grid	1,308	2.83
		1,308	2.83
	NORTH AMERICA: 58.17%		
	(15/05/2024: 53.03%)		
	(15/05/2024: 53.03%)  Canada: 1.81%		
35,093	Canada: 1.81%	839	1.81
35,093	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%)	839 <b>839</b>	
35,093	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable		1.81 1.81
35,093	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%)		
	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)	839	1.8
8,150	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems	<b>839</b> 837	<b>1.8</b>
8,150 14,615	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM	839 837 1,235	1.8 1.8 2.6
8,150 14,615 10,763	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works	839 837 1,235 1,120	1.8 1.8 2.6 2.4
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS	837 1,235 1,120 1,214	1.8 1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk	837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345	1.8 1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems	837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177	1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems	837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690	1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5 3.6
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle	839 837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690 785	1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5 3.6 1.7
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209 3,001	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle Deere & Co	837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690 785 933	1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5 3.6 1.7 2.0
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209 3,001 6,469	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle Deere & Co Ecolab	837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690 785 933 1,263	1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5 3.6 1.7 2.0 2.7
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209 3,001 6,469 1,536	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle Deere & Co Ecolab Equinix #	839  837  1,235  1,120  1,214  1,345  1,177  1,690  785  933  1,263  1,086	1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5 3.6 1.7 2.0 2.7 2.3
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209 3,001 6,469 1,536 26,311	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle Deere & Co Ecolab Equinix # NextEra Energy	839 837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690 785 933 1,263 1,086 1,561	1.8 1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5 3.6 1.7 2.0 2.7 2.3 3.3
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209 3,001 6,469 1,536 26,311 15,428	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle Deere & Co Ecolab Equinix # NextEra Energy NVIDIA	839 837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690 785 933 1,263 1,086 1,561 1,784	1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5 3.6 1.7 2.0 2.7 2.3 3.3 3.8
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209 3,001 6,469 1,536 26,311 15,428 4,470	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle Deere & Co Ecolab Equinix # NextEra Energy NVIDIA Quanta Services	837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690 785 933 1,263 1,086 1,561 1,784 1,141	1.8 2.6 2.4 2.6 2.9 2.5 3.6 1.7 2.0 2.7 2.3 3.3 3.8 2.4
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209 3,001 6,469 1,536 26,311 15,428 4,470 7,390	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle Deere & Co Ecolab Equinix # NextEra Energy NVIDIA Quanta Services Republic Services	837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690 785 933 1,263 1,086 1,561 1,784 1,141 1,220	1.85 2.66 2.42 2.66 2.95 2.54 3.65 1.70 2.07 2.73 2.31 3.33 3.86 2.41 2.64
8,150 14,615 10,763 4,527 5,570 31,062 7,077 2,209 3,001 6,469 1,536 26,311 15,428 4,470	Canada: 1.81% (15/05/2024: 2.48%) Brookfield Renewable  United States of America: 56.36% (15/05/2024: 50.55%)  Advanced Drainage Systems AECOM American Water Works ANSYS Autodesk Bentley Systems Cadence Design Systems Carlisle Deere & Co Ecolab Equinix # NextEra Energy NVIDIA Quanta Services	837 1,235 1,120 1,214 1,345 1,177 1,690 785 933 1,263 1,086 1,561 1,784 1,141	



# **Portfolio Statement (Continued)**

Holding		Market value	Total net
		£'000	assets (%)
20,698	Trimble	1,154	2.49
5,923	Union Pacific	1,099	2.37
9,531	Waste Management	1,665	3.60
16,073	Xylem	1,541	3.33
		26,078	56.36
Investments as sho	wn in the balance sheet	45,394	98.10
Net current assets		877	1.90
Total net assets		46,271	100.00

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

<sup>#</sup> Real Estate Investment Trust.



## **Statement of Total Return**

### For the six months ended 15 November

		2024		2023
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital losses		(306)		(7,122)
Revenue	327		369	
Expenses	(260)		(285)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		-	
Net revenue before taxation	67		84	
Taxation	(38)		(23)	
Net revenue after taxation		29		61
Total return before equalisation		(277)		(7,061)
Equalisation		(4)		(28)
Change in net assets attributable to				
unitholders from investment activities		(281)		(7,089)

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

### For the six months ended 15 November

	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		49,876		70,527
Amounts receivable on creation of units	154	13,070	833	70,327
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(3,479)		(19,549)	
		(3,325)		(18,716)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders				
from investment activities		(281)		(7,089)
Unclaimed distribution		1		1
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		46,271		44,723

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 15 November 2023 whereas the current accounting period commenced 16 May 2024.



# **Balance Sheet**

### As at

	15 November 2024	15 May 2024	
	£'000	£'000	
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Investments	45,394	49,016	
Current assets			
Debtors	399	138	
Cash and bank balances	793	826	
Total assets	46,586	49,980	
LIABILITIES			
Creditors			
Distribution payable	-	9	
Other creditors	315	95	
Total liabilities	315	104	
Net assets attributable to unitholders	46,271	49,876	



### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### Accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014, and amended in June 2017. The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Trust Deed and the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL").

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 15 May 2024 and are described in those annual financial statements.



#### **DIRECTORS' APPROVAL**

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the contents of this report have been approved on behalf of AXA Investment Managers UK Limited by:

Signé par :

Marion le Morhedec

Marion Le Morhedec Director

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Director

Thursday 9th January 2024



## **Further Information**

#### THE SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS REGULATION

The Securities Financing Transactions Regulation, as published by the European Securities and Markets Authority, aims to improve the transparency of the securities financing markets. Disclosures regarding exposure to Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) or total return swaps will be required on all reports & accounts published after 13 January 2017. During the period to 15 November 2024, the Fund did use SFTs or total return swaps. As such please see below disclosure.

#### **SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS (SFTs)**

As at the Balance Sheet date, the fund had no open positions. As such, only the return and cost over the reporting period are shown below.

#### 1. Return and Cost

	Collective	Manager of	Third	
	Investment f	Collective f	Parties f	Total £
Securities lending	<b>-</b>	<u>-</u>	<b>-</b>	<u>-</u>
Gross return	273.60	0.00	91.19	364.79
% of total gross return	75.00%	0.00%	25.00%	100.00%
Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



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